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## NEW SUPERINTENDENT WELCOMES 2021-2022 STAFF

### Westfield Public Schools

Superintendent Dr. Raymond González welcomed back staff on Wednesday, September 1 as the Westfield Public School District prepared for the return of students on Thursday, September 9.

During two opening day ceremonies for elementary and secondary educators, González - who joined the district on August 2 - welcomed 42 new staff members and applauded the teachers and staff gathered in the Westfield High School auditorium for their dedication, perseverance, and commitment to their students throughout the pandemic.

González reiterated that the educational, physical, and emotional health and wellness of students and staff remain a priority, as outlined in A Safe Return, the district's plan for the 2021-2022 school year which is posted on the district and school websites at [westfieldnj12.org](http://westfieldnj12.org).

Westfield Education Association (WEA) President Gail Alston, WEA Negotiating Team Member Lori Swanson and Board of Education President Amy Root also were on hand to welcome the educators and to praise their hard work and dedication, especially during a challenging year.

Following a delayed opening to allow staff time to address any aftermath of Hurricane Ida, teachers and

paraprofessionals gathered again on Thursday, September 2 for professional learning organized by Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Programs Paul Pineiro and facilitated by district administrators. There were sessions and workshops focusing on identifying/addressing student learning gaps, subject area curriculum reviews, Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), COVID protocols/procedures, and other topics.

On August 30 and 31, the 42 new staff members attended a two-day, in-house orientation as part of the New Staff Institute (NSI). The NSI is a two-year program designed to support first-time educators and those who are new to the district. The comprehensive program is organized by Human Resources Specialist Barbara Ball and her staff, along with a leadership team comprised of seasoned Westfield educators.

"During the month since I joined the Westfield Public School District, I have enjoyed meeting our extraordinary administrators, teachers, and staff," says González. "I am inspired, but not surprised, by their unwavering devotion to their students. I look forward to the 2021-2022 school year and to our continued partnership with our school community."



(above) Forty-two new educators participated in a two-day orientation on August 30-31 as part of the New Staff Institute (NSI), a two-year program designed to support first-time educators and those who are new to the district.

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Join Westfield High School in the fight against hunger! Over the next several weeks, Westfield residents will receive a note at their front door from local WHS students asking for food donations as part of Students Change Hunger, a Community FoodBank of New Jersey (CFBNJ) program -- a friendly competition where students collect food or host food drives to help fight hunger in New Jersey.

WHS won the competition last year with the most food donated; in fact, WHS has donated

more than 28,000 pounds of food -- equivalent to 84,000 meals -- over the last seven years! Unfortunately, as a result of COVID, food insecurity remains a significant issue here in New Jersey, and Students Change Hunger is looking to be part of the solution with assistance from the community. Please keep an eye out for the food pick up notices in your neighborhood, or make a donation to Westfield High School's online fundraiser by visiting: [give.cfbnj.org/team/379302](https://give.cfbnj.org/team/379302).



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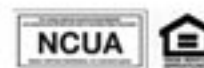
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## APPLEFEST 2021 – OCT. 16

On Saturday, October 16, 2021 (rain date October 17), the Westfield Historical Society will hold the Annual AppleFest on the lawn of the Reeve House, 314 Mountain Ave., Westfield from 12:00-4:00 p.m. On the same weekend, the Westfield Historical Society will also host Union County's Four Centuries in a Weekend Open House at the Reeve House.

Now in its 13th year, AppleFest is an annual fund-raising event, hosted on the lawn of the Reeve House on Mountain Avenue, and it draws visitors of all ages who participate in activities centered around a "theme" that celebrates a particular historical time, past or present. The theme this year will focus on the Downtown trolley, operating in the early 1900s and connecting a few of the local towns (Piscataway,

Dunellen, Scotch Plains, Westfield, Roselle, Rahway, Woodbridge). Our AppleFest theme is aimed to align with the Westfield Green Team's focus on alternative transportation, highlighted by a family-friendly bike tour around town and an e-car show. Both of these events are planned for early fall.

As always, younger children visiting AppleFest will enjoy participating in old-fashioned outdoor games, a treasure hunt and pumpkin painting while their parents can enjoy learning about the downtown trolley through a short "Lightning talk" and other visual exhibits. The Westfield-native Save Mary Band will entertain with favorite tunes from the last four decades. Our celebrated Apple Café will feature new selections by chef Greg Hichok.

Upholding another long-standing tradition, AppleFest 2021 will sponsor an art contest for elementary and middle school students, drawing on the theme of "Alternative Means of Transportation". The apple pie contest is coming back this year and will be fierce! Please stay tuned for details. We do not have a downtown trolley anymore but we encourage all visitors to consider coming to the Reeve House on bicycles, tricycles, unicycles, wagons, strollers, roller skates, skateboards, longboards, scooters, a horse-drawn carriage or any other "green" transportation.

