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FOND REMEMBRANCE... At Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School on October 10, the community convened for a special program entitled, "Reflection and Renewal." Participating in the activities were Kurt and Diane Horning, the parents of Matthew Horning, 26, who lost his life at the World Trade Center on September 11.

Development of Seven to 10 Homes Planned For Westfield Avenue Lot

By DEBORAH MADISON
Specially Written for The Times

Northeast Developers, a South Plainfield-based construction firm, is planning a new development of seven to 10, single-family homes slated for 2332 Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains.

An application has been submitted to the Scotch Plains Planning Board for the proposed development to be put on the board's November agenda.

The plan proposes to divide the 1.73-acre, single-family lot into approximately 10 single-family lots, between 5,000 to 7,000 square feet each. All of the lots comply with zoning regulations and there are no variance requests for the plan.

The proposed houses will be Colonial-style, four-bedroom, two-and-a-half bath, with attached garages, in the low \$400,000 range, according to Real Estate Broker Maureen LaCosta. Mrs. LaCosta will be brokering the houses to prospective home buyers. The exact price will be determined by the number of homes approved by the Planning Board, she said.

Northeast owners Michael and Edward Iarrapino have built developments in other counties, but this is their first development in Scotch Plains, according to Mrs. LaCosta.

Mrs. LaCosta, the wife of Building Department Director Robert LaCosta, said that Northeast builds

quality tailored homes, with many high-end finishing touches and appropriate landscaping. Because of their relationship, Mr. LaCosta will not be occupying his usual seat on the Planning Board for this application.

The plan proposes to construct the

10 homes on a cul-de-sac, which the builders have suggested naming Iarrapino Court. In addition to the homes, the plan calls for a new sidewalk along Westfield Avenue. All of the residents within 200 feet of the new development have been notified

of the developer's intentions and will be notified again once the plan is placed on the Planning Board's agenda.

The preliminary site plans for the project are available for inspection by the public at the Municipal Building.

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Local Security Efforts Upgraded To Heightened Alert as Precaution

By DEBORAH MADISON
Specially Written for The Times

In the wake of escalating numbers of Anthrax exposures and a warning issued by the FBI that future terrorist attacks are likely, security is becoming an increasingly prominent concern on everyone's mind.

Tasks that used to be performed with little or no concern for personal safety now often prompt second thoughts before entering crowds, large buildings or other possible terrorist targets. Opening up the mail has become a serious game of Russian-roulette as numerous employees of major corporations and political leaders have received Anthrax-laden letters and bomb-sniffing dogs have become an increasingly familiar sight for New Jersey commuters

at the entrance to the Holland Tunnel.

On a local level, municipal buildings, schools, hospitals and other, large public facilities have been working closely with law enforcement to re-evaluate their current security levels and to upgrade security where needed. Local emergency personnel, such as the police and rescue squads, have been engaging in communication networking and ongoing training in recent weeks, in the event of a public health crisis or disaster.

Policies that were already in place, such as patrolling schools and municipal or local federal buildings, re being reinforced with a more heightened sense of vigilance, according to local police. Rescue Squad personnel are being offered elective up-

dates on biological and chemical weapons training as well as ongoing training in handling potentially contagious situations.

Union County Sheriff Ralph G. Froehlich reported to *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* that new electronic scanners have been installed at the county's three municipal buildings, the Court House, the prosecutor's building and the Administrative Building. He also said that his office has been coordinating and sharing information with county and local police departments to insure that security measures are updated and adequate.

"We are re-alerting all departments to security policies and stepping up enforcement of those policies," Sheriff

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Lack of Pact Causes Few Staffers To Attend Reception With Board

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
Specially Written for The Times

With no resolution of the contract between the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education and Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association (SPFEA), few teachers participated in the district's "Fifth Celebration of Achievement" for newly-tenured staff members on October 11.

Just two of the 34 honorees — Brunner Elementary School Principal Jodi Frank and Supervisor Carol Senff — attended the reception along-

side board members, administrators and Parent Teacher Association officers.

The contract between the parties expired June 30. Board member Lance Porter reported negotiating teams from the board and SPFEA were to meet with a state mediator on October 17 in an effort to resolve the contract.

