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MARKET FRESH... Mary Ronk and her daughter of Westfield look through the fresh fruits and vegetables for sale last Saturday at the Farmers Market located at the southside parking lot of the Westfield Train Station. The market continues each Saturday throughout the summer.

MS Tax Bills Will Be Late Due to State Delay

By KIM BROADWELL
 Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

MOUNTAINSIDE — Mayor Robert Vigilanti and the Borough Council will vote this Tuesday, July 19 on a resolution to extend the due date for borough residents' 3rd quarter property taxes, due to a late certification of the tax rate from the state.

Borough Clerk Judy Osty announced at Tuesday night's agenda setting meeting that tax bills cannot be finalized because "there are no state figures yet." The resolution notes that taxes will be due 25 days after the tax bills are finally sent.

Mayor Vigilanti also announced Tuesday night that he and Borough Engineer Michael Disko would be taking inventory of all of the roads that had been resurfaced in recent years and of all of the additional roads that still needed to be done. The mayor said that there is approximately \$2 million left from the \$5 million bond anticipation note taken out three years ago for resurfacing borough roads.

The governing body will also vote Tuesday night on a resolution to give Borough Administrator and Mountainside Police Chief James Debbie the authorization to apply for materials needed by the borough police department through the

New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) State Aid for their Safe Corridors program.

According to Chief Debbie, through the grant, a maximum of \$25,000 can be awarded for materials such as three radar units and three video cameras for police cars. The chief also noted that the police department was also asking for a video camera to be placed under the footbridge that passes over Route 22 located across borough hall. He stated that the surveillance system would have a monitor hooked up to the front desk in the police department.

The Safe Corridors Program, which was adopted in 2002 from then governor James McGreevey, was implemented to help make certain dangerous highways within the state safer. Other parts of Route 22 that are being helped through the program are in the towns of Springfield, Hillside and a portion of Scotch Plains.

Ms. Osty said that the borough was applying to participate in the county's Community Development Block Grant Program. She noted that this was the borough's 31st year of participation in the program.

The next council session is a public meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 19 at 8 p.m.

MS-BOE Removes Board Administrator

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also to determine what children prefer on the lunch menu.

"It will be a gradual transition of changing the menu over the course of the year," Board member Ray Haggard stated.

The board also discussed its policy regarding attendance, absences and excuses. The policy requires the parent or guardian call in all absences by 8:30 a.m. and send a written explanation for one day missed and a doctor's note for four or more consecutive days missed. The policy also states that a student must attend school regularly and if they have 10 unexcused absences a note will be sent home.

A student with 20 unexcused absences may be suspended or required to repeat the same grade the following year.

The policy was unanimously approved and a copy will be sent to all students and posted on the Internet.

The board approved the appointment of Maureen Miller as supervisor of special services/psychologist

effective September 13 at a salary of \$95,000 per year. The appointment of Michael Carver as curriculum coordinator/assistant principal effective August 1 was also approved.

Mr. Carver will receive a starting salary of \$81,200.

"We are very fortunate to get another good administrator," Dr. O'Malley said referring to Mr. Carver. "He has taught and piloted the Everyday Math program so he will be an asset to the district. He is a great man with great character."

BOE President John Perrin announced that negotiations with Berkeley Heights are ongoing regarding the send/receive agreement the district has with Governor Livingston High School.

"We are anticipating correspondence from Berkeley Heights any day in regards to comments we sent to them," Mr. Perrin said.

According to Mr. Perrin, the contract should be approved in the near future.

Board Carries Over Nine Cases to August 8

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WESTFIELD — The Westfield Board of Adjustment had a full agenda at its meeting Monday night. Nine applications were carried over to the Monday, August 8 monthly meeting.

The majority of the requests that were heard by the board were approved, the only exceptions being one withdrawal, two administrative dismissals and several cases carried to the next meeting for various reasons.

Tyrence Lamchek of 602 Mountain Avenue was requesting a variance to construct a side porch that was beyond the minimum side yard setback required, in addition to the fact that town ordinances require that the location of decks be in rear yards only. Mr. Lamchek withdrew his request after being told by the board that his request would most likely be denied.

It was recommended that he construct a patio with a maximum 12-inch grade to circumvent the ordinances.

Giordano DeCandia of 604 Leigh Drive withdrew his application in order to re-evaluate the variance requested. The board deemed his appeal to have a side yard setback of six feet for a proposed addition too radical in light of the minimum required by town ordinances, which is 10 feet.

The application of Sonia Rios-Cardoso of 628 Downer Street was also held until August due to improper filing, leading to insufficient notification of the public.

Alison Brafman of 1031 Minisink Way and Peter and Nancy Ciano of 900 Harding Street were requesting that their applications be held until at least the Monday, September 12 board meeting.

Board Chairman William Heinbokel suggested that the requests

be given administrative dismissals, since both had already been carried from March. The board approved his suggestion, which allows the applicants to re-file for a variance when their submission is complete.

