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Letters of Endorsement

Jim Boyes Is A Good Neighbor And A Strong Leader

I am excited to support and champion my friend Jim Boyes for the 1st Ward seat on the Westfield Town Council. I have known Jim and his wife, Maria, for many years and have seen firsthand Jim's commitment to numerous causes in Westfield. Jim is always the first person to step up, whether it is volunteering to lead as a district captain for the Ward 1 Neighborhood Watch or committing to serve as an active member on various projects on the town's Green Team Committee. Jim stays informed of the town's current issues and events and frequently attends town council meetings.

Jim is a trusted and reliable neighbor. One summer, when my son was younger and had a bicycle accident, Jim rushed him to Overlook Medical Center in an ambulance and stayed with him until I could get there. During several of our biggest snow falls, Jim and his sons helped neighbors by shoveling their walks. It's who he is; Jim sees something or someone who needs help, and he rolls up his sleeves and gets to work.

As a long time, commuter, Jim has seen the steady deterioration of service on NJT Raritan Valley Line (RVL). I know one of his goals is to work on the Coun-

cil with the Mayor and the RVL Coalition to secure the one-seat ride and to advocate for improved levels of service that Westfield commuters deserve. In addition, Jim has personally witnessed how Westfield has changed in the last several decades and wants to work on the responsible implementation of the town's Master Plan.

I salute Jim's commitment to Westfield and look forward to voting for him this November.

**Sean Keville
Westfield**

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POLICE BLOTTER

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Wednesday, May 1, Kevin Vincent, 21, of Hillside was arrested on charges of possession of under 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. A 2005 Buick was stopped at North Avenue East and the Garden State Parkway 137 Exchange for a seatbelt violation. Following an investigation on scene, police arrested Vincent, a passenger in the vehicle, for suspected marijuana in his possession. He was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, the driver was issued motor vehicle summonses for a seatbelt violation, driving with a suspended license, failure to keep right and failure to signal a turn.

Wednesday, May 1, a 2018 Chevrolet was stopped at Centennial Avenue and Hayes Street for erratic driving. Following an investigation on scene, police arrested the driver, Joseph Chirichella, 79, of Highlands, and charged him with driving while intoxicated (DWI). He was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, he was issued motor vehicle summonses for careless driving and failure to yield to oncoming traffic.

Friday, May 3, Amanda Gacina, 28, of Rahway was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. A 2003 Mercury was stopped at Centennial Avenue and Raritan Road for a seatbelt violation. Following an investigation on

scene, police arrested a passenger in the vehicle, Gacina, for suspected crack-cocaine in her possession. She was processed and provided with a Superior Court appearance date. In addition, the driver was issued motor vehicle summonses for an inspection violation.

Saturday, May 4, Dwayne Otha, 29, and Tyshawn Lewis, 21, both of Irvington, were arrested on charges of possession of under 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. A 2001 Nissan was stopped at Raritan Road and Jackson Drive for a brake light out. Following an investigation on scene, police arrested the driver and a passenger, Otha and Lewis, respectively, for suspected marijuana found inside the vehicle. They were processed and provided with municipal court appearance dates. In addition, Otha was issued motor vehicle summonses for maintenance of lamps, tinted windows, open container and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.

Sunday, May 5, a 2017 Acura was stopped at North and Centennial Avenues for careless driving. Following an investigation on scene, police arrested the driver, Elroy Jain, 44, of West Orange, on a charge of DWI. He was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, he was issued motor vehicle summonses for careless driving and delaying traffic.

Sunday, May 5, a 2012 BMW was stopped on Raritan Road for careless driving. Following an investigation on scene, police arrested the driver, Ronnie James,

42, of Morristown, and charged him with DWI. He was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, he was issued motor vehicle summonses for open container and delaying traffic.

Monday, May 6, John Matajy, 24, of Old Bridge and Anthony Torres, 27, of Parlin were arrested on charges of possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. A 2017 Mazda was stopped at North Avenue East and the Garden State Parkway 137 Exchange for a seatbelt violation. Following an investigation on scene, police arrested the driver and a passenger, Matajy and Torres, respectively, for suspected heroin found in their possession. They were processed and provided with Superior Court appearance dates. In addition, Matajy was issued motor vehicle summonses for a seatbelt violation and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.

Tuesday, May 7, Fredrick Budhram, 22, of Roselle was arrested on charges of possession of under 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. A 2012 Kia was stopped at Myrtle Street and Rod Smith Place for erratic driving. Following an investigation on scene, police arrested the driver, Budhram, for suspected marijuana found inside the vehicle. He was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, he was issued motor vehicle summonses for failure to keep right and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.