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HORACE CORBIN

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In Hearts And Minds,  
A Place - An Idea  

BY HORACE CORBIN

Westfield, N.J. Our home. People love to live in, be part of and visit the town. Former residents in Florida, California or elsewhere keep Westfield in their hearts as their home. More than a place, Westfield is an idea for all to share.

Westfield is a scenic residential community that serves as a business and professional hub for the region as well as being a commuter town for Manhattan. The town is known for its ideal suburban living with well-kept homes, thriving downtown, parks, houses of worship, historic landmarks, schools, cultural arts and civic organizations. Great neighboring towns, combined with a population of 100,000 residents, bound the town.

In Westfield, you will find nearly every civic, cultural and community organization including Boy and Girl Scouts, Chamber of Commerce, the Westfield Y, School Boosters, Symphony Orchestra, Historical Society, Adult School and Stamp Club. Originally settled in the late 17th century, residents have built and nurtured the community to a town today of 10,000 households and 30,000 residents, highly educated and with incomes as one of New Jersey’s wealthiest.

Westfield has a strong public education system with schools within walking distance of homes. The downtown has many restaurants, retail, professional and bank services. For other pastimes, the town has parks, clubs, organizations, a municipal pool and state-of-the-art library.

The Westfield Leader newspaper has been publishing since 1890 and archives are available on line back to 1907 at www.goleader.com.

A professional police and fire department and a volunteer rescue squad protect and serve the community. The Union County police communications center, forensic labs and county annex are based on North Avenue in town.

In the heart of Union County, N.J., with 510,000 residents, Westfield’s surrounding communities of Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Mountainside, Garwood, Berkeley Heights, Cranford, Clark, Springfield, Summit, Kenilworth and New Providence complement the region and contribute to the area’s vibrant economy. It’s an appealing habitat for residents and visitors.

Westfield residents elect their mayor, council representatives and board of education. Citizens are active in government and exhibit one of the highest voter turnouts in the state.

Per the town charter, the mayor and council members annually receive $1 in compensation, which in accordance with tradition they then donate back to the town. Every other week, public business meetings of the governing body, which are televised, take place on Tuesday nights.

The Board of Education meets on Tuesday evenings and is made up of nine members serving three-year terms. Residents elect three members each year in November.

Westfield is favored with volunteers who are committed to public service. More than 120 citizens, as volunteers, serve on municipal boards, committees and commissions. Parent-teacher associations are active in all the schools.

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Jim Gildea, the town administrator since 2001, oversees all municipal operations. Mr. Gildea answers to the Mayor and Town Council. Joan Thermann is Mr. Gildea’s executive assistant who also serves the mayor.

The town’s official website is www.westfieldnj.gov. Ruben Rodriguez directs the town operations of cable TV36 television. TV36 is shared with the school system.

Public Safety
Responsible for coordinating all safety and public emergencies in Westfield, the department includes the police, fire and health departments. Police Chief David Wayman and Fire Chief Dan Kelly, who also is Westfield’s emergency management coordinator, are pivotal personnel.

Health Department
Headed by Health Officer Megan Avallone, the Westfield Regional Health Department is a governmental agency serving eight municipalities: Westfield, Cranford, Fanwood, Mountainside, Garwood, New Providence, Roselle Park, and Summit. The department provides mandated public health services, enforcement, public clinics and responds to complaints. The health department works with doctors and hospitals. Inspectors are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Town Clerk
With many varied duties interfacing with the public, Town Clerk Claire Gray is one of the most familiar faces around the Westfield Municipal Building. The town clerk is secretary to the municipal governing body, prepares meeting agendas at the discretion of the mayor and council, attends all meetings of the body and records the minutes.

Additionally, the clerk is “custodian of the municipal seal and of all minutes, books, deeds, bonds, contracts, and archival records of the municipal corporation,” according to the town’s website. The clerk is chief administrative officer in all elections held in the town and is the chief registrar of voters in the community.

Among other responsibilities, the town clerk accepts applications and issues licenses and permits, except where statute or municipal ordinance has directed that another municipal officer is responsible. Ms. Gray’s staff includes Deputy Clerk Carroll Andacht and Tracy Fooster, who handles permits and licenses.

Public Works
Public Works Superintendent Claude Shaffer heads the Construction and Maintenance Division of the Department of Public Works, located on North Avenue and Crossway Place. Responsibilities include curbside leaf collection, road repair, street sweeping, operation of the conservation center, maintenance of sewers and waterways, maintenance of park facilities and tree services. The Division is on call all year for emergencies including snow plowing.

The Town Engineer is Kris McAloon who heads up the Engineering and Technology Division which includes Town Surveyor Paul Horta.

The Town Planner, William Drew, heads up the Planning and Zoning Division which includes the Construction Official Steve Freedman and Zoning Officer Kathleen Neville.

Recreation
The recreation department manages use of the parks and oversees the operation of the Westfield Memorial Pool complex that is open from June through September. Bruce Kaufmann is the director and Dolores “Dee” MacKay is the assistant director. Traci Kastner is program coordinator.

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A History of the Westfield Memorial Library: From Small Book Club to Technology Hub

BY PHIL ISRAEL

The Westfield Memorial Library has come a long way since its humble beginning in 1872. It was then that 26 Westfield women who wanted a library began collecting and exchanging books. The “Every Saturday Book Club” began operation on May 3, 1873, with 126 volumes and a treasury of $16.21. During the winter months, the books were exchanged on Saturday mornings; books were stored away over the summer.

By 1876, the book collection had grown to 160 volumes, and the club felt it was time to put books into general circulation. That year, a committee was established to explore the idea of opening a public library. In February 1877, the “Every Saturday Circulating Library” was opened to the public, with ownership of the books and management of the library vested in the association of women who had originally organized the book exchange. In October of 1877, it became the Westfield Every Saturday Library.

In April 1879, the name changed to the Westfield Public Library, and a constitution with by-laws was adopted to govern the corporation. The library supported itself by charging $2 per year, payable semi-annually in advance or $.05 per week per book. From 1878 until 1905, the library rented, or had the use of, several locations, including school buildings, public meeting rooms and churches.

Around the turn of the 20th century, discussions began about establishing a permanent municipal public library. In April 1905, the Town of Westfield voted by overwhelming majority to establish and maintain a free public library. As a result, the mayor, in accordance with New Jersey law, named a board of trustees, consisting of five appointed members, two ex-officio members, the mayor and the supervising principal of schools, to organize a corporation for the establishment and maintenance of a free public library for the Town of Westfield. This is the same law the library operates under today. With the establishment of a free public library the library association dissolved; its books and possessions were turned over to the town.

After consideration of various sites, they purchased the lot at the corner of Broad and Elmer Streets for $3,950, funded by subscriptions from private citizens and contributions of the former library association. The deed for the property was presented to the town council in November of 1905.

The trustees then contacted Andrew Carnegie requesting a grant for the library. Later that year, they received a gift of $10,000 for the construction of a permanent building. A resolution was then adopted stating that on December 1, 1905, the management of the library should pass from the association to the trustees of the library and that after that date it would become free to Westfield citizens.

