

Planning Board Okays One-Story Building

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an on-site secretary entering or leaving the building.

Two shoebox-type light fixtures approximately 12 feet high will be mounted on the front of the building only, the witnesses said, and will be located above the two front entrance doors. The lighting is not intended to disturb surrounding neighbors, they said.

Mr. Flanagan stated that "there will be no manufacturing on the site and very few deliveries or delivery trucks; mostly all materials my tenants will need will be directly delivered to the actual site they will be doing work at."

Mr. Fisk assured the board that "the applicant is willing to comply with ordinance regulations referring to parking, curbing sidewalks or street inputs."

He also stated that "proposed parking will not cause any sight distance problems or negative effects on Waldheim Avenue; in fact, the proposed parking is more upscale than most of the other businesses down the way on Waldheim."

Board member Joseph Doyle expressed concern about future tenants possibly storing combustibles at the site, and about interior ventilation in the building.

"If any of these future tenants plan on parking a vehicle inside, people (such as an on-site secretary or worker) need to be protected from fumes — there needs to be ventilation. Please have this looked into," Mr. Doyle stated.

Mr. Vastola told the board, "my client is not seeking any deviations to any building codes."

The Planning Board also broached the issue of garbage collection, asking the applicant whether dumpsters would be located at the site. Mr. Flanagan responded that "each tenant is responsible for their own garbage and there will be no large containers."

After Mr. Flanagan presented his

La Leche Announces Monthly Meeting

WESTFIELD — The La Leche League of Westfield, a breastfeeding information and support group, will hold its next meeting on Thursday, October 15, at 10:15 a.m.

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at the Cranford Public Library, 224 Walnut Avenue in Cranford.

For more information, please call (908) 301-1339 or (908) 306 8807.

Edith Dixon Elected To Board of Trustees

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Adult School Association has announced that Edith D. Dixon has been elected to its Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Dixon has lived in Westfield for 27 years and is an active volunteer in the community.

She is a member of the Friends of the Library Board, the Friends of Westfield Symphony Board, the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield, and the Westfield Day Care Center.

"It is important for all residents of Westfield to contribute to this community on a volunteer basis," stated Mrs. Dixon.

"Since the Westfield Adult School offers so many wonderful opportunities for learning, I want to help insure its continuing success," she added.

During the 1998-1999 academic year, the Westfield Adult School will celebrate its 60th year of offering educational services and programs to the residents of Westfield and surrounding towns.

Carol Phelan, Executive Director of the Adult School, stated, "We are delighted that Edith Dixon is joining our Board of Trustees. She is a dedicated volunteer and knowledgeable about the community."

Mrs. Dixon and her husband, Charles, have two sons, Andrew of Washington, D.C. and Timothy of Los Angeles.

testimony to the board, several neighbors spoke out against the proposed facility.

Neighboring homeowner Scott Rodgers asked Mr. Flanagan, "Given the site plan as organized, would your plan suffer if the building was smaller?"

He also stated that the rear property line of this site will abut Lindsey Avenue and create a disturbance for residents there. "What is the thought process in having the building be as large as you're proposing?", he asked.

"The size of this building matters when you're marketing to future tenants," answered Mr. Flanagan, who stated that the proposed 48-foot distance from the front to the rear of the building, "isn't that deep for storage."

"Marketability and workability is integral for use of the site," added Mr. Fisk.

Mr. Rodgers continued, "Concord Row residents have tremendous concerns. There is a dramatic adverse impact with regards to the extensive use on Waldheim Avenue (of other business activity)."

He remarked that due to activity in the rear areas of businesses on Waldheim Avenue, property owners are "experiencing increased noise, emission of odors because of dumping, the illuminating of lights all hours of day and night."

Jeff O'Brien was the next neighbor to speak. "Waldheim Avenue is atrocious and there is absolutely no concern for the surrounding residents. There's debris and trucks all over," he argued.

"Linden, New Jersey would not allow this kind of going on Waldheim Avenue!," Mr. O'Brien charged. "I don't want backhoes in my backyard. People come in and present (appeals) to the board all the time and don't abide by the board's requests; two to three months later applicants are not conforming to the rules," he added.

Mr. Rodgers said that prior to this meeting, he had met with Mr. Flanagan and Mr. Vastola to discuss local residents' concerns regarding such issues as buffers, ventilation, drainage and garbage related to the property.

He described the discussion as positive and cooperative, adding that his purpose in addressing the board was to insure that Mr. Flanagan will conform to local ordinances and codes.

Mr. Doyle told Mr. Rodgers and Mr. O'Brien that "We do understand your concerns and we are attempting to insure that this (non-compliance with regulations) does not happen."

Board member Lawrence A. Woodruff said, "You are in your rights to let us know your concerns."

Board Chairman George Tomkin told Mr. O'Brien that the Planning Board could not help him and his neighbors with the nuisances along Waldheim Avenue, but suggested that they take the matter up with the township's Board of Adjustment.

