



WANTING TO HELP...The Harrington family of Westfield pause for a moment during their walk around downtown on Saturday passing out fliers to solicit help for providing relief to those in the gulf states devastated by hurricane Katrina. Pictured above, from left to right, are Ben Cook; and Don, Ryan, Kelly and Brendan Harrington.

United Way to Kick Off Campaign This Saturday

WESTFIELD – The Board of Trustees of the Westfield United Way, formerly the United Fund of Westfield, has announced it will officially launch its 2005-2006 fund-raising campaign with a reception at the home of Jane and Lou Franz this Saturday, September 10. The goal of this year's campaign is \$700,000.

Tom Cusimano will again serve as campaign chairman, having chaired last year's successful effort. He has been active as a volunteer in the Westfield community for decades.

"Great campaigns result from the hard work of many people," said Mr. Cusimano. "This year's campaign includes Jim Pinkin, Matt Forstenhusler, Rick Coltrera, Wendy Cozzi Dr. Seymour Koslowsky, Dr. John Tabachnick, David Foltz, former State Senator Rich Bagger, Scott Cassie, Susan Schwarz, Dr. William Foley and Linda Maggio."

"We live in an age of philanthropy

that requires measurable results," noted Mrs. Maggio, Executive Director of the Westfield United Way. "We are grateful that donors recognize that their money is well spent with us."

Agencies that depend on allocations from the United Way of Westfield include the American Red Cross, the Cerebral Palsy League, CONTACT We Care, the Jewish Community Center and Mobile Meals of Westfield, among others.

"From the smallest donor to the largest, everyone who gives plays an important part in improving someone's life," said Carolyn Fleder, President of the Westfield United Way. "We look forward to the continued generosity of Westfielders in the support of our member agencies."

The Westfield United Way is a non-profit organization that has, since 1937, worked to enrich the lives of people from young children through senior citizens in the community.



CANOE ADVENTURE...Members of Boy Scout Troop No. 73 from Westfield enjoy the great outdoors during a high adventure canoe trip to Algonquin Provincial Park this summer. Pictured, from left to right, are: Aidan Ireland, JP Zavodny, John Gilmartin, Patrick Ireland, Andrew Davinson, Alex Deduck, Ben Stracquatano, Tom Hogaboom and John Falzon. Adult leaders (not pictured) included Alec Ireland, Tim Avis, Pete Hogaboom, Bob Fromtling and Annie Fromtling.

Boy Scout Troop Returns From Canada Canoe Trip

WESTFIELD – Boy Scouts from Troop No. 73 in Westfield recently returned home after spending two weeks canoeing in Algonquin Provincial Park in Canada. Algonquin Provincial Park, established in 1893 as Canada's first Provincial Park, is a favorite of Canadians and canoeists worldwide.

Troop No. 73 meets on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield. The first meeting of the new school year will be held Monday, September 12.

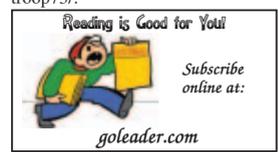
The troop traveled over 115 miles throughout the park, across big and small lakes, up and down rivers and over beaver dams. In addition, their route encompassed 33 portages (carries between lakes) covering over 13 miles. While on the trek, the scouts saw moose, deer, minks and beavers, as well as signs of bears and wolves.

The scouts also visited the Canadian Canoe Museum, where they

learned about the canoe's key role in the exploration and history of Canada and North America. Additionally, they stopped at the Algonquin Visitors Center to learn about the natural and human history of the park.

Besides the Algonquin High Adventure trip, the troop sent 15 scouts and three adult leaders to the local Patriot's Path Council's Camp Winnebago in Rockaway for a week in July.

Anyone with a son interested in camping and high adventure is invited to attend Monday's meeting. For more information about the troop, please visit www.westfieldnj.com/troop73/.



Changes In Election Law To Be Scene at Polling Places

COUNTY – Due to changes in state law, voters will see a number of changes in upcoming elections. Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi has announced.

"We have many changes which will affect future elections, some of which will be initiated this year," Ms. Rajoppi said. "These changes are mandated by state law. They will be implemented in part by the Office of the County Clerk, which shares election functions with the County Board of Elections."

