



Paul Lachenauer for The Westfield Leader  
**WELCOME ABOARD...** Councilman David Oliveira is sworn in at the Westfield reorganization meeting last Thursday night by state Superior Court Judge Mark Ciarracchio, while his family stands beside him.

## WF Rec. Hears Report on Fields, Courts Upgrades

By KATE BROWNE  
 Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Recreation Commission tackled a full agenda at its first meeting of 2014 Monday night.

The commission heard a detailed report on the replacement of the turf fields at Sid Faye and Houlihan Fields and the reconstruction of the eight tennis courts at Tamaques Park from John Belle of the engineering firm Kinsey Associates.

Mr. Belle provided the commissioners with a preliminary schematic of the proposal for the four-acre Sid Faye and Houlihan Fields, which includes the replacement of the periphery of the fields with a fiber mulch product, which will increase stability in the area and the installation of new synthetic turf. The commission anticipates the project would require the fields to be decommissioned for six weeks in the summer and has targeted early September for completion of the project, which will likely be sent out to bid later this month.

According to Mr. Belle, in the 10 years since the present fields were

installed there have been significant improvements in the quality of synthetic turf products on the market and there are now uniform standards for testing durability and quality, which were not available when the existing fields were installed. Mr. Belle also said it might be possible to recycle the "old" turf, which potentially could be reused at other facilities in town.

Mr. Belle then discussed the possibility of reconditioning the eight tennis courts at Tamaques Park, which he characterized as "on their last legs." A decision regarding whether it would be feasible to add an additional court will depend on the results of the surveyor's report, which will be completed within the next few weeks.

In other business, newly appointed Commission Chairman Peter Echausse advised the commission and the public that the lights at Westfield Memorial Pool would be replaced by PSE&G at no cost to the town because the pool complex meets the utility's criteria for an energy abatement program.

The commission's next meeting will be held on Monday, February 3.



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**REORGANIZATION...** At the Union County Freeholder reorganization meeting on Sunday, Freeholders Bette Jane Kowalski, left, and Linda Carter say hello after getting sworn in.

## Union County Freeholders

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track installations, will be constructed over the next few years at Warinanco Park in Roselle, Mattano Park in Elizabeth, and Madison Avenue Park and Rahway River Park in Rahway.

Another initiative, Union County Knows HOW-Health, Opportunity and Wellness, is aimed at increasing health awareness. The county will partner with Overlook Medical Center in Summit in sponsoring free health screenings and inoculations. Also, a weight-loss program will be initiated for county employees.

Mr. Hudak said the county will also offer free Wifi at six county locations including: Wheeler Pool in Linden, Ulrich Pool in Rahway,

the county clerk's office in Westfield, Warinanco Skating Rink in Roselle, Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside, and "possibly" part of Nomahegan Park in Cranford.

The new freeholder chairman, the first chairman from Linden in 15 years, said the county will now ask gun vendors wishing to sell guns to the county what he referred to as "socially responsible questions on gun control."

The questions are: "What do you do to combat illegal gun trafficking and illegal gun crime?"

"Do you sell assault weapons for civilian use?"

"Do you agree not to sell certain models of firearms for civilian use?"

"Do you fund research related to gun violence and smart gun technology?"

Jersey City Mayor Steve Fulop, who was in attendance at Sunday's ceremony, was the first in the county to initiate the requirement for gun vendors in his city.

Freeholder Hudak said more than 35,000 Americans have died from gun violence in the year since shootings at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn.

"Union County residents are tired of waiting for meaningful reform. And so is this board. The freeholder board does not have the authority to regulate firearms. But we do have the ability to do business only with responsible vendors of guns and ammunition," Freeholder Hudak said.

He said the county will also conduct a second countywide gun buyback program through the Union County Police Department.

Last summer's program with Hudson County, a program initiated by the New Jersey Attorney General's Office, resulted in 1,000 guns being turned in by owners in Union County.

Sheriff Froehlich said he would also focus on reducing gun violence in his new term.

During a business meeting that followed the swearing-in ceremony, the board passed 36 resolutions to approve contracts, appoint law firms and an auditor as well as other start-of-the-year business. The board also approved a one-year, \$138,000 contract with Washington, D.C.-based Winning Strategies Washington to provide "comprehensive federal government relations and lobbying services."

Another resolution appointed former Garwood councilman Charles Lombardo as a commissioner to the Union County Utilities Authority.

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the Public Works Committee.

Councilman Della Fera was named the council's designee to the Special Improvement District board, the council's liaison to the Tree Preservation Commission, liaison to the Westfield Board of Education, chairman of the council's Finance Policy Committee and a member of the Code Review and Town Property Committee.

