

Westfield Recreation Events

Hyper Peppy Robotics: August 14 to 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is for children, ages 7 through 12 and will be held at the Community Room. The fee is \$100.

Mad Science: August 26 to 30, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., for ages 5 to 8 and August 19 to 23 or August 26 to 30, from 1 to 4 p.m., for ages 9 and above. The event will be held at the community room. The fee is \$110 per week. Spots are limited.

Art Camp: Session 1: July 22 to 26; Session 3: August 5 to 9. The one-hour sessions are from Monday to Friday at 10:30 a.m. for ages 4 to 8 and 12 p.m. for ages 12 and above. The fee is \$45 per week.

Crafty Kids: For ages 5 to 13, from August 5 to 9, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The fee is \$60 per week.

Westfield Youth Art Expo: Awards Presentation: Friday, August 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. Open to ages 14 to 17 years. Pieces entered must be matted with shrink-wrap and able to be hung. The entry fee is \$7. Art pieces must be dropped off by July 31, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Kids Art Show: For ages 4 to 13. Pieces entered must be on 8 x 11.5 sized paper. There is no fee.

Summer Concert Series: Held at Mindowaskin Park until August, Thursday Nights from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bring a blanket and a lawn chair.

Westling: August 5 to 9 for ages 7 to 11 and August 12 to 16 for ages 12 to 15; Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Roosevelt School Cafeteria. The fee is \$45 per week.

Football: July 22 to 26, for ages 8 to 12, from Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Tamaques Park. The fee is \$45.

Roller Hockey: July 22 to 25, July 29 to August 1, and August 12 to 15, Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for ages 6 through 9 and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for ages 10 to 13. Roller Hockey will take place at Tamaques Park basketball courts. The fee is \$45 per week.

Summer Playground Program: Held until August 8 from Monday to Friday from 9 to 11:45 a.m. and from 1 to 3:45 p.m. at all local elementary schools, neighborhood council and the Exceptional Center.

Movie Night at Memorial Park Pool: For pool members and Westfield residents only. For children under 10 years and their parent or guardian. The fee is \$1 per person. Shows begin at 7 p.m. and will end approximately at 8:30 p.m.

Teen Night At Memorial Park Pool: Wednesday Nights from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. for grades 6 to 12. The night includes D.J. dancing, swimming and special events. The program began on June 26. The fee is \$3 at the door.

Discount Summer Tickets: Tickets are available for Dorney Park \$25, Great Adventure \$30, Hershey Park \$26 for ages 9-54 and \$20 for ages 3 to 8, Mountain Creek \$18 and Sesame Place \$30.

New Early Bird Lap Swim Program: Held at the Memorial Pool for residents and non-residents who would like to swim laps between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m., Monday to Friday, through Friday, August 30.

For information, call the Recreation Department at (908) 789-4080 or visit the Recreation Department online at www.westfieldnj.net.



CATCHING FIRE IN TEXAS... William McMeekan, Jr., was in Houston, TX on July 12 to accept the Hometown Video Award for his production "Catching Fire: A Day in the Life of Westfield's Bravest." This was the first award for a program on Westfield TV-36.

Seniors Comprise Growing Segment of Population

COUNTY - According to county officials, people over age 60 make up 20 percent of the 522,000 people who live in Union County. The over 60 age group is one of the fastest growing segments of the population in the county. A large number of seniors choose to remain in the county, rather than move away on retirement. As the "baby boom" generation ages, the over-60 population is expected to increase to 25 percent.

In 2000, the county provided \$3 million to the 21 municipalities to help senior citizens. Berkeley Heights, Fanwood, Mountainside, Garwood, Plainfield and Westfield each spent \$100,000 on senior centers.

Romankow To Take Charge As Union County Prosecutor

By DEBORAH MADISON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

On Friday, July 26 in the Elizabeth County Courthouse, a lifelong dream of Westfield trial attorney Theodore Romankow will become a reality. Mr. Romankow will be sworn in by Superior Court Judge Edward W. Beglin, Jr. to become the next Union County Prosecutor.

