

## David Wayman Sworn In As New Westfield Police Chief

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WESTFIELD – Westfield's new police chief, David Wayman, was sworn in and retired Chief John Parizeau was honored at Tuesday night's Westfield Town Council meeting.

Acting Mayor JoAnn Neylan read remarks from Mayor Andy Skibitsky, who was unable to attend the meeting due to being home sick with pneumonia. The mayor expressed "his deep appreciation" to retired Chief Parizeau for his 31 years of service to the town, saying, "I thank you and

wish you the best." Regarding incoming Chief Wayman, the mayor said that he was confident in his ability to serve Westfield.

Acting Mayor Neylan swore Chief Wayman in and said she, "look(s) forward to a very prosperous and safe future" under his leadership.

Chief Wayman thanked his family, as well as Chief Parizeau and former Chief Bernard Tracy, who also was in attendance. He said that he, "thank(s) the mayor and town council for having confidence in me and entrusting me with the position of police chief. I will not let you down."

Chief Wayman has been on the Westfield police force for 24 years. He started in the patrol division and worked his way up the ranks from detective, to sergeant, to lieutenant and most recently captain for the past six years.

After receiving his resolution, Chief Parizeau thanked former Chief Tracy, Chief Wayman and Captain Cliff Auchter. He also thanked the members of the police department, saying, "I hope that your career is as rewarding as mine was."

Both men received standing ovations from the crowd of approximately 50 family, friends and police personnel.

In other business, a public hearing was held on the municipal budget, and there were no comments from the public. The budget will not be formally adopted until it receives state approval, which has been delayed due to staffing shortages in Trenton. The council approved the budget for the Special Improvement District for \$409,605.

An ordinance was also passed on first reading allowing for the repaving and construction of new granite block curbing on Seneca Place from Embree Crescent to Coleman Place and First Street from Rahway Avenue to Hyslip Avenue. While the town will bear the cost of the roadwork, residents will be assessed the cost of the new curbing, payable over five years. According to the ordinance, the total cost of the project is \$120,500.

During the open discussion by citizens, Maria Carluccio, Adina Enculescu and Greg Kasko once again spoke out against the pedestrian activated HAWK signal on Central Avenue.

Mrs. Carluccio said that a minor accident occurred recently, bringing the total number of accidents in the area to eight since the light's installation. When she asked Acting Mayor Neylan, First Ward Councilman Frank Arena and Third Ward Councilman Mark LoGrippo if they had anything to say, Councilman LoGrippo responded, "After your last voice mail to me, I have nothing to say." He declined to elaborate further when asked by Mrs. Carluccio.

Ms. Enculescu said that no parents allow their children to cross alone at the light. She also asked what Town Administrator Jim Gildea had done to get her driveway fixed following construction of the light.

Mr. Gildea said that because the project was constructed by Union County and is in the county right-of-way, he contacted the County Engineer Tom Mineo, and said that he

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## MS BOE Business Admin. To Leave District June 30

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MOUNTAINSIDE — The Mountainside Board of Education (BOE) discussed many disparate topics during its Tuesday night meeting, including the imminent departure of Acting Business Administrator Daniel Saragnese; the board's annual retreat in which the district's goals will be refined for the next school year and continuing contract negotiations with the members of the Mountainside Education Association (MEA).

Mr. Saragnese was appointed as the acting business administrator and board secretary for the district in June 2010. He will remain with the district until June 30 of this year.

Chief School Administrator Nancy Lubarsky stated the process for replacing Mr. Saragnese was in the very early stages, but the district already contacted the Berkeley Heights Board of Education for a possible partnership.

"Regrettably, the Berkeley Heights Board voted not to take us on in a



TEAM EFFORT...Girls from Troop 40811 from Wilson Elementary School in Westfield took part in the cleanup of Mindowaskin Park on Saturday. Pictured, from left to right, are: Ellie Curry, Brianna Hatch, Abigale Parker, Catherine Jennings, Caroline Steiner, Kate Murphy, and, standing, Madison Kolek. Also pictured is Stephen Jennings from Webelos Pack 171 at Wilson School.

## WF Council and BOE Agree on WHS Parking Improvements

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WESTFIELD – After over a decade of discussion, both the Board of Education (BOE) and the town council announced plans to alleviate parking problems at Westfield High School (WHS), and both governing bodies are poised to vote on these changes at meetings next month.

The recommendations were presented by traffic engineer Gordon Meth, and while they were largely well received by the residents in attendance, many felt that the improvements did not go far enough.