Admission is \$5 per person, and free for veterans and children under 3 years old. We are grateful to all the sponsors who support us, and all Westfielders for their commitment to this town, its past and its future. The Westfield Historical Society's AppleFest Committee looks forward to seeing many families on October 16.

AppleFest is open to all members of the community, but reservations are encouraged. All who are interested in attending should please plan to make reservations with the Westfield Historical Society at 908-654-1794; or by email to [westfieldhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:westfieldhistoricalsociety@gmail.com). Our Society, acting in good faith, welcomes all eligible vaccinated visitors to attend our outdoor events without masks and would encourage non-vaccinated visitors to wear a mask. Masks are required indoors for tours. We will of course continue to follow closely all state and federal guidelines and if needed, adjust our plans accordingly.

Since 1968, the 501(c)(3) non-profit Westfield Historical Society has worked to preserve, interpret, and encourage interest in history, Westfield, and its residents through educational efforts and community outreach programs.

For further information on the Westfield Historical Society and its activities, or to volunteer, call 908-654-1794 or visit [westfieldhistoricalsociety.org](http://westfieldhistoricalsociety.org), like on Facebook



(above) Trolley car 2286 at the corner of Brightwood Ave. & Prospect St., Sep 10, 1935.

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Pedals for Progress does not accept bikes for parts or disassembled bikes. Bikes can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 9, rain or shine, at the board of education building, located at Walnut and Elm Streets in Westfield.

To date, more than 159,000 bikes and 5,100 sewing machines have been shipped to developing countries in Latin America, Africa and Eastern Europe. These bikes provide reliable transportation for commuting to work, transporting produce to market, or accessing health care and other services.

It costs \$45 to collect, process, ship, rebuild and distribute each bicycle. A donation toward shipping costs is necessary (suggested minimum \$20 per bike). All cash and material donations are fully tax deductible and a receipt will be available at the collection site.

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(above) *WHEELS OF PROGRESS...Chairman Warren Rorden is pictured with collected bikes during the Rotary Club of Westfield's 2019 drive in partnership with the nonprofit Pedals for Progress to benefit people in Third World countries.*



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### If Knee Surgery Sounds Scary, It Should

Have you have been told you are facing knee replacement surgery? Have you been told about all the downsides you could be facing? First and foremost, there are NO guarantees that knee replacement surgery will be the answer to your pain, but let's look further:

- Surgery is costly, regardless of the percentage of services covered by insurance.
- Surgery requires lost time from work and typically requires a regimen of rehabilitation and medications.
- With surgery, there is always a risk for unwelcomed complications. And you could be back to where you started, or worse.
- Medications will be required for relief from surgery and you have been down that road before. Additions to these pain medications can cause potential side effects, something you do not want to experience.
- Rehabilitation can take years.

### Consider This Alternative To Surgery

**Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** offers you a real opportunity and a painless way to say goodbye to your knee pain without any surgery. Here are just a few of the important benefits you should consider?

- Diagnostic fluoroscopy accurately targets the pain, unlike blind injections.
- Guided fluoroscopic injections are virtually pain free, unlike blind injections.
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- No potentially addictive prescription medications.
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### Do you Suffer from any of these Symptoms?

There are a number of reasons why you developed Osteoarthritis pain. It can develop with age or because of heredity. It could be from repetitive stress from a job or some glory days in athletics. Of course your concern is with the symptoms you face daily and how to make them end, hopefully without surgery or the use of potentially addictive medications. **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** understands the symptoms you have been living with and can help. If you have any of the symptoms below, please call us today. Relief is a phone call away.