The Free Public Library of Westfield was built at 266 East Broad Street with funding from the Carnegie grant, fundraising by the ladies’ association, and contributions received from private donors and subscriptions from about 80 citizens of the town. The new building was opened for public use on April 15, 1907.

At the time, there were approximately 5,000 volumes in the library; one-fourth of the town’s population (1,429 residents) were members, and circulation was 16,518 for the first nine months the library was open. An addition to the library was added in 1909 and a separate children’s department was established in 1929.

As early as 1926, the trustees recognized the need for expansion as the townpeople escalated their use of the library. They were concerned with the problems of supplying proper service with the limited accommodations of the building.

In 1954, the library moved to a new facility constructed as part of the municipal building at 425 East Broad Street. It was then that the trustees voted to change the name from the Free Public Library of Westfield to the Westfield Memorial Library. The plaque that was displayed in the new building read: “This building is dedicated to the men and women of Westfield who gave their lives in the founding and preservation of our republic. Thus, the library is a memorial to all those Westfield residents who gave their lives for their country from earliest to present days.”

By the late seventies, overcrowding was restricting services and inhibiting growth, particularly of children’s programs. In 1984, voters approved a referendum to build a new library facility and by 1988, the library had moved to its current location, a new building on the site of the former Grant School, at East Broad Street and Stanley Avenue. At the time, it was the first library in Union County to be completely automated.

After almost 20 years of heavy use the library underwent a major renovation in 2007. The library that is in use today is the result of that renovation. At the time of its origin, few would have believed how technology has changed the library’s operation as well as public expectations. Now, the library has 30 public computers, six laptops for the public to borrow, and eight e-book readers. People access the library 24/7, with more than 5,000 transactions taking place in 2013 between 10 p.m. and 9 a.m. when the library is closed.

In 2013 the library had about 250,000 visitors and loaned more than 316,000 items. The library owns more than 166,000 print volumes, in addition to on-line materials of over 50,000 e-books, 10,000 downloadable audio books and two dozen downloadable on-line magazines, not to mention the on-line historical archival collection.

The legacy of the 26 Westfield women who began the “Every Saturday Book Club” continues.

Phil Israel is director of the Westfield Memorial Library, located at 550 East Broad Street. For more information, call (908) 789-4090 or access wmlnj.org.
Mayor’s Column: And The Winner Is...Westfield!

BY MAYOR ANDREW SKIBITSKY

One sure sign that spring has arrived (besides, of course, the warmer weather and blossoming flowers!), is the delivery of the annual edition of The Westfield Leader’s “This is Westfield.” I want to thank The Westfield Leader for the opportunity to reach our community through this, my ninth column for this informative publication and welcome tradition.

In view of the really tough winter we recently endured, I’m sure we are all ready to put the terms “snow accumulation” and “polar vortex” to rest for a while and enjoy some good news. I am happy to have lots of it to share with readers.

It certainly is an honor when outside groups acknowledge what we in Westfield already know—that Westfield is truly a wonderful place to live, work, and visit. From being the first town in New Jersey to receive the “Great American Main Street Award” by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 2004 to being named the best medium-sized town in New Jersey in 2011 by an independent research firm commissioned by New Jersey Monthly magazine; the town is certainly no stranger to awards and accolades. During the past 12 months, such honors continued.

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The New Jersey Festival Orchestra was formerly named Westfield Symphony Orchestra (WSO). In order to continue the WSO’s growth trajectory and appeal to more patrons beyond Westfield – and even to some in Westfield – a name more suited to a statewide and even national performing arts organization was necessary. The orchestra has therefore graduated to the next level with a statewide brand.

While Westfield will always be the foundation of our music, we also have many patrons who have supported us over the years. But with the present difficult financial environment for orchestras, we either had to move forward and expand or stand still and die.”

When the rationale behind the name change was explained, the vast majority of Westfield Symphony patrons became New Jersey Festival Orchestra patrons, and the orchestra is grateful for ongoing support from The Westfield Foundation and other local institutions. Additionally, some of the orchestra’s major state funders – the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, to name but two, have been strongly supportive of the move, even to the point of increasing their funding for the orchestra.

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For over 60 years, the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (GWACC) has been striving to promote the economic prosperity of the businesses in and around Westfield. Having no government ties, the GWACC is simply a community of business owners who want to support one another. Membership is voluntary. The GWACC operates under the assumption that there are compelling business reasons for business people in adjacent towns to build relationships with one another; to identify opportunities for partnering; to make referrals; and to buy from one another. Many of GWACC’s long-standing members are in Westfield, but the chamber has a growing representation in Garwood, Mountainside, Fanwood and Scotch Plains. Also, many members offer each other proprietary discounts. The organization networks with other nearby business organizations to help GWACC members expand their opportunities. Active participation on committees is encouraged, as it helps the chamber attain its goals and objectives, while providing exposure for members interested in leadership.

The day-to-day operations of the not-for-profit organization are handled by Heather L. Robinson, executive director, and administrative assistants, Mary Cirillo, and Jackie Walters. The GWACC Board of Directors is 17 business leaders strong, headed up by officers Christopher Devine (chairman), Carol Kearney (first vice-chairman), Paula Ehoff (second vice-chairman), Harriet Schultman (treasurer), and Rebecca Seasholtz (secretary).

In the 2013/2014 school year, GWACC launched its first Young Entrepreneur’s Academy (YEA!). This exciting after-school program is aimed at local youth who are interested in learning how to start actual businesses. The youth write a business plan, go in front of an investor panel, and present at a trade show. More information can be found on the chamber’s website or by e-mailing Mitchell Reinheimer at yea@westfieldareachamber.com.

For almost 20 years, the GWACC has been hosting street fairs in downtown Westfield. Spring Fling was held on May 4 and Festifall is scheduled for Sunday, September 22. This year the chamber is excited to present a new festival, Garwood Rocks, on Sunday, June 8. The event will be a day of music, cars, and family fun! For almost three years, the GWACC has operated the Westfield Farmers’ Market, which is held from July through October at the South Avenue train station. GWACC’s market accepts only “Jersey Fresh” produce. Another “buy local” initiative administered by the GWACC is its Westfield Gift Coin program. The bronze $25 coin is available for purchase at the Westfield branches of Two River Community Bank, and is redeemable at many local stores.

Downtown Westfield Corporation Keeps Downtown Vibrant and Strong

The vision of the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) is for Westfield to be a preferred destination where people want to live, work, and visit. A New Jersey Main Street Community, DWC is dedicated to promoting downtown Westfield as a preferred destination.

DWC is committed to strengthening the downtown Special Improvement District (SID) as the center of community life. This includes improving the district’s economic viability by supporting existing businesses and encouraging the establishment of new enterprises and cultural activities that complement existing stores and services. DWC focuses on making downtown Westfield a safer, cleaner, and more attractive pedestrian environment, with adequate public parking in order to serve the needs of local residents and attract new shoppers and visitors from throughout the region. It is also the goal of DWC to preserve the rich architectural legacy of the downtown area. DWC is both the management entity of the SID, as well as a nationally-designated Main Street community. The four points of a designated Main Street community includes design, economic development, organization, and promotions. Each point is accomplished with volunteer committees.

