

Nelson Named Assistant Principal at Roosevelt

WESTFIELD – At a late July Westfield Board of Education meeting, Derrick Nelson was unanimously named Assistant Principal of Roosevelt Intermediate School (RIS). The appointment filled the position previously held by Matthew Bolton, who was recently named principal of McKinley Elementary School in Westfield.

Mr. Nelson brings experience as an assistant principal of intermediate school students in the Orange public schools.

He served most recently as an assistant principal in the city's K-7 Park Avenue School and previously at the K-8 Main Street School in Orange, where he oversaw the operation and coordination of the Small Learning Communities for the middle-school grades.

He conducted classroom observations, managed building operations and building personnel, implemented disciplinary procedures, instituted a language arts taskforce and analyzed test scores and assisted teachers to target specific areas of weakness in student test results.

Prior to his administrative experience, Mr. Nelson was an elementary teacher at the Pre-K – 6 Washington Community School in Plainfield from 2002 to 2007.

Mr. Nelson earned a Master of Arts degree in Education Administration from Saint Peter's College and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communication from Delaware State University. He is currently enrolled in a doctorate program in education administration at Seton Hall University.

Mr. Nelson has also served as a sergeant in the Armed Forces.

RIS Principal Stewart Carey commented, "I am very pleased to have Derrick Nelson joining the RIS staff as the new assistant principal. His previous experience as an assistant principal in Orange and his volunteer work in the Summit Schools show his commitment to the education of children."

"Additionally, his enrollment in the doctoral program at Seton Hall and his service as a sergeant in the Armed Forces evidence a well-rounded individual who will be a positive influence on the students, staff and families at Roosevelt," he added.

In commenting on his new appointment, Mr. Nelson said, "I look forward to spending time and getting to know the wonderful staff, students and parents of Roosevelt Intermediate School. Creating collaborative relationships with all of the stakeholders of an organization has been a skill that has served me well as a soldier and assistant principal. The opportunity to work in such a great community like Westfield is the dream of any administrator."

More than 150 candidates applied for the position. The interview team for the Assistant Principal's position included Human Resources Specialist Barbara Ball, Mr. Carey, K-12 Social Studies Supervisor Andrea Brennan, K-12 Mathematics Supervisor Regina Kiczek, Roosevelt teachers Melissa Czerwinski (Science) and Denis McMorro (Language Arts), Roosevelt Guidance Counselor Kim Schumacher, Assistant Principal of Edison Intermediate School Doug Layman and co-Presidents of the Roosevelt PTO, Barbara Bagger and Marie Sloan.



WELCOME ON BOARD...Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan, left, and Board of Education President Julia Walker welcome Richard Charwin, K-12 Guidance Director, and Derrick Nelson, right, Assistant Principal of Roosevelt Intermediate School. Their appointments were unanimously approved by the board of education on July 29.

Richard Charwin Appointed Westfield Guidance Director

WESTFIELD – Richard Charwin was unanimously appointed director of guidance for the Westfield Public Schools at a late July Board of Education meeting. He will be responsible for K-12 guidance in the district.

Mr. Charwin held the same title from 2003 to 2010 at Bernards High School, where he directed a comprehensive counseling program for students, including college/career selection, academic placement/advisement, and personal consultation.

From 1993 to 2003, he served as Supervising Director of Guidance/Guidance Counselor for Bridgewater-Raritan Regional High School, where he developed a website focusing on college and career search, as well as study skills. His educational career spans three decades, including additional counseling and teaching experience.

Mr. Charwin holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education from Kean University, where he also received a Master of Arts degree in Counselor Education, and a Doctorate in Education from Nova Southeastern University in Florida. He is a licensed professional counselor/psychotherapist.

In commenting on the appointment, Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan, said, "As we struggled with developing a budget, we heard loudly and clearly from parents that the guidance director's position was necessary for a top-performing district like Westfield. Richard Charwin will bring to Westfield decades of experience leading counselors and helping students and families in districts similar to ours."

"I am very excited about the opportunity to work in the Westfield School District," said Mr. Charwin. "I am honored to be a part of a school system so dedicated to excellence, with a history of doing what is in the best interest of students. To me, this position seems like a perfect fit, both personally and professionally. I look forward to building great relationships with students, teachers, administration, and the community for many years to come," he added.

Mr. Charwin was selected from among more than 40 applicants. The interview team for the Guidance Director's position included Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan, Human Resources Specialist Barbara Ball, Board of Education members Ann Cary and Alice Hunnicutt, Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Personnel Services Ted Kozlik, Edison Intermediate School Principal Cheryl O'Brien, Westfield High School Principal Peter Renwick, guidance counselors Christine Rozzelle and Robyn Solomon, and parents Lisa Bleich and Mary Thompson.

Hearth And Home Kitchen Tour Returns for Year Two

WESTFIELD – Westfield is well known for its many beautiful homes, both old and new, in a myriad of styles. The Hearth and Home Kitchen Tour will give the public a chance to see them from the inside.