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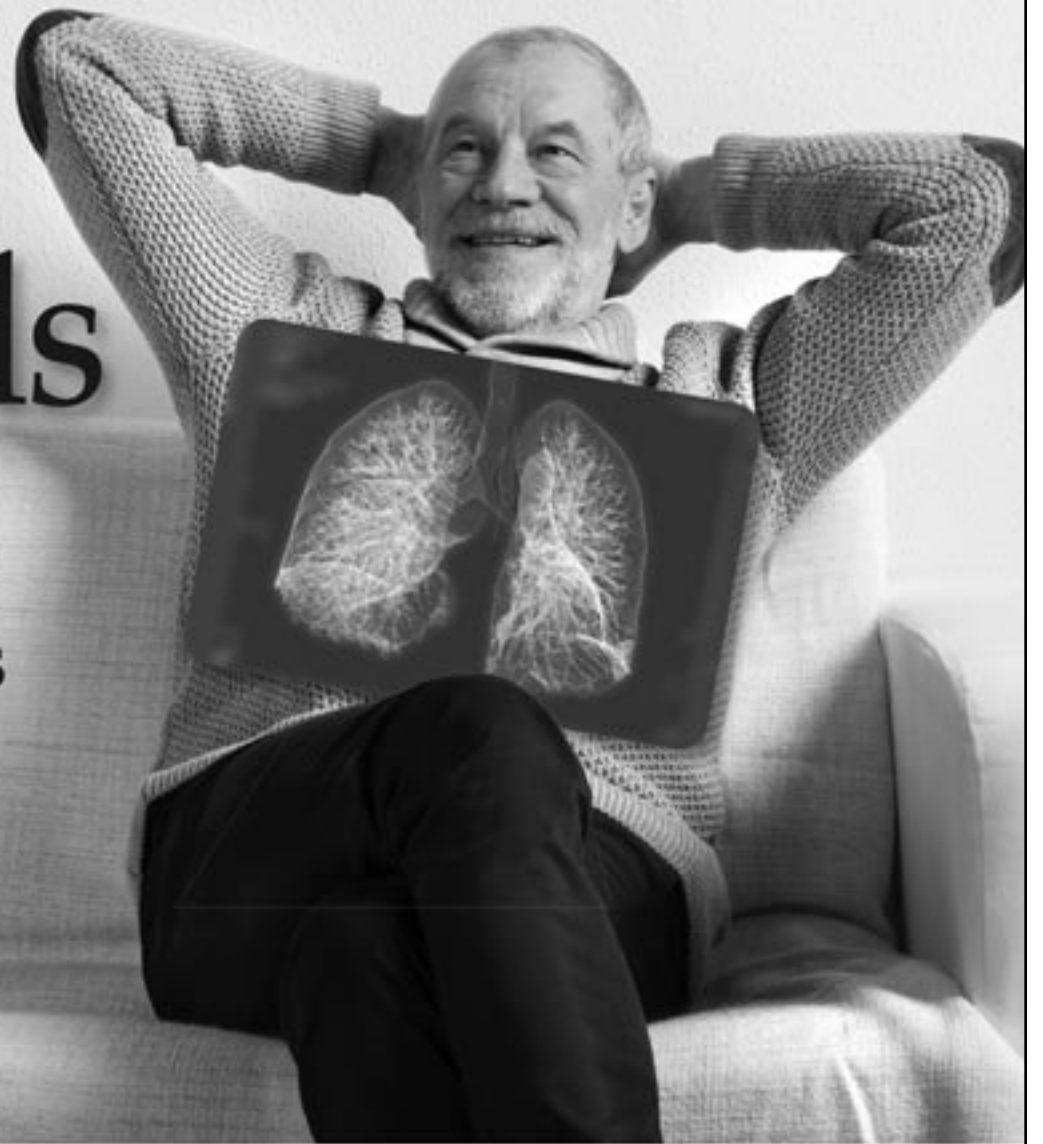
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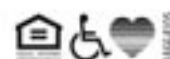
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"We are thrilled to resume the Devlin Awards after the pandemic forced last year's hiatus," said HPC chair Maria Boyes. "We are especially grateful to be holding the ceremony inside one of this year's winning properties, which has undergone multiple transitions over nearly a century to become an exciting new addition to Westfield's downtown. It, along with four other southside properties are among the eight commercial and residential honorees being recognized this year."

Named for Harry Devlin, a noted artist and architectural historian who was one of the founding judges, the awards program was established in 1992 to honor outstanding efforts in the restoration, expansion and maintenance of older properties. This year's awards will be bestowed in five categories: Commercial/Institutional Property; Adaptive Reuse; Sensitive Addition; Restoration and Period-Appropriate Painting/Siding; and New Construction Sensitive to the Area.

The awards ceremony is open to the public but attendance is limited and advance registration is

required. To reserve, please reply to [hpc@westfieldnj.gov](mailto:hpc@westfieldnj.gov). Confirmation, along with COVID protocols, will be sent prior to the event. Lion's Roar Brewing Company is located at 517-519 South Avenue West with parking available in Lot 6 on Watterson Street. For additional information, please visit [www.westfieldnj.gov/397/Historic-Preservation-Commission](http://www.westfieldnj.gov/397/Historic-Preservation-Commission).



(above) Tim and Corinne Grant of Lion's Roar Brewing Company, recipients of a 2021 Devlin Award, will host the ceremony and reception for this year's awards program.



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## RUMORS IS COMING TO CDC THEATRE - OCTOBER 9-24

Rumors by Neil Simon will open the fall 2021 season at CDC Theatre in Cranford and according to the New York Times it “Has nothing on its mind except making the audience laugh!”

Five neurotic couples gather for a dinner party, but the best laid plans go wildly awry when guests arrive early only to discover their host has shot himself, the hostess and servants are missing, and dinner not ready. As confusions and miscommunications mount, the evening spins off into farcical hilarity. American playwright and screenwriter Neil Simon (1927-2018) is widely regarded as one of the most successful, prolific and performed playwrights in theatre history.

“I like Rumors specifically because it's an over the top, silly, high-energy farce and I knew it would be a blast to direct, as well as to see.”, said director Zach Mazouat recently. “I enjoy that it

is truly an ensemble piece with lots of evenly sized roles and not a star vehicle. For a play, a cast size of 10 is pretty large, which gives the audience a chance to experience a lot of ridiculous characters to enjoy. Even though I proposed it pre pandemic I think it's a great show for audiences to come back to the theater with. It's fun and light-hearted and should have the audience laughing from start to finish. Coming out of a rough year I think we all need a good laugh and a healthy dose of escapism.”

