

# Registration Deadline Nears For Garwood Youth Soccer

GARWOOD - The Garwood Recreation Department has announced that registration is ongoing for 2008 Fall pre-kindergarten and kindergarten soccer for boys and girls. Registration will close on Tuesday, September 23. There will be no exceptions for late signups. The \$50 registration fee is non-refundable. Children should bring a number three size ball to the educational clinic. The six-week program will conclude with an award pizza party. The recreation department has adopted a code of conduct and fair play for all players and spectators. They are to be read by parents or guardians and players and kept for reference. Guardians and players must sign the returned permission form prior to it being submitted. Any incomplete forms will be returned. One permission form should be submitted per player. Payments must be in check or money order only, made payable to the Borough of Garwood. All registration forms must be mailed to: Borough Hall, 403 South Avenue, Garwood, N.J. 07027, attention: Recreation Director. For more information, call Kathleen Pender at (908) 418-7649.

# Church Women Plan Saturday Yard Sale

WESTFIELD - The Women of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield will hold their End-of-Summer Shabby Chic Yard Sale this Saturday, September 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church parking lot at 140 Mountain Avenue in Westfield.

Featured items will include furniture, appliances, electronics, sports equipment, toys and clothing, among other merchandise. Food, beverages and entertainment also will be part of the event. The sale will be cash only, and its organizers have requested no "early birds." For more information, visit westfieldpc.org or call the church office at (908) 233-0301. The rain date is Saturday, September 27.



**PIANIST PRODIGES...**The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts Music Studio offers Kids on Keys, a unique beginner piano experience for students ages 4 years and older. This accelerated program uses the innovative Musique Rapide method to help students learn the fundamentals of reading music. For more, call (908) 789-9696.

# Sculpture on Exhibit At Westfield Library

WESTFIELD - The student works of Gladys Reimers' Sculpture Workshop of Westfield will be exhibited in the Westfield Memorial Library's two display cases through Tuesday, September 30.

A mix of more experienced sculptors and beginners, the students worked with several kinds of stones, such as three different shades of alabaster, wonderstone, steatite and agate, as well as fired and air-dried clay. Among the sculptures on display are a sunbathing, dark gray alabaster seal; a spitting, deep green steatite cobra; a mother and cub polar bear in white alabaster and an elephant in African gray wonderstone.

Ms. Reimers has been teaching sculpture for 40 years and has won more than 100 awards. She has exhibited her work at the State Museum at Trenton, the Newark Museum and the Painters and Sculptors Society, and in solo shows. She credits much of her inspiration to her trips to the Galapagos Islands, Antarctica and Arizona.

The Westfield Memorial Library is located at 550 East Broad Street. Individuals interested in displaying their collections at the library are asked to call Lauren Ryan, head of Adult Services, at (908) 789-4090, extension no. 4140.

# Registration Underway For FLAG Program

WESTFIELD - Fall registration for FLAG's World Language Programs are now underway. Registration forms are posted on the website of each Westfield elementary school.

FLAG has provided World Language programs in Westfield for the past 20 years, instructing children in basic skills in foreign languages at an early age. Besides learning basic vocabulary and simple conversational skills, youngsters in kindergarten to grade 5 gain awareness of various cultures, customs and lifestyles.

This year, FLAG is offering small-size classes in French, Spanish, Mandarin and Japanese. The Spanish II class will complement the public school curriculum, allowing the children to reinforce the skills they learn in their schools. The French classes will prepare children who elect to study that language when they enter the sixth grade.

For more information or for questions about the FLAG program, call Sylvie Macdonald at (908) 232-4429.

# Lincoln Ceremony To Take Place Oct. 4

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Board of Education has invited the public to a dedication ceremony at Lincoln School, located at 728 Westfield Avenue in Westfield, on Saturday, October 4, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. to celebrate the opening of the district's first Early Childhood Learning Center.

The public is invited to tour the newly renovated school, which has been designed especially for kindergarten and eligible pre-school children in Westfield.

In commenting on Lincoln School, which opened for students on September 3, Board President Ginny Leiz said, "This historic school, which was built in 1922, has undergone a transformation thanks to the support of the community and the hard work of many people in the school district."

