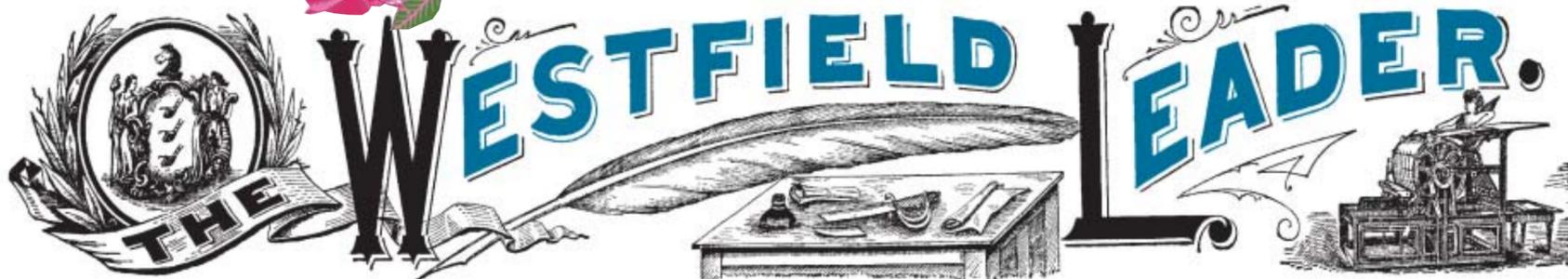


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Residents Have Mixed Views On Traffic Calming Project

By LAUREN S. PASS
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Mayor Gregory McDermott was not in attendance during Tuesday evening's regular public session of the Westfield Town Council, as he was meeting President George W. Bush in Washington D.C. Councilman Matthew Albano served as Acting Mayor.

Residents were on hand to discuss the traffic-calming project currently in progress on Rahway Avenue. The project includes speed humps measuring 100 feet across, three inches in height, and six feet in width to be positioned in front of Westfield High School and the Field House at Kehler Stadium.

The plan also includes raised intersections at Dorian Road and Grove Street and crosswalks that will be raised three inches at Willow Grove and Clifton Street to allow better visibility for drivers cresting the hill.

There will be bump-outs positioned at several locations, including a 3-foot bump-out on Rahway Avenue across from Willow Grove Road to prevent drivers from passing on the right.

Bump-outs will also be located at Max Place and Normandy Drive; Rahway Avenue will be 28 feet wide in these areas.

There will also be lights in the crosswalk at Kehler Stadium, which will have flashing lights in the cross-

walk and down the center of the road, allowing drivers behind larger vehicles better visibility.

Warren Victor, a resident of Plymouth Road, raised his objections to the project. He stated that the neighborhoods surrounding the construction were not reasonably informed, and that it was also a surprise to the Principal of Tamaques Elementary School, Michael Cullen.

Mr. Victor added that SUV's would pass on the right on Rahway Avenue and Willow Grove Road, where they would hit the bump-out already in place, and this would cause the vehicle to turn over. He compared the project to the bump-outs on South Avenue in Plainfield, citing the 37 accidents caused by the bump-outs and stated that this type of project has already failed locally. Mr. Victor added that the City of Plainfield is paying damages to those involved in accidents there.

He read to the council what he

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Lauren S. Pass for The Westfield Leader

SAFETY OR DANGER...New bump outs on the corner of Clifton Street and Rahway Avenue are at the forefront of residents' complaints about the traffic-calming project.

Planning Bd., Applicant Compromise On Gymnastics Facility Redevelopment

By JAMES M. FOERST
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

South Avenue, East in Westfield will be undergoing some changes that should, "continue to revitalize the South Avenue corridor," noted Robert Newell, Chairman of the Westfield Planning Board during a meeting Monday evening.

"Commercial development of this area is beginning," he said, adding that the board wanted to clean up this area for both, "appearance and safety concerns."

On Monday, the board considered the application of James Surgent,

Principal of J&K Development, Co., Inc. and Surgent's Elite Gymnastics located at 401 South Avenue. Mr. Surgent was seeking several variances from the town's land use law, requesting that the board allow for the construction of two additions to the existing building which would render the property non-conforming under the applicable ordinance.

Mr. Surgent explained to the board that his intention was to expand the gymnastics facility in two phases. The first addition, which would be constructed as soon as possible, would encompass the construction

of a new floor exercise area at the rear of the building and the demolition of an existing garage.