Through the DWC’s downtown revitalization efforts, Westfield was awarded the 2004 Great American Main Street Award by the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s Main Street Center and awarded top honors in their population category and Landscaped Areas category in the 2010 America in Bloom competition. Westfield also received the 2013 Great Places in New Jersey award by the New Jersey Chapter of the American Planning Association.

Among many activities and promotions, the Downtown Westfield Corporation is responsible for many popular events downtown including: Sidewalk Sale Days, Restaurant Weeks, Girls’ Night Out events, Sweet Sounds Downtown Jazz Festivals, the Downtown Westfield 5K and Pizza Extravaganza, Trick or Treat Downtown and Costume Contest, the annual tree lighting. Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus and Welcome Home to Westfield holiday events. The DWC staff includes Sherry Cronin, executive director, Beth Brenner, assistant executive director, and Jamie Lemberg, website manager.

Volunteer board members include: Dominick Verdic and Alan De Rose, property owners; Frank D. Isoldi and Lisa Bertone, business operators; Robert Centrella and Shawn Hanna, residents; Town Councilman Sam Della Fera; Stephanie Walsh, mayor’s designee, and Jim Gildea, town administrator.

To volunteer, or learn more about the DWC, located at 105 Elm Street, lower level, visit WestfieldToday.com or contact Mrs. Cronin at (908) 789-9444.
PTC – Liaison Between Students, BOE and Administration

The Westfield Parent Teacher Council (PTC) is the umbrella organization for all ten of the Westfield public school Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO). General meetings are held once a month and these are public meetings that any resident may attend. Additionally, the PTO presidents meet with the PTC board, superintendent, and board of education (BOE) representatives once a month.

The purpose of these meetings is to maintain open lines of communication between the BOE, administration, the PTOs and the community. To provide a forum for coordinated efforts and sharing amongst the PTOs. To address community concerns as they arise and to work together to promote the best advantages for Westfield students.

The PTC is run by a board consisting of volunteers including a president, vice-president, treasurer, corresponding and recording secretaries.

Within the PTC, there are committees which focus on specific areas of education. New committees can always be formed, such as when the district did a town-wide fundraising campaign for technology, and the new Gifted Education Parent Committee. Others have been long standing, such as the special education committee, which hosts monthly speakers, an annual Awareness Expo in March and offers the Cuthbertson Scholarship to graduating seniors; PANDA, for drug and alcohol awareness and prevention, and the promotion of healthy choices; Candidates Night for the BOE candidates to present their views; SNAC for nutritional education; and music and fine arts, which assists with the annual March downtown Youth Art Month showing student art and coordinates strings concert gifts at the elementary level.

In the past, committees have included education studies, legislation, BRAKES – for safety awareness, and the Budget Task Force, which created awareness of the school budget.

PTC committees are created based on universal needs brought to the council’s attention, and disbanded when a need no longer exists. Serving on PTC committees or as a PTC meeting rep is one of the best ways to stay informed with what’s happening in the district, and provides direct access to the superintendent and BOE members. The PTC offers scholarships to Westfield High School graduating seniors each year and the collection of donations for the scholarships is run by the PTC. In addition to hosting the annual Crossing Guard breakfast for all guards, the PTC hosts the annual scholarship breakfast at which time scholarship recipients and their families are celebrated. Anyone interested in becoming involved may contact Ruth Maloney at rewm3@aol.com.
A Message from the Superintendent

This spring we had the pleasure of welcoming the Assistant Commissioner and Chief Innovation Officer of the New Jersey Department of Education to Westfield High School. As he concluded his observations of how we infuse technology into our curriculum, Mr. Popf remarked, “I was blown away with what I saw in the several classes that I visited today.” He added, “The excitement I witnessed from the students and their engagement in their learning was impressive. Additionally, the willingness of the teachers to rethink what teaching and learning should be in today’s world is a model for what education should look like.”

The Board of Education is investing $1.2 million in new or improved technology for the 2014-2015 school year. Technology is an important component of the district’s STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) initiative. Our students have won top international and regional competitions in science and engineering. This summer, we will hold the second annual STEM Camp for grades 3–8. Students will participate in four workshops consisting of hands-on, real-world STEM activities that encourage them to think about themselves as future scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and computer specialists. New this year, our STEM campers will spend one day at Kean University’s state of the art STEM facility thanks to a partnership we have forged with the University’s New Jersey Center for Science, Technology and Mathematics (NJ CSTM). In addition, Westfield is included in a Kean grant which has been submitted to the National Science Foundation. If accepted, it will result in opportunities for valuable professional development opportunities for our teachers. Twenty-first century learning and skills are being demonstrated at all levels. Seven of our seniors have been named National Merit finalists. So far this school year, 29 of our High School students have achieved perfect scores on the SAT or ACT tests. A total of 95 percent of our 2013 graduates are continuing their education. Once again, the WHS Model UN Club earned the Premier Delegation award at this year’s multi-state conference. The school’s student-run newspaper captured two regional national awards. At the intermediate level, we are being represented in the National Geographic Bee’s state competition for the 4th consecutive year.

Westfield High School’s Wind Ensemble was one of seven chosen nationally to perform at Lincoln Center as part of this year’s National Band and Orchestra Festival. Our school’s production of Anything Goes Whirete garnered high praise from a professional theatre critic and author, who called the performance “magnificent.” Westfield celebrates state recognition on the playing field as well. Our boys’ swim team captured the state championship. We are the only school to win 25 state titles in one sport. Several student athletes have placed first in the state for their individual achievements.

I invite you to visit our new and improved website www.westfieldnj12.org to stay abreast of the multitude of accomplishments and initiatives in the Westfield Public Schools.

Thank you to the Westfield community. Together we help prepare our 6,300 students for meaningful and successful experiences today and in the years to come.

Westfield High School Parent Teacher Student Organization

The Westfield High School (WHS) Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) serves as a liaison between parents and the administration at the school.

The nine member board meets with the principal and student government president once a month to receive school updates, voice concerns, advocate for parents’ issues, and discuss mutual projects. In addition, the PTSO holds four to six evening meetings for parents during the year, many of which have a topical speaker presenting information relevant to the high school and/or college prep experiences. This year, many of our speakers included: the new student resource officer, new master technology teacher, and a student panel of seniors relaying how to successfully navigate high school.

The PTSO also publishes a weekly newsletter online to inform the community of school, PTSO and community happenings, and maintains a website via the WHS site at www.Westfieldnj12.org/WHSPTSO. In addition to serving as a resource and information center, the PTSO supports the academic environment with grants to teachers, departments and the school as a whole, which are items not covered in the budget. School personnel are encouraged to complete a grant application to fund their ideas.

So far this year, the PTSO has donated to the new auditorium light board, a classroom TV, a physical education boom box, a Black History Month speaker and finished its project of equipping all math classrooms with Epson projectors.

This year, the PTSO also focused on bringing the “S” back into PTSO by asking for student grant requests for the first time. As a result of that effort, four new high speed hand dryers have been installed in restrooms with a promise to continue replacing dryers as the old ones break. Additional requests are still being vetted.