He will be replacing Thomas Manahan, whose five-year term has expired. Mr. Manahan was appointed in 1997 by Gov. Christie Whitman to the \$141,000-a-year post, while Mr. Romankow was picked by Governor James McGreevey.

Mr. Romankow, who has established himself over the years as a top-notch trial attorney specializing in civil and criminal litigation, will be leaving his firm, Garrubo, Romankow and Rinaldo, to assume the office of Union County's top cop. He brings 34 years of experience as a trial attorney to the office with prior experience as a municipal prosecutor for Berkeley Heights and Rahway and as a public defender.

"Having experience on both sides has given me perspective," he told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood*. Mr. Romankow also served as a member

for five years and as Chairman for one year on the Union County Ethics Committee. "Holding the title of Special Master on the Ethics Committee involved hearing and adjudicating ethics charges brought against other attorneys," he explained.

He was also appointed by the Superior Court of New Jersey as an arbitrator in negligence matters and has been a guest lecturer throughout the State on trial practice.

As Union County Prosecutor, Mr. Romankow will oversee the County's largest law firm, supervising more than 215 employees, including 55 prosecutors and a budget of \$14 million. As the County's chief law enforcement officer, Mr. Romankow will also be responsible for administration of the County Police, Sheriff's Office and the Police Academy in Scotch Plains. He will coordinate the law-enforcement activities of more than 1,800 police officers in the County's 21 municipalities.

Mr. Romankow told *The Leader* and *The Times* that he is looking forward to the challenges of his office and has been well prepared by Prosecutor Manahan, working closely with him and the prosecutor's staff over the past several weeks. "Prosecutor Manahan and his staff have helped to prepare me for this position immeasurably," Mr. Romankow said.

Mr. Romankow noted that he is already putting the wheels in motion to address what he perceives as Union County's most serious needs. "One of the first goals that my office will focus on will be to organize an anti-terrorism task force, to coordinate a County-wide alert system among our municipalities, in conjunction with the Federal and State anti-terrorism measures," Mr. Romankow related. "Educating the police, public and private business sectors will be key to implementing security throughout the County," he added.

Gang activity, including drugs, guns and violence, have become a widespread problem throughout Union County and will be the focus of an anti-gang task force, he remarked. "I also intend on continuing the practice of training and utilizing police officers from many municipalities in the area of curbing cyber-fraud and predatory crimes on the Internet," Mr. Romankow added.

Although he will be stepping down from his law practice, his firm will continue under the same name, as both his son and daughter are lawyers practicing with the firm. In his spare time, Mr. Romankow said that he enjoys playing golf, although admits to "attempting to play golf, but poorly." He also enjoys fishing when he gets the chance.



Theodore Romankow
Union County Prosecutor

Ferguson To Hold Town Meeting For NJ Seniors

WESTFIELD - To update seniors about their Medicare, including the House vote earlier this month to create a comprehensive prescription drug benefit, Rep. Mike Ferguson, R-N.J., and Tom Scully, administrator of the federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, will hold a seniors town meeting July 29 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Westfield Town Hall located on 425 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Several of Congressman Ferguson's staff also will be on hand to address specific issues. Area seniors are invited to attend the event. For additional information, please contact Bailey Wood in Congressman Ferguson's Washington D.C. office at (202) 225-5361.



Tom Scully, administrator of the federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to speak in Westfield on July 29.



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Sandra Gillespie, MSPT, graduated from the physical therapy program at Springfield College in 2000. Her education and training emphasized a holistic philosophy in individualized patient care. She has integrated this approach with her personal commitment to addressing each patient as a unique person. The ability to offer personalized care with improving daily function made physical therapy the ideal profession for Sandra's caring attitude.



Sandra has matched her personal interest in people with a zeal for clinical perfection. She has expanded her skills through continued educational course work and treatment strategies. Sandra's area of clinical interest includes spinal rehabilitation in both aquatic and land environments. She finds restoring people to full function personally rewarding.

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