The second phase of the expansion would incorporate a new streetscape including the construction of additional classrooms and party rooms at the front of the building and the replacement of front and side yard asphalt with landscaping.

The applicant, however, could not advise the board of a time frame for the completion of the second phase.

Mr. Surgent began operating the gymnastics school in 1976 before moving to the South Avenue facility in 1998. The facility provides gymnastics instructions for children between the ages of 18 months and 18 years of age.

The applicant's engineering expert, Gregory J. Redington, P.E. of Redco Engineering and Construction Corporation of Westfield, testified before the board that the addition of the proposed floor space would increase the parking requirement to 54 spaces under the ordinance.

Mr. Redington's proposed plans provided for only 50 spaces, noting that the additional four spaces were not necessary.

Mr. Surgent advised that because of the nature of the business, "only 75 percent of the parking is presently utilized."

The board was also concerned with the general appearance of the property.

The property "doesn't meet expectations relative to appearance" stated William Ziff, Planning Board member.

Chairman Newell also requested that the property be "cleaned up," stating that the board's "emphasis is on making this property look more commercial as opposed to its present industrial appearance."

After some discussion, a compromise was reached between the board and the applicant. Mr. Surgent agreed to redevelop the property with regard to landscaping, parking and lighting which according to the board would make the property appear, "commercial as opposed to industrial appearance."

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Mrs. Kling Lauded For Her Receipt Of Philhower Award

By ROBERT COAKLEY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Tuesday night's meeting of the Westfield Board of Education was held in the Franklin Elementary School auditorium and began with a special tribute to fourth-grade teacher Carole Kling, this year's winner of the Charles Philhower Fellowship

Award from the Rotary Club of Westfield.

The award, named for a former head of the Westfield Rotary and Superintendent of Schools, has honored an elementary school teacher every year for the past 10 years.

The auditorium was filled with teachers, parents and students who turned out to celebrate the occasion and praise Mrs. Kling for her abilities as a teacher. Franklin School Principal Mary Fleck, Assistant Principal Claudia Andreski and fourth-grade teachers Diane Russell, Paul Nigro and Penny O'Donnell all congratulated Mrs. Kling on her receipt of the award.

They noted how she helped motivate her students and taught them to think creatively and, "outside the box."

Perhaps the most touching tributes came from Mrs. Kling's students themselves. Amada Rhodes said Mrs. Kling never gets mad.

"I don't know what Franklin School would do without you," Morgan Spencer said.

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Green Party, Others Propose Options To Deal With N.J.'s Garbage Problem

By DEBORAH MADISON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Between 1985 and 2000, the amount of solid waste generated in New Jersey has consistently risen by approximately one ton per year. According to the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), a total 17.5 million tons of solid waste was generated in New Jersey in 2000.

The total amount recycled in New Jersey in 2000 was 9.4 million tons, or approximately 53 percent of the total solid waste stream. Union County had 1.1 million tons of solid waste, of which 51 percent was recycled.

The figures for 2001 are expected to be released soon. The DEP's goal is to increase recycling to 65 percent by 2005, through stricter enforcement of recycling laws in each county. Disposal of the eight million tons per year of New Jersey's un-recycled garbage occurs by incineration or by shipping it to out-of-state landfills.

New York City is negotiating with Linden to ship another four million tons per year to New Jersey, for consolidation and shipment to out-of-state landfills. New York City is also planning to send garbage to Newark for incineration.

The DEP recognizes that many recyclables are slipping into the solid waste stream, and that they end up in incinerators or landfills. DEP regulations require facilities to document the amount of recyclable materials they receive. These materials are supposed to be separated from the

burnable solid waste and transported to recycling facilities.

Al Ivany, spokesman for the DEP Media Inquiry Department, told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* that the Rahway incinerator is "super hi-tech and very well run. It has never failed a stack test, which tests for emissions compliance. There have been some 'exceedences,' however, these could

have been caused by temporary equipment failures, which were promptly repaired."

According to Mr. Ivany, the Rahway facility is linked directly to the DEP by hi-tech computer monitors, so that the DEP is constantly aware of any compliance failures in real time.

DEP regulations governing the

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Construction Remains On Schedule at Schools

By DEBORAH MADISON and LAUREN S. PASS
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Multiple schools in Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood are currently undergoing construction, and will continue into the summer.