In order to fund such requests, the family PTSO Membership Drive is the biggest fundraiser and all families who pay PTSO dues receive a school directory published by the PTSO and voting rights at the general meetings. Additionally, the PTSO raises funds through various programs and projects throughout the year.

This year, the PTSO brought in affordable SAT and ACT prep instruction via Catalyst. They have partnered with local vendors Patricia and Paul Oils in downtown Westfield.

They also sell grad gift packages for seniors and are doing a clothing drive. There are also ongoing fundraisers with Parker Greenhouse, Shutterfly, Pathmark and soon Amazon—giving back a percentage of purchases made.

The PTSO supports annual programs with finances and personnel including: School beautification through a landscaping committee, College Night dinner for representatives, Teachers Luncheon, Project Graduation, Grief Speaks, Visiting Poet, the WHS Helping Hands Fund for WHS families in need, the Teacher of the Year Award, as well as gifts to all schools’ professional staff on their recognition days, as well as retiring staff at the end of each year.

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The Westfield Adult School is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing quality education and enrichment opportunities to area residents both in and out of the classroom. Its talented faculty includes professionals in business, the arts and academics. The Westfield Adult School operates independently from the Westfield Board of Education and is funded by course registration fees and donations.

The Westfield Adult School operates two eight-week semesters per year and course lengths vary from one session to eight sessions. Many courses are offered on Monday nights at Westfield High School. In addition, courses are offered other nights and/or at other locations such as dance studios, art studios and local libraries. Each semester 130 to 140 courses are offered. This Spring Westfield Adult School classes covered a variety of topics in areas such as: ESL, Fun and Games, Computers and Social Media, Arts, Crafts and Hobbies, Cuisine, Cooking and Nutrition, Fun, Fitness and Sports, Dance and Dance Fitness, Business, Finance and Legal, Real Estate and Your Home, Organize Your Life, Landscaping, Gardening and Plants, Languages, Creative Arts, Music, Photography and Writing, Health and Safety, Personal Growth, Spirit and Soul, College Prep, Travelogues, and Trips and Excursions.

Some of the most popular courses this year included: planting a successful vegetable garden, conversational Italian, digital photography, Adobe Photoshop, creative writing, ESL and Excel. This year the Westfield Adult School had 1,472 registrations.

The Westfield Adult School is run by volunteer board members and the board actively seeks new members. The time commitment is not great; there are approximately four annual meetings for the entire board, and members also help give directions and answer questions at the door on class nights several times a year. No fund-raising is required from board members.

If you are interested in becoming part of this wonderful community resource, please contact either Candace Kucy at c and a c e k 1 9 9 7 @ c o m m a t . n e t or Randy Rosenfeld at randyrosenfeld@comcast.net or call (908) 789-1419.

You can learn more about the Westfield Adult School by visiting its website, WestfieldAdultSchool.com, or calling (908) 232-4050 for additional information.

Frank D. Isoldi Ranks As No. 1 Agent For Eighth Consecutive Year At Coldwell Banker Brokerage Westfield East Office

WestFIELD, N.J. — (March 3, 2014) — Frank D. Isoldi, broker sales associate with the Westfield East office of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, has achieved the status of the office’s No. 1 real estate agent for the eighth consecutive year based on his exemplary sales performance in 2013.

Out of the approximately 3,000 sales associates affiliated with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in New Jersey and Rockland County, New York, Isoldi ranked as the No. 3 agent based on total gross commission income for 2013, and No. 10 in the category of total units sold. Based on his extraordinary success in 2013, Isoldi was awarded the Coldwell Banker International President’s Premier Award for the fourteenth consecutive year, placing him among the top 1 percent of approximately 85,000 affiliated Coldwell Banker sales associates worldwide.

"Frank has consistently proven himself as one of the very best in this business, and has built a legacy of effective, stress-free service. I am extremely proud of Frank for his ongoing accomplishments," said Hal Mabrey, President of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in New Jersey and Rockland County, New York.

Adding to his tremendous achievements in 2013, Isoldi was honored with the New Jersey Association of Realtors® (NAR®) Circle of Excellence Sales Award® at the Platinum Level, the eleventh consecutive year he has earned this highest level of achievement recognized by NAR®. Isoldi was also selected by New Jersey Monthly Magazine as one of its Five Star Real Estate Agents annually from 2011-2014 based on surveys from satisfied clients. Fewer than 2 percent of the state’s 80,700 real estate agents were recognized in 2014.

Another of Isoldi’s banner accomplishments in 2013 was being named for the third consecutive year to the Wall Street Journal/Real Trends Top 1,000 list of the most accomplished real estate sales professionals in the nation. In 2013, Isoldi ranked No. 202 on the list of the Top 250 individual sales professionals by closed transaction volume, closing approximately $58 million in sales in 2012.

While Isoldi offers his expertise at all price points, as a Coldwell Banker Previews Property Specialist he is educated in the marketing of luxury homes. Isoldi is a member of the Haute Living Real Estate Network and was recently featured as a real estate expert on Fox Business News. A lifelong resident and second-generation native of Westfield, he is involved with several community and industry organizations including the United Fund of Westfield Board of Trustees, Imagine, and the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

For more information about buying or selling a home in Union County and its surroundings, contact Frank D. Isoldi with the Westfield East office of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage at (908) 235-5555 or directly on his cell at (908) 301-2018. The office is located on 201 Central Avenue. Listing can be viewed at www.frankdisoldi.com. Isoldi offers a free mobile real estate phone app that can be downloaded by texting “Isoldi” to 87778.

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Westfield and its surrounding towns share a wide array of parks and recreational opportunities for the whole family. Westfield is home to five parks and nine recreational facilities.

Mindowaskin Park is the centerpiece, located in the downtown and nestled with the Presbyterian Church. Its 12.6 acres are highlighted by a pond and stream, gardens, flowering trees and gazebo. Mindowaskin is a favorite for weddings and for photographers due to its beauty throughout all seasons. The park is the home for Thursday night concerts in late June and July by the Westfield Community Band, a 65-piece ensemble of musicians dating back to 1912.

Residents love to jog or walk at Tamaques Park. The 106-acre park is located off Lambert Mill Road and features basketball, tennis and handball courts, shuffleboard, fields, play areas, a pond and jogging oval.

Located on Scotch Plains Avenue, Memorial Pool Park is home to the town’s pool as well as softball fields, basketball courts, soccer fields, handball courts, tennis courts, a swim area and a play area. The pool includes a diving pool, lap and kiddie pools, as well as a 50-meter pool and water slides.

Private area swimming facilities are available at Park Swim Club and Nomahegan Swim Club, both in Westfield, plus Highland Swim Club in Scotch Plains.

Other Westfield-based parks include the 9.5-acre Clark Park Field on Clark Street, featuring trees, gardens and a jogging path; Elm Street Field, a soccer and all-purpose field with tennis courts; Gumbert Field on South Chestnut Street, home to the Westfield Baseball Association’s Little League games; Houlihan/Sid Fay Fields on Rahway Avenue at Lambert Mill Road, featuring a lighted soccer and all-purpose field; Sycamore Field, a soccer and all-purpose field located behind the Central Avenue firehouse, and Windsor Park, which has basketball courts and a play area.