The cast includes, Sean Lynch-Littlejohn, Lori Travers, Ian Fedegreen, Elle Michaeli, Mark Zebro, Shannon Ludlam, Byron Hagan, Victoria Navarro, Joe Leo and Rod Belle. Information on how to get tickets can be found by visiting the theatre’s website [cdctheatre.org](http://cdctheatre.org).

## FANWOOD VINTAGE & CRAFT FAIR

Held on Sunday, October 24 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., The Fanwood Vintage Fair (with Arts & Crafts too) will feature over 30 exhibitors selling vintage items from days gone by along with hand made items from artisans and craftspeople. This event is free and open to the public.

There will be two separate sections.

The Vintage Area will have vendors selling such as, antiques, collectibles, vintage, retro, repurposed items, shabby chic décor and more.

The Arts & Crafts area will have makers that will be selling, drawings, paintings, sculptures, printmaking, mixed media, photography, metal art, designer jewelry & accessories, fiber art, botanicals, dried flowers, leather, ceramics, pottery and clay designs, wax & candles, personal care products, pet-use products, specialty foods and more.

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*Submitted by Dr. D. Michael Hart*

Westfield Rotarians were joined by Rotary District Governor Shelby Rhodes to collect funds for 80 homeless veterans living at Lyons VA Hospital. They collected funds during the Sweet Sounds of Westfield held this summer in downtown Westfield. The club has been bringing clothing and supplies to the veterans once a month for 2 years. These veterans put their lives on the line to protect us, now they are damaged from war, and the least we can do is provide them with the basics to make them comfortable.

The Club purchases the clothing and supplies wholesale then stores them in a warehouse in Chatham. Once a month they deliver the needed supplies to the grateful veterans. Four other area Rotary Clubs are participating in this charitable program. The Hospital provides shirts and pants, but nothing else. The veterans need socks, underwear, shoes, winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves, soap, shaving cream, deodorant, and other toiletries.

For information about the Rotary Club of Westfield check out our website at [westfieldrotary.com](http://westfieldrotary.com), or contact the club secretary Dr. D. Michael Hart by email at [drmhart@yahoo.com](mailto:drmhart@yahoo.com).



(above) Governor Rhodes is pictured with PDG Mel Kevoe and his wife Sherry, Westfield Rotary Club President Blake, Past President Liz Ensslin, club members Fred Zellner and Burim Regaj, and three friendly Westfield residents donating to the cause.

  
Westfield Memorial Library



The Board of Trustees of the Westfield Memorial Library is happy to announce the appointment of a new Director, Fanwood resident Allen McGinley. Allen has 15 years of experience in the library field and promises to bring a collaborative approach to Westfield. Welcome, Allen!

To learn about Library programs and services, visit [www.wmlnj.org](http://www.wmlnj.org) or our facebook page at [facebook.com/wmlnj](https://facebook.com/wmlnj)  
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# Local Sports Performance Program Forced to Shut Down Registration

The Fall Grit Athletes Sports Performance Program is now shut down. The Berkeley Heights Based Athlete Performance has no more available spots for their fall program due to high demand from local parents looking for their kids to get an edge. They opted to shut down registration before taking on more kids into the program, even though there were people on the waiting list.

The bright spot is they have begun early registration for their highly anticipated winter program. The winter program has always been the most popular and is also highly likely to be sold out before it even starts. Grit Athlete performance announces the early enrollment of their winter athlete performance training program.

This program is for your child if: They

want to get better at sports but struggle because of lack of speed, strength or stamina. They eat more junk food than healthy food and you need another voice to help them understand how important a healthy diet is during these developmental years. They need to improve their confidence and you want them to start to get better at recovering from their mistakes. They're doing pretty good right now but want to take their performance in their sport to a higher level.

Here's what parents can expect to happen: They will get stronger which means when they show up to their sport they'll be able to perform better than ever. They will run faster and jump higher so they can show up to their next season and people will start asking what

the heck have they been doing. They'll become more coordinated and improve agility which means they'll pick up new skills their coaches teach them faster. Your children will start to eat better because we'll be educating them daily on what's good and what they should avoid...don't be surprised if they start asking you to buy more vegetables. Confidence will skyrocket. When kids get stronger, faster and more fit... their confidence will rise... so will their self-esteem which means their performance in every aspect of life will get better.

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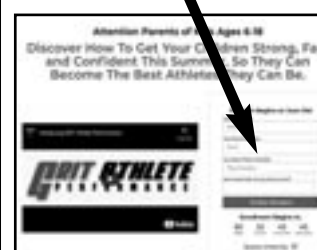
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(above) Visitors are encouraged to stop by the Reeve House, in Westfield, during Union County's Four Centuries in a Weekend on October 16-17, 12-5 p.m.