"The board looks forward to showing the residents of Westfield how effectively the bond dollars have been spent to ensure a safe and inviting environment for our youngest learners."

# PUBLIC NOTICE

**SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-29283-08 FILE NO: 118.0745**

**NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: ALBERTO GONCALVES, HUSBAND OF ANGELICA NARANJO**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon FRANK J. MARTONE, P.C., Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is 1455 Broad Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003, an answer to the complaint (and amendment to complaint, if any) filed in a civil action in which BANK OF AMERICA, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FLEET NATIONAL BANK is plaintiff and ANGELICA NARANJO and ALBERTO GONCALVES, HUSBAND OF ANGELICA NARANJO; MARIA QUIGLEY AND MR. QUIGLEY, HUSBAND OF MARIA QUIGLEY; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS ONE THROUGH TEN; OLGAMARTINEZ; PALISADES SAFETY & INSURANCE, et als, are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, UNION COUNTY and bearing Docket Number F-29283-08 within thirty-five (35) days after September 18, 2008 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint (and amendment to complaint, if any). You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex, 25 Market Street, P.O. Box 971, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the rules governing the courts.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated April 20, 2005, made by ANGELICA NARANJO AND MARIA QUIGLEY, as Mortgagor(s) to FLEET NATIONAL BANK, recorded on May 31, 2005, in Book 11183 of Mortgages for UNION COUNTY, Page 232, and subsequently assigned to the plaintiff; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns the premises commonly known as: 1582 BROOKSIDE ROAD, MOUNTAINSIDE, NEW JERSEY 07092.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling (908) 249-5000. You may also contact the lawyer referral service of UNION the County of Venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of Venue by calling 908-354-4340.

**YOU, ALBERTO GONCALVES, HUSBAND OF ANGELICA NARANJO,** are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you are the spouse of ANGELICA NARANJO, the mortgagor and owner of the mortgaged premises and as such may have a dower/curtesy or other interest in said premises. Dated: SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

Jennifer M. Perez  
Temporary Acting Superior Court Clerk  
Frank J. Martone, P.C.  
A Professional Corporation  
1455 Broad Street  
Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003  
1 T - 9/18/08, The Leader Fee: \$64.26

# Another Letter to the Editor

# Councilwoman Neylan Responds to Letter on Woodland Ave. 'Repaving'

A recent letter to the editor of this newspaper regarding Woodland Avenue offers the opportunity to clear up numerous misperceptions and clarify the facts about both Woodland Avenue and road "repaving" in general. As chair of the council's public works committee, I'd like to first present a general overview about road improvements in the Town of Westfield and then I'll specifically address Woodland Avenue.

Residents are sometimes surprised to learn that "repaving" a road is not simply a matter of spreading asphalt over the surface of an existing roadbed. In fact, paving is the very last step of a more complex process that is not always exclusively under local control. Further, "repaving" or more accurately, road rebuilding, is a capital budget item, not an operating expense, and therefore requires capital funding.

The process begins with the public works committee of the town council developing a list of candidate projects derived from residents' petitions, the engineering department's recommendations based on their expertise and experience, and input from the council representatives of the affected ward. The candidate list is evaluated by the committee based on criteria such as the underlying roadbed condition, availability of state aid funding, pending utility company work, intensity of usage, proximity to school zones, drainage issues and changes within the traffic grid, and any other criteria that the committee deems relevant for that particular budget year. There are 380 streets in Westfield and no two are exactly alike. Therefore, the committee must perform the formidable task of reducing the candidate list down to a manageable proposal.

After considerable deliberation, the public works committee develops a proposed list of roads and presents it to the finance committee of the town Council. The finance committee reviews the list and determines how much money the town is willing to borrow to fund the projects and what effect it will have on future debt service (which, in turn, impacts property taxes for years to come). Based on the finance committee's recommendation, a final proposal is developed and presented to the town council for approval.

Once a road is selected for improvement and funding is secured, the town must develop a comprehensive project plan, taking into consideration all the issues specific to a particular location, such as topography, drainage, utilities, curbing, and tree preservation to name just a few. Once the project plan is in place, detailed design specifications must be written and the project goes out to bid. (Road rebuilding is necessarily outsourced to independent contractors. The town's DPW is only equipped to address minor road deficiencies such as potholes and gutter deterioration.)