Construction at Westfield High School began on March 25. Steel has been erected to expand the guidance area, cafeteria and gym storage areas. Concrete has already been poured for the foundation on the corner of Dorian Road and Trinity Place. Also on Trinity Place digging for the foundation and footing of the new science wing is currently underway. According to Westfield Board of Education Business Administrator Bob Burman, the project is currently on schedule.

Though a complete list of projects that will occur over the summer is not currently available; the roof at

Edison Intermediate School will be replaced over the summer. This project is being funded in part by the Economic Development Authority.

Business Administrator for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district Anthony Del Sordi has reported that of the eight schools being renovated, the five elementary schools and two middle schools would be completed over the summer before the start of the next school year.

Renovations at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) would be finished by October.

Construction at Evergreen, Coles, Brunner, School One and McGinn Elementary Schools will be completed by Sunday, September 1. All five elementary schools are receiving a new multipurpose room and Brunner and McGinn Centers are also having their media centers renovated.

Two new classrooms at Coles School are up and receiving the finishing touches on their interiors. School One will have their first floor completed by June.

Terrill Middle School awaiting the delivery of steel for their new media center. The walls are going up for a 12-classroom addition and the brick

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Amy Horowitz for The Westfield Leader

THEY CAME IN DROVES...Sunday's Spring Fest was a huge success, bringing crowds of residents and visitors to the downtown to savor everything from sausage and pepper sandwiches to homemade crafts, pony rides, classic cars and music from eras gone by.



Amy Horowitz for The Westfield Leader

A FINE CATCH...During the Annual Fishing Derby, sponsored by the Westfield Policemen's Benevolent Association, Local No. 90, Brett Dougert, 8, of Westfield reeled in a golden trout.

Public Schools to Close May 24 Through 28

The Westfield Public Schools will be closed for students and teachers on Friday, May 24 through Tuesday, May 28. The extended Memorial Day weekend is due to unused snow days in the 2001-2002 school calendar. Students should report back to school on Wednesday, May 29.



Courtesy of Deborah Madison for The Westfield Leader

GETTING THE STORY...Deborah Madison, staff reporter for *The Westfield Leader*, interviews Green Party Presidential candidate Ralph Nader, who was in Princeton last Friday to address the subject of New Jersey's incinerators and waste disposal.



Brooks Crandall, top, and David B. Corbin, bottom, for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood*. Brooks Crandall, bottom, is captured by *Leader/Times* Sports Editor and Assistant Publisher David B. Corbin, while, perched atop Arcanum Hall, Mr. Corbin snaps a photo of Mr. Crandall.

Mrs. Kling Receives Philhower Fellowship

Danielle Confane characterized Mrs. Kling as, "the best teacher a person could ever have."

School Board President Arlene Gardner, said Mrs. Kling represents the, "epitome of what we hope to have in every classroom."

Mrs. Kling said she would always remember the evening, adding that she would watch the videotape of the event at least once a month. She received a standing ovation from the audience. Afterwards, she said she appreciated the great outpouring of support and that the children did a wonderful job.

Dr. Fleck said having someone like Mrs. Kling on the staff is great, and having her recognized, "honors all of the teachers at Franklin School, partly because (Westfield) really is a school community."

A parent nominated Mrs. Kling for the award, which received the endorsement of a committee of teachers and parents.

Mrs. Kling has been teaching at Franklin School for 12 years, she previously taught at McKinley School for 17 years and 11 years at Wilson Elementary School.

The Optimist Club of Westfield will present its annual award for Westfield Intermediate schoolteachers, Gloria White-James of Edison School and Jack Martin of Roosevelt School were selected as the honorees for this award.

They will be recognized at a special school board reception on Tuesday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the school board's Elm Street meeting room.

The board also heard a presentation Tuesday from Dr. Jamie Edmonds, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, about the new Advanced Learning Program planned for this September. This pilot program will involve a third- and sixth-grade cycle curriculum.

Dr. Foley said students in this program will have an opportunity to interact with peers with similar abilities.

These students are not just "bright," Dr. Edmonds noted, but "think different and have needs that go beyond the needs of most of us." The school board, administration, teachers, parents and shareholders will be involved in the program, as well as specialists in the field of gifted children.

Identifying the gifted students will in-

volve general aptitude screenings in grades 2 and 5; teacher and parent observations and an individual IQ test. According to the school board, the program will evolve slowly to better serve the needs of the students.