## GIRL SCOUTS DELIVERING SMILES

Ruth Maloney, Mobile Meals of Westfield President announced another gift donation prepared by Westfield Girl Scouts as part of their "Sunshine of the Month" program to bring cheer to Mobile Meals clients.

Jacque Bourke, representing Girl Scout Troop 40879, delivered 75 decorative coasters to Ms. Maloney who said, "Mobile Meals of Westfield is most grateful to accept these thoughtful gifts for our clients to brighten their day."

Mobile Meals of Westfield is a non-profit organization which provides freshly prepared meals daily to those persons unable to provide meals for themselves. The organization serves the communities of Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield.



(above) Girl Scout Troop 40879 created and donated 75 decorative coasters to brighten the days of Mobile Meals clients.

## FOUR CENTURIES IN A WEEKEND

The Westfield Historical Society invites visitors to the Union County's Four Centuries in a Weekend Open House at the Reeve House on Saturday, October 16 and Sunday, October 17 from 12:00-5:00 p.m.

The Reeve House will feature an exhibit of items from the Westfield Historical Society's Archive collection of photos and information pertaining to the 19th Century Westfield Trolley and other forms of transportation throughout Westfield's history.

Union County trading cards will be available at the Reeve house including the cards for Charles Addams, Dr. Virginia Apgar, Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston and others. Passports will also be stamped for those visitors traveling from site to site.

As an added treat, this year, the Westfield

Historical Society's Annual AppleFest event will also take place on Saturday, October 16 from 12-4 p.m. at The Reeve House.

The Reeve History and Cultural Resource Center (The Reeve House) is located at 314 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, NJ. Mask wearing and social distancing measures, including limiting numbers on tours and inside, will be in place.

Since 1968, the 501(c)(3) non-profit Westfield Historical Society has worked to preserve, interpret and encourage interest in history, Westfield, and its residents through educational efforts and community outreach programs.

For more information on the Westfield Historical Society and their events, visit [westfieldhistoricalsociety.org](http://westfieldhistoricalsociety.org) and Facebook and Instagram.



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Labeled by some as a troublemaking Black resident, Mr. Morrison's "good trouble" was pivotal in establishing the Westfield Memorial Pool and Park Complex. To this day, his legacy lives on through one of the Town's most valuable community assets enjoyed by many residents over the years.

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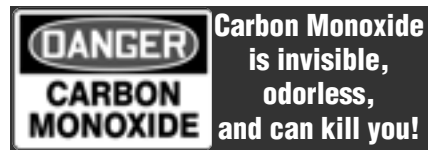
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Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County, the only local nonprofit advocating for youth from birth to age 21 involved in the child welfare system due to abuse, neglect and abandonment, took time-out on a recent sunny Sunday afternoon to fete its community members who are trained as child advocates and continuously give of their time to ensure the best interests of Union County's most vulnerable youth are protected and their needs are met.

Seeley's Picnic Grounds in Watchung Reservation was host to a guest list that included each of the organization's nearly 170 current volunteer advocates and their families and dogs, its funders, and court personnel with whom the organization regularly works as cases are heard by Union County Superior Court. CASA staff and several members of the Board of Trustees

served guests such grilled fare as ribs, pulled pork, hotdogs, burgers, and sides and dessert galore. Executive Director Mariel S. Hufnagel's husband Anthony was grill master.

Amid the frivolity of lunching, chatting and even competition at the cornhole and KanJam playing fields, CASA volunteers and staff still managed to make time for advocacy work, too. Each year as the summer draws to a close, the organization runs a school supply drive to ensure every foster youth served has a new backpack chock-full of needed supplies so their first day feels full of promise. The park's pavilion became backpack depot where advocates checked in to secure their foster youth's backpack, lunchboxes, and supplies.

Anne Collart, President of the Board of Trustees, was among those welcoming advocates. "It was a gorgeous day, and the

perfect setting for CASA of Union County to give its time for all those who gift their time for local foster youth, and keep the organization moving forward in its mission. Today, we wanted to be in their corner, and encourage each advocate to relax, connect and enjoy our gratitude for all they do."

Since 2005, the nonprofit has recruited, trained, supported and supervised nearly 600 volunteers to advocate for more than 900 youth, protecting best interests in the courtroom, classroom and community, and helping ensure already experienced trauma is not exacerbated as youth await permanency in a safe and loving home.

For details on the advocate experience and joining upcoming information and training sessions, email Lucia at [info@casaoofunioncounty.org](mailto:info@casaoofunioncounty.org).



