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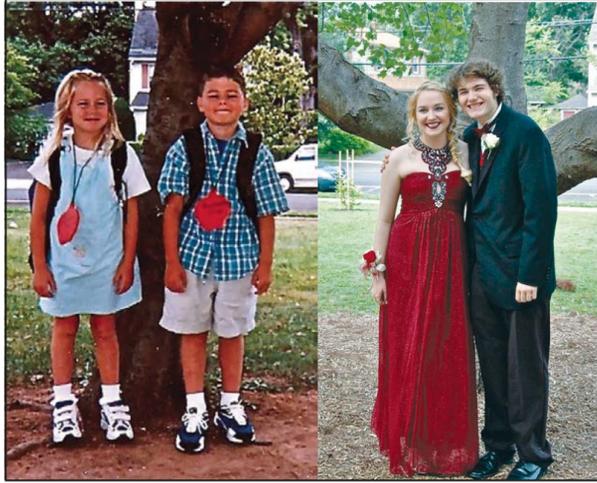

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**ODYSSEY OF THE MIND...** Having worked since October to solve an internationally proposed problem, within pre-set guidelines, six Westfield students, Hannah Cherry, Will Crall, Billy Maguire, Amanda Rosenthal, Meredith Rosenthal and Erin Roth, represented the State of New Jersey as World Finalists in Odyssey of the Mind the weekend of May 28 to June 1. The Westfield Odyssey of the Mind team from Edison Intermediate School Elementary Gifted and Talented Program was guided by parent coaches Elin Cherry, Suzanne Rosenthal and Diann Gropp-Roth and represented the Classy Problem "It's How We Rule." Westfield's "It's How We Rule" team earned second place honors in its category at the state finals in order to advance to have the honor of competing against the 54 best international teams. The Westfield team proudly placed 22nd. Pictured is one of the teams with their International Buddy team from South Korea reading *The Westfield Leader*.



**FLASH FORWARD...** Julia Penczak and Matt Boyd are all smiles on their first day of kindergarten at McKinley School in 2001, and again prior to the Westfield High School prom on May 31, 2014.



**PROUD MOMENT...** Saul Drittel receives the Trustees Award from Carol Tener, left, and Nancy Priest during the Westfield Historical Society's annual dinner held May 28 at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield.

## Westfield Council

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"I just see a lot of the restaurants opening up those doors that we enjoy on Elm Street to a big bar, and that's with the noise and the bands and everything else is just going to change what Westfield is...and they'll be people from out of town coming to Westfield. We haven't had problems so far and I just don't see the need for it and that's why I'm voting no."

The ordinance carried with a final vote of seven to one, with Councilwoman Kimmins the only dissenting vote. Councilman Keith Loughlin was not present for the meeting and did not vote.

The council passed several other ordinances as well. An ordinance pertaining to exterior property maintenance, an ordinance pertaining to curbs, gutters and retaining walls, and an ordinance regarding trees, shrubs and other plant growth all passed. The council also passed an ordinance pertaining to filming movies in town, an ordinance regarding parking regulations, an ordinance relating to town officers and employees' salaries and an ordinance for salaries of the mayor and town council members (which is \$1 per year) and certain officers and employees of the town.

Also passed was a special ordinance "providing for the replacement of sidewalks and construction of new sidewalks." All of the ordinances were passed unanimously.

An ordinance pertaining to limiting the location and hours of operation of alternative treatment centers was postponed pending further review by the town's planning board.

The public will be able to view the approved ordinances on the town's website, located at [westfieldnj.gov/](http://westfieldnj.gov/).

The next town council conference session is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, at 7 p.m., at the municipal building, located at 425 East Broad Street. The conference session will be immediately followed by the council's regular public meeting at 7:45 p.m.

## GW BOE Agrees on Contract With Quigley

By BRIAN TRUSDELL  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

**GARWOOD** - The board of education has agreed to contract terms with school Superintendent Teresa Quigley and "reached a consensus" to extend her contract, Board President Christine Guerriero told *The Westfield Leader*.