Dr. Edmonds said the next task is to appoint a new coordinator for the Gifted and Talented Programs, a position created at the meeting, who will organize services for grade school gifted students and train teachers in strategies for the instruction of such students.

Also, the board will begin to identify gifted students in need of intervention. The students will be in regular classrooms, but may be grouped together, she said. The program will also have a name other than "Gifted and Talented."

Parents of children with learning disabilities told the board the Foreign Language classes in the high school are a "stumbling block" for specialized students with dyslexia and other learning problems.

Most students in classes like Spanish One or French One already took the language in middle school. The pace of the class leaves the other students behind, the parents explained.

School board members said they would look into something for students with no background in foreign language, perhaps through a teacher's aide or a new introduction class.

Mrs. Gardner said nine Westfield High School juniors were accepted into the selective Governor's School this summer. Emily Chen and Tyler Patla were accepted to Sciences; David Eisenberg and William Masket to International Studies; Christopher Lynn and Jordan Hyman to Arts; Angela Kim and Marisa Lu to Environment, and Katherine Lechner to Public Issues.

Mrs. Gardner said Roosevelt School was awarded a first place trophy from the New Jersey Association of Student Councils' (NJASC) Spring Business Meeting for raising the most money for the NJASC state charity, Camp Fatima.

Roosevelt donated \$23,250 to the cause, marking the sixth year in a row that the school won first place. The total amount raised by New Jersey student councils for Camp Fatima was \$174,300.

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operations of incinerators, such as the use of state-of-the-art technology, well-maintained equipment, frequent inspections, recording and reporting procedures, are all designed to ensure incinerators operate with the least amount of detrimental impact on surrounding communities or on the environment.

Absolute adherence to these regulations would, in fact, make incinerators fairly environmentally safe, according to Dr. Clifford Weisel, an Environmental Engineer with the Institute of Environmental Health Sciences of Rutgers University. "If strict adherence were possible," he said.

"If the technology is well maintained to function at an optimum level and if dangerous materials are stringently separated out, then it is possible to incinerate safely," Dr. Weisel commented.

"The goal is to attempt to achieve a balance," he noted. "There is no risk-free system and all of the available options have detriments."

Environmentalists urge a dramatic increase in recycling, and they are against the use of incinerators for disposal of garbage.

Joseph Parrish, the Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Elizabeth, has been monitoring the incinerator's impact on the health of his parishioners for several years. Mr. Parrish has a doctoral degree in chemistry from Harvard University and worked as a scientist with Merck Laboratories for many years.

Mr. Parrish told *The Leader and The Times* that in the mid-1990s, when the incinerator began operating, he noticed an alarming increase in the incidence of asthma among the children in his parish, which rose from a rate of near zero to 40 percent.

He said he knows there are serious flaws in the regulation and compliance system of incinerators in New Jersey.

"The existing DEP regulations, even if they were being enforced, are not adequate to protect the health of residents in the surrounding communities," Mr. Parrish stated. "These types of facilities are making people sick."

"The regulations permit an unhealthy amount of toxins to be emitted and many toxins produced by the burning of garbage, particularly PVC (poly vinyl chloride plastic), are not being properly measured and documented," Mr. Parrish added.

According to information released by the American Lung Association, there is an "alarming increase" in the rate of new asthma cases reported each year. "Asthma-related hospitalizations have risen disproportionately for inner-city children and, in particular, for minority populations," stated a report from the Association.

Environmental groups, such as the Sierra Club, the Green Party and Concerned Citizens of Union County blame these increasing statistics, in part, on the cumulative effects of emissions from all sources, including the operation of incinerators in New Jersey.

According to Union County Green Party representative George DeCarlo, the DEP regulations, such as the allowable parts per billion of certain toxins, were "pulled out of thin air."

He claimed that for some toxins, such as mercury or dioxin, there were no scientific studies of the effects of these substances on health.

The Leader and The Times interviewed Green Party Presidential candidate Ralph Nader, who was in Princeton last Friday to address the subject of New Jersey's incinerators and waste disposal. Mr. Nader told this newspaper that all New Jersey residents, particularly those in the counties which house incinerators, such as Union County, need to organize and fight for the quality of their air and environment.

"You have to let your municipal and county officials know that your health and air quality are not for sale," Mr. Nader said. He reaffirmed the Green Party's platform that, "DEP regulations have been proven unsafe" and do not account for the most recent scientific evidence regarding the effects of incinerator emissions on air quality and health.