While Mr. Porter reiterated his belief that a settlement can be reached, he said he felt the board had been "attacked" in recent weeks. He added, "Just as teachers have a professional responsibility to teach the children... we, too, have a responsibility to the taxpayers and community."

During the meeting, board members welcomed Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) students Regina Cappio and Andrea Meyer as part of a newly-formed team of students who will be attending board meetings to facilitate two-way communications between the board and high school students.

Students had first approached the board last spring about opening up the lines of communication, a suggestion supported by SPFHS Principal Dr. David Heisey, Superintendent Dr. Carol B. Choye and the board as a whole.

Science Supervisor Dr. Trisha Camp presented the new school year's first curriculum presentation during the instructional update portion of the meeting. Dr. Camp and Elementary Science Supervisor Merrie Snow spoke to the need for better teaching to improve student performance in science programs.

The curriculum review process included a survey of students, teachers and parents across the grade levels to gauge their perceptions of the effectiveness of the curriculum.

The supervisors made a number of recommendations with respect to curriculum: examine the elementary level science units for their age appropriateness and duplication or gaps in subject matter; consider the appropriateness of the sequence of middle school science courses; give high school students more options in the way of science courses; and add a double lab period to the high school program.

They called for more in-district and out-of-district professional development. They suggested staffing might need to be increased at the middle and high school levels.

According to Dr. Camp, enrollment alone creates a need for an additional science teacher at SPFHS

next year. The department also hopes to institute workshops to give parents a better understanding of what the science program is all about.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Dr. Kathleen Regan explained that it would take three years to implement the recommendations, if accepted by the board, as the budget cannot absorb them all at once.

In other business, the board adopted a resolution to participate with the Township of Scotch Plains and Borough of Fanwood in a feasibility study to acquire and share a joint Public Works facility. The cost of the feasibility study is \$25,000, \$17,000 of which will be funded by Scotch Plains, \$7,500 by the board, and \$500 by Fanwood. Jersey Professional Management of Cranford will conduct the study.

The proposal grew out of ongoing meetings of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Shared Services Committee, which includes representatives from both municipalities and the Board of Education.



PANEL OF EXPERTS... "The First Nine Days" production, which will air on Westfield TV-36 starting the week of October 22, was taped last Wednesday at the office of *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood*. Pictured, left to right, are some of the experts on the panel: Fanwood resident Lieutenant William Sheppard of the New Jersey Naval Militia, *Times* Publisher Horace R. Corbin, and Navy Rear Admiral Timothy Beard, 3rd.

County Official Plan to Announce Funding For New Ball Fields at Park Middle School

By FRED ROSSI
Specially Written for The Times

Union County officials were expected yesterday afternoon to announce their approval of a funding proposal submitted by Scotch Plains for improvements at Park Middle School that will increase the number of fields currently available for soccer, baseball and softball and will also improve current facilities.

The grants are being made available under the county's new initiative, Field of Dreams, a program to expand parks and ballfields in communities throughout the county.

The Park Middle School project is being done via a shared services arrangement between Scotch Plains, Fanwood and the joint board of education. Last week, the Township Council passed a resolution at its regular meeting that authorized the submission of the funding proposal. Two days later, the Fanwood Borough Council and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education passed similar resolutions.

At the council's conference meeting on Tuesday night, Councilman Frank P. Rossi said there was also the potential for additional county funding if the pool of available grants was not used up in the first round of applications.

The county money is coming from its Open Space Trust Fund. In another matter, the council has

received a proposal from Killam Associates, a Millburn-based consulting engineer, for a preliminary assessment and site investigation of the former Terry-Lou Zoo property.

Killam proposes to spend \$60,880 to look into several areas of environmental concern on the property; two state agencies have already approved

township grant requests to cover these costs, according to Township Manager Thomas E. Atkins.

Responding to a question from Mayor Martin L. Marks, Mr. Atkins said he expected the investigation and assessment to take two to three months.

In a related matter, Councilwoman Paulette F. Coronato told the Council

that the township's Historic Review Commission will be meeting in mid-November to discuss the condition of the historic Frazee House, a Revolutionary War-era structure situated on the former zoo property. A consultant examined the house earlier this year in an effort to assess its structural viability.

