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## WF Council OKs Liquor License Modifications

By DOMINIC A. LAGANO  
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WESTFIELD — At its regular public meeting Tuesday night, the town council voted to approve modifications to several municipal ordinances including amendments to the town's liquor ordinance. There was a public hearing before the final council vote for these ordinances to solicit comments from the public.

All of the comments from the public during the public hearing were related specifically to an ordinance amending liquor licenses in town. Several council members also voiced their opinions regarding this ordinance.

The ordinance allows for the four restaurants currently holding conditional liquor licenses in Westfield, Akai Japanese Sushi Lounge, Ferraro's Restaurant, Fujiyama Mama Restaurant and Sweet Waters Steakhouse, to serve alcohol without having to serve a customer food.

The final restricted license is not currently active, but was transferred from Lazio, LLC (Acquaviva Delle Fonti) to UT Westfield, LLC in November of 2013.

The restaurants would still be required to make at least 50 percent of its profits from food purchases.

Councilman James Foerst, chairman of the council's Code Review and Town Property Committee, addressed persons who said were "misinformed" regarding the ordinance.

"The five licenses that are going to change are not new. They currently exist...the number one thing I think everyone needs to understand is that these are not going to be bar licenses. I would imply bar license would mean there is no food requirement."

Mr. Foerst said the restaurants can be monitored by sales tax records.

Mr. Foerst continued, "I think the other miscommunication here, or misunderstanding, is the time that it's taken us to get here. The process of reclassification, which is what we are doing...started 10 plus years ago," he stated. "This is a culmination of a lot of efforts. So if you're new to the game, if you're new to the issue, welcome. But it's not the first time we've been talking about it. Yes, it is in fact true, the first vote on this particular ordinance was two weeks ago and that's the process. But the first discussion of this issue began in my committee 10 plus years ago and with real vigor about two years ago."

Council members Frank Arena and JoAnn Neylan also voiced their opin-

ions in support of the ordinance.

Councilwoman Vicki Kimmins, the lone dissenting vote for the ordinance's first reading (covered in the May 22 edition of *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*) also offered her opinion. "This concerns me in Westfield and I do not think for the benefit of one or two places that might be pushing this, whatever the reason is, I just don't see it."

"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, 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 [www.westfieldnj.gov/](http://www.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.

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AND THEY'RE OFF...The Centennial Village Velocity 5K Race on Sunday morning in Cranford draws a large crowd of runners. The race is sponsored by the Centennial Village Group, which works to beautify and revitalize Cranford's Centennial Avenue business district.

## Lance Defeats Larsen In Primary In 7th District

By PAUL J. PEYTON  
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AREA — Three-term Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th) defeated businessman David Larsen, 13,362 to 10,764 votes, for the third time in four years in Tuesday's Republican Primary Election.

Mr. Lance won in Hunterdon, Somerset, Union and Warren Counties while Mr. Larsen won Morris County. Mr. Lance won Union County by a margin of 2,957 to 1,542. The Congressman will now face the mayor of Clinton township, Janice Kovach, who was unopposed in the Democratic Primary, in the November General Election. The 7th District includes Westfield, Cranford, Garwood and Mountainside.

"I thank all of those who have made tonight's strong victory possible," Mr. Lance said in a statement released Tuesday night. "I return to Washington next week to continue to support fiscally responsible policies in Congress to lower our deficits and help improve the private sector economy across the nation. I pledge to continue my efforts to stop Obamacare, open more American-made energy to consumers and serve as a check on the President's executive overreach — views that are shared by the overwhelming majority of the people of this congressional district."

Mr. Lance said he looks forward to a "spirited campaign" in the fall.

In the race for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senator, Jeffrey Bell,

who has lived in Virginia for over 30 years up until a few months ago and was the GOP Senate nominee in 1978, led with 29.2 percent, and was the winner over Richard Pezzullo of Freehold, who won the Union County GOP organization party line on election ballots at its convention, and who had 27 percent. Brian Goldberg of West Orange had 24.3 percent of the vote, followed by Ramapo College professor Murray Sabrin, who had 19.5 percent. The winner will face Senator Cory Booker (D) in the General Election.

At the county level, in the Democratic Primary, Union County Surrogate James La Corte of Union, with 14,108 votes, fought back a challenge from Jerome Dunn of Hillside, 4,568, who ran under the "True Democrats for Change" banner. No Republican filed for surrogate.

Also, incumbent Democratic Freeholders Angel Estrada of Elizabeth, 14,115; Chris Hudak of Linden, 13,777, and Vernell Wright of Union, 13,931, defeated Jorge Batista of Hillside, 4,544, Marvelis Perreira of Elizabeth, 4,388, and Tamara Twitty of Elizabeth, 4,257, a group of candidates also running under the banner "True Democrats for Change."

