

WESTFIELD Recreation Department Events

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Spring Break Golf Camp: This hands-on camp is for ages eight to 14 and will be held at the Oak Ridge Golf Course in Clark with teaching pro Bill McCluney. This course will be given Monday through Wednesday, April 4 to 6. Course times are 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. or noon to 3 p.m. The fee is \$99 per child.

Karate: Classes are for ages five and older, and are held at Karate N' Motion in Westfield. Classes are offered at the beginning and intermediate levels and are held on Thursdays or Saturdays.

Soccer Squirts: This one-hour course introduces children ages three to five years old to group experiences and basic motor skills through soccer related activities. The course will be held at Tamaques Park on Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. or from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. from April 19 to May 31. The cost of the program is \$95 per child.

Multi Sports: This one-hour course introduces children ages three to five years old to a variety of sports from around the world. The course will be held in Tamaques Park on Mondays from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or from noon to 1 p.m. from April 18 to June 6. There will be no class on Memorial Day, May 30. The fee for the program is \$95 per child.

Night Place: The Night Place program is held throughout the school year on select Friday evenings. This program is open to all middle school students for a nominal fee. The program is held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Edison Intermediate School. The cost is \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door. The dates are: February 11, April 15, and May 13.

Teen Center: The Teen Center is open on most Friday evenings during the school year between the hours of 7 and 11 p.m. for all Westfield High School students.

Total Toning: Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Community Room, 425 East Broad Street. Each session includes 10 classes. The fee is \$10 per person.

Atlantic City Trip to Bally's:

Saturday, February 12, from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$26 per person and the bus departs at 9 a.m.

Rent: Thursday, March 3, at 8 p.m. This musical will be performed at the State Theatre in New Brunswick. The cost is \$52 per person and the bus departs at 7 p.m.

Daddy/Daughter Dinner Dance: The annual Daddy-Daughter Dance will be on Friday, March 4, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at L'Affaire on Route 22. Girls in first through fifth grades are invited with their fathers for this formal evening. The fee is \$40 per person.

The Temptations and the Four Tops: Sunday, March 13, at 7 p.m. Two of Motown's best-loved groups team up at the State Theatre. The cost is \$65 per person and the bus departs at 6 p.m.

Kodo Drummers: Wednesday, March 16, at 8 p.m. at the State Theatre. This act explores traditional Japanese drum. The cost is \$60 per person and the bus departs at 7 p.m.

Road Race: The 15th annual 5-Miler and 1-Mile Fun Run will be held on a Saturday, April 23. The 1-Mile Fun Run will begin at 9 a.m., and the 5-Miler race begins at 9:30 a.m. Registration forms can be obtained at the recreation office or on the department's Website, westfieldnj.net/townhall/recreation.

Sasha Slocum Declares Candidacy for SPFBOE

FANWOOD — Fanwood resident Sasha Slocum has filed her petition to run for the Fanwood seat on the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education.

Ms. Slocum is pursuing her doctorate degree in political science from Brandeis University, Waltham, MA. She also studies education policy in New Jersey and France, and has a master of education degree in Education Policy from Harvard University.

She was an elementary teacher in three districts, including Massachusetts. She is married to a general contractor, David Blechinger, and they have three children, ages 7, 4 and 2.



21st District News

Education Issues in State Need Strong Support

Assemblyman Jon Bramnick, Westfield

WESTFIELD — Assemblyman Jon Bramnick (R-21) joined the President of Rutgers University, Dr. Richard McCormick, on January 31 to discuss how the legislature can help the state university.

Assemblyman Bramnick, a former professor at Rider University and a former adjunct faculty member in the Rutgers Graduate MBA program, exchanged ideas with the Rutgers president.

Assemblyman Bramnick recently

joined former Governor Tom Kean at Drew University as the guest speaker for Governor Kean's course on state government. The Assemblyman will also join former Acting Governor Don DiFrancesco as a guest speaker for his class on state policy issues at Kean University on Monday, April 25.

