

Scotch Plains Library Offers Consumer Health Info.

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Public Library is seeking to help members of the community stay current with consumer health information.

Librarian Lisa Thornton is available to support the needs of consumers for accurate and relevant health information. She has been nationally-recognized by the National Library Association for earning the Level 1 Consumer Health Information Specialization (CHIS) certificate.

Earning a CHIS certificate shows a commitment to offering quality consumer health information services and to staying current with developments in consumer health information resources, technologies and services.

It does not authorize the certificate holder to offer medical recommendations, endorsements or approval.

Community members are invited to make an appointment to work with Ms. Thornton on Thursday afternoons by calling (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204. The library cannot accommodate walk-ins. Priority will be given to Scotch Plains and Fanwood residents.

The CHIS was created in 2001 with the support of the National Library of Medicine and is conducted in partnership with the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. Ms. Thornton joins more than 1,300 medical, public and consumer-health librarians, and allied health and information professionals, who have earned the CHIS certificate.

For more information about CHIS, visit mlanet.org/education/chis.

The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue.



Autism Speaks Is Latest Columbia Bank Foundation Donation Recipient

FAIR LAWN — Autism Speaks is the latest recipient of a \$10,000 donation from the Columbia Bank Foundation through Columbia Bank's "Employee Sponsored Giving Program." Each month, the bank's employees nominate and vote on organizations to receive special donations.

"We are pleased to partner with Autism Speaks to aid those affected by autism," said Thomas J. Kemly, President and CEO of Columbia Bank. "We are equally proud to support their outstanding efforts towards finding a cure for this disorder."

Pictured in a special check presentation are Lisa VanDerWall, nominating employee and Columbia Bank Training Instructor; Laura Casolaro, Manager and Field Development Representative at Autism Speaks, and Minoška Mateo, Acting Executive

Director of the Columbia Bank Foundation.

The Columbia Bank Foundation was created to serve the needs of local communities, and to provide grants and contributions to organizations recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Columbia Bank Foundation actively seeks to provide support in six major areas: affordable housing programs, community investment and economic development opportunities, financial literacy and educational opportunities, health and human services, food pantries, and the arts.

For more information regarding the Columbia Bank Foundation and grant eligibility requirements, please visit www.columbiabankonline.com/foundation.

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE... On April 25, the Education Foundation of Garwood (EFG) held its 15th Annual Appreciation Dinner at The Westwood. EFG's Person Making a Difference Award recipient, Adele Lewis, stands with the members and planner of the Garwood Planning Board as she has been the Planning Board secretary for the past 25 years, as well as with Mayor Sara Todisco and Councilman Rich McCormack.

GOP Tells Dems to Stop Playing Politics on Med. Pot

TRENTON — Assembly Republicans said this week that the Democratic Majority have failed to pass legislation helping the nearly 50,000 medical marijuana patients across the state in an attempt to pass recreational marijuana.

Assembly Republicans Hal Wirths (R-24th, Sparta) and John DiMaio (R-23rd, Hackettstown) are challenging Democrats to act in the interest of constituents who rely on medical marijuana and pass legislation.

"Medical marijuana expansion should have been passed months ago, but instead Democrats are prioritizing politics over patients," said Asm.

Wirths. "New Jersey's medical marijuana program is too expensive for patients who have to pay out of pocket, and there aren't enough dispensaries for people to conveniently access their medicine. Legislation would fix that if that were actually a priority."

Governor Phil Murphy and legislative Democrats are considering a sales tax on opioid distributors as part of the fiscal 2020 budget. Marijuana has been touted as a viable replacement for opioids.

An ounce of medical marijuana in New Jersey is the most expensive in the nation, ranging from \$340 to \$520.

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY
GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2132
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2105 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE II, TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, DIVISION 3, PERSONNEL POSITIONS AND SALARY SCHEDULE," SEC. 2-12.28, "SCHEDULE."