In municipal races, in the Democratic race for mayor of Rahway, incumbent Mayor Samson D. Steinman defeated political campaign strategist James J. Devine, 1,213 to 334, in the Democratic Primary. No Republican filed for the office. Berkeley Heights Councilman Robert Woodruff bested incumbent Mayor Joseph Bruno in the Republican Primary, 590 to 380. No Democrat filed for mayor.

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her "political powerhouse."

Sen. Greenstein said her campaign was more television oriented and they worked with the budget they had. She explained that she did not focus as much on Union and Somerset counties due to lack of time.

"This is the first loss that I've had in a political campaign and I guess it's not the worst thing in the world," said Sen. Greenstein, who served in the General Assembly before she was elected to the Senate in 2010. "I didn't want it to happen, and I think I put my all into it with your help, but life goes on and I'm sure it will."

Although she has not entirely ruled out another run, Sen. Greenstein said she has no current plans to seek higher office.

"I've always been a public servant and I thought this was a new and bigger way to serve, but that will go to someone else, and I'll continue to serve the way I am," Sen. Greenstein said after the event.

Sen. Greenstein called to congratulate the other candidates and said she told Asw. Watson Coleman on the phone that she will extend her support.

"One day, you're an opponent and the next day you're on a team," Sen. Greenstein said. "As we all said during the race, the Democrats are a family and that we're competing with each other, and now we're back together as a family."

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town Fanwood, Ms. Giorgianna said, and stand-alone buildings are set back further from the street to create a green edge along South Avenue. She said the suburban feel would create a defining boundary to the compactly developed downtown to the west. The larger sized lots would accommodate uses such as multi-family residential, senior housing, offices and mixed-use development and reflect a residential character, she said.

Architectural design, signage, windows, details of setbacks and parking in each of the designated districts were outlined by Ms. Giorgianna.

The board did not vote to approve any re-zoning plans at the meeting, but will meet again and discuss the pros and cons of the proposed plans.

Board member David Blechinger thanked Ms. Giorgianna for a "super informative and very explanatory, very well put together presentation."

In other business, the board approved an addition to the home of David and Jenny Felton on Herbert Avenue.

The Feltons, parents of a growing family, wish to add a family room to the back of their first floor and create a master suite on the second floor. The first-floor addition would be 14 by 23 feet, Mrs. Felton said, and they would have to remove a patio. The addition would be five feet, 11 inches from the side-yard lot line and require a variance.

Two neighbors supported the application. Mrs. Felton said the second-floor addition would have a low ceiling, would not have an attic and would be keeping with the other houses in the neighborhood.



ENCHANTING LADIES...Shoppers check out jewelry at Enchantments on South Avenue in Fanwood on May 29 during the Fanwood Business and Professional Association's Ladies' Night Out event. More than 250 women registered for the third annual event.

## Garwood Election

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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 Republi-

can 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. "Our campaign already is in full swing."

## Scotch Plains Council

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Councilman Vastine said he was most troubled by a lack of leadership on the part of the mayor, chiding the mayor and Mrs. Gialanella for voting no on the capital ordinance two weeks ago without offering any reasons for their vote. Echoing Mr. Jones, he said there was no indication by the two Democrats during the budget meetings of any concerns. Instead, he said, the pair "blamed" Mr. Giaimis and the township attorney for the ordinance's failure. Mr. Vastine also criticized the mayor's remarks about Mr. Luaces, calling them "reprehensible" and saying an apology was owed.

The mayor repeated his complaints about Mr. Giaimis not returning his phone calls or e-mails, adding that he and the manager had "probably not spoken in three weeks." The mayor said it was important to fully review the capital bond ordinance before the council votes in two weeks; otherwise, he said, "it will crash and burn again." He said there were items in the budget that "I'm troubled by," saying that "a million-and-a-half buck-

is not insignificant," given that the township, he estimated, is "20 million dollars in debt." When Councilman Jones suggested the mayor list his concerns so that the ordinance could be discussed, the mayor demurred, leading Mr. Jones to slam his hand on his desk in frustration and demand the mayor air his concerns. Mayor Glover then accused Mr. Jones of acting "childishly" and called for a vote to introduce the ordinance.

In other business, the annual bulk waste pick-up got underway this week, and the public works department is extending the permit process for the two sections on the south side of town. Residents in Section 3, whose pick-up will be during the week of June 16, have until 4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, to secure a permit, while residents in Section 4, whose pick-up is set for the week of June 23, can get a permit until 4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18. Permits, which cost \$105 for each 750 pounds of material being disposed of, must be purchased in person at the DPW building on Plainfield Avenue.



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. Pictured is one of the teams with their International Buddy team from South Korea reading *The Westfield Leader*.

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