The improvements, which both boards hope to have completed by September 1, are as follows: A new carve out area for bus drop offs on Rahway Avenue; 55 new parking spaces at Edison Intermediate School; 33 new parking spaces at WHS along Rahway Avenue; re-stripping of the Armory lot to increase it by 19 spaces; and changing parking restrictions on Dorian Road, Dorian Court, Edgard Road, Shadowlawn Drive and Nottingham Place.

Most of the streets where parking restrictions are being changed currently have no time or side restrictions. The new rules will allow parking on only one side of the street between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on school days only. Residents of those streets will be able to buy a

resident permit for \$5 in order to park on any side of the street at any time.

The town council will be responsible for changing the parking restrictions, the bus carve out and the re-stripping of the Armory parking lot. They will also be contacting the state Department of Transportation to ask them to extend the length of the time the light stays green at West Broad Street and South Avenue in the afternoon in order to alleviate traffic back up along Rahway Avenue. The BOE will be responsible for the construction of the parking at Edison and WHS.

BOE President Richard Mattessich declined to say how much he estimated the costs associated with these improvements would be, but said that the board has bond money left over from a previous WHS project. "We think we have a solid plan," he told the crowd.

Retired Superior Court Judge William Wertheimer, a resident of Nottingham Place, said that the fact that Stoneleigh Park is not being opened up for parking by students is "a sham, its outrageous."

Councilwoman JoAnn Neylan, who chairs the Public Safety Committee, said that it is the position of the fire chief that it is not safe for emergency equipment to gain access

if students park on Stoneleigh. Judge Wertheimer responded by calling that "absolute nonsense" and pointed out that when people who reside there have gatherings there are cars parked on both sides of the street.

Several residents in attendance called for the town to ease parking restrictions on Westfield and Summit Avenues, as well as Boulevard, where there are currently two-hour time limits. Other residents continued to voice complaints of student etiquette and garbage. One resident also expressed concern that all of the new parking being added will be entering onto Rahway Avenue.

When one resident said that he felt the time table for implementing these changes was "too aggressive," Councilman Keith Loughlin responded, "The time for meetings is over, its time for action."

Councilwoman Neylan said, "Maybe more has to be done, but this is a starting point." Fourth Ward Councilman Jim Forst said the plan is incremental and that the two governing bodies did not want to present something so complex that everyone would object to it.

The BOE will vote on these improvements at their Tuesday, May 15, meeting and the council will vote on Tuesday, May 22.



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NEW CHIEF...David Wayman is sworn in as Westfield's new police chief by Acting Mayor JoAnn Neylan. His wife Jean holds the Bible. The chief received a standing ovation from the large crowd, including former Westfield Police Chief Bernard Tracy. Recently retired Police Chief John Parizeau received a proclamation for his 31 years of service to the town.

## State Awards WF BOE \$44K In Restitution for Disko Scam

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WESTFIELD – The Westfield Board of Education reported Tuesday night that it has received \$44,000 from the State Attorney General's office for payment of damages incurred by the district as a result of illegal activities by former engineer Kenneth Disko.

The money was awarded for restitution related to bidding irregularities by the former engineer contracted to oversee facility projects for the school district.

In her statement, Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan, noted "I am grateful to the Attorney General's Office with who we have worked cooperatively for over a year and to the county judicial system which ordered the restitution."

Interim Business Administrator Vincent Yaniro suggested that the money be placed into the district's maintenance reserve account.

Members of the Board also agreed that it would be a good place to put the money but wanted to table the discussion for the next meeting to

further investigate all options for the money.

Mr. Disko, along with members of local construction companies and former Board Business Administrator Robert Berman, were charged over a year ago with bid rigging and accepting bribes for work awarded. Mr. Berman has been barred from public employment in New Jersey and Mr. Disko was sentenced to three years in jail for orchestrating a series of bid-rigging and kick-back schemes from 2001 to 2010 as the engineer for the Westfield, Tinton Falls and Scotch Plains-Fanwood school districts. Several contractors were also involved in the scheme.

State Superior Court Judge Joseph Donohue in Union County ordered Mr. Disko to pay the restitution for Westfield as well \$25,000 to a state fund.

In other business, it was reported that the next week's Board of Education meeting will be held at the Wilson Elementary School located at 301 Linden Avenue to award edu-

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HELPING OVERLOOK...A reception and cocktail party for Friends of Overlook Hospital was held April 18 at the home of Assemblyman Jon Bramnick and his wife, Pat Brentano, second from right.



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YOUR HONOR DISAGREES...Retired state Superior Court Judge William Wertheimer, a resident of Nottingham Place, said at last week's meeting concerning Westfield High School parking that the fact that Stoneleigh Park is not being opened up for parking by students is "a sham, it's outrageous."

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