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of Westfield in the County of Union as follows:
SECTION I.
That the Code of the Town of Westfield be and is hereby amended by revising Section 2-12.28, "Schedule," in Chapter 2, "Administration" Article II, "Town Officers and Employees," Division 3, "Personnel Positions and Salary Schedule," so that the same shall read as follows:

JOB TITLE	SALARY RANGE
Municipal Defender	\$13,938 - \$16,594
Municipal Prosecutor	\$29,957 - \$35,665
Library Assistant I	\$31,312 - \$38,674
Custodian	\$38,590 - \$45,576
Senior Custodian	\$39,530 - \$46,952
Library Assistant II	\$42,345 - \$48,022
Office Manager	\$47,953 - \$56,361
Municipal Magistrate	\$52,963 - \$62,984
Deputy Town Clerk	\$54,559 - \$65,921
Aquatics Supervisor	\$56,922 - \$68,307
Administrative Secretary	\$57,219 - \$69,173
Payroll Benefits Manager	\$65,092 - \$79,519
Engineering Inspector/Field Engineer	\$65,123 - \$74,981
Parking Services Director	\$68,694 - \$78,239
Assistant Director of Recreation	\$68,520 - \$76,643
Assistant Library Director	\$68,750 - \$79,412
Electrical Inspector	\$72,219 - \$81,078
Zoning Officer	\$72,521 - \$85,067
Librarian	\$66,961 - \$85,549
Municipal Court Administrator	\$73,345 - \$86,058
Executive Assistant	\$74,053 - \$87,291
Tax Collector	\$74,522 - \$87,992
Supervisor Public Works	\$78,074 - \$89,114
Assistant Director of Public Works	\$83,514 - \$96,041
Tax Assessor	\$83,998 - \$99,166
Town Surveyor	\$85,721 - \$100,272
Assistant Town Engineer	\$86,901 - \$101,698
Recreation Director	\$88,932 - \$102,236
Town Clerk	\$90,992 - \$107,965
Town Planner	\$98,664 - \$116,467
Library Director	\$97,722 - \$115,306
Construction Official	\$99,982 - \$120,521
Director of Public Works	\$102,693 - \$121,140
Deputy Fire Chief	\$121,435 - \$136,027
Town Engineer	\$127,601 - \$148,157
Chief Financial Officer	\$130,309 - \$159,451
Fire Chief	\$139,629 - \$160,272
Police Chief	\$145,665 - \$165,302
Town Administrator	\$162,961 - \$193,946

SECTION II.
The Personnel and Position Salary Schedule set forth in Sec. 2-12.28 as hereby amended shall take place as of January 1, 2019.

SECTION III.
Any of all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict, or inconsistent, with any part of the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in such conflict or inconsistent.

SECTION IV.
In the event that any section, part or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court, such holdings shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION V.
This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication as soon as, and in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE
The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Westfield held on May 21, 2019 and was read for the first time. This ordinance will be further considered for final passage by said Town Council at the Westfield Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090 at a meeting beginning at 8:00 PM on June 4, 2019 or at any time and place to which such meeting may be adjourned. All persons interested will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance. Copies of this ordinance are available at the Office of the Town Clerk, Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

Tara Rowley, RMC
Town Clerk
Fee: \$139.74

United Fund to Present Impact Trailblazer Awards

COUNTY — United Way of Greater Union County (UWGUC) will present the 2019 Community Impact Trailblazer Awards on Wednesday, June 19, to the women majority on the board of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders at its 2019 Annual Celebration. The event will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Springfield.

UWGUC will present the awards to Freeholder Chair Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholders Angela R. Garretson, Kimberly Palmieri-Mouled, Andrea Staten and Rebecca Williams for the milestone in the county's history and for their positive impact in their communi-

ties. The women hold five of the nine seats on the freeholder board.

Freeholder Kowalski, a Cranford resident, was sworn in as chair of the Board in January. She launched the "Empowering Union County" initiative that focuses on working families, women, seniors, veterans, social services, public safety, libraries, parks, the environment and the arts. She is an advocate for parks, education and community service, a commitment built since her first term began nearly 15 years ago.

Freeholder Garretson, of Hillside, has served in government as a member of the school board, councilwoman-at-large, mayor and current first-term freeholder. Freeholder Palmieri-Mouled, of Westfield, is a public service advocate and has actively participated in various groups in her community as well as supporting local education and program initiatives. Freeholder Staten, a Roselle councilwoman, has made it her life's work to help people achieve success and create opportunities for access and fulfillment of personal goals. Freeholder Williams, a resident of Plainfield where she served as a councilwoman and council president, is known for her work on constituent outreach, fiscal and quality-of-life issues. Freeholder Williams served three years as the chair of the council's Administration and Finance Committee prior to joining the Freeholder Board.

