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County to Hold Forum on Foreclosure Mediation

COUNTY — A public education forum, "Foreclosure: Moving From Fear To Positive Action," will be held on Thursday, February 20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Heard A.M.E. Church, 310 East 8th Avenue in Roselle (snow date Thursday, February 27). The event is free and open to the public.

The forum is designed to provide guidance to property owners fearing or facing foreclosure issues, and to help tenants in properties with foreclosure issues. Free parking is available and the facility is wheelchair accessible.

The program is presented by the Union County Human Relations Commission and Union County Foreclosure Task Force in cooperation with the New Jersey Public Defender's Office of Dispute Settlement and the Union County Superior Court.

"Understandably, anyone who is fearing or facing foreclosure is anxious and scared," stated Barbara Boyer, co-chair of the Union County Human Relations Commission. "We are trying to spread the word that there are free resources that are offered on a state and county level, options that are available, and posi-

tive actions that can be taken so the best possible outcome can be achieved."

"People in foreclosure wake up worried every day," stated Elizabeth Hulse of the New Jersey Public Defender's Office of Dispute Settlement. "They do not know how to save their homes or how to ask for help. This conference is about reaching out. We want these homeowners to know that they are not alone. The mediation program is designed to provide them with experienced advocates and neutral mediators to make sure that all possible ways of keeping their houses are explored with their banks."

Ms. Hulse will provide an overview of the New Jersey Foreclosure Mediation Program, and discuss how to apply for the program and its services. The program provides resources and referral information for distressed homeowners. Attendees will also gain an understanding of foreclosure proceedings, the court mediation process, guidance on avoiding foreclosure scams, and details about resources available to those who are affected. Information on the rights of tenants living in foreclosed properties will also be shared.

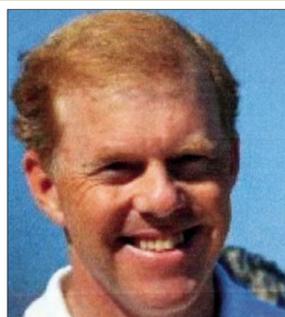
The Union County Foreclosure Task Force will also make information and literature available about foreclosure resources. The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders created the Task Force in the fall of 2008 as the foreclosure crisis was beginning to intensify.

The mission of the Foreclosure Task Force is to help stabilize Union County neighborhoods by providing property owners and tenants with guidance on their legal rights and resources.

For more information regarding the forum, contact the Union County Human Relations Commission at (908) 889-9028.



Sandra G. Antonelli



Jon Walker

Walker, Antonelli Named to Fairview Cemetery Board

WESTFIELD — The Fairview Cemetery Board of Trustees has announced the election of Jon Walker and Sandra G. Antonelli to its board at its annual meeting held January 27. Both Mr. Walker and Mrs.

Antonelli bring a diverse and varied skill set to this board.

Mr. Walker has enjoyed a long career with Pfizer Inc. where he currently serves as a captain in the Aviation Department. Prior to that he was a member of the software development team for the sales department. He previously served as a distinguished United States Naval officer as a combat support helicopter pilot and the executive officer of a Navy Reserve SEAL unit.

"Fairview Cemetery has been a fixture in Westfield for over 100 years. I am honored to join its board of directors," Mr. Walker stated. He currently serves on the board of the Westfield United Fund. Mr. Walker lives in Westfield with his wife Julia and two children.

Mrs. Antonelli is currently the financial manager of Antonelli Architects, a New York City-based architectural firm. Prior to joining Antonelli Architects she was a loan officer at Chemical Bank working as a commercial underwriter. "I look forward to working with the members of the Fairview Cemetery board and making a contribution to this well known institution," she stated.

She has been active at St Paul's Church where she is currently the co-chairwoman of Friends of Music of St Paul's and a member of its Planned Giving Committee. She also serves as the co-captain of her winter tennis team. Mrs. Antonelli lives in Westfield with her husband Alex and three children.

Andrews Resigns From House Seat

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. Rob Andrews (D-1st) resigned Tuesday effective Tuesday, February 18 amid an ongoing congressional ethics committee investigation into his spending over allegations he was using campaign funds for frequent trips to California, where his daughter had a fledgling singing and acting career, according to an ABC report. He has served in the House for 23 years.

The Star-Ledger reported that, "Andrews' spending from his campaign account included a \$7,775 stay for his family at a five-star hotel for the wedding, \$10,000 for a birthday party for his daughter and donations to New Jersey and Philadelphia theaters that featured his other daughter in plays." ABC reported that in 2011 he reimbursed more than \$13,000 he used to take his family to a donor's wedding in Scotland.

Rep. Andrews lost a gubernatorial primary in 1997 and then an unsuccessful and primary challenge in 2008 against U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg. Prior to serving in Congress he was a Camden County freeholder.

Assembly Panels to Hold Hearings on Bills Today

TRENTON — Legislation to criminalize the use of a defaced or stolen firearm to injure a police officer and enhance penalties for defacing a firearm, require police vehicles to be equipped with cameras, enhance consumer protections and reform how homeowner associations operate top today's Assembly committee hearings.

Hearings on economic development, the banking industry, health care reform and higher education readiness are also on tap. The hearings are scheduled to start at 10 a.m. and will be streamed live at www.njleg.state.nj.us/media/live_audio.asp.

Highlights include: A-823 — Establishes "MarcAnthony's Law," criminalizes use of defaced or stolen firearm to injure a police officer, enhances penalties for defacing a firearm, 2 p.m., Law and Public Safety Committee; A-2280 — Requires certain police vehicles to be equipped with cameras, 2 p.m., Law and Public Safety Committee; A-628 — Requires printers to display average cost per 1,000 printed pages and ink cartridges to display yield, 10 a.m. Consumer Affairs;

A-818 — Establishes the Superstorm Sandy Victims' Bill of Rights, 2 p.m. Housing and Local Government Committee; A-625, prohibits certain unsolicited checks, 10 a.m. Consumer Affairs Committee; A-1881 — Consumer Credit Fairness Act, 10 a.m. Consumer Affairs Committee; A-

2444, allows person to request voluntary exclusion from gaming activities without acknowledging being problem gambler, 10 a.m., Tourism and Gaming Committee.

A-204, Naturally Occurring Retirement Community program, 2 p.m., Housing and Local Government Committee; A-347, Foreclosed properties, concerns maintenance, 2 p.m., Housing and Local Government Committee; A469, homeowners' association, concerns membership and management, 2 p.m., Housing and Local Government Committee.

The Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee will hold a 2 p.m. hearing on the future of economic development in New Jersey; the Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee will hold a 10 a.m. hearing on the general condition of the banking industry in New Jersey; the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee will hold a 10 a.m. hearing on issues regarding public outreach and enrollment efforts in connection with the Affordable Care Act, including the role and experiences of health care navigators and application assisters in the state.

The Assembly Higher Education Committee will hold a 10:30 a.m. hearing on issues related to the readiness of students to enroll in institutions of higher education and assessing the programs designed to prepare those students for success in college.



MEDAL RECIPIENT... Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th) presents the Army Achievement Medal to Russell Brown of Westfield. Mr. Brown, a decorated Vietnam veteran, requested the Congressional office assist him in procuring the medals he earned in service to the nation. Rep. Lance's district offices are able to assist in obtaining service medals which were lost, stolen or never awarded. For assistance, please call (908) 518-7733.

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When: Thursday, February 27, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Where: Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC
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Hosted by: Stewart A. Ritter
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Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited to 20.
To reserve your spot, please call (908) 789-7802.

All topics are educational in nature and will feature only a general discussion. No company-specific products will be discussed.

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