(above) Among the CASA volunteers attending were, from left, James Walker Jr. of Elizabeth, Isabella Blumberg of Springfield, Barbara Bagger of Westfield, Arlene Sumner of Linden, Carmen Iyala of Scotch Plains, Quetzali Sevillano of Rahway, Lara Gibbemeyer and Robert Bridgeman of Westfield, Flor Maria Mendez of Elizabeth, Mollie Yang of Mountainside, Fernando Porras of Clark, Katherine Romano of New Providence, Shelley Grobe of Cranford, Kristen Kim of Westfield, Rebecca Muston of Summit, Teresa Lastella of Clark, Kevin JeanCharles of Roselle, Donna Isidron of Clark, Karime Herrera of Elizabeth, Komal Nankani of Summit, Lisa Kalichman of South Orange, Sean O'Leary of South Plainfield, Carolyn Colonna of Fanwood, Cynthia Evans of Scotch Plains, and Lydia Pernia of Linden.

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## MARC WESLEY HARDY HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD



(above) First Congregational Church of Westfield presented its Marc Wesley Hardy Human Rights Award to two highly deserving high school seniors. Nala Scott from Westfield High School and Elizabeth Rehwinkel from Union County Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS, were named the 2021 honorees of the award, which is given annually to a young person who has been an outstanding advocate for social justice, human rights and the rights of the less fortunate—three things that were of major importance to Marc in his life.



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## FLINTLOCKS RUN CUB SCOUT WOOD TOOLS BADGE PROGRAM

*Submitted by Dr. D. Michael Hart*

the Flintlocks BSA, Inc. ran the Cub Scout Wood Tools Program at the Watchung Mountain District Spring Cub Family Camporee at Boy Scout Camp Winnebago in Rockaway, NJ this spring.

Fifty-three Cub Scouts earned a Woodcraft badge by learning about how to use wood tools, safety measures, and building a small bird house. The program starts with one of the Flintlocks explaining how to use wood tools properly and important safety measures. After the Cub Scouts build their bird house, they may practice using screwdrivers and a coping saw. The parents work with the children, and the Flintlocks offer guidance.

The Camporee has many different activities, including Archery, Batting cages, BB guns, First Aid Classes, and Fishing Derby, Climbing wall, Basketball, Volleyball, a 2-mile Hike, Rockets and Catapults. The shooting sports programs have NJ State Certified Instructors. Since it is a family camporee, and since girls may now join scouts, entire families may enjoy the fun, and the scouts earn various badges. Attendance at the camporee was 150 scouts with an equal number of parents. This was one of the first big events at the scout camp since the shutdown

over a year ago.

The Flintlocks BSA, Inc are a group of 27 retired scouters who volunteer every week all year round to help the scout camps of the Patriot's Path Council. They are incorporated as a separate 501c3. Facebook page is "Flintlocks". They do maintenance at the camps, build cabins, tent platforms, picnic tables, etc. In 2018 they built a STEM lab classroom for scientific related merit badges. The members also volunteer to help the scouts with various programs throughout the year. The Flintlocks purchase lumber from a lumber mill, then make the parts for the craft kits in their wood shop which are sold at the Council Scout shops. Bird houses have the bottoms attached with screws since a mother bird wants to build a new nest every year. The old nest needs to be cleaned out in the fall so a new family can start over again in the spring.

The Watchung Mountain District of the Patriot's Path Council, Boy Scouts of America serves the communities of: Berkeley Heights, Fanwood, Garwood, Gillette, Long Hill Township, Meyersville, Millington, Mountainside, Murray Hill, New Providence, North Plainfield, Scotch Plains, Stirling, Summit, Warren, Watchung, and Westfield.



*(above) A happy family with completed bird houses*



*(above) Bob Pysher instructing the scouts on tool use and safety*



*(above) The five Flintlock volunteers Chuck Hoeckele, Bob Pysher, Jeff Huppert, Frank Wallace, and Dr. D. Michael Hart.*

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## GILLIAN STROUT AND YUCHEN YANG NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

### Westfield Public Schools

Westfield High School seniors Gillian Strout and Yuchen Yang have been named semifinalists in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program.

They are among a nationwide pool of about 16,000 semifinalists who represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors. These academically talented students now have the opportunity to continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships that will be offered next spring.

"Being named a National Merit Semifinalist is a great honor and it speaks volumes about their strength of character and commitment to their education," says WHS principal Mary Asfendis about Strout and Yang.

Asfendis also congratulated 34 WHS students who have been recognized for their exceptional academic promise as Commended Students in the

2022 National Merit Scholarship Program: Kevin Arndt, Kaity Bai, Samantha Bauer, Adrien Bekker, Mateo Beltran, Adam Contract, Conor Daly, Maxwell Feldman, John González, Manuel González, Eric Harnisher, Ashley Hu, Rachel Hu, Vivian Jeckell, Shreya Jyotishi, Amira Lee, Brandon Li, Cynthia Li, Michael McKenna, Lillian Qin, Sofia Regencia, Jacob Root, Jonathan Schaeffer, Carsen Sharkey, Noelle Shih, Benjamin Spergel, Vijay Sreenivasan, Matthew Swenson, Ashley Talwar, Evan Tompkins, Thomas Walsh, Eden Wilcomes, Amy Xiao, and Jason Yang.