Borough Council Endorses Plan For Park School Fields Upgrade

By SUZETTE F. STALKER
Specially Written for The Times

During its regular meeting last Thursday, the Fanwood Borough Council gave its nod to a resolution supporting the borough's participation in the county's "Field of Dreams" program with Scotch Plains and the local Board of Education for renovation of playing fields at Park Middle School in Scotch Plains.

Recently launched by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the \$2.1 million "Field of Dreams" program allows each of the county's 21 municipalities to apply for grants of up to \$100,000, to expand existing parks and obtain land for additional fields.

Through a shared services arrangement, Fanwood, Scotch Plains and the Board of Education are expected to apply for a total of \$300,000 in grant money, \$100,000 for each entity, which they hope to combine for the Park School fields project.

In accordance with guidelines of the county program, each of the towns and the school board will have to match the amount it receives in either funds or in-kind services. The deadline for municipalities to apply for a "Field of Dreams" grant is Monday, November 19.

While acknowledging during last week's meeting that it would be a new thing for the borough to fund a project outside its borders, Council-

man Thomas P. Ryan, Jr., governing body Liaison to the Fanwood Recreation Commission, said he believes it "will be a benefit to the community and our recreation system."

Councilman Ryan noted additional field space is badly needed by youth and adult leagues in Scotch Plains and Fanwood. He observed that local leagues draw players from both communities, with Fanwood residents comprising 30 to 40 percent of the membership ranks.

He also stated that the current configuration of Park School fields does not allow them to be used to best advantage for athletic purposes.

According to Mr. Ryan, plans call

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OFFICIALS SAY PROCEDURES ARE ONLY A PRECAUTION

Area Post Offices Put on Alert; Workers Instructed to Weed Out Suspicious Mail

By DEBORAH MADISON
Specially Written for The Times

In response to recent Anthrax exposure incidences by mail, Postmaster General John E. Potter announced Monday the formation of a task force to review "every plan and approach it has regarding mail security and the handling of hazardous materials in the mail."

Chief Postal Inspector Kenneth Weaver of the United States Postal Service will lead the task force, announced Postmaster Potter. Mr. Weaver will be joined by representatives from postal unions, management associations and the Office of the Inspector General, along with safety and medical specialists and members of the mailing industry.

The United States Postal Service has stepped up security and training at all local postal facilities, putting postal employees on special alert, according to Diane Todd, Manager of Public Affairs for the Postal Service for the New York Metro Area, which includes Central New Jersey.

A directive from the United States Postal Service has instructed all local post offices not to discuss security issues with the public or media and all inquiries are being coordinated through Ms. Todd's office.

According to Ms. Todd, post office employees are receiving daily updates on the safe handling of possibly tainted mail.

Ms. Todd said she believes that there is no cause for widespread public alarm, as the likelihood of a private citizen receiving a tainted parcel is very slim. Postal employees are being instructed to be especially alert for suspicious looking packages and to separate them out for examination by postal inspectors.

According to Ms. Todd, postal employees have been receiving training updates on handling the mail safely for many years, and recent incidences have not changed or modified those policies.

"We are simply re-alerting postal employees to be more vigilant about putting those guidelines into effect," Ms. Todd remarked. "There are no new policies being implemented at this time."

That may change, however, with the directives that come out of the new task force, she added.

A previous press release, issued on October 11 by the Postal Service, answers frequently asked questions about Anthrax, including what customers should do in the event that they receive a suspicious looking package or letter.

The press release lists the typical characteristics of such packages, "which ought to trigger suspicion." They include packages or letters which are:

- Unexpected or from someone unfamiliar to the person receiving the mail.
- Addressed to someone no longer with the receiving company or organization.
- Have no return address or one that can't be verified as legitimate.
- Of unusual weight, given its size, or lopsided or oddly shaped.
- Are marked with restrictive endorsements, such as "Personal" or "Confidential."
- Have protruding wires, strange odors or stains.
- Show a city or state that doesn't match the return address.

In the unlikely event that a suspicious parcel is received, the press release advises customers to isolate the parcel, not open or touch it, and to notify a postal inspector or the local police department. Customers are advised to wash their hands with soap and water in the event that they may have touched a tainted letter or package.

