

WAYVE Seeking Applicants To Teen Philanthropy Board

WESTFIELD AREA — Jill Dispenza, program director for the Westfield Area Youth Volunteer Experience (WAYVE) program, has announced that applications are now being accepted for the 2019 WAYVE Teen Philanthropy Board.

"The WAYVE Teen Philanthropy Program seeks to educate teens on the vital roles that non-profit agencies play in improving the lives of the residents of Union County, by walking the teens, step by step, through the entire grant review process," said Ms. Dispenza.

The WAYVE Program is made possible through a grant from the Westfield Foundation and is coordinated by Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey (JFSCNJ), a non-profit, non-sectarian health and social service agency serving all residents of Union County.

Prospective WAYVE Teen Philanthropy Program applicants are expected to fill out an application expressing their interest in applying to the program, and to make a one-time donation of \$300 each to serve on the board. Limited scholarships will be available. These donations will be used to partially fund the grants.

Janet Sarkos, president of the Westfield Foundation, expressed the Foundation's desire to "cultivate and educate the next generation of future philanthropists in our area."

Tom Beck, JFSCNJ executive director, echoed Ms. Sarkos' sentiment to further "sensitize teens to have a better understanding of the gamut of non-profit agencies in the area and help donate the funds they

require to fulfill their missions." The WAYVE Teen Philanthropy Program will be open to high-school students in their freshman through junior year who reside in Westfield or neighboring areas. Once accepted to the board, participants are expected to attend all six meetings beginning on March 11 and continuing on March 25, April 29, May 6 and 13, and ending with the announcement of grant recipients on May 20. All meetings will take place at 7 p.m. at The Westfield Foundation, located at 301 North Avenue West, Westfield.

The WAYVE Teen Philanthropy Board will be mentored by Mr. Beck, Ms. Sarkos and Darielle Walsh, Westfield community leader. These mentors will help teens decide which proposals will receive their support based on how the proposals would improve the lives of Union County residents.

Under the guidance of their mentors, the members of the WAYVE Teen Philanthropy Board will be involved with the proposal review and selection process. The final meeting, on May 20, will culminate with the awarding of grants to the proposal they have chosen to fund. This awarding of grants will be publicized in local news venues.

Anyone interested in applying to the program should email WAYVE@jfscentralnj.org for an online link to the application. Teens are encouraged to visit the WAYVE Facebook and Instagram page and search the hashtag #ridethewayve to learn more about volunteer opportunities in the program.



ADVOCATES FOR EQUALITY...The Cranford Public Library held a workshop at the Cranford Community Center January 24 through Garden State Equality (GSE), entitled "Creating Safe and Affirming Communities for Transgender Youth." GSE also brought along two representatives from the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Division on Civil Rights. Pictured, from left to right, are: Kate-Lynn Brown, YA/Programming Librarian, Cranford Public Library; Tisha M. Leonardo-Santiago, investigator, Division on Civil Rights; Agnes Roncaglio, special investigations, Division on Civil Rights, and Francesca L. Petruz, MSW intern, Garden State Equality.

Clergyman-Comic Alper Due at Local Synagogue

CLARK — Stand-up comedian Bob Alper will be the guest performer at the Sol Sern Memorial Program at Temple Beth Or Beth Torah on Sunday, February 24, at 3 p.m.

Perhaps the only practicing clergyman doing professional stand-up comedy, he was ordained as a rabbi and served congregations for 14 years before turning to comedy. In 2015 he beat out 4,000 fellow funny people in a joke-writing competition organized by the Pontifical Missions Society called "Joke With the Pope." The winning joke: "My wife and I have been married for over 46 years, and our lives are totally in sync. For example, at the same time I got a hearing aid, she stopped mumbling."

As winner, he got to call himself Honorary Comedic Advisor to the Pope, and was able to direct a \$10,000 donation from the Missions Society to one of three international charities.

Rabbi Alper has a wide following and has performed at Hollywood's Improv and The Comedy Store. He has been seen on "The Early Show," "The Today Show," "Good Morning America," "Showtime," the BBC and CNN. Additionally, he holds a doctorate from Princeton Theological Seminary and is the author of three books: "Life Doesn't Get Any Better Than This," an inspirational collection of spiritual gems; the award-winning, full-color cartoon book "A Rabbi Confesses," and "Thanks, I Needed That," a collection of warm and funny stories. He also has produced two best-selling comedy CDs

and a DVD.

Rabbi Alper resides in rural Vermont with his wife, Sherri, a psychotherapist. He says that professionally, he makes people laugh, while she helps people cry.

The Sol Sern Memorial Program is an annual event that commemorates the memory of a beloved member of the Temple Beth Or Beth Torah community who passed away in 1993. The program is free and open to the entire community. It is made possible in part by a HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the temple's Sol Sern Memorial Fund.

Temple Beth Or Beth Torah is located at 111 Valley Road, Clark, right off of Exit 135 of the Garden State Parkway. For more information about upcoming programs and activities, visit bethorbethtorah.org or facebook.com/BethOrBethTorah/.

