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"The proposal, if accepted, will not result in any reduction of services provided by the Department of Public Works," Ms. Ariemma said in her prepared statement.

In other action, the council unanimously approved the \$59,000 purchase of a police dispatch console and related equipment and the issuance of a bond to cover the cost. The issue had been discussed previously on several occasions.

The council also gave Ms. Ariemma approval to sign the lease agreement with the Burger King restaurant on North Avenue for the leasing of 36 parking spaces that would be made available to commuters.

A resolution setting the cost to commuters has yet to be introduced.

Additionally, the council debated applying for a Union County matching grant for recreation improvements and enhancements. Council President Bill Nierstedt asked if removing the wood chips surrounding the playground equipment at the Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex and replacing them with a rubberized substitute would qualify.

Ms. Ariemma said the application was generally vague, but she believed it would qualify.

Because of the matching component, Councilwoman Sara Todisco suggested maybe the borough forego an application

this year.

Council members also discussed possibly canceling the scheduled Tuesday, July 28 council meeting, but deferred that decision until the Tuesday, July 14 meeting.

Mr. Lombardo announced that The Villages at Garwood, the \$20-million subsidized Westfield senior housing complex on the site of the old St. Anne's School on Second Avenue, is scheduled to be officially open on Thursday, June 25 at a 2 p.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony.

He said approved tenants would begin moving in "shortly." Mrs. Tarantino said she met with the complex administrator regarding the 40 parking spaces for the more than 70 housing units. She indicated the administrator did not know how many incoming residents had cars, but that the available spaces would be assigned and be adequate.

The administrator also promised to work closely with borough officials regarding the parking issue.

Lombardo to Retire as Dir. of GW Library

GARWOOD — Carol Lombardo will retire as director of the Garwood Public Library, effective July 1, 2015. Having served as director since being appointed in October of 1998, Mrs. Lombardo has brought the Garwood Library through many changes.

When she began her tenure as director, following the retirement of Madeline Ayres, the library was housed in the basement of the Franklin School, located near the corner of Walnut Street. The library was small, only 1,980 square feet, yet served both the general public and the school students since 1933.

When it was determined that Franklin School was to be torn down, Mrs. Lombardo and her staff had to put most of the books in storage while still maintaining library services. The library moved into a small building in JFK Plaza, keeping only the bare necessities to maintain a collection for the public, while keeping a small basement room in the school available for the books for

the school population. Once the new school annex was built, the library staff moved all the books into the new larger quarters located at the back of the school complex on the corner of Walnut Street and Third Avenue, almost doubling the size of the library.

Under Mrs. Lombardo's supervision, the Garwood Library has grown exponentially in size and services. It has developed an extensive DVD collection, a large collection of audio-books, a growing number of large-print selections, a substantial young adult collection, and an e-book collection. The library also maintains a regular schedule of book clubs, story time for toddlers, an annual Summer Reading Club, once-a-week movies and a variety of monthly events and programs for all ages.

Before coming to the Garwood Library, Mrs. Lombardo was the library coordinator at St. Anne's Parochial School in Garwood for five years. Before that, she worked as a senior library assistant at the Van Buren Branch Library in Newark, and was a senior receiving department clerk at the main branch of the Newark Public Library. She received her Master of Library Science degree from Rutgers University in 1997.

Once settled in the new building in 2005, Mrs. Lombardo and her staff established a web presence for the Garwood Library, including a Facebook page and Wi-Fi; developed new programs and expanded library services to the community, including home delivery to the elderly and disabled. Under her leadership, library circulation has more than doubled and the number of cardholders has increased dramatically. The library provides online catalog services, interlibrary loans and electronic resources that give Garwood Library cardholders access to a variety of information any time

of the day or night.

Maryanne Duffy has been appointed as the new library director by the Garwood Library Board of Trustees. She has served as library assistant for 10 years at the Garwood Library.

Mrs. Lombardo will remain active in the library community. She also plans to travel and play golf, one of her most recent passions. "I'm retiring from my career - not from life. I plan to be active in the library and the community. I will, however, miss the day-to-day interaction with the wonderful library visitors and my great staff who over the years have become my friends," she remarked. "Libraries have always been part of my life and I don't see that changing anytime soon."

The Garwood Library Board of Trustees will honor Mrs. Lombardo at a farewell reception, open to the public, to be held on Saturday, June 27, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the library. The Garwood Public Library is located at the corner of Third Avenue and Walnut Street, behind the Lincoln School complex.

Registration to Begin Sat. For Summer Rec.

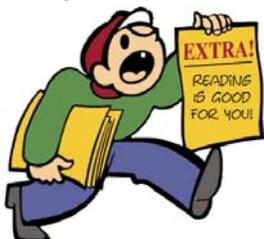
CRANFORD — The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department reminds all Cranford residents that registration for summer programs will begin this Saturday, June 13. Registration will take place at the Cranford Community Center, located at 220 Walnut Avenue.

In-person and online registration will occur simultaneously starting at 9 a.m. for all programs. Brochures were mailed to all Cranford residents and also can be found online at cranford.com/rec (click on Information). For more information, call (908) 709-7283, Option 2. These programs are for Cranford residents only.



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