

Port of New York and New Jersey Sets International Cargo Record Again in 2006

PORT NEWARK — International cargo volumes in the Port of New York and New Jersey hit record levels in 2006, and growth projections have prompted the Port Authority to plan \$2 billion in seaport investments in the next 10 years, Port Authority Chairman Anthony Coscia and Port Authority Executive Director Anthony Shorris announced Tuesday.



Benjamin B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times 2005 Archive
SHIPPING IMPORTS...Cargo ship volume continues to set records in Port Elizabeth.

At Port Newark, Chairman Coscia, New Jersey Commerce Secretary Virginia Bauer and Port Commerce Director Richard Larrabee discussed the 2006 statistics and capital plans. The highlights include:

Containerized cargo volumes in the Port of New York and New Jersey rose nearly 8 percent in 2006 to a new record high, led by continued growth in trade with the Far East, North Europe and Southeast Asia. The dollar value of all cargo moving through the port in 2006 exceeded \$149 billion for the first time, up 13 percent from 2005. The number of loaded and empty TEUs (20-foot equivalent units) handled in the port exceeded 5 million for the first time.

ExpressRail, the Port Authority's on-dock rail terminals in New Jersey, set a new record in 2006, handling 338,882 containers, 11.8 percent more than in 2005.

In the next 10 years, nearly \$2 billion in infrastructure upgrades are planned for marine terminal facilities and off-port roads and railways to improve the flow of cargo. In addition to investments in the 50-foot harbor deepening project and the ExpressRail on-dock rail facilities, the 10-year budget includes funds to upgrade North Avenue in Elizabeth and to improve the capacity of Port and Corbin Streets, two major thoroughfares at the port. Investments also are planned to develop an Intelligent Transportation System for the port and to improve inland access. The budget includes investments to support third-party development of a parcel of land adjacent to the Howland Hook Marine Terminal on Staten Island for future terminal expansion.

Construction of the port's ExpressRail system continues to advance at an accelerated pace toward a scheduled completion of authorized projects in 2011. This month, a \$40-million component of the project was completed to install new support track that will double the capacity of ExpressRail Port Newark to more

than 100,000 containers a year, and provide a 9,000-foot arrival and departure track that will improve capacity on the port's rail network. Construction also began this month on a \$51 million project to build a second lead track into ExpressRail Elizabeth. The new track will allow Norfolk Southern and CSX trains to depart and arrive simultaneously into

ducing congestion and associated air emissions. The volume we now handle at our ExpressRail facilities will eliminate more than 500,000 truck trips from state and local roads. Our roadway improvement program will not only reduce congestion and its associated air emissions, but also will increase traffic safety."

The port's total general cargo volume, according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Census, increased to 31,194,421 metric tons in 2006, compared with 28,132,497 metric tons in 2005. General cargo imports totaled 22,126,272 metric tons, a 9.3 percent increase over the 2005 import volume of 20,236,519 metric tons. General cargo exports also increased, by 14.8 percent, from 7,895,978 metric tons in 2005 to 9,068,149 metric tons in 2006.

Total bulk cargo was down 2.9 percent to 54,968,141 metric tons in 2006, compared to 56,621,526 metric tons in 2005. Total bulk cargo imports decreased from 53,449,638 metric tons in 2005 to 49,168,042 metric tons in 2006. Total bulk cargo exports increased by 83 percent, from 3,171,888 in 2005 to 5,800,099 metric tons in 2006. The changes in bulk cargo imports and exports were due primarily to refined petroleum products. Total cargo volume by weight (bulk and general cargo combined) grew by 1.7 percent, from 84,754,023 metric tons in 2005 to 86,162,562 metric tons in 2006.

The number of vehicles handled, including small trucks, vans, SUVs and other personal vehicles, was 852,297, up 18 percent for the year. Imports increased to 690,636 in 2006 from 578,694 in 2005. Exports increased to 161,661 in 2006 from 143,717 in 2005.

Other 2006 highlights include: The top five containerized import commodities by volume were furniture, paper and paperboard, beer and ale, general cargo, and women and children's clothing.

The top five containerized export commodities by volume were paper and paperboard, automobiles, auto parts, general cargo and mixed metal scrap. Imported containerized commodities showing major growth by volume were general cargo, beer and ale, apparel, paper and paperboard, and sheets, towels and blankets. Exported containerized commodities showing major growth by volume were auto parts, plastic products, synthetic resins and plastics, machinery and automobiles.

The top five trading partners in general cargo tonnage were China, Italy, India, Germany and Brazil. Top import trading partners in general cargo tonnage were China, Italy, Germany, India and Brazil. Top export trading partners in general cargo tonnage were China, India, Japan, United Kingdom and South Korea.

There were 5,577 ship calls in the Port of New York and New Jersey in 2006, compared to 5,322 in 2005.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE...Katherine Roberts, a junior at Westfield High School, receives award as the student winner of the Optimist International Essay Contest of 2007 from Stephen Wearley, president.

Katherine Roberts Wins Optimist Club Contest

WESTFIELD — The Optimist Club of Westfield announced that Katherine Roberts, a junior at Westfield High School, was the local student winner of the Optimist International Essay Contest of 2007.

At an awards ceremony on March 14, Stephen Wearley, president of the Optimist Club, and Irv Brand, vice

president of community, presented Katherine with a Certificate of Achievement and a check for \$250. Mr. Wearley also honored Corey Walsh, who chaired the Club's Essay Contest, as the Optimist of the month.