Councilwoman Kimmins was named the council's liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission, liaison to the Westfield Memorial Library Board, member of the Code Review and Town Property Committee and vice-chairwoman of the Public Works Committee.

Councilman Mark LoGrippe was named a member of the council's Public Safety, Transportation and Parking Committee and vice-chairman of the council's Code Review and Town Property Committee.

Councilman Loughlin was named the vice-chairman of the council's Public Safety, Transportation and Parking Committee and a member of the Public Works Committee.

Councilman Oliveira was named the council's liaison to the board of health and vice-chairman of the council's Finance Policy Committee and a member of the Public Works Committee.

The next town council conference session is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, at 7 p.m. at the municipal building, located at 425 East Broad Street. The conference session will be immediately followed by the council's regular public meeting at 7:45 p.m.

### SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-13004353  
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
 CHANCERY DIVISION  
 UNION COUNTY  
 DOCKET NO. F-013459-13  
 Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE HARBORVIEW MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST MORTGAGE LOAN PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-12 VS.  
 Defendant: JOSE C. ROJAS  
 Sale Date: 01/29/2014  
 Writ of Execution: 09/24/2013  
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.  
 The judgment amount is: \*\*\*Four Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Four and 35/100\*\*\* \$438,454.35.  
 MUNICIPALITY: Borough of Fanwood  
 COUNTY AND STATE: County of Union, State of New Jersey  
 STREET AND STREET NUMBER: 321 Terrill Road  
 TAX LOT AND BLOCK NUMBERS: Lot: 20; Block 49  
 DIMENSIONS: 50 X 100  
 NEAREST CROSS STREET: Paterson Road  
 Beginning at a point on the center line of Terrill Road, said point being distant 175.54 feet southeasterly from the intersection of the center line of Terrill Road and the center line of Paterson Road.  
 Pursuant to a tax search of 09/26/2013; 2012 Taxes: \$8,411.79 Paid in Full; 2013 QTR 1 Taxes: \$2,102.95 Paid; 2013 QTR 2 Taxes: \$2,102.95 Paid; 2013 QTR 3 Taxes: \$2,218.20 Paid; 2013 QTR 4 Taxes: \$2,218.20 Open due on 11/01/2013; Sewer Account: included with taxes; Property Maintenance Charge: 2013 \$72.56 Open plus penalty.  
 (This concise description does not constitute a legal description.)  
 Total Upset: \*\*\*Four Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Eight and 05/100\*\*\* \$451,688.05 together with lawful interest and costs.  
 Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.  
 There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.  
 The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.

Ralph Froehlich  
 Sheriff

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### SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-13004330  
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
 CHANCERY DIVISION  
 UNION COUNTY  
 DOCKET NO. F-50801-09  
 Plaintiff: HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK VS.  
 Defendant: CHARLES HOLLANDER; CLAUDIA HOLLANDER  
 Sale Date: 01/29/2014  
 Writ of Execution: 06/07/2013  
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.  
 The judgment amount is: \*\*\*Eight Hundred Fifty-Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Two and 08/100\*\*\* \$855,522.08.  
 The property to be sold is located in: The Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, State of New Jersey.  
 Commonly known as: 2119 Elizabeth Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076.  
 Tax Lot No: 21 in Block: 8902  
 Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 80 x 100  
 Nearest Cross Street: Hetfield Avenue  
 Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.  
 Subject to Tax and prior lien info: Taxes/ sewer/water may be delinquent - you must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.  
 Subject to Prior Mortgages and Judgments (if any): None.  
 Total Upset: \*\*\*Eight Hundred Ninety-One Thousand Twenty-Two and 32/100\*\*\* \$891,022.32 together with lawful interest and costs.  
 Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.  
 The Fair Housing Act prohibits "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make such preference, limitation or discrimination" in connection with any aspect of a residential real estate transaction. Zucker, Goldberg, and Ackerman, LLC encourages and supports the equal housing practices of the Fair Housing Act in the conduct of its business.  
 There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.  
 The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.

Ralph Froehlich  
 Sheriff

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## Westfield BOE

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schedule with administrators. She said it is important that the district has developed a district manual and website to detail requirements and provide supporting resources.

She said that in and out-of-district training sessions are important. Ms. Dolan said it is important that observation feedback be given to administrators. She said administrators and the board will receive a weekly Marshall memo, which includes research, trends, and information regarding teacher evaluations. Ms. Dolan also said it is important to establish benchmarks for student growth and objectives.