The women recognized on the Freeholder Board will be amongst the following 2019 recipients: Thomas Reedy, executive director of United Family & Children's Society in Plainfield who will receive the organization's signature Dell Raudelunas Award; Debbie-Ann Anderson, director, Union County Department of Human Services, recipient of the Champion for the Common Good Award and; Rising Star Awardees: Scarlett Gaudin, Brandon Givens, Alexandra Pereira and Emy Quispe. Companies recognized at the event will be Freeport McMoran, Wells Fargo, Comcast, Callan LLC, Enterprise, Lindabury, P.C, Roselle Saving, Becton Dickinson, Alpha Assembly and NuStar Energy.

Tickets to the event are also on sale until Saturday, June 15 and can be purchased at www.uwguc.org/2019-annual-celebration. Proceeds from the 2019 Annual Celebration will benefit programs and services funded by United Way of Greater Union County.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY
GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2134
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY, TO PERMIT OVERNIGHT PARKING ON WEEKENDS

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield generally prohibits overnight parking in its municipal lots; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield strives to continue being a desirable place to live, due in part to Westfield's proximity to New York City, which offers a plethora of cultural, entertainment, and dining options; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council desires to promote convenient access into New York City from the Town of Westfield, including by permitting overnight public parking at its train station on the weekends; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:
SECTION I. Chapter 13, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, of the Town Code shall be and is hereby amended to add a new subsection (c) as follows:

Sec 13-35.1. Overnight Parking.

Parking is prohibited in all municipal parking lots or areas between the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M., except as follows:

(a) Holders of night hours parking permits may park all night in the spaces designated by the Westfield Police Department in Lots 4, 5, and 8;

(b) Holders of commuter parking permits may park all night in Lots 3 and 6; and

(c) Non-permit holding residents of Westfield, in non-numbered permit spaces, in Lot 3 between the hours of Friday at 8:00 P.M. and Sunday at 8:00 P.M.

SECTION II. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with any part of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in conflict or inconsistent.

SECTION III. In the event that any section, provision, or part of provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unenforceable or invalid by any court, such holding shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unenforceable or invalid.

SECTION IV. This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

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Tara Rowley, RMC
Town Clerk
Fee: \$68.34

Imagine Seeks Volunteers To Provide Grief Support

MOUNTAINSIDE — Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss currently is seeking volunteers to serve as peer support group facilitators for children and families coping with loss due to death. Upcoming summer trainings will be held June 27 to 30 and July 26 to 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Imagine groups are facilitated by trained adult volunteers who attend a 32-hour training program and quarterly continuing education, and receive ongoing supervision. Volunteers come from all walks of life and need no special background other than a willingness to listen and the ability to be with children and adults in pain without trying to fix, solve problems or give advice.

Volunteers must be age 21 or older and attend the Imagine four-day Facilitator Training. No prior experience is necessary.

"For the first time in our seven-year history we have a waiting list," said Mandi Zucker, Imagine program director. "As our programs continue to grow, so does our need for volunteers. We are currently serving over 380 participants every two weeks in

our peer-support programs and will be adding another night of support so we can serve an additional 60 people."

Volunteers have described the training as "life-changing" and "a wonderful opportunity for learning about themselves and how their own losses have affected the way they grieve and how they support others," according to Imagine.

Imagine is a free, year-round peer grief support center located in Mountainside and Newark, serving children ages 3 to 18 who have had a parent or sibling die, with concurrent support groups for their parents or guardians. Support for children and teens living with a parent or sibling with a life-altering physical illness also is available. Additionally, free year-round support groups are offered for young adults who have had a friend, sibling, parent or other important person in their life die, or who have a parent, sibling or friend living with an illness.

To learn more about the upcoming trainings, contact Mandi Zucker at Mandi@imaginej.org or visit imaginej.org to schedule a tour.

Medical Mystery of Month: Alice in Wonderland Synd.

SCOTCH PLAINS - Alice in Wonderland syndrome is one of the more interesting maladies in the medical world. Affecting between 10 to 20 percent of the population, symptoms generally occur only a few times in an afflicted person's life and are most common at night.

People experiencing the syndrome may report feeling smaller or larger than the objects around them, although other times they may think that it's their surroundings that are growing or shrinking. The most common belief is that their head and hands are larger than they really are. Other people have visual distortions, such as the sense of fixed objects moving.