"Incinerators cause high levels of asthma in children, particularly in minor-

ity children. All five of New Jersey's incinerators are located in poor, minority communities," Mr. Nader said.

"These towns were lured by the promise of lower taxes and other monetary incentives," he added.

He suggested the residents of Union County who are concerned about the detrimental effects of incinerators should "call up talk radio; write op-ed letters; send photos to your local paper, to articulate and publicize the issue. Tell Washington that you want them to redirect their massive military budget to renewable energy and recycling."

"And elect county officials who are also concerned about these issues," he advised.

Mr. Nader and the Green Party maintain that recycling and reduced packaging could reduce New Jersey's solid waste production by 90 percent. They claim that there is still plenty of landfill space to handle the remaining 10 percent.

This claim is, however, widely disputed by landfill opponents, who say that landfills will eventually become full and do not provide a long-term solution. Many

municipal and county officials also maintain that recycling and reducing packaging is not a realistic goal in the immediate future and would take extensive effort and time to implement.

Garland "Bud" Boothe, who sat on the Union County Solid Waste Advisory Council and was a member of the Union County Utilities Authority during the planning phase for the Rahway incinerator, told *The Leader and The Times*, "The problem with the Green Party's recycling solution is that the garbage is here, now. Enforcing recycling and reducing packaging are certainly viable long-term options, but not options that can be realistically implemented overnight."

Assemblywoman Linda Stender agreed with Mr. Boothe. She told *The Leader and The Times* that New Jersey already has some of the best recycling laws in the country, but that it is just not realistic to expect packaging producers and consumers to change their methods and habits overnight.

The problem of providing safe and environment-friendly waste disposal is certain to escalate in New Jersey until solutions are found.

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trial." Mr. Sargent agreed to redevelop the landscape and utilize Belgian block curbing in and around the property while also constructing a lighting configuration of 15-foot poles in conformance with other commercial zones throughout town.

Presently, the property consists of primarily asphalt with flood lighting mounted on 30-foot telephone poles.

After reaching the compromise, the board conditionally approved the application subject to the submission of a new site plan incorporating the compromised items.

Mr. Ziff stated, "This type of compromise is in the best interest of the town and of the applicant."

Mr. Sargent echoed this sentiment by stating, "The entire process was a good experience. The board has been very fair."

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entitled the "Booby Trap Resolution," which he used to identify and affix the legal and financial responsibility of the Town of Westfield to pay damages resulting from the road project.

The resolution read, "It is therefore resolved that the Town of Westfield, N.J. accepts and agrees to pay all damage claims to vehicles and property, as well as, all injuries to persons who crash into the road traffic booby traps. In addition, the town will pay all legal fees for the injured parties seeking compensation, as well as punitive damages identified as associated with the incident without limitation. The burden of proof shall be the town's to prove that the accident was not in ANY way contributed to by the new boondoggle designs."

Mr. Victor stated that he expects to hear back from the council by July 4 whether they approve the resolution or not.

Plainfield resident and Councilman Robert Ferraro told the council that he could live with the bump-outs in Westfield, but cannot live with the ones in Plainfield.

He said that he was concerned about the problems that would occur with bump-outs on Willow Grove Road, but Councilman Rafael Betancourt stated that those had been eliminated.

Councilman Carl Salisbury stated that the width of the Rahway Avenue was going to remain wider than the width of South Avenue in Plainfield and that Plainfield had been considered and discussed during the planning phase.

Plymouth Road resident Rodger Sabanash stated his concerns over emergency vehicles being able to get through the traffic. He also stated his concern over an article in *The Star-Ledger* that stated the town "was planning congestion." He added that the changes in the road needed to be marked carefully.

Councilman Betancourt stated that the council was trying to slow congestion, and suggested that if anyone was confused about what they read in the newspaper to call a member of the council.

Mr. Sabanash went on to ask why traffic lights were not considered and stated his concern over being part of a "pilot project."

Councilman Betancourt stated that they were looking for a way to slow people down and that traffic lights cause speeding.

Town Administrator Jim Gildea stated that the project has been reported by *The Westfield Leader* since 1999, and that information was not hard to find.

Town Engineer Kenneth Marsh explained that there were several public meetings, which were well attended, and that Rahway Avenue was defined

as the biggest problem. He went on to say that the project was originally much larger in scope, but that it was cut back to come under budget.