In other business, the board voted to adopt and school calendar for 2014-2015 which will include a spring break from April 3 though April 10. Board member Ann Ormsby Cary of the legislation committee said the district is waiting to see if new state legislation will mandate an all-day kindergarten program. Westfield currently has a half-

day kindergarten program.

The board voted to accept a gift of \$2,000 from an anonymous donor to the Westfield High School music department. The board also voted to accept a gift from the Westfield Coalition for the Arts of \$3,000 to the WHS music department to fund the Avery Fisher Festival.

Business administrator/Board Secretary Dana Sullivan told the board that new state legislation will delay the board's budget process by a month this year. "Usually a tentative budget is presented in January, but this year I have to wait to hear from the state," she said.

At the start of the meeting, BOE incumbents Ginny Leiz, Brendan Galligan and Mitch Slater were sworn into new terms by BOE attorney Richard Kaplow.

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, January 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the administration building at 302 Elm Street.

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Miller, John Morgan and Robert Musacchia.

Westfield Town Administrator Jim Gildea stated that four additional officers were specifically appointed as full-time traffic enforcement officers. Those officers are Helen Cicalese, Robert Denny, Aaron Doherty and Jonathan Pierce, Jr.

Mr. Gildea also reported that the town enhanced its mobile site access to the town's website. "We took the opportunity to enhance our presence on tablets and cell phones with our website...our website will look and function a lot better," he said.

Mr. Gildea stated the improvements to the mobile site include larger navigation buttons, a built-in search feature and access to Facebook and Twitter. He also reported that the mobile site now delivers all updates, news and events that are available on the regular website.

"It's just a little upgrade. It may be a minor thing, but I think it's important that our website looks presentable to the public on tablets and on other mobile devices," stated Mr. Gildea.

During the Finance Policy Committee portion of the meeting, Chairperson Sam Della Fera reported on a meeting held with Michael Bange, a representative from the New Jersey American Water Company.

"We received from certain residents inquiries regarding work being done around town that is New Jersey American Water related to upgrading their infrastructure including water mains, hydrants, installing new meters," stated Mr. Della Fera. "We asked them to im-

prove communication and notice to the town and residents whenever possible, and they've agreed to give us as much advanced notice as possible of any road work and pipe work that's going to be going on.

"We're trying to get that information on our website whenever possible, maybe use Twitter. We reinforced our noise ordinance with respect to their hours of operation. Some people have complained that they are out there too early. In certain cases apparently, their contractor or sub-contractors were out there earlier than they should have been under our municipal ordinance. So they have agreed to redouble their efforts in that regard."

Mr. Della Fera continued, "It sounds like we are going to see quite a bit of main cleaning, main replacement and spot work for the next 12 months. Obviously, we ask for everyone's patience and understanding. They have committed to restoring everyone's properties, street, landscaping to acceptable pre-work levels...we're happy to hear that and I think they will come out to a council meeting at some point in the future to continue to communicate with residents and the council about upcoming work."

The next town council conference session open to the public is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, at 7 p.m. at the municipal building, located at 425 East Broad Street. The conference session will be immediately followed by the council's regular public meeting at 7:45 p.m. For more information on the Town of Westfield, visit westfieldnj.gov.

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**FROLICKING FRIENDS...** Foxes were spotted in the backyard of a residence on Clarence Street in Westfield on Friday morning after the snowstorm. They were there for quite some time frolicking in the snow and playing with each other. The homeowner stated "it was like watching a live PBS Nature show."

## Mirabelli Cites Stable

## Finances in Annual Message

By KATE BROWNE  
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MOUNTAINSIDE — Mayor Paul Mirabelli delivered his annual message to residents at the Mountainside Borough Council's Tuesday's reorganization meeting. Mayor Mirabelli presented an overview of the community's achievements over the past year and updated residents on the future development plans for the borough.

The mayor reviewed events in 2013 in what he affectionately called, "The Mayberry of New Jersey." He noted that more than 500 children participated in Mountainside baseball and softball leagues while the Memorial Day Parade, Fourth of July fireworks, and tree lighting were well attended. The mayor also commended the effort and skill which was involved in the recent historic move of the Levi Cory House. On behalf of the council and residents, he presented a special proclamation to the Watts Mountainside Community Foundation for its decades of contributions to the residents of Mountainside.

Mayor Mirabelli emphasized the borough's finances were stable and the community was thriving. The mayor also noted that the community was well prepared for catastrophic weather or other events as it has installed new generators in the library and the municipal building and approximately 6,200 residents have enrolled in the Union County First Alert program. The mayor reminded the community that *New Jersey Monthly* magazine voted Mountainside the number one town in Union County in 2013 and urged them to continue the community's strong tradition of volunteerism noting the good works done by the Elks, Rotary Club, PAL, Rescue Squad, Boy and Girl

Scouts, and the Volunteer Fire Department.

