



GRAND PRIZE WINNER...Cierra Harasm, pictured at left, won the grand prize Mayor's Basket at the annual Garwood Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday. She is pictured with her sister, Cheyenne, and Mayor Sara Todisco.

## Mindowaskin Friends Slate Annual Spring Cleanup

WESTFIELD — The Friends of Mindowaskin has announced that its 26th annual spring cleanup and planting has been scheduled for Mindowaskin Park on Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Volunteers and organizations are encouraged to participate and bring wheelbarrows, gloves, rakes and tools to trim shrubs and for digging. All volunteers should meet at The Bandstand, located in the center of the park.

Planned activities include trash patrol, cleaning out gardens and spreading mulch around trees. For more information, contact the Friends of Mindowaskin at (908) 233-0028 or info@mindowaskinpark.org. Area residents also are invited to like and visit the Friends group on its Facebook page for updates about this and other events.

According to the Friends, the spring cleanup can serve as a "done-in-a-day" project for an organization, school or family or a way to earn service hours for schools, Scouts or houses of worship. Coffee, juice and bagels will be available for volunteers.

The Friends of Mindowaskin is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, founded in the early 1990s to revitalize and preserve the park. The

mission of The Friends of Mindowaskin Park is to ensure the long-term enjoyment of this public park by the Westfield community. The Friends work to ensure that the historical significance of the park is maintained and protected.

Currently underway is a fund-raising campaign for the "Memory Walk" at the Bandstand. Installed in 2012, it is a way to add one's family name or a special message for posterity. Granite pavers with a personal inscription are available for purchase for \$250 from The Friends. For further information, visit the group's website, mindowaskinpark.org, its Facebook page, or call (908) 233-0028.

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## UDrive. UText. UPay. to Be Carried Out in Union County

COUNTY — The Union County Police Department is cracking down on distracted drivers during April as part of the new statewide UDrive. UText. UPay. campaign.

"Distracted driving is the cause of thousands of motor vehicle accidents and deaths nationwide. The statewide UDrive. UText. UPay. campaign should be a wake-up call for anyone who thinks they are immune from the life-and-death consequences of driving while texting," said Freeholder Chair Bette Jane Kowalski.

Driver inattention was listed as a contributing circumstance in 52 percent of automobile accidents in New Jersey during 2015. It was a contributing factor in crashes at a rate nine times higher than the next highest contributing factor,

speed. The Union County Police Department is participating in UDrive. UText. UPay. through a Special Traffic Enforcement Program grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety.

Beginning April 1 and running through April 21, the high visibility law enforcement initiative will target motorists who use hand-held phones, send text messages while driving, and engage in other dangerous distracted driving behaviors.

The National Safety Council has designated the month of April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month. The New Jersey campaign is modeled after similar successful high visibility enforcement programs such as Click It or Ticket and Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.



SENIORS SUPPORT SQUAD...Residents of Second Westfield Senior Citizens Housing (SWSCH) recently presented a check for \$300, representing the proceeds of a fundraiser they held, to members of the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad. Pictured, from left to right, are: David Sloan, president; Sergio Guzman, chief; Dalber Pereira, squad member; Jane Barris, SWSCH senior resident; Tiffany Landazabal, ambulance sergeant, and Keith Peterson, treasurer.

## Second Westfield Seniors Raise Funds For Squad

WESTFIELD — The senior citizens of Second Westfield Senior Housing Corporation held a fundraising event on February 25, entitled "Have a Heart," to support the volunteers of the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad for their selfless commitment in helping those in need.

A check in the amount of \$300 was presented to the following squad representatives: Keith Peterson, treasurer; Tiffany Landazabal, ambulance sergeant; squad member Dalber Pereira, Sergio Guzman, chief, and David Sloan, president.

The Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad has been servicing the town since 1951. All of its trained emergency medical technicians (EMTs) are volunteers. The squad is supported by the community's tax-deductible donations.

Second Westfield Senior Citizens Housing, located at 1129 Boynton Avenue, Westfield, opened in October 1995. The building is a three-story, elevator-equipped building for low-income senior citizens. It is designed specifically for seniors, and meets all requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Sitting on 8.5 acres of park-like land, it is adjacent to the senior citizens building located at 1133 Boynton Avenue. The grounds were designed with the safety, security and special needs of the residents in

mind. The trustees of the corporation oversee the development and set policy, subject to the requirements of federal and state laws and regulations.

### Just 'ASK' for Info. About Senior Services

COUNTY — Union County residents seeking information about services available for senior adults age 60 and older will have a choice of dates and locations to speak with staff from the Department of Human Services, Division on Aging.