Mr. Flanagan again took the stand to assure residents and the board that he plans to fully cooperate with the requests. "I am not going to bastardize the lot and I have conformed to make a rear back yardage," he stated, adding that "everything behind the back of the building will be grass and landscaped, and all activity will take place in the front of the building."

The board approved the application with several conditions, after determining it would be an "overall improvement" on Waldheim Avenue.

As conditions for approval, Mr. Flanagan must install and maintain an eight-foot high row of trees no more than four feet apart, and staggered to act as a buffer behind the building.

Also, provisions must be made in the owner's lease addressing proper ventilation, combustible storage and garbage issues. The board also stipulated that no major outdoor construction activity take place, to which Mr. Flanagan agreed.

He and Mr. Vastola also agreed to Mr. Rodgers' and Mr. O'Brien's request that they be included in any further plans or discussion of the site plan.



PROUD CHESS MEDALISTS...The Westfield Chess Club held a fall scholastic chess tournament on September 13 at the Westfield "Y." Winners, pictured, left to right, are: George Xing, silver medalist; Brad VanArnum, bronze medalist; Jeremy Reidenberg, silver medalist; Joey Leonardis, gold medalist, and Michael Kreisel, gold medalist.

Chess Players Awarded Medals at Fall Tournament

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Chess Club held a fall scholastic chess tournament on September 13, at the Westfield "Y," an event which attracted 10 players from the area from first grade through ninth grade.

The players participated in a round robin event at a time control of 10 minutes per game. In this event, all players played all of the other players in the field. The players had 10 minutes each to complete their moves before losing the game on time. The most time the game could last would be 20 minutes.

The top four players from the round robin event competed in the finals. Medals were awarded to all players finishing with a plus score in the round robin portion of the event.

George Xing of Westfield finished with a perfect score of 8-0 to win the round robin. Michael Kreisel of Woodbridge and Joey Leonardis of Westfield finished 6-2 to tie for second. Jeremy Reidenberg of Westfield finished 5.5-2.5 to place third; Brad VanArnum, also of Westfield, finished 5-4 to place fourth.

Brad played all nine games in the round robin event as he was able to play two players in the event before they dropped out.

In the finals, George Xing, Michael Kreisel, Jeremy Reidenberg, and Joey Leonardis competed for the first four places. After two games the tension mounted as the standings stood at one game apiece for all players.

The final match-ups were Jeremy Reidenberg against Joey Leonardis and Michael Kreisel against George Xing. These games were very hard fought and Joey Leonardis and Michael Kreisel came out victorious to be co-champions of the event and awarded gold medals.

Tying for second and receiving silver medals were George Xing and Jeremy Reidenberg. Brad VanArnum placed third and received a bronze medal.

President of Westfield Chess Club and Life Chess Master, Todd Lunna directed the event.

For more information about the Westfield Chess Club, please contact Mr. Lunna at (908) 561-4974.

Gifted and Talented Programs Offered at Enrichment Center

WESTFIELD — The Enrichment Center, located at 424 Central Avenue in Westfield, recently announced its fall programming for gifted and talented students.

Classes, which are taught by certified teachers experienced in their subject areas, are offered from Saturday through Thursday for 10 or 12 weeks.

Students registering for gifted and talented classes should be performing well above grade level and should have a strong interest in the subject matter, according to center co-owners Elaine C. Sigal and Rhoda P. Asch.

Kindergarten, first- and second-grade students may choose from reading, creative writing, and mathematics classes. Third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students are offered creative writing, mathematics, geometry, code cracking, Egyptology, and games of strategy.

All of these grades may also take classes in French, Spanish, or Italian; science classes are also offered for all elementary grades. Middle school students may choose from Physics for Fun, Mock Trials, mathematics, or Junior Verbal SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test) Preparation.

According to Mrs. Asch and Mrs. Sigal, the gifted and talented programs will vary each semester to provide a myriad of educational experiences for students.

In addition to gifted and talented programming, The Enrichment Center offers reinforcement classes designed to enhance grade-level mate-

rial; private tutoring by certified and experienced teachers in all subject matters and levels, and an extensive array of PSAT, SAT, and SAT II preparation classes.

For more information, to receive a brochure, or to register, please call The Enrichment Center at (908) 654-0110.

Pingry Slates Open Houses On Both School Campuses

The Pingry School will offer prospective students and their parents an opportunity to tour the Short Hills and Martinsville campuses during Open House programs scheduled for this month.

The Short Hills Campus Open House for those interested in kindergarten through grade 6 will take place on Wednesday, October 14, and on Wednesday, November 18, beginning at 8:30 a.m. both days, at the Lower School on Country Day Drive.

The Middle and Upper School Open House for grades 7 through 12 will be held on Sunday, October 11, at 2 p.m. at the Martinsville Road Campus in Bernards Township.

Sunrise Assisted Living To Hold Memory Walk

WESTFIELD — Sunrise Assisted Living of Westfield, in collaboration with the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, will sponsor "Memory Walk 1998" on Saturday, October 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, October 11.