The self-guided tour, scheduled for Saturday, October 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., as a fundraiser for Holy Trinity Interparochial School of Westfield, is the second one run by Marlene Perez-Santalla, a Holy Trinity School parent.

The homes on this fall's tour have not appeared on the lineup before and feature recently redesigned kitchens and other first-floor space. Each home on the tour has its own distinct style.

The homes will have a featured culinary sampling from a local chef or baker, making the tour both a feast for the eyes and palate.

"Getting a glimpse into these gracious homes is really the exciting part of the event," said Ms. Perez-Santalla, a Westfield resident. "After last year's overwhelming success, we've had many people coming to us with suggestions for which houses to put on this year's tour. Narrowing it down has been a challenge, but we've ended up with wide variety of houses, from

brand new to old and quaint."

Tour attendees can meet with the homes' interior designers, contractors and kitchen planners, who will be on hand to answer questions.

"It's an opportunity to get ideas as well as contact information from the professionals," Ms. Perez-Santalla said. "It's ideal for those people interested in renovating their own kitchens – or who just like to dream."

One of the homes will feature a raffle with 10 prizes such as a wheelbarrow filled with gardening supplies and a sports enthusiast's crate of tickets, jerseys and goodies. Raffle tickets will be on sale at that house. Winning tickets will be selected at the end of the day, and winners will be notified by phone.

The first 450 ticket holders will receive a gift bag with free samples, courtesy of the many sponsors of the event.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$35 by mailing a check to: HTIS HSA, 336 First Avenue, Westfield, N.J., or by credit card by going to htisnj.com. Advance sales must be purchased online or post-marked by Friday, October 9. Tickets can also be purchased at any house on the day of the event for \$40.

Questions can be addressed to hearthandhomekitchentour@comcast.net or to Marlene at (908) 233-0456.

All proceeds from the event will benefit Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield. Holy Trinity is a parochial school educating students in grades 1 through 8 at the Westfield campus on First Avenue and early-education program for 2 1/2-year-olds through kindergarten at Our Lady of Lourdes campus in Mountainside.

WF Extended School Year Strengthens Skills

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Public School District's Extended School Year Program is coming to a close. The five-week program, mandated by law, was designed for targeted students with special needs. It focused on maintaining and strengthening students' academic skills to prepare them for the new school year.

According to Business Administrator Robert Berman, "The in-district program continues to save us hundreds of thousands of dollars, since we would otherwise be required to find out-of-district facilities for these students."

This summer, the program enrolled 95 students. Ten classrooms were utilized at Franklin Elementary School for children in pre-school through fifth grades. Westfield High School was the location for two classes of students in grades six through twelve.

"Students were selected to the program based on a regression recoupment model," said Andrea Lo, supervisor of Special Services PreK-

12 for the Westfield Public Schools. She explained that without the program, the targeted students would have difficulty recovering what they learned in the 2009-2010 school year within a reasonable time.

"If we can stop the regression, they are in such a better place in September," noted Ms. Lo. "During the summer, we can help these children maintain and even strengthen their skills to the point where teachers often notice the students' academic growth when they return in the fall."

"I am also pleased to see growth from one summer to the next, which is wonderful," she added.

The program, which is in its eighth year in Westfield, ran Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with specialists available in speech, occupational therapy and physical therapy, as well as featuring a Teacher of the Deaf, special-education teachers and paraprofessionals.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Please take notice that on September 22, 2010 at 7:30 PM at the Fanwood Borough Hall, located at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, the Planning Board will hold a hearing on the application of the undersigned. The property in question is located at: 85 Waldon Road, Fanwood, New Jersey, also known as Block 44 Lot 2, as shown on the Fanwood Tax Map, owned by Zorana and Darko Culkjak.

The applicant requests to build a renovated second floor above the existing footprint of the first floor and to build a new front porch which is in violation of: Section 184-414 of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: Side Yard Setback; Permitted: 13 feet; Present: 10.3 feet; Proposed: 10.3 feet (no change).

Section 184-162 (A) of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: Driveway Width; Permitted: 10 feet; Present: 18 feet; Proposed: 18 feet (no change).

Section 184-115E(4) of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: Front Yard Setback; Permitted: 30 feet; Present: 30.1 feet; Proposed: 27 feet (for front porch).

The applicant will also seek such other relief as may be determined necessary at the public hearing based upon review of the application or amendment(s) to the application.

The file pertaining to this application is available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 AM - 4 PM, Monday through Friday) from the Secretary of the Planning Board at the Administration Office of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Fanwood Planning Board.

Applicant: Zorana and Darko Culkjak

85 Waldon Road

Fanwood, New Jersey, 07023

1 T - 9/2/10, The Times Fee: \$43.35

BootCampWF Expands into Cranford; Fall Session Starts September 13

CRANFORD - BootCampWF, Westfield's premier, healthy-living outdoor fitness training program, has expanded into Cranford with BootCampCF! Regardless of age, size, gender or fitness level, if you're in or around Westfield and Cranford and looking to get in shape, drop those pounds, build that muscle and have fun while doing it, it's time to ENLIST! The next session starts September 13.