Under the "No Excuses Absentee Ballot Law," beginning this November's General Election, a voter no longer needs a reason to vote by absentee ballot for any election. Any voter may request an absentee ballot application be sent to him or her automatically for all future general elections, until the voter notifies the County Clerk to stop sending the applications.

The new Absentee Ballot Application is available on the County Clerk's website at www.ucnj.org/ctyclerk/election.html.

The new law also forbids candidates in that election from providing any assistance whatsoever in the handling of absentee ballots. Candidates cannot assist in the completion of an absentee ballot application or act as an authorized messenger or bearer for any absentee ballot. Previously, candidates were only barred from assisting with or handling the ballot itself.

Also this year, the statutory deadline for applying for a court-ordered recount is 15 days after any election.

Beginning January 1, 2006, the deadline for registering to vote in a particular election is 21 days before the election. Any voter who registers after the 29th day before any election may not receive a sample ballot; however, the County Board of Elections must still mail the voter a notice of his or her polling location and where to receive a sample ballot.

Also beginning January 1, 2006, a single statewide voter-registration system will be the official repository for all voter-registration records. It will replace all County-based voter-registration systems and be under the control of the State Attorney General.

By January 1, 2008, every voting machine in the state must have a voter-verifiable paper trail attachment that will allow voters to verify their choices by way of a printed document before casting their votes. For purposes of a recount, the paper trail documents will

constitute the official results of the election. The New Jersey Attorney General has the authority to waive the deadline if it is determined the technology is not commercially available.

Beginning with the 2008 Presidential election, the state will hold a Presidential Primary Election on the last Tuesday in February. This election will be limited to the selection of the delegates and alternate delegates for the two national conventions and the choice for President.

The regular June Primary for federal, state, county and local offices will also be held at the regular date of the first Tuesday after the first Monday of the month.

Westfield Residents

Commend Fire Dept.

Editor's note: This letter was sent to Westfield Fire Chief Daniel Kelly and copied to *The Westfield Leader*.

I would like to extend my utmost appreciation for the quick response from the Westfield Fire Department that involved a fire located at 645 Cumberland Street in which I live next door to.

The response time of your men, coupled with the professional performance of all involved, especially Kenneth Dannevig (Deputy Chief) made my wife and children feel safe. I was truly impressed with how caring they all were for the safety of everyone.

Please extend my most grateful gratitude to all involved.

Mr. & Mrs. Cuccaro
Westfield

Letters to the Editor

It Would be Great for Westfield to Take A Strong Stand in Support of Victims

The idea to raise supplies to those poor people from New Orleans was from my son Ryan Harrington. He has seen me work on a charitable organization that I formed with two other friends after September 11 in memory of a dear friend who perished. (That foundation is education in nature and grants scholarships).

Ryan thought it would be "cool" to do something for those who have less than us (in the sense of the Westfield "us"). Ideally, we want to collect donations until next Sunday and either agree to pick them up or have them delivered to our house at 538 Lenox Avenue. Once we finish the collection, I will contact the Somerville Armory and discuss the collection and shipment of the material via McGuire Air Force Base.

We hope this letter raises some attention. And it would be great for Westfield to take a strong stand in the wake of this tragedy because we, like a number of other New Jersey towns, suffered greatly during the last tragedy on September 11, 2001.

Our flier being passed out is called *New Jerseyans for New Orleans* calling for a charitable response to the Katrina devastation. We seek help to make a positive impact upon the lives of people in New Orleans who have suffered greatly and will never be the same again.

Please contribute bottles of water, canned goods and baby material (cloth-

ing, bottles, formula, diapers and wipes). To have these materials picked up, please call (908) 232-0099. Otherwise, drop off the material at the Westfield Memorial library and mention this cause.

Don Harrington
Westfield

Westfield Kids Help Hurricane Victims

Cassandra and Michael Masciale, along with their friend Adel Roff, set out to raise money for the victims of Hurricane Katrina by setting up a lemonade stand. They sat outside for six hours on Thursday and raised over \$100 that they sent to America's Second Harvest (an organization where 100 percent of donations are going directly to feed victims of this disaster).

Karen Masciale
Westfield

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