Since 2001, the town has been very aggressive in its road rebuilding initiatives, improving 26.52 of the approximately 100 miles of municipal roadways. (For comparison purposes, the town had improved 10.6 miles of roadway during the period from 1996 to 2000.) In this era of severe budget constraints and given the financial crisis that the State of New Jersey is in and the impact it is having on your local government, securing funding for capital projects including road improvements is a very real challenge.

And now, let's finally put to rest the perception that the Town of Westfield will not pave Woodland Avenue as a means to curtail the speed of motorists.

As I have said many times, the existing road surface accommodates vehicles traveling at the legal speed limit of 25 mph. That is far cry from the misguided accusation that the town won't pave "because [the residents'] fear speeding cars." I, along with my fellow 2nd Ward Councilwoman,

Vicki Kimmins, travel Woodland Avenue regularly. Please note that our Department of Public Works has recently completed extensive patching of several rough spots and shored up areas where the gutter was deteriorating.

Woodland Avenue is a long, narrow, two-lane, winding roadway originally designed as a residential street that motorists have chosen to use more and more as a shortcut route between two county thoroughfares. This increased usage over the years has necessitated the banning of trucks over four tons and has contributed to the wear and tear of the surface pavement. Consequently, it has received, and will continue to receive, the attention of the public works committee and the public safety, transportation and parking committee.

In fact, Woodland Avenue was identified as one of the original "hot spots" by the public safety, transportation and parking committee. As such, considerable research into road and signal improvements was conducted by town officials with the assistance of an outside consulting traffic engineer.

The research included data collection such as turning movement counts and automatic traffic recorder counters (measures both speed and volume), accident and violation statistics, input from the police and engineering departments, and numerous on-site and off-site meetings with area residents. Every conceivable idea to improve traffic safety, flow and efficiency was heard and considered, including, but not limited to, the installation of islands, speed humps, four-way stops and traffic signals. One of the first improvements the town tried to implement was a four-way stop at the intersection of Kimball and Woodland Avenues. It was the State of New Jersey, in fact, that turned down the town's application. According to the state, the results of the analysis of the necessary criteria set forth in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, including speed, volume and motor vehicle accident data, did not warrant the placement of the four-way stop.

As I explained earlier, "repaving" is not simply a matter of spreading asphalt over the existing surface. Take a look at Woodland Avenue, keeping in mind that any major road infrastructure improvements would require compliance with modern New Jersey DOT standards. There are significant road geometry issues, drainage structure issues, varying road width issues, lack of curbing, shoulder and sidewalk issues, utility pole and fire hydrant conflict issues, and mature tree placement issues that need to be addressed and will add significantly to the magnitude and cost of this road project.

"Repaving" Woodland Avenue is projected to be a very expensive project, nearing almost a million dollars to complete. Another road in town, Highland Avenue, had cost issues similar to that of Woodland Avenue. In order to manage them and still move forward with such a large project, the town actually broke it into two distinct parts. The town also applied for and eventually received state Transportation Trust Fund aid to offset some of the cost to the resident taxpayers.

Hence, with respect to Woodland Avenue, until all the applicable issues I described above can be addressed and funding can be secured, the town will continue to deploy all possible measures to maintain the roadway and ensure the safety of the motorists and pedestrians that use it - increased traffic enforcement, improved signage, regular inspection by the Department of Public Works, and expedient surface patching.

Be assured that improving Woodland Avenue is not a partisan issue, as the writer of the letter to the editor seemed to imply. Rather, it is a matter of finding fitting solutions to a multitude of infrastructure challenges as well as finding funding in a very difficult economic climate.

To my ward 2 constituents, should you have any questions on this or any other town matter, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached via e-mail at jneylan@westfieldnj.gov or by phone at (908) 233-2441.