According to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, commended students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2022 competition by taking the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

## 50 YEARS OF LIBRARY SERVICE TO WESTFIELD CELEBRATED DURING OCTOBER

The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library (WML) are proud to share 50 years of service to Westfield. In 1972, members of the Westfield College Women's Club and the PTA Council joined together to form the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library to "foster interest in the library and enlarge its service to the community." In recognition of our 50th Anniversary, the Friends will hold events and programs throughout the year.

Starting on Thursday, October 14, we will hold a reception at the Library to unveil the recently decorated Arches leading into the Children's section. Caron Frost Olmsted of CFO Design, the artist who painted the Arches, will give a talk on the artistic process behind the Arches as an enchanted forest. The event will also highlight

the recently added furniture in the Children's section purchased by the Friends as well as other contributions to the Library over the years. Entertainment and refreshments will be served.

On Sunday, October 17, from Noon until 2:00 we will host a children's program (ages 5-9) to include Storytime by the Children's Library staff, tours of the Arches, an art project, a live animal presentation by Eyes of the Wild Animal Rescue and refreshments.

To register for these free events go to [wmlnj.org/Events](http://wmlnj.org/Events). During the course of the coming year there will be additional events celebrating our 50 years of service to the Westfield Community. Be sure to visit our website at [fwmlnj.org](http://fwmlnj.org) often to stay up-to-date.



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## UNION COUNTY ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER - OCT. 6

As the nation continues to reckon with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the seventh annual Union County Day of Prayer will serve as "A Memorial Service to Those in Our Memory" on Oct. 6.

The event will be held at 7 p.m. at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield and is sponsored by Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council and Community Access Unlimited.

The annual Day of Prayer brings the community and leaders of different faiths together for an evening of music, prayers of unity and reflective readings. UCICC works to build bonds within the interfaith community and promotes the respect, inclusion and welcoming of others at houses of worship.

"We cannot do justice to all of the lives that have been taken from us at the Union County Day of Prayer on Oct. 6th, but we can begin to do so together," said Pastor Carmine Pernini of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Rahway. "We can take a few small steps to appreciate the gift that is the life we have yet to live together by honoring those loved ones, those impossible times we have made it through, and those trials that have forged who we are and will be from this side of the pandemic."

The event includes speakers, musicians and readers representing major Abrahamic and Indian religions; among the performers scheduled are students of the Muslim Community Center of Union County and Eliezer Almonte of Comunidad Cristiana in Elizabeth. Masks are required and attendees will observe social

distancing.

UCICC works closely with Community Access Unlimited to promote accessibility in the local faith community for individuals with developmental disabilities. Past events have included weekly interfaith services and introducing members to different houses of worship in the area.

"Religion and communities of faith are an important part of spiritual life that everyone should have access to regardless of their abilities and needs," said Walter Kalman, associate executive director of Advocacy, Communications and Resource Development at CAU. "We are proud of our continuing partnership with UCICC and the growing community and the teamwork it has fostered."

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# CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Parish of Westfield

A year-long celebration of Holy Trinity Parish's 150th anniversary kicked off in September. Throughout the next year, a full schedule of commemorative events and activities will roll out, including the Holy Trinity Music Series continuing on October 21 with contemporary Christian songwriter Steve Angrisano in concert at 7:30 p.m. The performance will take place at Holy Trinity Church.

Later events will include additional musical performances, a tour of the Church's artwork, community outreach, a celebration of Mass with Archdiocese of Newark's Cardinal Tobin, and several special children's events, culminating with the 150th anniversary in September 2022. To further remember this historic anniversary, local Westfield artist Linnea Rhodes will design and paint a special commemorative ornament.

Further information about the year-long celebration including events, music, history and

more can be found at [htccc.org/150](http://htccc.org/150). Event details will be updated regularly throughout the year.

Holy Trinity Parish was founded in September 1872 to serve Westfield residents whose only previous option for participating at a Catholic Mass was to travel to churches in Plainfield, Rahway, Elizabeth and Stony Hill (Watchung), according to a 1972 article in the Diocesan newspaper The Advocate, on the occasion of Holy Trinity's 100th anniversary. The earliest Masses were held in the Westfield freight station of the Central Railroad (now NJ Transit) to accommodate a growing stream of new parishioners arriving at Holy Trinity by train. Sometime later, a white frame church was built on New York Ave., now Trinity Place. Once again, the location was chosen for its proximity to the train station. An elementary school was built in 1916, followed by other structures including a rectory, convent and the current Church which was built in 1921.

"Throughout its history, Holy Trinity has been a vibrant and vital participant in the community," said Father Randazzo. "Our first 150 years have been rooted in faith. As we move ahead in love, my hopes and prayers for our people are that their faith will always be centered in the practice of Jesus' teaching with compassion and love, based in scripture but evolving in the Catholic tradition; that they continue our tradition of reaching out inter-religiously with all faith-based people, deepening our open dialogue and solidarity with all; and that they continue our strong commitment to educating and strengthening our young. We welcome all members of the Westfield community and beyond to join us in the celebration of our 150th anniversary."

