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(above) Calling all Daisies (girls ages 5-7), and adult volunteers to a community of lifelong friendships and fun.

### Westfield Girl Scouts

It's time for Girl Scout Daisy Roundup 2024! Westfield Girl Scouts is excited to launch this year's program, welcoming adult volunteers and girls ages 5-7 to a community of lifelong friendships and fun.

Girl Scout Daisy troops are comprised of kindergarten and first grade girls from each of Westfield's elementary schools. Led by vetted and trained parent volunteers, Daisies enjoy a wide variety of activities, build relationships, and grow in confidence.

Complete the interest form today: [tinyurl.com/DaisyRoundup2024](http://tinyurl.com/DaisyRoundup2024). Information submitted will allow for

rosters to be outlined beginning mid-October. Troop placement and directions for official registration will follow upon confirmation of adult volunteers.

In addition, Westfield Girl Scouts will be hosting an in-person informational meeting for the adults responsible for prospective Daisy Scouts. Parents and caregivers only are invited to attend Daisy Roundup 2024 on Tuesday, September 17th at the American Legion Hall, Post 3, Westfield. Beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m., this meeting will introduce the Girl Scout experience and allow adults the opportunity to engage with Girl Scout leaders from local schools.

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# MILLER CORY HOUSE MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE



*(above) The Miller-Cory House Museum is hosting an Open House September 8 from 2-4 p.m. We will have special activities celebrating Grandparents' Day.*

## Miller Cory House Museum

Join us at the Miller Cory House Museum for an open house as we kick off our fall programs with tours of the house, open hearth cooking demonstrations and special activities to celebrate Grandparents Day. A perfect opportunity to celebrate the past and the present with crafts in our new Maker Space.

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## HANDS-ON LEARNING AT STEM CAMP IN WESTFIELD

### Westfield Public Schools

The popular Westfield STEM Camp again welcomed students in grades 3-8 this summer, offering hands-on, problem-based learning in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

During the week-long, half-day sessions in July, STEM campers participated in four workshops among a selection of 12 courses, including the newly offered Solar Boat Racing, with campers exploring the world of renewable energy and engineering as they built their own solar-powered boat racer. Also, back by popular demand, was Scratch Programming, a workshop

where students used Scratch, a programming interface developed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), to create a computer-based game. Other courses included CSI Forensics, Stop Motion Animation, Engineering Design Challenges, Robotics Explorations, Flight Engineering, Surviving a Disaster, Mind-Blowing Science, Makey Space, Mission Impossible, and DNA: Cracking the Code of Life.

“STEM activities promote a child's natural curiosity. They are given the opportunity to be inventive and collaborative as they learn to solve problems,” say camp co-directors Sean Bonasera and Laura Paiva. “We want all campers to

develop a can-do attitude and see that they can design solutions and build things no matter what their age. We hope the exposure to our activities will encourage them to dive deeper into new STEM skills and concepts that will help them both in school and later in life.”

The courses are taught by Westfield Public School teachers with a passion for STEM education. Co-directors Bonasera and Paiva teach technology education and computer science technology, respectively, at Edison Intermediate School.

“All workshops are developed to provide fun, but meaningful, hands-on learning,” says Paiva.



*(above) Lots of hands-on exploration and learning at the Westfield Public School District's popular summer STEM Camp, including this workshop focused on engineering design challenges.*



*(above) A new course - Solar Boat Racing - offered Westfield STEM campers the opportunity to delve into the world of renewable energy and engineering by designing and building a solar-powered boat racer.*



*(above) “Mind Blowing Science” is always a favorite as Westfield STEM campers channel their inner scientists by performing a variety of experiments involving chemical reactions.*

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Included with entry, all attendees will enjoy a delicious pig roast, grilled burgers, hotdogs, pulled pork, sausage & peppers, sandwiches, sides, desserts, water, soda, beer, wine, sangria, and more. Kids' activities will include DJ Mr. Socks, contests, games, a bounce house, magic performances, a fire truck, and more. Adults and teens can participate in a professionally run cornhole tournament, a golf pitching contest, volleyball, and bocce ball. Additionally, the event will feature a special rendition of the National Anthem, a NJ State Police helicopter, World War II vehicles, bagpipers, a dunk tank, 50/50s, a Silent Auction, and a paratrooper parachuting the American Flag into the event.

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### Westfield Service League

The Westfield Service League (WSL) has officially announced their new Executive Board for the 2024-25 season. Susan McClelland and Karen Saleme will continue to serve as Co-Presidents, and Rosann LiVolsi, as Vice President. New to the Board are Jan Herring, Treasurer, and Carole Peyton, Secretary, who will begin two-year terms.

“Our shops are full, so come on in to do your fall shopping. We would like to remind our customers that although we sell beautiful and designer merchandise, we are a nonprofit agency, and all proceeds are distributed through grants to local charitable organizations. We wholeheartedly thank our shoppers for their support,” said Saleme.