Mr. Marsh added that the bump-outs and speed humps will be marked with signs and reflective striping. He stated that on Tuesday he purposely caused a traffic jam on Clifton Street at Rahway Avenue, and traffic was still able to turn on from Rahway Avenue.

Acting Mayor Albano asked if the Department of Transportation (DOT) had any regulations on this project. Mr. Marsh stated that the \$210,000 grant funding the project came from the DOT, but they had not set any standards yet.

Councilman Carl Salisbury stated that this topic was one of the most open and well-publicized topics, second only to parking. He also stated that when they began talking about this project, former Police Chief Anthony Scutti had given the council studies with worse than appalling speeds being used on Rahway Avenue.

Councilman Betancourt said that he has received phone calls from other neighborhoods that want calming.

Councilman Kevin Walsh stated that the original proposal from RBA, who was the consultant hired by the town, included a section stating the town had no liability.

Deirdre Gelinne, a resident of North Euclid Avenue, and a member of the BRAKES (Bikers, Runners and Kids are Entitled to Safety) Group and the traffic calming advisory committee stated that emergency vehicle concerns were considered and that it was a well thought out study.

Ms. Gelinne said she is looking forward to seeing the road calming implemented. She then stated that she objected to a permanent closure of South Chestnut Street by Gumbert Park and said that it will only divert traffic to other streets.

Councilman Betancourt stated that the council has no intention of permanently closing South Chestnut Street, only for a 30-day period so that the traffic could be studied.

Lauren Shub, a Prospect Street resident, stated that pedestrians were the issue on Rahway Avenue, and that kids are crossing during the day. She added that none of the 37 accidents in Plainfield have involved pedestrians.

Mr. Victor stated that, "common sense has been replaced by consultants." He added that frustration on Rahway Avenue will divert traffic to other streets and that people will have to learn how to drive again.

On another topic, Gary Eelman of Norman Place asked how the council came up with the curbing assessment charge to residents. Mr. Eelman stated that his neighborhood has petitioned the council for curbing.

The current charges for assessment are, if a road project has been initiated by the town, the town will replace or install curbing, but if a resident initiates the project they will be charged for 50 percent of the assessment for replacement curbing and 100 percent for new curbing.

Councilman Larry Goldman stated that the policy is reassessed every year. He said that it was the feeling that if the town took the initiative then

they should pay for it, conversely, if the residents petitioned, then they would be charged the full assessment.

The September 11th Memorial Committee made a presentation to the council in order to update them as to their progress. They presented a replica of the 11-foot monument, which will have a granite base and illuminated, etched glass, with the names of all the victims, including those killed in Washington and Pennsylvania.

There will also be 12 markers, one for each Westfield resident who perished. The monument will be on the corner of North Avenue and East Broad Street. The groundbreaking will be this Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and completion of the project is slated for Thursday, August 15.

The budget for the project is approximately \$70,000, and they have currently raised \$42,000.

Acting Mayor Albano thanked the committee for all their fine work.

To help with the project, please call (908) 233-0189.

In other business, the council had the first reading of three ordinances, one to appropriate money for sidewalk improvements and another to appropriate funds for curbing. The third ordinance is for \$1,176,000, which includes new police vehicles, a fire engine and various road projects. A portion of the ordinance was amended, due to the fact that it was published differently in the public notice.

The council approved an ordinance to amend the fire protection code, which will allow the fire department to establish fire zones and lanes, which will allow emergency vehicles better ingress and egress throughout Westfield.

The council also passed a resolution to temporarily close South Chestnut Street between Fourth Avenue and the town line on Mondays through Fridays from 5 p.m. to dusk, on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Sundays from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. during baseball season.

Councilwoman Claire Lazarowitz read a letter from Westfield Rescue Squad Captain Miki Urso, stating that the squad has been chosen as the number one volunteer squad in the state.

"This is an amazing honor," Councilwoman Lazarowitz stated. She went on to say that the squad will be recognized by the council with a proclamation at the next public meeting, which is on Tuesday, May 21.

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is being applied to the new gym.

Park Middle School's lower level and first floor are completed, while completion of the third floor is expected by Saturday, June 1, according to Mr. Del Sordi. The new gym and all interiors are currently being worked on at Park School.

At SPFHs, the bleachers are complete and the windows are being fabricated, said Mr. Del Sordi. The two elevators, which will make the high school handicapped accessible, will begin construction over the summer and be completed by October. No delays in school opening are expected.

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