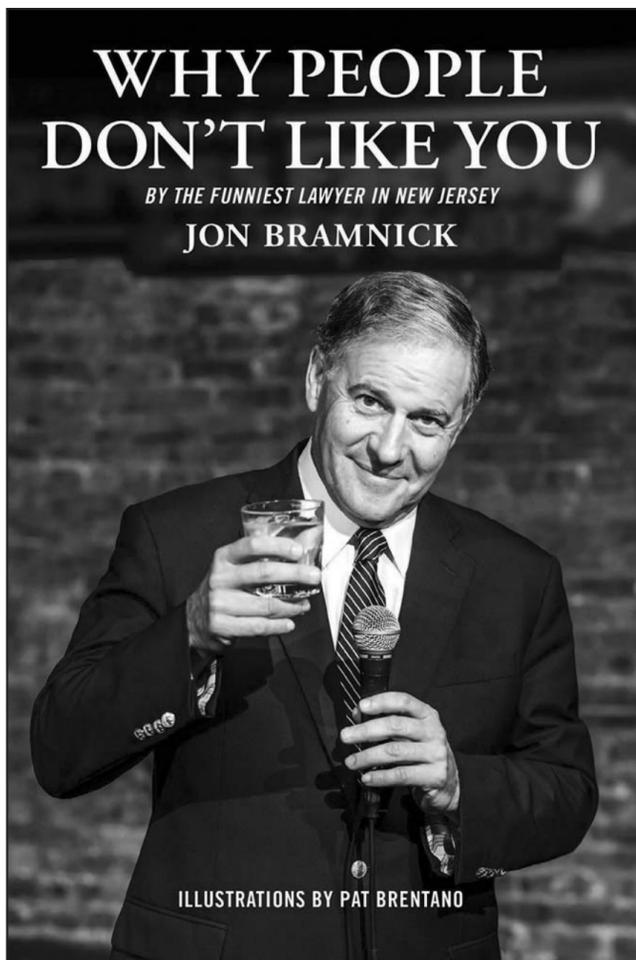
Staff from the Division on Aging and Disability Resource Connection/ADRC have been traveling throughout Union County providing information about services such as home-delivered meals; respite care; home care; adult day care; and, support services for caregivers through the Aging Services Kiosk or ASK community outreach effort. Assistance with completing applications and forms is also provided. Spanish speaking staff are available.

The dates and local locations are: Thursday, April 11, Rahway Senior Ctr., 1308 Esterbrook Ave; Monday, April 15, Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Avenue, and Thursday, April 18, Garwood Public Library, 411 Third Avenue. All events are from 10 a.m. to noon.



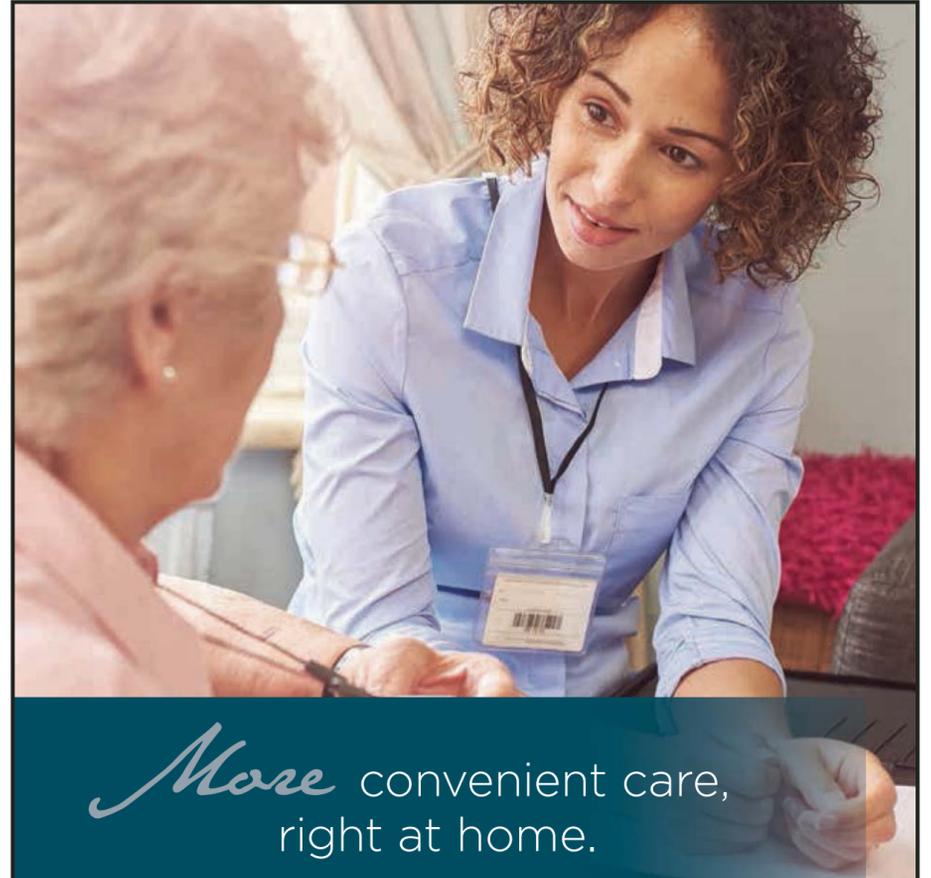
NEW TREES FOR JEFFERSON SCHOOL...Westfield Councilman Mark LoGrippe meets with Jefferson Elementary School Principal Susie Hung and Department of Public Works Forestry Division Supervisor Robbie Kosciolk regarding the planting of 22 new trees around the Jefferson field. The trees will consist of Red Oak, White Oak, Yellowwood, and Ivory Silk. The planting will be on Arbor Day, April 26, at 4 p.m. with the support of the Jefferson PTO and the Westfield Rotary Club.

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