The mayor provided a detailed update on how the borough intended to comply with the Fair Share Affordable Housing mandates established by the New Jersey Supreme Court. He explained that a 30-unit age restricted facility would be constructed on Route 22 West, a 24-unit development would be built behind the Brighton Gardens facility and the five-acre Barnes tract on Mountain Avenue would be redeveloped by constructing several new retail stores and apartments which will, according to the mayor, effectively "double the downtown area."

In other events at the meeting, Police Officers Joseph Giannuzzi and Michael Pasquale received the Life Saving award for their heroic rescue of an elderly wheelchair-bound resident trapped in a burning house on Deer Path during a blizzard on January 9, 2013.

At the start of the meeting, Municipal Court Judge James DeRose administered the oath of office to council members Rene Dierkes and Glenn Mortimer and members of the police and fire departments. In addition, Police Chief James Debbie, Jr., who also serves as borough administrator, announced his retirement as police chief after 42 years of service with the police department.

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She succeeds Sara Todisco.

The special reorganization meeting of the council also served as a platform for Mayor Pat Quattrocchi to issue committee assignments. With only Mr. Martin replacing Mr. Blauffer on the council, Mrs. Quattrocchi maintained the composition of most of the committees.

Ms. Todisco retained her chairmanship of the finance committee. Mr. Martin will chair the police, public health and safety committees and serve on the finance and the laws and licenses panels. He also was appointed to the police contract negotiating committee along with Ms. Palmer and Lou Petruzzelli.

Council members have no formal hand in committee appointments, according to Mr. Mathieu, who bristled at the process. "I find that it is important to be on those committees," he said, referring to finance and police negotiating.

He has billed himself as a budget hawk. "But I know I have been very effective off of those committees in highlighting issues. It's just that I have had to do a bit more work."

The council approved Robert Renaud for another term as borough attorney and Steven Rogut as bonding attorney. Michael Tharaldsen retains his position as fire chief.

Mrs. Quattrocchi did not affirm the municipal court judge. Antonio Inacio has been the town's judge since 2011 but last month was accused by the Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct of improperly intervening in an underage drinking case on behalf of Mr. Petruzzelli's daughter.

She said after the meeting she was waiting until the final disposition on the matter.

In other meeting news, Mr. Nierstedt thanked residents for getting their cars off the street for last week's snowstorm. He said police issued 42 tickets compared to more than 100 for the previous big storm.

Ms. Todisco reiterated her proposal to add a full-day option to summer recreation and charge a fee like many other towns to offset the cost and give the borough some much needed revenue. She also raised the idea of posting videos of the council meetings on the borough website. "This would be a

great way for residents who cannot attend our meetings to know what's going on in the town."

In her address, Mayor Quattrocchi highlighted the borough's accomplishments last year, which include purchasing new computers, a phone system, dump truck and generators in addition to the "guardianship" of a ladder truck from Union County. She added that she hopes to see progress on the redevelopment of the North and South Avenue corridors this year.

"We need to work hard to stabilize taxes while continuing to provide the services our residents expect," she said.

Garwood council standing committees for 2014 are:

Police, Public Health and Safety: Mike Martin (chairman), Sara Todisco, Lou Petruzzelli

Board of Health Liaison: Sara Todisco

Streets, Roads and Ecology: Bill Nierstedt (chairman), Jim Mathieu, Ann Palmer

Fire: Jim Mathieu (chairman), Bill Nierstedt, Lou Petruzzelli

Finance: Sara Todisco (chairwoman), Mike Martin, Lou Petruzzelli

Buildings and Grounds: Lou Petruzzelli (chairman), Bill Nierstedt, Ann Palmer

Laws and Licenses: Ann Palmer (chairwoman), Mike Martin, Sara Todisco

Recreation: Lou Petruzzelli

Committee on Aging: Ann Palmer

Library, Mayor's Representative: Pat Quattrocchi

School Board Liaison: Sara Todisco

Celebrations of Public Events and Holidays Liaison: Mike Martin

Union County Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board Representative: Jim Mathieu

Athletic Complex Project Committee: Lou Petruzzelli

Special Committees

Transit Village Study: Kathleen Villaggio

Police Contract Negotiating Committee: Mike Martin, Ann Palmer, Lou Petruzzelli

Business and Industry/Chamber of Commerce Liaison: Carol Kearney

Union County Transportation Advisory Representative: Robert Ehrenbeck