Sufferers may also lose their sense of time and feel that time is moving either very fast or extremely slow. Powerful hallucinations can also occur with the person either seeing things that aren't there or getting the wrong impression about various situations or events.

Although the exact cause is still unknown, Neurology Times notes that, "Among adults, people who have migraine, epilepsy, or head trauma are the most likely to report Alice in Wonderland syndrome." Children who are affected by this syndrome often go on to develop migraine headaches as they age.

Even though it can be scary, Alice in Wonderland syndrome is not usually an indicator of mental illness,

cerebrovascular disease or neurological illness. Of course, any unusual symptoms should be reported to a medical doctor for further evaluation.

The Scotch Plains Rescue Squad is a volunteer organization of Neighbors Helping Neighbors. With over 90 volunteers, we answer emergency calls not only in Scotch Plains, but in surrounding towns as well when needed. Besides answering calls, you will see our ambulances at many special events held in town, such as Scotch Plains Day, the Memorial Day Parade, high-school football games, and the summer concerts on the Village Green.

We are also available to provide demonstrations for Boys and Girls Scout troops, clubs, and any other group that may be interested in what we do. In addition, we lend out wheelchairs, crutches, canes and other assorted medical equipment free of charge. Our Auxiliary Group holds fundraisers and provides other much needed support for our members. Please reach out to us if there is something we can do for you, or if you would like to become a part of our organization, at (908) 322-2103 for non-emergencies or scotchplainsrescuesquad@gmail.com.

Contributing Author: Susan Baldani, a lifemember of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad.

Meeker Sharkey & Hurley Partners with United Benefit Advisors

Community-focused Firm Joins Exclusive Network of Independent Employee Benefit Advisors

BASKING RIDGE — N.J., May 20, 2019—United Benefit Advisors (UBA), the nation's leading independent employee benefits advisory organization, welcomes Meeker Sharkey & Hurley to our community of Partners. Forward thinking, generous and knowledgeable, Meeker Sharkey & Hurley is an outstanding example of how an agency can put employees, clients and the community first and still succeed.

A community-focused firm, Meeker Sharkey & Hurley provides insurance and employee benefits to individuals and businesses alike. Their mission is to be the leading independent insurance agency in New Jersey when it comes to helping people plan for their insurance needs.

"By eagerly immersing themselves into the UBA culture of sharing and collaboration, Meeker Sharkey & Hurley is an ideal UBA Partner. Their vision of community service earns our respect and embodies our internal culture of giving back. We believe them to be a valuable asset in the independent insurance and benefits field," said UBA President Peter Weber, M.S., CAE.

Peter Rosky, Senior Vice President and Benefits Practice Leader of Meeker Sharkey & Hurley says, "Meeker Sharkey & Hurley's primary mission is to serve our clients, our employees and our community. Joining UBA enhances our ability to serve those constituents. By sharing intellectual capital and accessing best-in-class resources we are able to bring our clients and our community the breadth and depth of a national firm while maintaining the hands-on approach of a boutique agency. Our clients will greatly benefit from UBA's capabilities in providing one of the largest databases for benchmarking benefits, compliance and legislative support as well as market-leading administrative tools. Additionally, we are looking forward to sharing ideas and collaborating with some of the most highly respected firms and thought leaders in our industry."

Meeker Sharkey & Hurley is one of the newest Partners to join a net-

work of independent employee benefits advisory firms that serve employers of all sizes across the United States, Canada, England, and Ireland. As a combined group, UBA's annual employee benefit revenues rank it among the top ten employee benefit advisory organizations globally.

About Meeker Sharkey & Hurley
Serving the community since the 1860s, Meeker Sharkey & Hurley (MSH) provides both personal and commercial insurance, employee benefits and risk management services. The firm is noted for its dedicated associates, high-quality client experiences, personal attention, and customized commercial risk management and benefit strategies for mid-market companies in the Tri-State region. To learn more about Meeker Sharkey & Hurley, visit www.meekersharkeyhurley.com.

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United Benefit Advisors® (UBA) is the nation's leading independent employee benefits advisory organization with more than 200 offices throughout the United States, Canada, England and Ireland. UBA empowers more than 2,000 Partners to both maintain their individuality and pool their expertise, insight, and market presence to provide best-in-class services and solutions. Employers, advisors and industry-related organizations interested in obtaining powerful results from the shared wisdom of our Partners should visit www.UBAbenefits.com.

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