

## Local Letters to the Editor

### All The Objections Raised at Garwood Planning Board Need Reporting

Because I consider *The [Westfield] Leader* the "paper of record" for our area, I have to question if the reporter present at the November 12th session of Garwood's Planning Board was at the same meeting as me. I realize this was a marathon session, but I don't see why that should allow for a *Leader* reporter to cherry pick and then choose to print only one of my objections regarding the matter before the Board which then appeared in a front-page article stated as fact.

To be clear, my one printed objection referenced a hardship created "on the neighborhood" by adding more vehicles to an already crowded block, as well as the specific hardship on my family (and likely hit to my property value) because of all these vehicles will be using a shared driveway due to a 2012 board decision.

I would love to know where said vehicles are going to go during a snow emergency.

My other objections not printed were:

- 1) The lot in question is the smallest residential property on all of Center Street;
- 2) There is no evidence on the record of there ever being a legal two-family occupation;
- 3) Garwood's own ordinances require sufficient off-street parking for four vehicles with a two-family residence (which will require more variances, if even possible to accomplish on this undersized lot), and;
- 4) The house that burned down was unoccupied for a period of time (around a year) which does not equal consistent and continuous use as a two-family resi-

dence.

Since the political and personal associations of my mother were deemed relevant enough for front-page publication, I believe my actual objections should be worthy of some ink.

Finally, I would like to state that I understand and respect the decision of the Board, which I believe was erring on the side of protecting the rights of property owners, but I in no way agree with it and will continue to pursue the many issues I raised which the Board failed to address in its decision.

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Garwood

### Polish Foundation to Host Cabaret Saturday

CLARK - The Polish Cultural Foundation (PCF) at 177 Broadway, Clark, is hosting its first Cabaret Style Concert in the intimate setting of their Banquet Hall, featuring guitarist/composer, Zbigniew London, on Saturday, November 29, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Mr. London is combining the best collection of his original works along with some of music's beloved favorites. The instrumental selections will encompass styles of Soft Jazz, Jazz, Blues and Latin, which are upbeat and guaranteed to energize and refresh one's spirit. Light refreshments will be served and a cash bar will be available.

For more information, contact the PCF office at (732) 382-7197 or by email at [pcf@pcfnj.org](mailto:pcf@pcfnj.org), or online at [www.pcfnj.org](http://www.pcfnj.org).

## New Community to Present Advent, Christmas Services

GARWOOD — Beginning this Sunday, November 30, all are invited to be part of the Advent worship services at the New Community Church each Sunday in preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Sunday services are held at 9:30 a.m. at The Westwood in Garwood. Additionally there will be a special service on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24, at 5 p.m. It will take place at the Garwood Presbyterian Church, located at 341 Spruce Avenue, Garwood, where Senior Pastor Jeff Ebert will preach.

New Community began two years ago when a group of local people from Westfield, Cranford, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Garwood and Rahway came together to worship and serve Jesus Christ. As a campus of The Presbyterian Church at New Providence, the mission is the same: To develop a community of committed Christ-followers who are inwardly strong and outwardly focused.

At New Community, the worship service always provides a blend of contemporary Christian music with relevant biblical preaching. As the number of young families at New Community continues to grow, so has the children's program, now providing Sunday school for those up through eighth grade.

Childcare for the youngest children also is available.

Additionally, on Tuesdays from 4 to 6:30 p.m., there is a Kids Club program for children ages 1 to 5 that includes times for Bible study, games, homework and dinner.

Contemporary worship services are held each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at The Westwood, located at 438 North Avenue, Garwood. For more information, visit [newcommunitynj.org](http://newcommunitynj.org).

### Probitas Verus Honos

#### Legally Blonde, Jr.

#### To be Performed in GW

GARWOOD - A production of *Legally Blonde, Jr.* will be held at Lincoln I, 400 Second Ave., in Garwood on Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6 at 7 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling (908) 789-0331. Tickets are \$9 Adult, \$7 Students and Seniors. Tickets may also be purchased at the door for \$10.



OUTREACH...Members of the New Community Church shop together at the Garwood ShopRite after Sunday worship on November 23 to provide Thanksgiving meals for the needy in Elizabethtown.

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