Captain Joseph M. Protasiewicz of the Scotch Plains Police Department reported that as of Tuesday, there were three incidences of suspicious pieces of mail reported to the police department.

Those parcels were very carefully opened and discovered to be only unsolicited junk mail, with unrecognizable return addresses.

"The Post Office is really better suited to handle this problem," Captain Protasiewicz commented. "If the police department gets inundated with hundreds of calls regarding suspicious mail, we won't have the resources to respond to our real duties," he added.

Lieutenant John M. Parizeau of the Westfield Police Department also reported that there were a few cases involving suspicious looking letters, which the police responded to and which turned out not to be dangerous.

He also advised the public to not become overly paranoid about marginally suspicious looking mail. He agreed with Ms. Todd that the chances of a low profile, private citizen being targeted with a biological weapon are slim.

Other issues covered by the press release include information on Anthrax exposure, symptoms, treatment and a Web site address for additional information about the Postal Service, including recent press releases, at: www.usps.com.

The Westfield Post Office has been issued a directive by the Federal Aviation

Administration (FAA) requiring identification from senders of packages over one pound and that the identification must match the return address on the packages, said Westfield Post Office Customer Service Manager Dennis Maher.

Ms. Todd confirmed that the FAA has issued separate guidelines to local post offices regarding airmail restrictions. "We would like to see that all mail has a return address on it, but that would be nearly impossible to enforce," Ms. Todd added.

Post offices across the country, as well as other businesses, are reporting a series of incidences of possible exposure to substances feared to be Anthrax.

Many businesses have been evacuated and postal inspectors or local police called in to investigate what has turned out to be numerous false alarms.

A Westfield Post Office box user called *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* on Tuesday afternoon to report that she was exposed to a substance when she opened her post office box that day at the Westfield Post Office.

She also said she saw five other post office box users who were exposed to this white powder when they opened their post office boxes. The woman, who refused to give her name, told *The Times* that she immediately reported the incident to Post Office personnel, who advised her to wash her hands and listed symptoms of Anthrax exposure for which she should watch out.

The woman said she was distressed over the way the Post Office handled her situation, saying she felt personnel should have taken it more seriously.

When asked about the incident, Westfield Postmaster Kenneth Brown reported the mark on the woman's mail was nothing more than a stain. He also said this was an isolated incident. He said the piece of mail in question was being tested to determine the nature of the stain, as per postal procedures.

Local Security Efforts Have Been Upgraded To Level of Heightened Alert as Precaution

iff Froehlich said.

Union County Assignment Judge Edwin S. Beglin, Jr. has advised all municipal courts to keep an officer on duty in every courtroom, during court hours. While most municipal buildings already had this security measure in place, they are now being more careful to insure that the courtroom officer is not sent elsewhere during court hours, reported Chief Thomas O'Brien of the Scotch Plains Police Department.

Chief O'Brien also said that although no other new security measures are being implemented yet, there is a new, heightened awareness of the surroundings for both officers and the public.

"There is no reason to lock up public-access buildings like armed camps," Chief O'Brien remarked. "We don't want to go to extremes." He also said that it is reasonable to expect to give up certain freedoms, such as at airports, but that in small towns, a heightened awareness is all that is required at this point.

Fanwood's Chief of Police Robert J. Carboy said he wanted to assure the public that "everything that can be done, is being done" by local law enforcement and emergency personnel. "We will keep the public informed of any measures they need to take, if and when that becomes necessary," Chief Carboy said.

In addition to adding a second police officer to the courtroom, police in Westfield have added extra patrols to the train station at the request of NJ Transit.

Lieutenant John M. Parizeau of the Westfield Police Department expressed the need for everyone to be more observant and to report anything suspicious to local authorities. "The public is truly our eyes and

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ears out there," said Lieutenant Todd Turner of the Mountainside Police Department. Mountainside has stepped up patrols throughout the borough and compiled emergency plans that are frequently updated, Lieutenant Turner said.