The winning essay expounded on the phrase "I Want to Make a Difference Because..." by focusing on Katherine's own participation in a soup kitchen and the Darfur relief effort and by emphasizing the value of individual action standing alone, no matter how small, and as an essential building block of more effective collective endeavor.

Her winning essay will be sent to the district level. Essays will be judged at the district level and each district will send top entries to the international level. College scholarships are available for top winners at the district and international levels.

The last two years, the winning Westfield students, Katie Gorman and Ally Psychojos, won the district contest.

Individuals wishing to join the Optimist Club should contact Jeffrey Feldman by telephone at (908) 789-4500.

WBL clothing and other items will be on sale, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, ice cream, cotton candy, etc. The rain date is Saturday, April 21.

WBL to Hold Parade, Opening Ceremonies

The Westfield Baseball League (WBL) will hold its fourth-annual Opening Day Ceremonies and Parade for all children in kindergarten through ninth grade who are registered to play baseball or T-ball with the WBL on Saturday, April 14. The parade will commence at 10 a.m. at Mindowaskin Park and end at Gumbert Field, where there will be a carnival for the kids including moonwalks, obstacle course and mazes.

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Marine Shares Story Of Rescued Canine

WESTFIELD — On Friday, April 13, at 7 p.m., Lieutenant Colonel Jay Kopelman will visit the Westfield Memorial Library to share his story of how the Iraq war brought he and his adopted dog, Lava, together.

His tale has been publicized in his *New York Times* bestseller "From Baghdad With Love: A Marine, the War, and a Dog Named Lava."

While facing adversity on the battlefield of Fallujah, Iraq, Lieutenant Colonel Kopelman embraced an abandoned canine he named Lava.

Despite military law that forbids the keeping of pets, he rescued the dog from an abandoned home. The pair has been inseparable since.

Registration begins on Friday, March 30. This program is open to Westfield and MURAL cardholders only. For more information about this program or to register, contact (908) 789-4090.

Jamie Novak to Speak On Getting Organized

WESTFIELD — Jamie Novak, an organizing expert and TV personality, will share 10 simple ways to organize in the community room of the Westfield Municipal Building on Thursday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. The program, which will include coffee and dessert, is open to persons ages 8 to adult. The fee is \$5 per person and pre-registration is mandatory.

Ms. Novak is the resident organizer for NBC's "iVillage" and has been a featured organizer on HGTV's "Mission Organization" with a best-selling book, "1,000 Quick and Easy Organizing Secrets." Her tips have been featured nationally in *Woman's World* and *Family Circle*.

Coffee and dessert will be served. The entrance to the community room is on East Broad Street. To obtain a program registration form, visit westfieldnj.gov/recreation or call the Westfield Recreation Department at (908) 789-4080, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

TOWN OF WESTFIELD 2007 RESIDENTIAL CLEANUP

Registration by Mail

A permit is required at a cost of \$65.00. Permits may be obtained **by mail** or **downloaded from the Town website at www.westfieldnj.gov/dpw** provided the applications are postmarked **no later than May 25**. Residents are to complete the attached Registration Application and **mail it along with a check payable to "Town of Westfield" to the Public Works Department, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, NJ 07090**. Permits and decals will be mailed back to the resident. **Checks only will be accepted**. Registrants should have a general idea of what they will be placing at curbside when they purchase the permit to determine whether they will need more than one permit.

In Person Registration

A permit is required at a cost of \$65.00. Permits may also be obtained in person at the Westfield Public Works Center, 959 North Avenue, West. Residents are to complete the attached registration application and bring it to the above address along with a **check or money order** payable to the **Town of Westfield**. **Cash will not be accepted**. Permits will be sold in accordance with, **and not after**, the following schedule:

Wards 2, 3, 4 & 1

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| Mon. - Fri. | May 7 - 11 | 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. |
| Tues. Evening | May 8 | 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. |
| Mon. - Fri. | May 14 - 18 | 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. |
| Tues. Evening | May 15 | 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. |
| Mon. - Fri. | May 21 - 25 | 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. |
| Tues. Evening | May 22 | 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. |
| Tues. - Thurs. | May 29 - 31 | 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. |

Wards 3, 4 & 1 only

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| Mon. - Thurs. | June 4 - 7 | 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. |
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Wards 4 & 1 only

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| Mon. - Thurs. | June 11 - 14 | 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. |
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Ward 1 only

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| Mon. - Thurs. | June 18 - 21 | 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. |
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SPRING 2007 COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Collection of materials will be made **BY WARD** according to the following schedule during the month of June.

If you are unsure what ward you reside in, please

call the DPW at 908-789-4100 ext. 600.

(See map for your ward location).

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| Ward #1 | June 25 - 29 | Ward #2 | June 4 - 8 |
| Ward #3 | June 11 - 15 | Ward #4 | June 18 - 22 |

Kenneth B. Marsh
Town Engineer

OPEN HOUSE~SUNDAY, MARCH 25th ~ 1-4 PM



603 Tremont Avenue, Westfield

This simply stunning Tudor style residence, built circa 1908, combines comfortable formality and vintage charm! The interior achieves warmth and intimacy through the use of mellow hardwood floors and extensive wood detailing. Especially unforgettable is the grand-scaled living room with handsome paneled fireplace and walls of custom built-ins. This 6 bedroom residence also features a large master suite with sumptuous bath outfitted with whirlpool tub and stall shower. Situated on one of Westfield's most notable streets, this residence is location perfectso close to schools, downtown Westfield, and NYC transportation. Offered at \$1,299,900.



For additional information or a private tour, please call:

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