

Christina M. Hinke for *The Westfield Leader*

**SAD FAREWELL...** Garwood Mayor Pat Quattrocchi says goodbye to Council President Keith Sluka at Tuesday night's Garwood Council meeting as he is leaving his council seat after serving two terms.

## GW Council President Sluka Concludes Two Terms

Louis Petruzzelli said.

The council passed, 4 to 1, a resolution for the compensation of police officers in the year 2013. Councilman Mathieu voted against the resolution. "I would love to see everyone receive 1 to 1½ percent less and have another police officer on the streets in Garwood," he said. The borough has been short one police officer.

The council also passed, 5 to 0, the salary for Police Chief Bruce Underhill for the year 2013. The raise reflects a 1.75-percent increase, Ms. Todisco said.

Additionally, the council adopted

a resolution regarding the settlement of a tax appeal to reduce the tax assessment of Garwood Associates LP by \$12,637 for 2012.

The Garwood Volunteer Fire Department elected officers for 2013, Fire Committee Chairman Petruzzelli said. Chief Wayne Frew, who served as chief for three years, has resigned from his position, and Michael Tharaldsen will take his place. Leonard Spina was elected assistant chief; Allan Tweedle, captain; John Scalzadonna, first lieutenant, and Jack McGuire, second lieutenant.

A resolution authorizing Ms.

Ariemma to sign a service maintenance agreement with Quality Service Associates for a variety of HVAC equipment in the amount of \$6,945 was approved.

The council also passed a new resolution to include a snow removal reserve in the municipal budget to be set at \$2,500 yearly, with any unused funds to roll over to the next year.

Mr. Petruzzelli said that in one recent snowy year, it cost the borough \$7,000 to remove snow from the downtown, and said the reserve would help in the years when snow is abundant.

## Y Garwood Family Center Offers Kids Club Drop-In

**GARWOOD** - The Westfield Area "Y"'s new branch, the Garwood Family Center Y, located at 500 East Street in Garwood, is offering help to busy parents by opening up its doors and providing a safe, fun place for children ages 2½ to fifth grade to "drop in" and join the

fun at the "Y." This program is offered from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. weekdays while parents run errands or get some holiday shopping done. Kids Club Drop-In is available all day or for just a few hours, even during winter break.

There is a 24-hour registration requirement. Participants may register and pay by the hour or by the day. Those who are in need of this service can take advantage of a Holiday Special, which includes one hour free, the registration fee waived and a Limited Y Program Membership (through March 1, 2013) if registering a child before Friday, December 28.

Interested persons are asked to contact Melinda McHale at the Garwood Family Center Y at (908) 301-1616 or e-mail her at mmchale@westfieldynj.org.

### Letter to the Editor

#### Leader Did Great Job On Cranford Football

I just wanted to say great job by you and your staff on the coverage of the Cranford football team this past season. I thought for sure we would be playing Summit, but we came up a little short. Looking forward to next season already.

John Oblachinski  
Cranford Touchdown Club

#### Mayors to Meet In CF On Flood Control Effort

**CRANFORD** - The Mayors Council on Rahway River Watershed Flood Control will hold its next meeting tonight, Thursday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 108 of the Cranford Township Municipal Building.

The purpose of meeting is to ensure residents who attend and those who will read about update about where the effort stands. Legislators, county leaders and mayors are invited. Their objective is to urge completion of the environmental assessment of South Mountain and Lenape Park projects so the U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers can proceed to the next step.

### Probitas Verus Honos

#### Blood Drive to Be Held This Sunday

**GARWOOD** - The Garwood Knights of Columbus will conduct a blood drive this Sunday, December 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at their council hall, located at 37 South Avenue in Garwood, opposite PathMark. All donors will receive a \$15 ShopRite gift card. Parking is available behind the building off of Willow Avenue (turn at Marty Shoes). For information, call the Knights after 4 p.m. weekdays at (908) 789-9809, Chairman Dennis Clark at (908) 247-5389 or the Blood Center of New Jersey at (973) 676-4700; visit bloodnj.org or e-mail bcnj@bloodnj.org.