Assemblyman Bramnick, a member of the Law and Public Safety and Consumer Affairs Committees, said he strongly supports education issues in the state.

Irish Eyes Smile on St. Pat's Day Parade Grand Marshal

UNION — The 2005 Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee recently selected Margaret "Peg" Darcy Cullen as Grand Marshal for this year's parade, which will be held on Saturday, March 12, at 1 p.m. in the Township of Union along Morris Avenue.

Margaret "Peg" Darcy Cullen was born in County Leitrim and raised in Dublin, Ireland before immigrating to America (New Jersey) in 1946. She comes from a family of five brothers and sisters, one of which is the late Monsignor Harold P. Darcy. Peg raised her family in Mountainside where she lived



Margaret Cullen

with her husband William (now deceased), and her daughter Barbara for over 35 years. She attended Seton Hall University and graduated from the New York School of Interior Design.

Mrs. Cullen has been the long time owner of My Irish Cottage, located in Summit, which is said to be the oldest purveyor of Irish goods in the state of New Jersey. She has turned the duties of running the business over to her daughter Barbara, while living in semi-retirement in Manasquan.

She is an active member of the Irish American Cultural Institute, the North American Celtic Buyers Association and the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. Over the years, Peg Cullen has been sharing and teaching Irish culture and heritage to people throughout New Jersey, especially in Union County.

When asked to best describe Peg, Parade Chairman Frank M. McGovern replied, "Peg is a generous person who always wears a smile. Her contributions to the Union County community are numerous. She truly emulates the Hibernian Motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. She is an excellent choice for Grand Marshal."



Sasha Slocum
BOE Candidate
Scotch Plains-Fanwood

County Considering Listing Parks as Historic Places

By PAUL PEYTON

Specialty Written for The Leader and The Times

ELIZABETH — Union County officials are looking into the possibility of registering the county's park system with the National Registers of Historic Places in Washington, D.C.

The park system, consisting of 30 parks spread across 5,500 acres, was created in the 1920s by the sons of Frederick Law Olmsted (1822-1903), the premier American landscape architect who designed Central Park in New York City.

The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. It was authorized under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and is administered by the National Park Service, which is part of the United States Department of the Interior.

At last Thursday's freeholder meeting, Dr. Charles Beveridge, Series Editor for the Frederick Law Olmsted Papers Project at American University in Washington, D.C., spoke to the board about the unique history of the Union County park system.

"Union County is the last great park system that the Olmsted family designed," said Dr. Beveridge. He said the parks system is, "an amazing story of success" in that a number of Olmsted parks did not advance to that level of design and development, as did the Union County system.

Olmsted parks are known for featuring "a coherent circulation system that made the land available to the people," said Dr. Beveridge. He said Warinanco Park in Elizabeth and Roselle are examples of a strong circulation system for park users. In addition, Olmsted parks feature long meadows, such as Central Park, for people to enjoy wide-open spaces for picnics and other park activities.

Dr. Beveridge said Olmsted, "Carefully designed landscapes that would be the great cure for stress."

Olmsted parks are known to feature park ways and river ways that connect one park to another as part of the parks system, he said. Freeholder Al Mirabella told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains Times* this is evidenced on Westfield Avenue from Elizabeth to Roselle Park where a tree lined island is featured in the middle of the roadway.

Dr. Beveridge said the county's acquisition of land to construct its parks system was a "remarkable achievement."

Fay B. Harwell, co-founder of the landscape architecture firm of Rhodeside & Harwell in Alexandria, VA, said registering with the National Registers of Historic Places would enable the county to obtain historic preservation grants as well and environmental protection funding.

"It takes some time. It has some expense (to it) but it is extremely worth

it," said Ms. Harwell of gaining national recognition for the county's parks system. She said historic status would "add value to your parks and parks system."

She said the fact that more than 50 percent of the original parks system still remains would help the county garner national historic places status. She said state and federal officials would likely ask the county, "Do you have the potential to connect the dots?" with regards to the current parks system compared to original plans prepared the Olmsted family.