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POLICE BLOTTER

WESTFIELD
Thursday, January 24, Westfield police officers responded to the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office to place Kiiana Durrette, 40, of Plainfield under arrest on an outstanding Westfield Municipal Court warrant, in the amount of \$1,314, and a Plainfield Municipal Court warrant, in the amount of \$250. Durrette was transported to police headquarters, processed and held in lieu of bail.

Thursday, January 24, police arrested Ivana Hercules-Canales, 18, of Plainfield on charges of CDS (controlled dangerous substance) distribution (marijuana), CDS distribution within 1,000 feet of a school, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana, pursuant to a motor vehicle stop at West South and Summit Avenues. A passenger, Sebastian Damacela, 19, of Plainfield, also was arrested. He was charged with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and underage possession of alcohol. Both were transported to police headquarters, processed and released with a complaint.

Sunday, January 27, William Nartey, 36, of North Brunswick was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence pursuant to a motor vehicle stop at West North Avenue and East Broad Street. He was processed and released on his own recognizance to a responsible, sober party.

Monday, January 28, Robert Neglio, 33, of Iselin was arrested on outstanding warrants from Westfield Municipal Court, including a criminal warrant in the amount of \$2,500 and a traffic warrant in the amount of \$500. Neglio was picked up at the Middlesex County jail and transported to police headquarters. He was processed and, unable to post bail, was held awaiting court.

Monday, January 28, Trevor White, 30, of Joppa, Md., was arrested and charged with possession of a CDS pursuant to a motor vehicle stop at Central Avenue and Washington Street. White was processed and released on a summons.

Tuesday, January 29, Joseph Rosario, 31, of Westfield was arrested on an outstanding traffic warrant from Jersey City Municipal Court, in the amount of \$50, pursuant to a motor vehicle stop at Elm Street and West North Avenue. Rosario was processed and posted bail.

SCOTCH PLAINS
Wednesday, January 30, a resident of the 200 block of Victor Street reported the theft of a license plate from their motor vehicle. The plate was entered as stolen.

Thursday, January 31, officers responded to a home on Princeton Avenue on a report of a garage that was on fire. Upon arrival they encountered a heavy smoke condition. All occupants were removed from the home. The Scotch Plains Fire Department responded and brought the fire under control. No injuries were reported.

Friday, February 1, officers recovered a stolen 2007 silver Ford E35 which was reported stolen out of Plainfield. The motor vehicle was recovered behind the Valleyscent Apartments on Front Street.

Friday, February 1, a resident of the 200 block of Union Avenue reported a burglary. The victim parked his work van in front of his house and noticed damage to the rear-door lock

in the morning. Several tools were reportedly stolen from the vehicle.

Friday, February 1, an officer responded to the 2400 block of Plainfield Avenue on a report of fluid leaking from a shipping container. The Scotch Plains Fire Department was on scene. The Union County Haz-Mat team responded to assess the scene and will be conducting a follow-up investigation.

Sunday, February 3, a resident of the 2000 block of Lyde Place reported someone opened several pieces of mail which were delivered to his house.

Sunday, February 3, a resident of Winchester Drive reported an incident of fraud. Someone opened a cell phone account in the victim's name. The matter is under investigation.

FANWOOD
Tuesday, January 29, Tyairey Miller, 25, of Plainfield was arrested pursuant to a motor vehicle stop at Terrill Road and George Street for a motor vehicle violation. A check of the driver showed an active warrant out of Mountainside. Miller was processed, posted bail and released.

Thursday, January 31, Kourtney Hoffman, 21, of Somerset was arrested pursuant to a police investigation on the 75 block of North Martine Avenue. A check of this individual showed an active warrant out of the Somerset County Sheriff's Office. Hoffman was processed and turned over to the Somerset County Sheriff's Office.

CRANFORD
Thursday, January 24, Deshawn Claiborne, 26, of Roselle was arrested and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia following a motor vehicle stop at Centennial Avenue and Grant Street for unclear plates. Claiborne was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, he was issued motor vehicle summonses for unclear plates, driving with a suspended license and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.

Thursday, January 24, Carlos Cascante-Esquivel, 46, of Linden was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) following a motor vehicle stop at Raritan Road and Moen Avenue for careless driving. Cascante-Esquivel was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, he was issued motor vehicle summonses for refusal to consent to taking breath samples, for not having a valid registration card in his possession, careless driving and a seatbelt violation.

Tuesday, January 29, Peter Arce, 28, of Rahway was arrested and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia following a motor vehicle stop at Centennial Avenue and Raritan Road for an inoperable headlight. Arce was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, he was issued motor vehicle summonses for maintenance of lamps, driving with a suspended license and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.

Library Friends Slate Murder Mystery
AREA — The Friends of the Rahway Public Library invite the community to a most unusual wedding. The theme for their annual Murder Mystery Dinner, a nuptial nightmare, includes a raging bridezilla and an unenthused groom. While the moon will be shining, the wedding bells may not ring for the not-so-happy couple when a member of the wedding party is murdered.

Participants are invited to trade clues and help the hapless couple figure out whodunnit so they can say "I do" before the wedding hour passes them by.