Evgeniy Velkov of 437 West Broad Street, who was seeking a variance, failed to notify neighboring property owners within 10 days of the July 11 meeting and thus their application was also carried over until the August meeting.

Cindy and Anthony Mastrocola of 708 Dorian Road and Marion and Donald Vanarelli of 740 Hanford Place were granted requests to have their applications carried to the August meeting.

The applications of Gigi & Joe Tilocca of 75 North Cottage Place, John and Faith Mulvanerty of 900 Talcott Road, Natalia Penner of 205 Livingston Street, Mitch and Anita Beinhaker of 656 Norman Place, David and Lisa Jackson of 560 Cumberland Street, Gregory Hobson of 618 Cumberland Street, Nicholas and Janette Spiezio of 834 Cedar Terrace, Maria Barry of 1012 Irving Avenue and Richard F. Spencer of 116 South Euclid Avenue were all held due to lack of time.

Of the 14 applications that were approved by the board, a few solicited debate between the applicants and the board. The application of Shawn and Chris Heron of 208 Wyoming Street was only approved after the applicant agreed to reduce the depth of his proposed porch addition in order to increase the front yard setback.

Paul Cunningham of 617 Drake Place was seeking a variance for a proposed addition to his mother's home, which the board approved after hearing about the family's living conditions and necessities of his elderly mother.

DWC Sponsoring 5K Run On July 27 In Downtown

WESTFIELD — The 4th Annual DWC 5K Run and Pizza Extravaganza will be held on Wednesday, July 27 in downtown Westfield.

"The DWC 5K and Pizza Extravaganza is a wonderful event that brings close to 2,000 runners and 5,000 spectators to our downtown," said Sherry Cronin, Executive Director of the DWC.

Pre-registration for the 5K race is available until Friday, July 22 either on-line at PracticeHard.com or by completing a hardcopy application. Applications are available at the

Downtown Westfield Corporation and in downtown businesses.

Pre-registration for the DWC 5K and Pizza Extravaganza costs \$20 and all applications must be post-marked by July 22. Registration can be completed one on the day of the event between 5 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. at Quimby and Elm Streets.

The race begins at the corner of Elm and East Broad Streets at 7 p.m. Registration on race day is \$25.

For more information about the Run, please call the DWC at (908) 789-9444.



Don Williams for The Westfield Leader and The Times
GRAND REOPENING... The Windmill restaurant recently underwent a renovation that involved new decorating (including the mural of the first Windmill restaurant, inset), a new door and new bathrooms. The restaurant is now under the ownership of Vivian Lee and hopes to provide better service.

WF Planning Board Delays Subdivision Vote

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the applicants, said there were no plans drawn because it would be premature.

"We don't know if we have a project yet," he told the board.

Planning Board Chairman Jay Boyle summarized a list of changes that the board wanted to see for a special meeting regarding the application, which will be held in late September. They include a 24-foot roadway for the cul-de-sac with no sidewalks, moving the new roadway as far away from the next door neighbor as possible, to preserve as many trees as possible, provide renderings with houses that are intended to be constructed, moving the drainage pipe system closer to the street and include seepage pits to provide a proper overflow for the drainage system.

Speaking before the end of the meeting was Robert Jeny, who represented neighbors opposing the project.

Mr. Jeny noted that he also had an expert witness who was going to give engineering testimony at the special September meeting.

Because of the time restraints, the application for 415 South Avenue West and 419 South Avenue West seeking a minor site plan approval with variances had to be carried over to the regularly scheduled August meeting. The applicant is seeking to construct decks and add a driveway between the two properties, which currently share parking. The addition of the driveway will cause one street metered parking space to be lost.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 1 at 8 p.m.



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TIME PIECE... The new Mountainside clock, funded by citizens and businesses, was unveiled Saturday on Mountain Avenue and New Providence Road.

Mountainside Dedicates New Community Clock

By KIM BROADWELL
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MOUNTAINSIDE — Greeting Mountainside residents and visitors, a new borough street clock, located in front of Valley National Bank on Mountain Avenue, was unveiled Saturday afternoon at a ceremony led by Mayor Robert F. Vigilanti.

According to the mayor, the clock, which looks very similar to the clocks in Fanwood, Garwood and Clark, has been donated to the borough from over 100 Mountainside businesses and/or residents.

"This is truly a community clock," said Mayor Vigilanti during the ceremony.

Over 100 people participated in this clock getting here. Our local businesses, friends and neighbors all contributed between \$250 and over \$5,000 making this a gift from these people to our community.

The mayor stated that he and Borough Engineer Michael Disko had been looking for a place to install a community clock since 1994, when Borough Hall had been going through its renovation. He noted that during that time the clock location was at Friendly's restaurant.