Holy Trinity is located at 506 Westfield Avenue, Westfield, NJ 07090.

## SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- Thursday, October 21, 7:30 p.m., Singer/Songwriter Steve Angrisano
- Thursday, November 21, 4:00 p.m., Organist Brian Harlow
- Sunday, March 20, 4:00 p.m., Linaria String Ensemble
- Sunday, June 5, 2022, 12:00 p.m. Mass Celebrated by Cardinal Tobin
- Wednesday, August 3, 2022, 7:00 p.m. Ice cream with the OK Chorale Choir & Little Secret

More events to come! For more information on events please visit our website [htccc.org/150](http://htccc.org/150).

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NAMIWalks Your Way: A United Day of Hope means what it sounds like; participants can make NAMIWalks their own as Virtual Walkers. This is an awareness and fundraising event. When you reach out to your friends, neighbors and co-workers, you raise awareness about mental illness. Your fundraising efforts will help NAMI continue to provide free programs and services to people who live with

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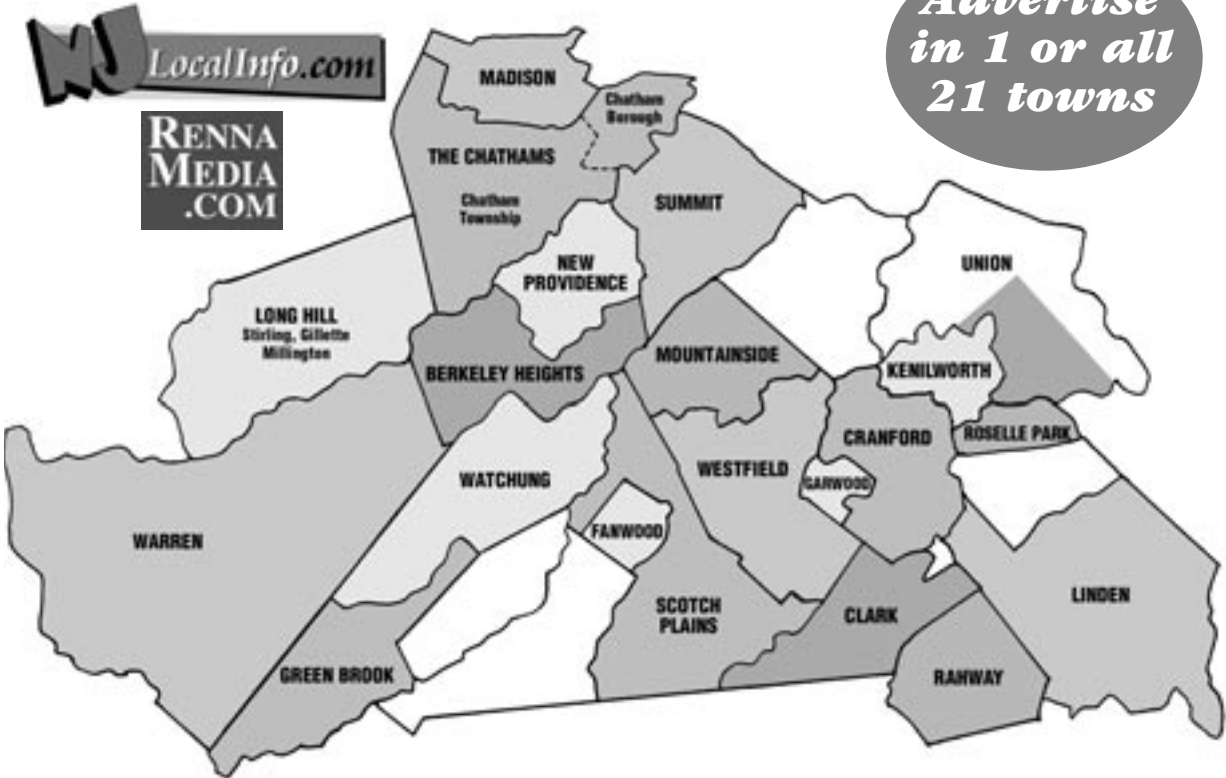
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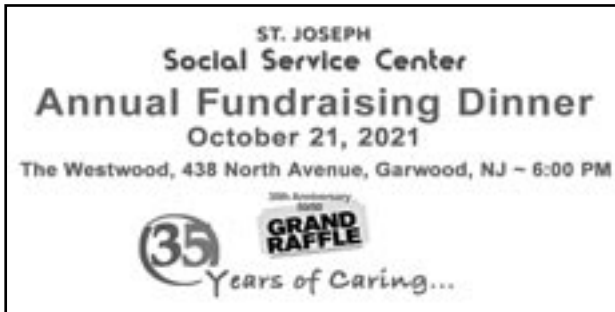


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