A hidden gem in town is Brightwood Park, located off Prospect Street. The 44-acre nature preserve features woodlands, hundreds of species of flora, a pond with dam and picnic areas. Nature groups have been working to restore the town’s only true passive park to its once natural glory.

Union County Parks

In addition to Westfield’s parks, Union County’s public park system has 36 parks and recreational facilities on more than 6,188 acres of parkland. The highlight of the parks system is the 2,145-acre Watchung Reservation, featuring everything from picnic areas and hiking trails to horseback riding at the Watchung Stable. The reservation is home to the Loop Playground, Lake Surprise, The Deserted Village and Trails Nature and Science Center, known for its extensive children’s programs throughout the year.

One of the most popular county parks in the area is Echo Lake Park. Straddling the Mountainside/Westfield border, the park has bike and walking trails. Connecting trails make it possible to walk and bike from the western edge of the park, up to the southern edge of the Watchung Reservation. From the eastern side of Echo Lake, one can bike into Lenape Park and then connect to the East Coast Greenway, a 3,000-mile route from Canada to Key West. One can either continue through Lenape on the Greenway on a route that continues through Black Brook Park, and eventually on to Manhattan, or turn south into Nomahegan Park, where the Greenway follows the Rahway River through Cranford and Rahway, into neighboring Middlesex County.

Echo Lake is home to one of two pedal boat concessions in the county park system, where one can wile away an afternoon on the lake, which is also a favorite of fishing enthusiasts. The state routinely stocks Echo Lake, along with a number of other lakes, rivers and ponds in the county. Echo Lake is also the venue for the Union County Summer Arts Series concerts, now split with Oak Ridge Park in Clark, and has one of the most popular sledding hills in the county.

Nomahegan Park in Cranford is a favor- ite location for the arts and crafts festivals. The park offers a two-mile combination jogging and walking trail, fishing in its pond, plus baseball diamonds. The park is across the street from Union County College. Visitors to the lake will see netting along the shoreline, the final phase of a shoreline restoration project to improve water quality.

Lenape Park is another favorite for nature lovers. It is home to the Friends of Lenape Park, a group that sponsors birdwatching events throughout the year. Other county parks include Unami Park, on the Cranford/Westfield border, and the Ashbrooke Reservation in Clark, Scotch Plains and Edison.

Area Golf Courses

Westfield is home to the Echo Lake Country Club on Springfield Avenue, an 18-hole course that hosted the 2002 USGA “Junior Girls Championship.” Northeast of Scotch Plains operates its own municipal course, Scotch Hills on Jerusalem Road, a nine-hole course. Miniature golf also is offered at Scotch Hills and a clubhouse is available for local organizations. Summit also operates a 9-hole municipal golf course on 13 acres of park land on River Road.

For the golf lover, Union County has many quality public and private golf courses. The most famous course is Baltusrol Golf Club, a private course on Shumpke Road in Springfield. Baltusrol has been the venue for many U.S. Opens and was home to the PGA Championship in 2005. Other private courses include Shacklefords in Scotch Plains, Canoe Brook in Summit and don’t forget the Plainfield Country Club. The Edison club hosted the Barclays in 2011. The Roselle Golf Club and Suburban Golf Club in Union Township are other fine venues.

Hyatt Hills on Raritan Road in Clark is open to the public with a nine-hole course, as well as a driving range and miniature golf. Union County operates two public courses, Ash Brook in Scotch Plains, an 18-hole course, and the 27-hole Gallopin’ Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth—a 27-hole course that has been expanded to include a learning center and a banquet facility/clubhouse, which includes a restaurant offering both an upscale as well as a casual dining experience.

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Stamp collecting is an absorbing, challenging and creative hobby, as well as an enjoyable break in a high-stress life. There are a myriad of subjects and themes to interest any individual. Some people collect stamps by country, often their country of origin, and/or the history of the United States as told on its more than 4,000 postage stamps. Others collect stamps by their topic, such as race cars, trains, horses, spaceships, monsters, sports or any one of more than 200 other topics and themes which are found on the postage stamps issued by countries all around the world.

Statistically, stamp collecting is the most popular hobby in the world. However, if you are not a collector, you may be asking, “Why stamps? Aren’t stamps just pictures on little pieces of paper?” Scientifically speaking, yes, that’s correct. However, there is so much more to stamps that people of any age, any income and any interest can find some aspect of stamp collecting appealing and very satisfying.

Some of our members are not only stamp collectors, but they also enjoy preparing exhibits featuring their best items. This is formed by our desire to inform, educate and entertain other collectors and the general public. Viewing and reading the stamp exhibits at our annual Westfield Stamp Show, or the big NOJEX Stamp Show held every spring in Secaucus, is akin to visiting a number of museums at the same time: art, history and science museums all rolled into one: that’s how informative and beautiful postage stamps from the U.S. and around the world are for most people.

The club meets in the Westfield Community Room at 425 East Broad Street on the fourth Thursday evening from September through June from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. Guests and visitors are always welcome, and there are always several enjoyable activities at every meeting. The Westfield Stamp Club is fortunate in that prominent stamp collectors from around the country often grace its speakers’ podium. Meeting schedules and membership information may be found at westfieldstampclub.org. Dues are a very reasonable $8 per year.

WSC President Nick Lombardi notes that stamp collecting also promotes good work habits. He says, “most of our members are like postage stamps: they stick to one thing until they arrive at their destination.” He added, “our fellow Westfield citizens should feel very welcome to drop by our meetings if they have any questions or inquiries about our wonderful hobby. See you at WSC!”

Miller-Cory Museum Invites Visitors on Journey to Past

In 1740, around the time of his marriage to his wife, Sabra, Samuel Miller built a clapboard farmhouse in the West Fields of Elizabethtown. The Millers, part of a great landowning family of the area, lived on a 100-acre property which stretched to what is now downtown Westfield. Joseph Cory, part of another prominent local family, purchased the house in 1784 from Jesse Miller, Samuel’s son, after Samuel’s death in 1782. The house remained in the Cory family for another 137 years.

In 1972, the property was acquired by the Westfield Historical Society from its then-owners, Donald and Isabel Jones, who had done much to restore the house to its original condition. Continuing the process of restoration, the Society established it as a living history museum and education center, and named it the Miller-Cory House Museum, in honor of its two first owners.

Today, the Miller-Cory House Museum is listed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places and as a site on the New Jersey Women’s Heritage Trail. As a living history museum, its mission is to preserve our early American heritage by interpreting the daily life and seasonal work on a New Jersey farm. The atmosphere is created first through the furnishings. An 1802 inventory from Joseph Cory has set the pattern for authentically furnishing the house, which includes four rooms open to the public. In addition, the grounds have been restored as nearly as possible in order to make them a microcosm of what a farm-house property might have been like in the 18th and early 19th centuries; they include a dye garden, an herb garden, a kitchen garden, and a children’s sensory garden. A number of outbuildings complete the recreation – an outhouse, a corncrib and a cookhouse, the Frazee Building. All of these structures date back to the 18th century.