BootCampWF is a specially designed fitness program held for one hour three days a week over six weeks. BCWF workouts are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 and 9:15 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m., and Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. in Tamaques Park by the basketball courts. BCWF Lite is Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15 a.m. BootCampCF is held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:15 a.m. at Memorial Field, Cranford.

BootCampWF starts off with an assessment of all recruits. On the first (and last!) day we see how many sit-ups and pushups you can do, and how long it takes for you to walk/run a half mile. These assessments allow participants to measure progress over the six-week session.

To enlist in BootCampWF or for more information, please visit our website at BootCampWF.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains will hold the following Special Meetings in the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains in the first floor Council Chambers:

Wednesday, September 15, 2010 to continue the hearing for T. Mobile Northeast, for property located at 1155 Roosevelt Avenue, Block 8601, Lot 14 for a Use Variance, Height Variance and Site Plan approval to construct a 120 foot cellular tower with 9 antennas, fencing with equipment shelters.

Wednesday, September 29, 2010 to continue the hearing for T. Mobile Northeast/New York SMSA, db/a Verizon Wireless for property located at Hillside Cemetery, 1401-1545 Woodland Avenue, Block 16501, Lot 1 for a Use Variance, Height Variance and Site Plan approval to construct a 125 feet monopole with equipment shelters.

Barbara Horev, Secretary
Zoning Board of Adjustment
1 T - 9/2/10, The Times Fee: \$25.50

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BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Please take notice that on September 22, 2010 at 7:30 PM at the Fanwood Borough Hall, located at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, the Planning Board will hold a hearing on the application of the undersigned. The property in question is located at: 53 Glenwood Road, Fanwood, New Jersey, also known as Block 47 Lot 22, as shown on the Fanwood Tax Map, owned by Ashutosh & Vaishali Anjaria.

The applicant requests Front Porch Addition which is in violation of: Section 184.114 of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: Side yard set back; Permitted: 13 feet; Present: 10.3 feet; Proposed: 10.3 feet.

Section 184.114 of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: Combined side yard set back; Permitted: 21.5 feet; Present: 19.9 feet; Proposed: 21.9 feet.

The applicant will also seek such other relief as may be determined necessary at the public hearing based upon review of the application or amendment(s) to the application.

The file pertaining to this application is available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 AM - 4 PM, Monday through Friday) from the Secretary of the Planning Board at the Administration Office of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Fanwood Planning Board.

Applicant: Ashutosh Anjaria
53 Glenwood Road
Fanwood, New Jersey, 07023
1 T - 9/2/10, The Times Fee: \$37.74

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Adjustment of the Town of Westfield, New Jersey will meet on **September 13, 2010** in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey at 7:30 p.m. to hear and consider the following appeal for use (d) and bulk (c) variance(s) from the requirements of the Westfield Land Use Ordinance.

Kevin & Laura Callahan, 553 Fairmont Avenue. Applicant is seeking permission to construct a single story addition to the rear of the house contrary to Sections 11.07E6 and 12.04F1 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a minimum side yard setback of 10 feet. Proposed is 5.5 feet. Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage of 20%. Proposed is 22.7%.

Grace & Dean Roth, 917 Fanwood Avenue. Applicant is seeking permission to install a 7 feet x 7 feet hot tub on the existing patio contrary to Sections 12.04F1 and 13.02B1 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage of 20%. Proposed is 20.8%. Ordinance requires sheds to be located in the rear yard only. Proposed location is the side yard.

Mr. & Mrs. William Moore, 421 Mountain Avenue. Applicant is seeking permission to enclose a portion of a covered wrap-around porch to construct a bathroom contrary to Section 11.08E6 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a minimum side yard setback of 10 feet. Proposed is + 6.75 feet.

Kenneth Ramos & Christine Ramos, 428 Lenox Avenue. Applicant is seeking permission to extend the existing ridge of the main roof, terminating in a new gable roof end facing the street and creating additional attic space contrary to Sections 11.08E8 and 12.04E1 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance allows a maximum building height of 32 feet. Proposed is 35 feet. Ordinance allows a maximum story height of 2.5 stories. Proposed is 3 stories. Ordinance allows a maximum habitable floor area of 37% (2,775 square feet). Proposed is 38% (2,852 square feet).

Brent Livermore & Carmel Ryan, 1033 Grandview Avenue. Applicant is seeking permission to construct an addition to the rear of the house contrary to Section 11.09E10 (12.04F1) of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage of 20%. Proposed is 21.7%.

Variances, waivers or exceptions from certain site plan details or relief from requirements may be sought as appropriate.

Plans and application are on file in the office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Kathleen A. Nemeth
Secretary, Board of Adjustment
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ON TARGET...A total of 95 targeted students were enrolled in an extended academic summer program in the Westfield Public Schools. The occupational therapist pictured here with a student was one of several specialists on hand to help students maintain and strengthen their skills and ready them for the new school year. Westfield saves hundreds of thousands of dollars by providing the programs in-district as an alternative to more costly out-of-district placements.

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