



HAPPY CAMPERS...The intergenerational Washington Rock Girl Scout Council Chorus recently spent a weekend at Camp Hoover in Sussex County. Besides rehearsing musical selections, the group held a scavenger hunt and a knot-tying workshop; wrote and performed songs; shared a campfire and sing-along with two Cadette troops and reflected on the things for which they are thankful and how they can make the world a better place. Chorus members, pictured left to right, are: front row, Arlene Zegan, "Skip" Adams, Deena Heller, Chantel Quesada, Phyllis Cunningham and Jen Mannino; middle row, Carina Gerveshi, and back row, Harriette Koved, Rebecca Mason, Jennie Zegan, Erin Klein and Jessica Cunningham.

Preservation Commission Seeks Nominees for Awards

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Historic Preservation Commission, in preparation for its Eighth Annual Commendation Awards Reception to be held in June, has invited all Westfield residents and organizations to submit nominations for the awards. Individuals may nominate Westfield buildings and sites of historic or architectural significance which have undergone renovation or restoration deserving of recognition. The Historic Preservation Commendations Program is designed to encourage Westfield property owners to consider the towns' heritage and generally-established historic preservation standards while making decisions concerning expansion, alteration, restoration and maintenance of buildings and grounds. The buildings should retain architectural integrity from the period, or periods, of their significance, a commission spokesman said. Nomination categories include:

- Preservation or Restoration Project — suitable for a successful rehabilitation/restoration of a building, or group of buildings, for its original use or a museum use.
- Continuing Use — suitable for well-preserved commercial, industrial and civic structures (still used for original or similar functions) that

have retained their architectural integrity due to continued and sensitive maintenance over the years.

- Adaptive Use — suitable for a successful rehabilitation of a building or group of buildings for a changed use while maintaining the original architectural integrity.
- Structure/Object/Site — suitable for the successful preservation of a structure, object or site, such as a bridge, monument, garden, etc., or the successful preservation or excavation of an archeological site.
- Special Recognition — suitable for individuals, groups and governmental agencies displaying outstanding leadership which has contributed to, or continues to contribute to, the preservation of historic resources in Westfield.
- Education — suitable for a specific program, educational institution, publisher, group or individual displaying excellence in increasing knowledge about historic preservation and Westfield's historic sites.

Nomination forms are available at the Westfield Municipal Building. Each nomination should be submitted to the Westfield Historic Preservation Commission, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield. A photograph must be submitted with the application. Self-nominations are acceptable and encouraged.

Y's Teen Exhibition

To be Held at Armory
WESTFIELD — The Westfield Y will sponsor its second annual Teen Exhibition on Saturday, April 29, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine, inside the Westfield National Guard Armory on Rahway Avenue. The event will include rollerblading, skateboarding and BMX biking with ramps. Teens will have an opportunity to meet vendors, win products and see nationally-sponsored teams. Open skating will be available before and after the exhibition. Helmets, knee pads and elbow pads are required. Tickets for the event may be purchased at the Y for \$7 before April 29, or for \$10 at the Armory on the day of the exhibition. For more information, please call Marty Collett at (908) 233-2700, Extension No. 270.

African Violet Society Meeting Set for Today

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Union County Chapter of the African Violet Society will meet at 1 p.m. today, Thursday, April 20, at the Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Avenue in Scotch Plains. The program will be entitled "Violet Bingo." All are invited to attend.

Mr. Celardo Uses Experience at National Archives To Help Plan Future of Ellis Island Buildings

By LILLIAN DUGGAN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

FANWOOD — "It was a thrill to be asked" is how John Celardo of Fanwood recalled the invitation to be a member of the New Jersey Governor's Advisory Committee on the Preservation and Use of Ellis Island.

The Committee was established by Governor Christine Todd Whitman in October of 1998, following a Supreme Court decision which awarded New Jersey sovereignty over 22.5 of the 27 acres that constitute Ellis Island.

The entire south side of the island and much of the north side are now in the hands of the Garden State.

An archivist for the National Archives and Records Administration-Northeast Region, Mr. Celardo said his appointment resulted from a telephone call to the National Archives offices in Manhattan by the Governor's office in search of potential Committee members. He is one of six private sector appointees to the Committee.

Mr. Celardo has had close involvement with Ellis Island through his work. One of his responsibilities is to present workshops at the island on genealogy, during which he describes the types of documents held by the National Archives and how they can be used to research family histories.

The Governor's office was looking for someone with an Irish or Italian background whose parents were immigrants. Mr. Celardo was a close match, having had grandparents who emigrated from Arzanno, Italy and who later met and married in the United States.

Working with the National Park Service and various nonprofit and historic preservation groups, the Committee on the Preservation and Use of Ellis Island develops recommendations to be submitted to Governor Whitman for the stabilization, restoration and future use of the buildings on the island.