The members of the Miller-Cory Volunteers are dedicated to providing visitors a window to the past – a look at our heritage and a way of life long gone. On almost every Sunday during its season, which runs from September through June, costumed docents present special programs for children, adults and families. In the Frazee Building, members of the Cooking Committee demonstrate authentic open-hearth cooking, using seasonal ingredients and 18th-century recipes and cooking techniques.

In addition, during the week, volunteers provide tours of the museum and the education center to schools, Scout troops and other community groups. A unique program, the Showcase of 18th Century Skills, also is available during the week. Costumed Miller-Cory volunteers visit local schools and other groups to demonstrate, on site, colonial-era crafts and to discuss or re-enact 18th-century life in New Jersey. And finally, volunteers are available to bring their expertise to customizing special programs on request which may be held either at the museum or on-site for community groups.

The volunteers and friends of the Miller-Cory House Museum have been entrusted with the responsibility to preserve the museum and to make it a vital part of the community. For more information or to schedule a tour, craft or other programs, please call the museum at (908) 232-1776 or email millercorymuseum@gmail.com.

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Blue Devils Break Course Record
At Union County Boys XC Meet

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Blue Devil junior Lillian Scott may or may not have known how many points she needed to break 1,000 career points; however, the ever increasing chatter from the boys in the stands must have given her a resounding clue as she approached that magic number late in the second quarter when the Westfield High School girls basketball team went on to trample Rahway, 60-20, in Westfield on February 4, 2014.

Scott needed 18 points to reach 1,000 and she hit numbers 18 and 19 when she swished a set shot with 2:08 remaining in the second quarter to give the Blue Devils a 44-7 lead.

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JOINING THE 1,000-POINT CLUB...Three former members of the Blue Devils’ 1,000-point club witnessed Jackie Knapp hitting a 3-pointer against Union on February 25 to also join the 1,000-point club. Pictured, left to right, are: Erin Miller, Head Coach Joe Marino, Lil Scott, Knapp, Assistant Coach Liz McKeon and Director of Athletics Sandy Mamary.

Scott Breaks 1,000 Points, WF Tramples Indians

WF’s Velez Wins 152-lb Title at Region 3 Wrestling

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Ready to make his move...Blue Devil Dave Kane plans to make his move to the basket in the game against the Governor Livingston Highlanders in Westfield on February 18, 2014. The Blue Devils won in overtime, 48-44, and Kane finished with 15 points.

Battling back to place sixth...Blue Devil Matt Barber, top, celebrates after beating Sean Glasgow (Bound Brook) in overtime. Barber battled his way to place sixth at 145-lbs at the NJSIAA Championships in Atlantic City.

Lady Blue Devil Cagers Set Records, Finish 23-4

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Baldwin, WF 200MR Set Records at Swim MOC

Caroline Baldwin ended any debate about the most successful swimmer in WHS girls team history at the Meet of Champions. The North Carolina-bound senior joined teammates Gwyn Devin, Erika Daniel and Sarah Cronin to win the medley relay in 1:45.59, breaking the state meet record and obliterating the school record by almost four seconds.

She successfully repeated as state champ in the 50 free (meet record 23.00) and 100 back (54.49, just off her school record 54.44 in trials). And the 200 free relay of Baldwin, Devin, Courtney Day and Cronin was second to Hillsborough in a school record 1:36.38.

ENDURING THE 500-FREESTYLE...Blue Devil Sarah Cronin swims the 500-freestyle in Lane 4 against the Hillsborough Raiders at Wallace Pool in the North Jersey sectional semifinals on February 10, 2014.

Matt Lupippo Gets Second at Group 4 Track
Gab Stravach Sets WHS Record in 1,600 Meters

Blue Devil senior Matt Lupippo finished second in the 1,600-meters at the Group 4 Track Championships at the Bennett Center in Toms River on February 17, 2014. Lupippo crossed in 4:21.06.

In the girls’ meet, Blue Devil senior Gabby Stravach established a new WHS indoor record time when she placed sixth in the 1,600-meters in 5:09.8. Erica Fischer finished 12th in the 3,200 with a time of 11:39.02 and Stravach finished 14th at 11:51.45. Natalie Marcotullio finished 16th in the 800 with a time of 2:23.72. Sophie Goldschmidt, Jenna Helfand, Brooke Schaeffer and Marcotullio finished 13th in the 4x400 with a time of 4:10.99.

Blue Devils Topple Highlanders for UCT Softball Title

SWEEP IN THE 1,600...Blue Devils Matt Lupippo, No.4, Phil Edwards, No. 3, and Kevin Smith, behind Edwards, completed a 1-2-3 sweep in the 1,600 meters at the U. C. Track Championships on May 16-17, 2013.

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PRODUCTIVE DAY...Blue Devil attacker Nick Arnold netted four goals and added an assist in the Union County Tournament semifinal against New Providence in Clark.

CLOSE CALL...Raider second baseman Zach Lipshitz tries to put the tag on Blue Devil Matt Storcks in the UCT semifinal game. Westfield won, 6-4, on May 5, 2013.

FIGHTING FOR POSSESSION...Blue Devil Elizabeth Cusick, No. 19, fights for possession in the draw against Mendham. (April 2013)

RUNNING WITH THE BEST...Blue Devil Gabby Stravach, left, keeps up with the two Summit girls in the 1,600 meters at the Union County Championships. Stravach finished third on May 16-17, 2013.

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Opportunities knocked and the Westfield White 12-year-old baseball boys took advantage to win their fourth straight in Pool A play of the Cal Ripken District 12 Tournament with a 6-3 victory over the South Orange/Maplewood Cougars at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield on June 21, 2013.

Westfield White pitchers Nathan Hefner, Tommy Colicchio and Sean Boley combined to allow just five hits, while walking six and striking out seven.

Hefner and Ian Rosen each drilled a double and scored once for Westfield. Matt Leone launched a solo home run, and Ethan Wolf and Jack Cushing each singled and scored once.

Andrew Caminiti scored once. Boley and Sean Root each added an RBI.