Many local schools have reinforced their locked-door policies, which were put into place after the incident at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

Most elementary schools lock all doors, except for one main entrance, which usually can be observed from the school's main office. This locked door policy is in place for Westfield, Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Mountainside elementary schools and middle schools. The local high schools frequently have individual security policies, which are left up to each principal's discretion or determined by the Board of Education.

Westfield High School Principal Dr. Robert G. Petix pointed out that security needs at the high school level are different than for younger children.

"Older kids can handle themselves in the hallways and know to report strangers in the building, so the policy for the high school is to keep things as normal as possible, while heightening awareness," Dr. Petix said.

The high school has several para-professionals with walkie-talkies who patrol the grounds and hallways.

"An extreme, knee-jerk response is the worst kind of over-reaction and not conducive to a learning environment," he added.

Westfield Superintendent of Schools Dr. William J. Foley said the district's crisis management plan is also being reviewed on how to handle problems that may arise from terrorism.

He emphasized that for older children at the high school level, who

have access to the media, it is important to relate the facts to them, so as to allay misinformation, that may be incomplete or distorted.

While the current policy promotes informing older students of news events when they occur, it does not promote the district informing younger students of catastrophic events. Dr. Foley said this policy is endorsed by the district's psychology-consultants, and he agrees with it.

Kathleen L. Meyer, Public Information Coordinator for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district, told *The Times* that tightened security measures were implemented immediately after the Columbine shooting incident, but that those security measures became lax over time.

"The locked-door policy is now being reinforced, once again," said Ms. Meyer. Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, however, continues to have several doors remaining open as parking-lot access is necessary, Ms. Meyers said. High school teachers have been assigned to patrol various hallways.

Mountainside has had police officers patrolling the schools on a regular basis for over a year, said Mountainside's Chief School Administrator Dr. Gerard Schaller.

"We already had a good security system in place since Columbine," said Dr. Schaller. The district will, however, be reviewing the crisis management plan and distributing pamphlets to teachers and parents in the near future, regarding how the district will respond to various crises that may happen.

All of the local post offices have been issued new policy directives from the Federal Postal Service and the Federal Aviation Administration regarding security issues and suspicious packages that may pose health threats, according to Customer Service Manager Dennis Maher of the Westfield Post Office.

All post offices have been advised not to discuss any new security measures with media or the public, but to direct all inquiries through a public information coordinator. (Please see related story).

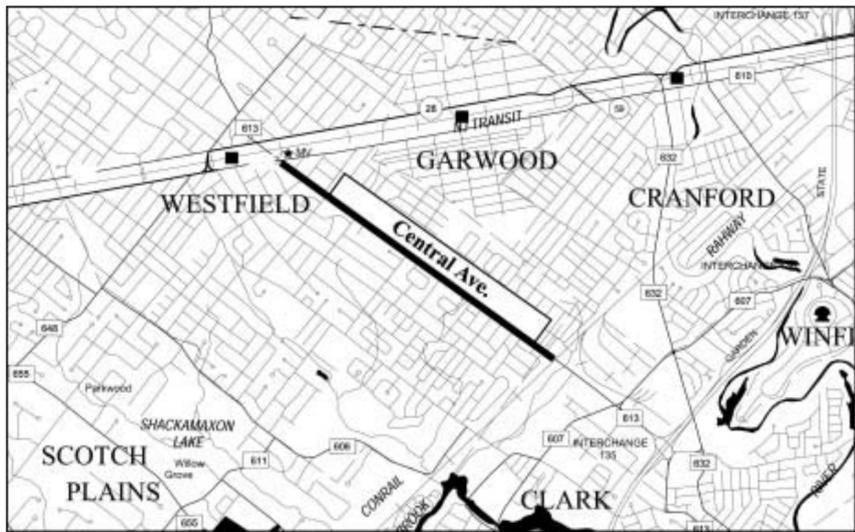
Despite all of these added precautions, Lieutenant Parizeau agreed with Chief O'Brien that the small towns that make up this local community are unlikely terrorist targets.

Development

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Mrs. LaCosta said that several of the surrounding neighbors reacted favorably toward the plans when they were told of the details of the proposal by the developers.

A smaller development of two, single-family homes is being constructed nearby at the corner of Westfield and Evergreen Avenues. The two developments are not related.