The event will take place on Friday, March 1, at 7 p.m., at the Rahway Public Library. Attendees can wear just about whatever they like, including one's own wedding dress or the most ridiculous wedding attire one can come up with. Tickets include a dinner buffet and complimentary wine, beer and soda. All guests must be age 21 or older. Tickets are \$50 and are on sale now at <https://bit.ly/2CpCC8b>.

The Friends of the Rahway Public Library is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing volunteer and fund-raising support to the library. The library is located at 2 City Hall Plaza, Rahway.

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD PLANNING BOARD

TAKE NOTICE that on the 30th day of January 2019 the Planning Board of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union took the following action:

1. The Workshop Meeting for the Planning Board on February 20th will begin at 7 pm instead of 7:30 p.m..

2. Application PBA-17-00004 ADJOURNED TO FEBRUARY 20, 2019. Hartz Mountain Industries, Applicant, 750 Walnut Avenue, Block: 541, Lot: 2, C-3 Zone. Applicant is seeking to rezone the subject property to eliminate the office and warehouse uses in favor of multi-family residential use (136-13).

Donna Pedde Secretary
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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF GARWOOD NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on January 24, 2019. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Borough Council to be held at its meeting room in the Municipal Building, 403 South Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey, on February 14, 2019 at 7:15 P.M. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available, at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 19-01

TITLE: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW STREET SWEEPER IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$280,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Purpose(s): Acquisition of a new street sweeper for the use of the Department of Public Works in, by and for the Borough.

Appropriation: \$280,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$266,600
Grants (if any) Appropriated: \$-0-
Section 20 Costs: \$5,000
Useful Life: 15 years

This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17.

Christina M Ariemma, RMC Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood
County of Union
State of New Jersey
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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF GARWOOD ORDINANCE NO. 19-02

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE TO REVISE ZONING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO EATING AND DRINKING ESTABLISHMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Borough"), a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey, is authorized pursuant to the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1, et seq., (the "Land Use Law"), to periodically update non-residential zone districts to promote economic development and sustainability in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Section 106-100 of Article VIII in Chapter 106 of the Borough's Code relates to and regulates the zoning regulations of eating and drinking establishments within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the citizens of the Borough to permit certain eating and drinking establishments to maintain outdoor or patio seating; and

WHEREAS, the Borough also has a critical interest in both maintaining public cleanliness as well as requiring eating and drinking establishments to provide options for recycling; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2018, the Planning Board of the Borough (the "Planning Board") recommended to the Borough Council (the "Borough Council") that revisions to Section 106-100 of Article VIII in Chapter 106 of the Borough's Code should be revised to include specific refuse preventative methods, in order to increase recycling by eating and drinking establishments; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, New Jersey that:

Section 1. Section 106-100 (Eating and Drinking Establishments) in Article VIII (Zone Regulations) in Chapter 106 (Land Use), **subsection A**, is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. Eating and drinking establishments, including taverns, shall be permitted uses in the Central Business (CB) Zone.

(1) All such establishments shall be standard table/counter or self-service restaurants. No establishments which have as a means of sales the ordering of food at a window through which the food is passed from inside to outside, or which have curb service, or which provide a drive-through service are permitted in the CB Zone. Takeout service accessory to a standard table/counter or self-service restaurant is permitted.

(2) Repealed.

(3) (Reserved)

(4) Accessory outdoor or patio seating is permitted, provided it is in accordance with the following:

(a) No more than 25% of the total on-site seating may be provided outdoors.

(b) The outdoor eating area must be directly accessible to the interior eating area. Areas that must be accessed via public sidewalks or property not controlled by the applicant or property owner are not considered directly accessible.

(c) No such areas shall be permitted within the public right-of-way, except as permitted by § 146-53 of this Code.

(d) All such areas must receive approval from the approving authority. All such plans shall indicate the maximum size of the area, the maximum number of seats and tables, and the general layout of seating areas and aisles.

(e) A minimum of one trash receptacle for each four tables or 12 seats must be provided. At least one is to be located at the exit area into the public right-of-way or the interior restaurant.

(f) A six-foot closed fence and an evergreen screen shall be provided if the outdoor eating area is adjacent to a residential zone.

(5) The maximum amount of seating, at tables or counters, is to be in accordance with the IBC code.

(6) All such establishments which serve food in disposable containers shall be subject to the following refuse preventive measures:

(a) All yards other than front yards shall be fenced with six-foot closed fencing.

(b) A maintenance program must be submitted to the approving authority for waste cleanup on site and within a radius of 70 feet of the subject property.

(c) Waste and recycling receptacles must be provided at all public exits and parking areas.

(d) A program and plan must be submitted to the approving authority for recycling of all disposable containers that can be recycled.

Section 2. Section 106-100 (Eating and Drinking Establishments) in Article VIII (Zone Regulations) in Chapter 106 (Land Use), **subsection B**, is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. Eating and drinking establishments, including taverns, shall be permitted uses in the General Business (GB) Zone, provided that the following conditions are maintained:

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