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Boy Scouts Troop 77, troop77@comcast.net, www.ppbsa.org, (973) 765-9322, , St. Paul’s Church; 414 E. Broad St., Westfield for choral and instrumental music in New Jersey. Operates the Sacred Arch Angels Children’s Choir, All women choral group who rehearse once a week in Westfield. The club produces hosts Trenton Computer Fair annually in the spring. The club produces hosts Trenton Computer Fair annually in the spring.
Boys and Girls Clubs of Union County, jcerqueira@bgcuc.org, www.bgcuc.org, (908) 900-0000, 52 Fadem Rd., Scotch Plains, NJ, 07076, Frank Caragher, Provides support to individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities and their families. Offers camp and recreation programs for local children and adults with disabilities.
Bridgesoutreach.net, bridge@bridgesoutreach.net, www.bridgesoutreach.org, (908) 273-0176, , Union, NJ, 07083, Dom Ioele or Linnea Rhodes, The Contemporary Art Group is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals affected by congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH) by advocating for comprehensive; universal newborn screening; supporting those affected; and actively searching for a cure.
Catholic Charities, celton@ccanj.org, www.ccaunj.org, (908) 497-3900, 505 South Ave. East, Cranford, NJ, 07016, Clare Elton, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark provides social services for Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union Counties. In Union County; the agency has sites in Cranford and Elizabeth. CCAN is a private; non-profit; non-sectorian social service corporation. Call to see if we can help you.
CDC Community Theatre, info@cdctheatre.org, www.cdctheatre.org, (908) 276-7667, 78 Warren Avenue, Cranford, NJ, 07016, Joanne Geschwister, The oldest continuously producing amateur theatre in New Jersey; the org. produces two musicals; one play and one show for children each season.
Celebration Singers, celebration singers@hotmail.com, www.celbration singers.org, (908) 241-8200, P.O. Box 14, Cranford, NJ, 07016, Dennis Jenkins, Chairman For Hope Hospice, info@centerforhope.com, www.centerforhope.com, (908) 241-8200, 2373 Road, Scotch Plains, NJ, 07076, Frank Brady RN President, The Center provides skilled care in patients’ homes as well as our facilities. Call (908) 889-7790 for more information or to request help.
Central Jersey Road Runners Club, tombrand@earthlink.net, www.cjrrc.org,. P.O. Box 1863, Cranford, NJ, 07016, Tom Brand, A club to which you can belong no matter how fast or slow while running and socializing 
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Children’s Dyslexia Learning Center Scotch Plains, mi50@comcast.net, www.scotchplainslearningcenter.com, (908) 322-6241, 301 Forest Road, Scotch Plains, NJ, 07076, Marie J. Donnelly, The Center provides free instruction for children with dyslexia; a learning disability that makes it difficult for children to read and write.
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College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains, collegeclubfsp.org@yahoo.com, www.collegeclubfsp.org, P.O. Box 32, Fanwood, NJ, 07023, Carolyn Dittus, Seek to increase young women’s interest in attending college; develop a scholarship to support students attending college.
College Men’s Club of Westfield, www.collegemensclub.org, (908) 400-7391, P.O. Box 841, Westfield, NJ, 07091, John Taylor, Aids students with scholarship grants and provides free tuition scholarships to needy juniors for private SAT prep classes. Dues paying members contribute $100 per yr. March 24 2014, 1395591105.end
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Lupus Foundation, info@lupusnj.org, www.lupusnj.org, (973) 379-3226, 150 Morris Avenue; STE 102, Springfield, NJ, 07081, Amy Fink, The Lupus Foundation of America; New Jersey Chapter; mission is to educate and support those affected by lupus through education, support, and encouragement to people in need.
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SPF Music Boosters Association, spfmbboosters@gmail.com, www.spfk12.org/, . . ., . P.O. Box 171, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076, Joan Chemindli/Marica Zimmermann, Encourages; assists and furthers the interest of the music programs in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District.

Spanish Language Thrift Shop, citrano7@aol.com, www.scotchplains thriftshop.weebly.com, (908) 322-5420, 1730 E. Second St., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076, Susan Citrano, Donate or buy clothes; shoes; jewelry; toys; etc. Proceeds donated to local charitable orgs. Open Tues.; Wed. and Thurs.; 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Fri. and Sat.

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Summit Speech School, info@summitsspeech.org, www.summitsspeech.org, (908) 508-0117, 705 Central Ave., Summit, NJ 07901, Temple Emanu-El, cshan@twnj.org, www.twnj.org, (908) 232-6770, 756 East Broad Street, Westfield, NJ 07090, Carolyn Shane, Temple Emanu-El; A Reform congregation; offers a variety of worship opportunities; social programs and educational offerings for all ages.

The Choral Art Society Of New Jersey, ul@casofnj.org, www.casofnj.org, 908-654-5737, P.O. Box 2036, Westfield, NJ 07091, Ulf Dolling, The Choral Art Society of New Jersey a Westfield non-profit community chorus for 52 years; dedicated to learning and performing choral masterworks.


The Education Fund of Westfield, edfund@westfieldnj.org, www.westfieldnj.org/edfund, . . ., . P.O. Box 2221, Westfield, NJ 07090, Mary Jo Dazzo; president, The Education Fund of Westfield raises monies to fund and award grants for the Westfield Public Schools to enrich the educational experiences for Westfield students.

Troupe Of Friends, troupe_of_friends@verizon.net, www.troupe of friends.org, (908) 301-0228, 519 N. Scotch Plains Ave., Westfield, NJ 07090, Joseph Penczak, Troupe of Friends is one of the area’s newest popular outdoor theater companies. It is a 501(c)(3) corporation organized to present public performances of the plays of Shakespeare and other dramatists. Look for our free performances in Mindenwalk Park on Labor Day weekend.

Union Chapter DeMoyal, mblitz81@aol.com, 478 South Avenue East, Cranford, NJ 07016, Mike Anderson, Community organization for boys 12 to 21. Members learn life skills; responsibility and cooperation by working together in social; sports and community service activities.

Union County Clerk, jraoppi@ucnj.org, www.ucnj.org/cyclerclerk, (908) 654-9859, Westfield Annex; 500 North Ave. East, Westfield, NJ 07090, Joanne Rajoppi, Union County Clerk is a component of the Educational Services Commission, pscaidauc@ucnj.org, (908) 233-9317, 45 Cardinal Drive, Westfield, NJ 07090, Pamela Staedle, The Union County Educational Services Commission is a public school education agency serving students with special needs from 3-21 years of age.

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Westfield Leader, press@goleader.com, www.goleader.com, (908) 232-4407, P.O. Box 250, Westfield, NJ, 07091, Horace Corbin, Newspapers serving Westfield and Union County since 1890. Westfield Lions Club, dslion@verizon.net, westfieldlions.com/lions/, (908) 654-3643, P.O. Box 572, Westfield, NJ, 07091, Douglas Schembs, To foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation. Westfield Memorial Library, wmlp@wmlnj.org, www.wmlnj.org, (908) 789-4090, 550 East Broad Street, Westfield, NJ, 07090, Roz Giuditta, The Westfield Memorial Library engages minds; entertains spirits and facilitates lifelong learning for people of all ages. Westfield PAL Football, www.westfieldpalfootball.com, (908) 233-7105, 111 Quimby St.; second fl., Westfield, NJ, 07090, Owen Brand, For those entering grades 3 to 8 in the fall. Westfield Parkinson Support Group, bringk@verizon.net, (908) 322-9214, 140 Mountain Avenue, Westfield, NJ, 07090, Barbara Ringk; Facilitator. Meetings held second Monday each month except July and August; Parish House Lounge; Presbyterian Church; 1:30 p.m. People with Parkinson’s and caregivers welcome. Westfield Police Department, police@wpdnj.org, www.westfieldnj.gov, (908) 789-4000, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, NJ, 07090, Chief David Wayman, Westfield Police Department. Westfield Public Schools, wbosc@westfieldnj12.org, www.westfieldnj12.org, (908) 789-4463, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, NJ, 07090, Lorre Korceyck, Westfield Public Schools; in cooperation with family and community; prepares all students to reach their highest potential and to become responsible citizens in a global society. Schools; in cooperation with family and community; prepares all students to reach their highest potential and to become responsible citizens in a global society. 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Box 125, Westfield, NJ, 07091, Richard Pardo, The Westfield Tennis Association organizes singles; doubles and 50+ singles ladders for Westfield residents May 1-Labor Day and runs tennis lesson programs for children and adults late April-August of each year. Westfield Women’s Softball, tphechtt@comcast.net, (908) 209-2869, 33 Stoughton Ave., Cranford, NJ, 07016, Terri Hecht, An intramural league with an emphasis on fun. Wizards Chess Club, info@wizardsofthemind.com, www.wizardsofthemind.com, (973) 262-1395, 379 Morris Avenue, Springfield, NJ, 07081, Scholarly Chess club and school offering lessons and tournaments. Westfield Women’s Club of Westfield, wcw@westfieldnj.com, www.westfieldnj.com/ wcw, (908) 233-2339, P.O. Box 2584, Westfield, NJ, 07091, Dolores Geisow, Volunteer women improving the community with scholarships; donations to the library; police; firefighters; rescue squad; neighborhood council and hospice; lunches for the homeless; domestic violence shelters. 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Westfield United Fund’s Business
Is Helping People