Councilwoman Jo Ann Neylan,  
Westfield

# PUBLIC NOTICE

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD Date Adopted: 9/11/08**

Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a Professional Service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

**RESOLUTION NO: 2008-780** amending (Resolution No. 2007-627) **AWARDED TO: Netta Architects, Springfield, New Jersey**

**SERVICES:** for the purpose of providing additional architectural design services for the Union County Courthouse Complex, New Tower Stairwell Construction and the existing building **COST:** for an additional amount of \$377,900 for a new total contract amount of \$1,658,430

Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders 1 T - 9/18/08, The Leader Fee: \$24.48

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**RESOLUTION NO: 2008-747** amending (Resolution No. 500-2005) **AWARDED TO: T & M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey**

**SERVICES:** for the purpose of providing construction administration and inspection services for the replacement of the Division Avenue Bridge, New Providence and Summit, New Jersey **COST:** for an additional amount of \$79,059 for a new total contract amount of \$253,517.02. Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders 1 T - 9/18/08, The Leader Fee: \$23.46

# PUBLIC NOTICE

**BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD**

Notice is hereby given that the PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD after public hearing on June 25, 2008, granted approval to for a bulk variance for property owned by Timothy L'Hommedieu at 345 Terrill Road, Fanwood, New Jersey being Block 49, Lot 16.

Documents pertaining to this application are available for public inspection at Borough Hall during normal business hours.

Mr. Timothy L'Hommedieu  
345 Terrill Road  
Fanwood, New Jersey 07023  
1 T - 9/18/08, The Times Fee: \$16.32

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**RESOLUTION NO: 2008-777** amending (Resolution No. 2006-261) **AWARDED TO: Hardesty & Hanover, West Trenton, New Jersey**

**SERVICES:** for the purpose of providing additional engineering design services for the replacement of the South First Street Bridge, Elizabeth, New Jersey **COST:** for an additional amount of \$60,968 for a new total contract amount of \$653,355

Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders 1 T - 9/18/08, The Leader Fee: \$22.95

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**RESOLUTION NO: 2008-781** amending (Resolution No. 2007-1186) **AWARDED TO: Netta Architects, Springfield, New Jersey**

**SERVICES:** for the purpose of providing additional architectural and engineering design services for the interior alterations and elevator replacement for The Oriscellio Correctional Facility **COST:** for an additional amount of \$387,500 for a new total contract amount of \$1,146,720.

Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders 1 T - 9/18/08, The Leader Fee: \$23.46

# PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND/OR OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS**

Public notice is hereby given that I, Lori Majeski, Collector of Taxes of the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union will sell at public auction on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 2008 in the Municipal Court, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey at 9:00 o'clock in the morning or at such later time and place to which said sale may then be adjourned, all of the several lots and parcels of land assessed to the respective persons whose names are set opposite each respective parcel as the owner thereof for the total amount of municipal liens chargeable against said lands respectively, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-1, et seq. as computed to the 16th day of October 2008.

Take further notice that the hereinafter described lands will be sold for the amount of municipal liens chargeable against each parcel of said land assessed as one parcel, together with interest and costs to the date of the sale. Said lands will be sold at the lowest rate of interest bid, but in no case in excess of 18%. Payments for said parcels shall be made prior to the conclusion of the sale in the form of cash, certified check or money order or other method previously approved by the Tax Collector or the property will be resold. Properties for which there are no other purchasers shall be struck off and sold to the Township of Scotch Plains at an interest rate of 18%.

At any time before the sale I will accept payment of the amount due on any property with interest and costs. Payment must be in the form of cash, certified check or money order.

Industrial properties may be subject to the Spill Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58-10-23.11 et seq.), the Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58-10A-1 et seq.) and the Industrial Site Recovery Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1K-6 et seq.). In addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner of the sale.

In the event that the owner of the property is on Active Duty in the Military Service, the Tax Collector should be notified immediately.