The "Memory Walk" will take place along Sunrise Assisted Living's nature trail. Participants will learn facts about Alzheimer's disease, and a backyard barbecue will take place afterwards. Complimentary water bottles will be available.

All donations will support the Alzheimer's Association's local programs and services.

Sunrise Assisted Living of Westfield is located at 240 Springfield Avenue.

For further information, please call Sunrise Assisted Living at (908) 317-3030.

Local Student Enrolls At Hamilton College

WESTFIELD — Elisabeth Gonsalves, the daughter of Drs. Remie and Marcia Gonsalves of Westfield, recently began studies as a first-year student at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York.

A graduate of Westfield High School, she was selected from 3,882 applicants to the college, and joins a class of 467 students.

College Woman's Club to Hear Talk by Train Station Muralist

WESTFIELD — The College Woman's Club has announced that it will feature guest speaker, Stacey Farley, creator of the tile murals in the recently renovated Westfield Train Station, at the first meeting of the College Woman's Club this Tuesday, October 6, at 8 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, in Westfield.

Ms. Farley will discuss the development and artistry of "Railroad Ties," the collection of 18 photographic tile murals highlighting Westfield's past, which she created for the new station underpass.

Funded by NJ Transit, the murals tell the story of the railroad's arrival in town and the subsequent period of growth and progress from 1864 to

the 1920s. She will also describe the process of making the tiles and her role as a public artist.

A native of Westfield, Ms. Farley earned a bachelor's degree in art from Brown University and a Master of Fine Arts Degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle.

She resides in Garrison, New York, with her husband and two children and maintains a studio in Peekskill, New York.

Founded in 1917, The College Woman's Club awards scholarships to deserving young women from Westfield and provides numerous enrichment opportunities for its members. Programs are open to all members and their guests.

For membership information, please call Lynda Sperry at (908) 233-2586.



RECREATING HISTORY...Stacey Farley, a native of Westfield, and Dale Wong of Ceramic Tile Design, Inc., install one of 18 tile murals in the renovated Westfield Train Station last spring. Ms. Farley, who created the murals depicting moments in Westfield's history from 1864 to the 1920s, will discuss the project at the Tuesday, October 6, meeting of the College Woman's Club of Westfield, to be held at 8 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building.

Westfield Art Gallery to Show Work by French Impressionist

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Art Gallery has announced the opening of an exhibit by New York artist Alex Maleh-de Buenos, in which approximately 25 oil paintings will be displayed beginning this Sunday, October 4.

A reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, 150-152 East Broad Street in Westfield.

The public is invited to attend the reception or to visit the exhibit during gallery hours. The gallery is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The exhibit will run through Thursday, October 29.

Mr. Maleh-de Buenos's collection

reflects a career which began in France during the German Occupation. He served as a messenger with the French Resistance, and later became a soldier in the French Army.

Now living in New York, the artist has described his works as depictions of "everyday life in various settings," including both city and provincial scenes in France, New York and other locations.

PAAD Prescription Limits to be Restored

Senate President Donald DiFrancesco, R-22, is taking steps to see that senior citizens participating in the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled Program (PAAD) do not see their prescription refill costs increase.

The Senate President has joined Senator Norman Robertson in sponsoring legislation that would restore the limit for prescription refills for PAAD recipients to the 100-unit dose that was in effect before the fiscal year 1999 (FY 1999) budget took effect on July 1.

"I heard from many seniors who must take lifesaving medication, such as heart medication, once a day. Under the new guidelines they were being forced to pay three times the co-payment for the same amount of medication, which placed an incredible financial burden upon this already hard pressed population," said DiFrancesco.

The bill would change the provision in the FY 1999 budget that limits PAAD recipients to a 34-day supply of prescription medications to allow a 34-day supply or 100 unit doses, whichever is larger, for refills and a 34-day limit for the initial prescription only.

"The initial change in program guidelines implemented July 1 was designed to eliminate waste because some patients develop adverse reactions to medications and must discard the medication, with the 100-unit dose, a great deal of expensive medication was being wasted," DiFrancesco explained.

"This measure will enable the state to reduce waste by limiting initial prescriptions for a savings of about \$1.5 million while continuing to provide one of the most generous prescription aid programs in the country to our state's senior citizens."

Westfield 'Y' Seeks Donations to Benefit Homeless Shelters

WESTFIELD — The Westfield "Y" is seeking donations of personal care items for homeless shelters in the area. Two locations that will benefit from the donations are the Elizabeth YMCA and the Plainfield YMCA, both of which run shelters for women and children.

Donations can include shampoos, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotions, tissues, deodorant, combs and brushes and baby care items, including lightweight baby blankets.

Items are being accepted at the Westfield "Y" lobby, 220 Clark Street, and at the "Y"'s Child Care Center, 170 Elm Street.

For more information, please call the "Y" at (908) 233-2700 Extension No. 252.

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