Closure of Central Avenue To Impact Clark, Westfield

The Department of Operational Services announced early Monday afternoon that Central Avenue, from South Avenue in Westfield to Terminal Avenue in Clark, will be under construction on or about Friday, October 19.

Weather permitting, it is anticipated that the work will take approximately three days, excluding weekends, to complete.

The work being performed will consist of various road improvements, milling, paving, and road striping. Due to the nature of the work involved and the amount of men and machinery required, full closure of the road will be warranted in the area of work to optimize the safety of the work crews and motoring public alike.

A clearly marked detour route will be established and maintained by Union County forces. Emergency

vehicles will be permitted to travel through the construction area at all times. Access to residences, including delivery and other services, will be allowed as much as possible.

A notice issued by the Department of Operational Services stated, "The County recognizes the inconvenience that any road construction may cause and apologizes for any difficulties encountered. The County shall make every effort to have the work completed as soon as possible."

For specific traffic inquiries, please call the County Traffic Bureau at (908) 789-1489 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. For other information regarding the road project, please call the Engineering Bureau at (908) 789-3685 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For any emergencies that may arise, please call the proper Municipal Police Department.

Borough Council Endorses Plan For Park School Fields Upgrade

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for the addition of two youth-size baseball fields at Park School, along with improvements to existing fields. The new baseball fields would join a 90-foot baseball diamond, two soccer fields and a football field there, he confirmed.

Pending improvements to fields throughout Scotch Plains and Fanwood, the towns are hoping to make these sites available to local leagues through another shared services initiative funded through a state Regional Efficiency Development Incentive grant, Councilman Ryan explained.

Under other business last week, officials introduced an ordinance upping daily parking rates at the Fanwood train station and the parking lot at the former Carriage House from \$2 to \$3.

Per an agreement finalized earlier this year between the borough and NJ Transit, Fanwood is leasing the former Scotchwood Automotive site, adjacent to the existing south side train station lot, from the transportation agency for the creation of 55 additional parking stalls.

Under the new agreement, between 90 and 105 of the approximate 191 total spaces in the expanded south side lot will be designated for daily parking, with the remainder allocated for monthly permit parking. The 138 spaces currently available on the south side all require permits.

The north side lot presently has 133 spaces, of which 34 are designated for daily parking. Under the new arrangement, all stalls in that lot will be permit-only. Work at the train station lot is expected to be complete by early December, with the new system fully operational by January 1.

Two other ordinances were adopted on second reading last week, one of which amends the borough's Historic

Preservation Ordinance to explain the definition of "alteration" and stipulates that a certificate of appropriateness from Fanwood's Historic Preservation Commission is not required to paint an existing improvement.

The second ordinance regulates the use of skateboards, rollerskates, scooters and in-line skates, prohibiting their use in parking lots owned or leased by the borough, "except to traverse the area by traveling on surfaces normally utilized for pedestrian or vehicular travel."

At the top of the meeting, the governing body issued several resolutions and proclamations honoring a variety of individuals, groups and events.

Resolutions were approved honoring the late Dr. Albert DeSousa, retired Principal of Brunner Elementary School in Scotch Plains, who died August 21, and to Joan Bonner, who will be moving from Scotch Plains to Marlboro, for her service on the Fanwood Historic Preservation Commission, the Fanwood Centennial Celebration Committee and to local non-profit agencies.

Emergency response teams, including police, fire and rescue squad units, both in Fanwood and elsewhere, were also recognized with a resolution for their efforts in the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and other parts of the country.

Proclamations were issued in tribute to CROP Walk 2001, which was held last Sunday in Scotch Plains and Fanwood, to fight world hunger; in observance of Red Ribbon Week, October 20 to 27, which symbolizes the commitment to a drug-free America, and to designate October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

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These features, along with a searchable database of over 15 million restaurants, businesses and service providers are available for each of more than 30,000 communities anywhere in the United States.

The site is also accessible to out-of-towners for efficient planning of their visits to Westfield. ClickTown's local representative is Martha Schilling, a long time resident and active member of the Westfield real estate community. Martha brings with her a working knowledge of local business and community interests as well as an intimate knowledge of Westfield's heart and soul.

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