At the present time, the only building open to the public is the Main Hall, which has been converted into a United States Immigration Museum under the sovereignty of the

State of New York. The other 30 buildings are severely deteriorated and therefore off limits to the public. The Committee's preliminary pro-

and a Public Health Learning Center.

Mr. Celardo, a member of the Fanwood Planning Board, volun-

cepts parallel things that we do here at the National Archives."

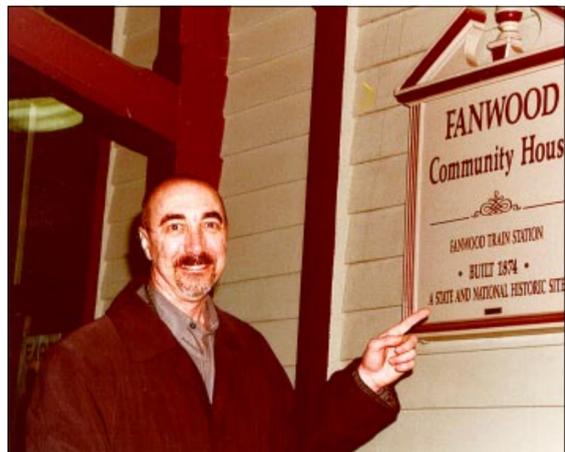
According to the Committee's Web site, the Conservation and Preservation Center would be "available to the State of New Jersey for the restoration and preservation of its cultural heritage, including not only its statewide architectural infrastructure, but also its collections of paintings, prints, sculpture, decorative arts, manuscripts, and documents."

The center, modeled after the Bureau of Historic Sites of the State of New York, also would provide conservation and preservation assistance to private institutions and individuals.

The Center for Immigrant Contributions and Ethnic Learning is described in the Web site as "a venue for the celebration of the American immigrant experience and more serious public reflection on how immigrants and the cultural heritage they brought changed the United States."

Mr. Celardo feels the committee has been "extraordinarily efficient" in producing what he described as "a comprehensive report" detailing the proposal for reuse of the buildings.

Last fall, a public hearing to solicit comment and input on the preliminary set of re-use concepts took place in Trenton, with various ethnic groups in attendance. Many there expressed pride that a large part of Ellis Island now belongs to the Garden State, Mr. Celardo recalled.



Cheri Rogowsky for The Westfield Leader and The Times

AN EYE ON HISTORY...Borough resident and Planning Board member John Celardo admires a sign identifying the Fanwood Community House, built during the 19th century. Mr. Celardo, whose work with the National Archives has allowed him to share his historical knowledge, was selected to serve on Governor Christine Todd Whitman's Advisory Committee on the Preservation and Use of Ellis Island. The committee's mission is to determine the best future use of buildings on the island.

proposal for future uses of these buildings calls for a Conservation and Preservation Center, an International Conference Center, a Center for Immigrant Contributions and Ethnic Learning, Regional History Information Centers and Exhibit Series

teered to serve on the subcommittees for the Conservation and Preservation Center and the Center for Immigrant Contributions and Ethnic Learning.

He chose these subcommittees because, in his words, "the two con-

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2000 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

TOWN OF WESTFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

SUMMARY OF REVENUES - CURRENT FUND	ANTICIPATED	
	2000	1999
1. Surplus	\$2,345,000.00	\$2,125,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	8,684,395.55	8,948,747.43
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	700,000.00	700,000.00
4. Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	12,595,289.50	11,929,678.17
Total General Revenues	\$24,324,685.05	\$23,703,425.60

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS - CURRENT FUND	FINAL	
	2000 BUDGET	1999 BUDGET
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	\$12,183,173.05	\$11,748,568.24
Other Expenses	7,704,395.00	7,487,689.36
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	1,545,624.00	1,834,100.00
3. Capital Improvements	65,000.00	75,000.00
4. Debt Service	926,493.00	708,068.00
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,900,000.00	1,850,000.00
Total General Appropriations	\$24,324,685.05	\$23,703,425.60
Total Number of Employees	348	337

2000 Dedicated Swim Pool Utility Budget

SUMMARY OF REVENUES	ANTICIPATED	
	2000	1999
1. Surplus	\$64,000.00	\$56,650.00
2. Swim Pool Memberships and Misc. Revenues	531,000.00	508,850.00
Total Revenues	\$595,000.00	\$565,500.00

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS	FINAL	
	2000 BUDGET	1999 BUDGET
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	\$258,215.00	\$243,342.00
Other Expenses	244,150.00	230,300.00
2. Capital Improvements	2,407.00	2,308.00
3. Debt Service	60,540.00	60,925.00
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	29,688.00	28,625.00
Total Appropriations	\$595,000.00	\$565,500.00
Total Number of Employees	37	37

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, County of Union on April 4th, 2000.

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on May 9, 2000 at 8:00 o'clock (PM) at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2000 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the budget are available in the office of Bernard A. Heeney, Town Clerk, at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, 07090, (908) 789-4030, during the hours of 8:30 (A.M.) to 4:30 (P.M.).
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