Ms. Guerriero would not divulge the terms of the contract following a more than hour-long closed-door executive session on May 28 at a special meeting of the board at Lincoln School.

"We've agreed, and a majority of the board reached a consensus," she said. "[The contract] will be shared with our full board at our next meeting."

The next meeting of the board is Tuesday, June 24.

Only five of the nine board members were present: Amanda Langston, Adele Lewis, Aaron Watkins, Susan Groning and Ms. Guerriero.

Ms. Guerriero said the reason for the special meeting was because the contract needed to be submitted for approval by Union County Office of Education Interim Executive County Superintendent Kathleen Serafino and returned to Ms. Quigley by June 1.

Ms. Guerriero said Ms. Quigley has been with Garwood schools since the 1990s, beginning as a teacher, then serving as principal before replacing Wilfred Murphy as interim superintendent in the 2007-2008 school year.

## Mountainside Council

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its policies and procedures, and make adjustments wherever necessary to meet a body of internationally accepted standards. The accreditation program is the primary method for the department to voluntarily demonstrate its commitment to excellence in law enforcement.

Chief Financial Officer Jill Goode advised council members that the borough had received three grants, which will be included as special revenue items in the 2014 municipal budget.

The grants are \$4,409 to fund a drunk driving enforcement account, a Watts Foundation Grant of \$1,500 to defray the cost of the senior bus program and a Clean Communities grant of \$12,749. The New Jersey Clean Communities is a state-wide comprehensive litter abatement program, which provides a funding source for communities to reduce litter and promote the volunteer cleanup of public lands.

Ronald Romak, public works director, advised the public that this his staff had received three quotes for the removal and replacement of the existing boilers at Borough Hall and noted that there would need to be further discussion on the timing and funding of the replacement.

The council voted in favor of entering a cooperative agreement to participate in the 2015-2017 Community Development Block Grant programs, which would allow the borough to obtain funds to support the senior handy man program and subsidize the salary of the senior bus driver.

The Mayor reminded the public that the Mountainside Community Pool will open this Saturday, June 7.

The council's next meeting will be Tuesday, June 17.

## Garwood Primary

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Garwood GOP by running six candidates, including himself and his wife, Liz, in three of the borough's four districts.

Mr. Mathieu defeated Glenn A. Sytko, 43 to 36, and Mrs. Mathieu beat Cheryl A. Niedermaier, 40 to 38, in District 2; Mr. Piarulli beat Victor DeFilippo, 15 to 8, while Mr. Piarulli's wife, Linda Morello, defeated Mr. DeFilippo's wife, Judy, 13 to 9, in District 4; in District 3, Dominick Zurzolo beat Garwood GOP Chairman John Quattrocchi, 29 to 22, and Mr. Zurzolo's wife, Erika, defeated Mrs. Quattrocchi, 28 to 24.

In District 1, Carol Kearney and Gene Jannotti ran unopposed, with Mr. Mathieu's endorsed candidate, Alex Grohol, who ran as a write-in, received only one vote.

"I'm very happy; that's obvious. The people wanted to take the local GOP in a more conservative direction," said Mr. Mathieu, who thanked the Quattrocchis for leading the Republican Party, "when nobody else would."

Ms. Kearney and Richard Dolan, who ran unopposed for the Republican nominations for borough council, will face incumbent Democrats Sara Todisco and Lou Petruzzelli, who also ran unopposed.

Democrats control four of the six council seats. The only other Republican on the council, Mike Martin, supported Mrs. Quattrocchi's campaign.

Mr. Mathieu vowed to work with Ms. Kearney and Mr. Dolan, who campaigned for Mrs. Quattrocchi, to elect the full Republican slate in November with Mr. Piarulli atop the ticket.

"I look forward to a spirited campaign against Councilwoman Todisco and Councilman Petruzzelli," Mr. Dolan said. "I'm disappointed Mayor Quattrocchi did not win the Primary."