The lands to be sold are described in accordance with the last tax duplicate as follows:

BLK	LOT	QUAL	OWNER	LOCATION	TOTAL DUE
101	11		Scherer, Shirley	349 Terrill Road	\$ 6,052.19
501	15	01	Ainsworth, Kieron & Elsie	1595 East Second Street	\$ 5,179.95
601	29		Celius, Joseph & Guiraine	326 Hoe Avenue	\$ 8,802.21
901	11		Barlow, Jacqueline	338 Willow Avenue	\$ 3,054.18
1201	27		Padovano/Azzer, LLC	1800 East Second Street	\$ 4,459.29
1501	35	C0107	Frederickson, G. Et Al	530 Park Avenue	\$ 2,407.40
1201	12		DiNizio, Juanita & Romano	1920 Bartle Avenue	\$ 2,873.17
1501	15		Hudgins, Rose Lee	1930 Bartle Avenue	\$ 3,180.50
1602	10		Debellis, Anthony & Nunn, S	1956 Grand Street	\$ 6,014.10
1802	13		219 Park Ave., Assoc LLC	219 Park Avenue	\$14,501.25
2303	28		Baratuoci, Antonio	1965 Portland Avenue	\$ 3,553.06
2502	07		Fela, Kim	2105 Portland Avenue	\$ 1,600.78
10901	03.02		Messercola Bros Bldg Co	1 Norwiegian Woods Road	\$ 4,344.39
0202	02		Heller, Andrew	2052 Nicholl Avenue	\$13,852.10
2801	01		Vin-Mat, Inc	2040 Route 22	\$10,767.44
2802	26.02		DiNizio, Romano & Juanita	2039 Project Street	\$ 6,535.71
3902	03		Safi, Judy/Simpson, Alicia	185 Watching Terrace	\$ 8,150.61
3905	07		Garay, Martin & Rosario	201 Harding Road	\$11,912.20
3905	21.01		223 Katherine St., LLC	211 Elm Court	\$ 610.30
3905	21.02		223 Katherine St., LLC	207 Elm Court	\$ 586.03
4302	08		Campanaro, Luis & Elia	528 Jerusalem Road	\$ 1,681.86
4401	14		West, Mary E.	4 Johnson Street	\$ 1,266.34
4703	02		Booth, Lansing T. & Betsy	2590 Route 22	\$ 1,529.93
4802	01		GRIG Corp	2435 Route 22	\$ 280.17
4901	08	C0808	Pandey,Ramendra & Usha	808 Donato Circle	\$ 35.00
5501	12		Wells Fargo Bank Trustee	30 Copperfield Road	\$ 5,194.93
5901	18		Zlotnikoff, Alisa	15 Gary Court	\$ 8,051.91
7502	10.01		Messercola Bros. Bldg Co	11 Hidden Meadow Drive	\$ 3,928.61
8102	04		Vitanza, Louis & Kelli	2430 Bryant Avenue	\$ 2,344.71
8703	10		Duplax, C. & Tajes, G.	1118 Lincoln Avenue	\$ 8,542.48
8704	03.01		Worow, Otis & Norma	1125 Lincoln Avenue	\$ 9,978.69
10301	09		Cardona, Regina	1332 Graymill Drive	\$ 7,312.24
10801	03.01		Messercola Bros. Bldg Co	1461 Martine Avenue	\$37,613.12
10801	03.03		Messercola Bros. Bldg Co	2 Norwiegian Woods Road	\$ 4,790.38
11301	02.08		Gonzales, Richard & Janet	17 Pitting Way	\$ 1,611.30
11701	02		223 Katherine St., LLC	1557 Ramapo Way	\$12,577.78
11902	06		Murphy, Sean & Barbara	6 Gaycroft Drive	\$14,262.93
12101	17		Porchella, Mario & Susan	7 Stoneleigh Drive	\$19,579.58
12201	25.20		Sorkin, Charles & Sandra	21 Rambling Drive	\$17,917.41
12701	05		Rappa, Leonard	1908 Lake Avenue	\$ 2,891.97
14801	27		Femia, Paul & Donna	9 Clinton Lane	\$ 6,419.54
15601	09		Lynch, L. & Payne, R.	1612 Prospect Ave. Rear S	\$ 87.78
15901	48		Cummings, Jerry	929 Raritan Road	\$ 3,014.99
16001	13		Sumner, Alfred Welles	1660 Rahway Road	\$ 3,207.95
16001	34		Iarrapino, Gail	14 Winchester Drive	\$11,074.96

Lori Majeski  
Collector of Taxes  
Fee: \$522.24  
4 T - 9/18, 9/25, 10/2 & 10/9/08, The Times