He stated that he had approached Valley National Bank, who took over the former Friendly's property, with the idea of placing the clock at its present location a year ago. He said that the bank not only gave its permission to use their property, but also pledged a substantial amount of money for the project.

According to Mayor Vigilanti, the labor and the materials needed to install the clock were also do-

nated by local businesses and residents. He noted that resident Walter Heckle was instrumental in laying the new foundation, after the first effort was determined to be incorrect. United Crane Rental gave free use of their equipment, Weldon Concrete gave free concrete and S & W Electric donated their services to the project.

The mayor also noted that the clock patio and granite base were provided by Melo Contractors, owned by Mike Melango and his family. He added that the bench was provided by the Maxwell family, owners of Maxwell's Furniture and Restoration, who have been living in Mountainside since 1907.

The mayor also mentioned that Danny Bluiwe made a generous contribution in memory of his family, who the mayor noted had been a part of Mountainside since 1914.

The mayor added that the clock project could not have been completed without the efforts of Mr. Disko, and thanked him by presenting his son, Kenny, with a collectible miniature of the clock. Mr. Disko could not attend the ceremony due to illness.

Other contributors of the clock include Gene and Audrey Lord; the Cioffi family; Vincent and Lauren Ferraro and family; the Piccolli family, the law firm of Post, Polak, Goodsell, MacNeill and Strauchler PSE&G; Elizabethtown Gas; Suplee Clooney & Co.; Comcast; Print Tech; L'Affaire Fine Catering and the mayor and Mountainside Borough Council.

Also, a portion of the clock stem was honored in memory of Captain Todd B. Turner of the Mountainside Police Department who lost his life in a car accident last year.

Rec Director Concerned On Progress of Turf Field

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two the Field Committee and other members of the Recreation Commission to make sure the progress of the project is known and kept close to schedule.

Board of Education (BOE) liaison Richard Solomon reported that the Kehler Stadium project is still on schedule, with grading complete and drainage close to completion. The turf is expected to arrive any day. Mr. Solomon also brought up the BOE's decision to close the varsity baseball field to the Westfield Baseball League until netting is installed to stop foul balls from flying into neighbor's back yards.

The commission discussed the progress of its proposed field improvement fund, which Jim Gildea has drafted as an ordinance to be approved by the Town Council. The fund, which will likely become a dedicated fund to improving the town's parks as well as its athletic fields, would fund the turfing of Sid Fay Field, which was not funded in the town's capital budget.

As it stands now, the fund would charge a \$10 per child, per season, per sport fee. Also included in the ordinance to raise money for the fund are usage fees for Tamaques Park's baseball and softball fields, gazebo

and picnic area, at \$30 a time slot.

The fund would be dedicated to park and field improvement, and could not be absorbed by the Recreation Department.

Residents Leonard and Kimberly Palumbo addressed the commission about an injury that their nine-year-old son sustained on June 21 when an on-deck batter on Gumbert Field no. 2 struck him in the head as he was walking by on a path. He broke three bones in his head, bruised his cheek and eye socket, and had permanent damage done to his teeth.

"Fortunately, he's doing fine," said Mr. Palumbo. "He's healing incredibly."

Mr. Palumbo pointed out that other towns have fields with designated warm-up areas and clear divisions between the players' and spectators' areas.

"It is bizarre that we don't have somewhere where kids can warm up and swing a bat without worrying about hitting someone," he said.

Commission members said they were eager to work toward a solution.

"This is not something to be discussed," said Commissioner Chris Carson. "This is something to be acted upon."

Drew Thompson represented the Westfield Baseball League (WBL) at the meeting, advocating a joint effort between the Recreation Commission and WBL. The league has already sent out e-mails to coaches educating them on a new, temporary policy of no on-deck batting. Mr. Thompson also reminded the commission that this is not the first incident where a spectator has been hit at a game, but rather the third.

"It is very difficult to stop on-deck batting, as it's part of the game," said Commission Chairman Jim Marvin, noting that action should be taken as soon as possible.

Mr. Thompson agreed. "This will be a monster lurking out there," he said. "We need to work faster."

Mr. Marvin made plans to investigate the field conditions and take pictures. Mr. Kaufmann has already spoken with DPW about putting up temporary fencing for the rest of the baseball season, which should be up next week. Mr. Kaufmann will then get specifications for field size, protection for spectators and warm-up facilities from the National Little League and the Cal Ripken League. He plans to have permanent fencing installed early next spring.

"This is a top priority," said Mr. Marvin. "We'll make sure it gets done right away."



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CONTRACTING FOR KIDS... Mountainside School officials signed the contract at Deerfield School with Otto Construction last Friday for the completion of Beechwood School. Adults pictured from left are: Board Member Pat Knodel, Chief School Administrator Gerald Schaeffer, Board member John Perrin, Paul Otto, Board Member Mary Beth Schaumburg and Business Administrator Paul Vizzuso.



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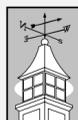
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