Ms. Harwell said the real estate values around Warinanco Park have "increased by a factor of five" since the park was created, a sign of the value of the county's park system.

Freeholder Mirabella said construction of the county's parks was not completed due to the Great Depression in 1929. He said part of the grants the county could receive could be utilized to rehabilitate existing parks.

"We have such a treasure amongst us," he said.

Freeholder Chairman Rick Proctor added, "Today, Union County is recognized as having one of the most successful, fully integrated and developed park systems in the country."

"We have the Olmsteds to thank for our park system and it is our responsibility to maintain and improve the system for future generations."

Last Thursday's presentation was an outgrowth of a daylong Olmsted workshop that was convened in Summit on May 26, 2004. The Union County Department of Parks and Recreation and the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs sponsored that event.

The workshop explored Olmsted's influence on the development of Union County's parks and on the continuation of his vision into the future.

According to the National Registers of Historic Places, historic places are nominated to the National Register by the State Historic Preservation officer (SHPO) of the state in which the property is located.

Nominations by states are submitted to a state review board, after which the nomination is forwarded to the National Park Service to be considered for registration.

8 Minute Meetings

Offered by Chamber

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (WACC) invites business people to a networking breakfast on Thursday, February 24, 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Westfield Inn, 435 North Avenue, Westfield.

The event is \$10 for WACC members and \$12 for others. Breakfast is included. Seating is limited so reservations are recommended. Please contact the WACC office for more information, (908) 233-3021.

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TREE TIPS:

Stradivarius, The Genius Violin Builder

By: Martin Schmiede, President
Schmiede Tree Expert Company



Antonio Stradivarius, a violin builder from Italy, born in 1644 has built many violins which have become the most valuable violins that were ever produced. His teacher, Nicolo Amati, had built violins with a higher mid section, which produced a sweet, pleasant clear sound which was sufficient to be played in houses and medium dance halls. Antonio Stradivarius changed the construction of his violins to a more flat form. The innovative changes in the construction had given Antonio Stradivarius the brilliance, sweetness and projection he was hoping for to be played in the big concert halls and open air performances in the world. Stradivarius built 1,100 violins in his lifetime. 700 are still in existence. The most famous violins built by him are the Bess and the Messiah, worth a few million dollars each. After his death in 1737 no one could come close to his style and perfection. The Hungarian Scientist Joseph Nagyvary has tried to imitate the construction and tone by using analytical methods to create instruments of the same quality, but could not come up with it. The type of shellac, that Antonio

Stradivarius used and the fact that a cold spell in Italy between the 14th and 16th century produced tighter year rings in the wood that was used to build the violins seemed to be in Stradivarius's favor to build such outstanding instruments.

The shellac was mostly Pine resin, cooked under a high temperature, mixed with Turpentine and fine ground glass added to it. The pulverized glass apparently added to the brilliance of the tone. Finally, linseed oil was added to keep the shellac from cracking.

It appears that the Stradivarius violins have a very strong sound emission in a certain high frequency range between 2000 and 4000 herz. This is the range where human hearing is the most sensitive. The larger the room, the more audible these frequencies become.

The glue was made out of horse hooves. The violin is made out of 50 interworking parts. The wood that was used to build the violins was mostly over 100 years old. Wood from Maple trees was usually used for the back plate, ribs, bridge and neck, while the top plate and sides were

made out of Pine or Spruce. The tuning pegs were made out of Ebony wood, Rose-wood or Box-wood. The 4 strings were made from sheep-gut twisted into uniform strings. The bow was strung with horse hair, preferable from white horses. Well seasoned wood was also used from old castles and cathedrals.

When a violin is considered to be a masterpiece, it has been producing its most beautiful sounds by such virtuosos as Paganini, Isaac Stern, Yehudi Menuhin, Andre Rieu and other concert virtuosos. Next to the human voice the violin always had the ability to portray feelings ranging from despair to utter sadness to elation and blissful happiness.

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