When people in Westfield think of helping other people in the community, they often turn to the Westfield United Fund. After all, WUF has been doing just that for over 75 years. They are an independent, local organization dedicated to improving the lives of people in our community. Through their partner agencies, they deliver much-needed services in and around Westfield, focusing on five groups: children, seniors, the disabled, low-income families and people with behavioral health issues.

Children: Children and teens receive the largest share of WUF funding for a variety of programs, including the leadership development initiatives of the Boy Scouts, Patriots Path Council and Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey. Court-appointed Special Advocates (CASA) provide volunteer advocacy for foster children to help them find permanent homes. The Fund also partners with the Westfield Board of Education to offer the After School Tutoring program, which provides homework help for at-risk students, and with the Westfield Area Y to provide programs which foster healthy development for children.

Seniors: Services designed to help the elderly age in place are critical to the well-being of WUF’s senior neighbors. Wellness programs offered by the Westfield Area Y and the Jewish Community Center, and hot meals delivered to the homebound by Mobile Meals are among the most vital of these programs. Jewish Family Service provides in-home nursing care and other critical services for seniors.

Disabled: Physically and developmentally disabled citizens benefit from training programs and other services provided by the ARC of Union County and the Cerebral Palsy League. Community Access Unlimited houses disabled adults in small group residences where they can receive personal attention in a real home environment.

Low-Income Families: There is a growing need for programs serving single parents, the unemployed and other low-income families. The Westfield Day Care Center and the Westfield Area Y offer low-cost child care for working families, while both the Y and the Jewish Community Center offer after school programs and scholarship assistance for their summer camps. Central Jersey Legal Services supplies free legal assistance, and Literacy Volunteers helps adults improve their reading skills so that they can obtain better jobs and pull themselves out of poverty.

HomeFirst provides housing and social services to formerly homeless families in the area.

Behavioral Health: Suicide prevention, domestic violence and substance abuse are some of the important behavioral health issues provided by member agencies, including: CONTACT We Care, Jewish Family Service, Prevention Links, Union County Psychiatric Clinic, Youth and Family Counseling Service, and the YWCA of Union County.

Each year, our Fund Distribution Committee, composed of Westfield residents, reviews the funding applications of these agencies, and visits their facilities to see their programs in action. This year, the WUF Board of Trustees is taking this “due diligence” a step further, initiating a community needs assessment that will involve service providers and other community stakeholders, including government and medical personnel, as well as the leaders of our schools and churches.

The goal of this assessment is to make sure that the WUF is funding the programs that meet the most pressing needs of the community, and deliver the impact that WUF donors expect. In order to focus on this objective, the WUF board has imposed a moratorium on the admission of new agencies until this project is completed.

On the fundraising side of the organization, the board has been reaching out to prospective donors with small awareness-raising events in members’ homes. This spring the WUF will once again host Mini Golf Madness on Saturday, May 31 (Raindate: Sunday, June 1). This is a fun event for the whole family, and a chance to learn a little more about the Westfield United Fund. For more information about the mini golf event and the work that WUF does in the community, or to make a donation, check out westfieldunitedfund.org, and Like them on Facebook.

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Municipal Appointments

Town Of Westfield

Municipal Appointments (continued)

Frank D. Isoldi, Merchant, Dec. 31, 2016
Alan DeRose, Property Owner, Dec. 31, 2015
Shawn Hanna, Resident, Dec. 31, 2016
Robert Centrella, Resident, Dec. 31, 2014
Sam Della Fera, Council Liaison, Dec. 31, 2014
Stephanie Walsh, Mayor’s Designee, Dec. 31, 2014
James Gildea, Town Admin., Dec. 31, 2014

Planning Board
Mayoral appointment with council consent, 4 yrs., 2 yrs. Alt., Meets first Monday of each month in council chambers.

Vincent Wilt, Chairman, Dec. 31, 2017
Robert Newell, Dec. 31, 2014
Patti Smith, Dec. 31, 2017

Mayoral appointment with council

Tom Walsh, Class IV, Dec. 31, 2016
Darielle Walsh, Class IV, Dec. 31, 2016
Michael Fisher, alt. 1, Dec. 31, 2014
Ethan Kramer, alt. 2, Dec. 31, 2015
Kris McAlloon, Class II - Sec., Dec. 31, 2014
Jim Foerst, Council Liaison, Dec. 31, 2014
Ken Donnelly, Mayor’s Designee, Dec. 31, 2014

Ken Soriero, Attorney

Kathy Nemeth, Recording Secretary

Mayoral appointment with council consent, 3 yrs., Meets first Monday each month at 8 p.m. in Recreation Conference Room at town hall.

Peter Echausse, Chairman, Dec. 31, 2016
William Kelly, Dec. 31, 2014
Tim Ripperger, Dec. 31, 2014
Mark LoGrippo, Class III, Dec. 31, 2014

Mayoral appointment with council consent, 4 yrs., 2 yrs. Alt., Meets first Monday of each month at 8 p.m. in Recreation Conference Room at town hall.

Larry McDermott, Dec. 31, 2016
Kevin Neylan, Dec. 31, 2016
Gary Fox, Dec. 31, 2016
Jenni W‘Connor, Dec. 31, 2017

Loren Weinstein, Dec. 31, 2015
Jennifer Czarnecki, alt. 1, Dec. 31, 2016
Beth Dencker, alt. 2, Dec. 31, 2016
Frank Arena, Council Liaison, Dec. 31, 2014

Westfield Regional Health Department

The Westfield Regional Health Department is a governmental agency which provides public health and environmental health services to eight municipalities. Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, New Providence, Roselle Park, Summit and Westfield work together and share services to improve quality and decrease the costs for each.

The department provides public health services as mandated by the State Department of Health. The department also enforces the New Jersey State Sanitary Code, state laws and regulations, local ordinances, and policies established by each municipality’s local board of health. Each board of health is comprised of five to nine members of the public, appointed by the governing body of each municipality.

Public health planning and policies are developed and monitored by the board of health. Services provided include immunizations for children and adults, including influenza vaccinations; chronic disease screenings, disease and injury prevention; environmental inspections and licensing including restaurants; animal control services including rabies vaccinations; disease investigations; health education and tracking vital statistics.
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