Ms. Todisco and Mr. Petruzzelli will run with Mr. Lombardo, who said he was not concerned with the Republican Primary outcome.

"It doesn't matter," he said. "Our campaign already is in full swing."

## Garwood Planning Bd.

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because they wanted to resolve the issue.

"I feel that what we have here is something that's going to be done smart," said Kathleen Villaggio, acting as board president in the absence of Steven Greet. "It'll look nice. Not just nice. It will look great. I think that it has met the burden of use."

The one-acre linear property is adjacent to the Brookside Detention Basin in Cranford and used to be home to Heidi's Deli.

No site plan was approved at the meeting, but renderings were displayed to give board members and residents an idea of the envisioned community, which would be restricted to those 55 and older.

The development would include four, three-bedroom, and five, two-bedroom townhomes, each 2,900 to 3,100 square feet, and include two garage spaces. Each townhome would have its own elevator. Trash and snow removal would be handled privately and administered through a homeowners association.

Planner John McDonough put the price point near \$600,000.

The developer hoped to allay community concerns about traffic by highlighting that the development would be accessed by a driveway off of Fourth Avenue and include a striped turnaround for visitors and service vehicles like garbage trucks and snow plows. Therefore, vehicles would not have to back out of the development onto Fourth Avenue unlike the catering business, which moved to Westfield a month ago, and two single-family homes, Traffic Safety Engineer Joseph Staigar said.

While the curvature of the access road impairs site visibility, it will control the speed of the vehicles, he said.

Mr. Staigar said the results of his traffic impact study found that the townhomes would generate only two to three trips per hour during peak times, about the same as the three single-family homes previously approved.

"The point is just by taking the sheer numbers, there is no impact," Mr. Staigar said.

Mr. McDonough said the development would fit in with the state's master plan, which encourages a greater density of homes - compact, cohesive developments - near transit hubs and various types of housing. "You're not necessarily sure what you are going to get with a single-family development except for what you see cut up with the subdivision lines.

"The negative attributes of the project are very minimal," he said. "The use creates nothing detrimental to public health, public safety, public welfare."

Borough Planner Victor Vinegra referenced the Pointe development and said it was successfully commercially - the homes have the highest resale value - and also benefited the town because of its high tax rate.

"There is a market for new townhouse development and that people will overpay to be with an association, to be within an area where it is controlled, and to not have kids," Mr. Vinegra said.

But Mr. Paterson was not swayed. He felt the development was too big and did not fit the character of the neighborhood. Mr. Scherer said he wanted to stick to the original plan of the three single-family homes but did not elaborate.

Resident Horace Corbin spoke of the wetlands in the immediate vicinity that had been recently "clear-cut" and destroyed. Mr. Corbin presented photographs taken last week though he was not sure of the precise property line boundaries.

The planning board passed the change of use with the stipulation that the wetlands on the proposed site would not be violated.

Resident Al Del Conte spoke in support of the project.

"I think this project here is beautiful," he said. "Whether it fits in the neighborhood or not, it's a little bit better than what is there right now."

Project officials, who provided property blueprints, drawings and an artist's rendering, did not have a timetable to submit a site plan for the development other than to say as soon as possible.

Earlier, the council approved an application to allow Frank Hirsch to subdivide his two lots between Willow and South Avenues into three, one of which would be undersized. Mr. Hirsch, whose partner Joseph Ragonese operates J.B. Ragonese Construction Co. on the site, testified he intended to sell the undersized lot to Sam Mikhail, owner of Prestige Auto Body on the adjacent lot to the east.

Prestige has been using a building on the undersized lot as storage.

Mr. Hirsch needed the board to grant a use variance for commercial purposes since he intends to erect a building on the site for construction purposes. The use variance was required because the area is zoned residential, although witnesses and board members all acknowledged there is no residential property at the far eastern end of Willow Avenue.

Brian Trusdell contributed to this report.

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