The money raised from the sale of the goods goes to local non-profit organizations, including the Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey, Moms Helping Moms, Caring Contact, Roots and Wings, and St. Joseph’s Social Services Center. Last year, the League was able to donate more than \$90,000 to 41 organizations.

“If any community member is looking for a great way to volunteer their time, look no further. We would love for you to join our caring community of volunteers who run all aspects of our shops. Come on in and we’ll show you around and answer your questions,” added McClelland.

“I’ve been part of the WSL for over 23 years. Being part of this non-profit organization has been an amazing, rewarding experience. Not only do we work hard for well-deserving charitable organizations, but we have a great time doing it. I’ve been blessed to become a part of a family of over a hundred dedicated women. It is truly my home away from home,” said LiVolsi.

“Volunteering at the Westfield Service League is such a rewarding experience, and I encourage anyone who wants to give back to the community

and make lifelong friends at the same time to join this amazing group of women. There are even opportunities for high school students to begin their volunteer journey as part of our intern program,” said Herring.

“I just completed my first two years on the WSL and I am impressed with the wonderful, charitable works that the members do. It’s exciting to have the opportunity to serve the League as its Secretary,” said Peyton.

Paula Davino and JoAnn Neylan will chair the thrift shop and Arlene Bertrand, Sarah Martin and Charlotte Abruzzo will chair the consignment shop.

Besides working in either the thrift or consignment shops, members serve on special committees, such as holiday sale, grants, personnel, house, food pantry, mobile meals and more. There are also many other social activities, such as “happy hour” at local restaurants once a month, book club, and field trips to area attractions. The League is active, and the stores are open from September to June. Membership meetings are held once a month.

The shop is located at 114 Elmer Street in Westfield and is open Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about donations or volunteering, call 908-233-2530 for the Thrift Shop or 908-232-1223 for the Consignment Shop.

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(above) Approximately 126 students in preschool through grade 12 participated in the Extended School Year (ESY) program.



(above) Girls and boys basketball team volunteered their time to provide physical education classes for students.

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## EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM

### Westfield Public Schools

The Westfield Public School District's Extended School Year (ESY) Program recently wrapped up its 22nd summer, assisting students with Individualized Educational Plans (IEPs) in preventing skill regression and preparing for the upcoming school year.

"The ESY Program is for students with IEPs who would benefit from maintaining skills during the summer months to prevent learning loss," says ESY Supervisor Julia Torres, praising the district teachers and paraprofessionals who support the students in the program. "It also is a way for students from across the district to meet each other and form friendships."

The district's ESY program operated from July 2-August 7, serving approximately 126 students in preschool through grade twelve. The

instructional day was structured with a focus on maintaining language arts and math skills, along with the students' IEP goals. The schedule allowed for opportunities to learn and build on important social-emotional and other skills as well.

"We had some fun activities this year, including a visit with a librarian from the Westfield Memorial Library and physical education classes, with members of the Westfield High School girls and boys basketball teams volunteering their time to help the younger students," Torres says. "The students enjoyed a visit from a therapy dog, along with a weekly "Peaceful Playground" program where they focused on cooperative play, taking turns, and creative thinking to foster teamwork and positive play interactions."

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The festival will take place from Friday, September 27- Sunday, September 29 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, located at 250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, NJ. Highlights of this year's festivities include:

**Authentic Greek Cuisine:** Indulge in mouthwatering gyros, souvlaki, spanakopita, baklava, loukoumades and other traditional homemade Greek delicacies.

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"We are excited to welcome the community to our annual NJ Greek Fest, where everyone can experience the warmth and hospitality of Greece right here in Westfield," said Fr. Peter Delvizi, presiding priest of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. "It's a wonderful opportunity for people of all backgrounds to come together, enjoy delicious food, lively music, and celebrate our cultural traditions."

Admission to the festival is \$2. A portion of the festival proceeds will benefit Holy Trinity's community outreach programs.

Join us in celebrating Greek culture, heritage, and community spirit at the annual Westfield Greek Festival. For more information and updates, please visit [njgreekfest.com](http://njgreekfest.com) and follow @njgreekfest on Instagram and Facebook.

**About Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church:** Holy Trinity is a cornerstone of the Westfield community and surrounding area, founded in 1966, is dedicated to enriching lives through faith, fellowship, and service. Our annual NJ Greek Fest is one of the many ways we connect with our neighbors and celebrate our shared values.

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This summer, members of the Rake and Hoe Garden club have been tending to public gardens in Westfield, all on a voluntary basis. In July, club members braved the heat to carry out a clean-up, weeding and beautification project at Shadowlawn Garden, off Rahway Avenue in Westfield.

Rake and Hoe members are dedicated to the community. In addition to volunteering in the Westfield community and beyond, the club hosts workshops, field trips and plant exchanges and facilitates education in horticulture, floral design, nature and wildlife.

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club is affiliated

with the Garden Club of New Jersey and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 12:00 p.m. at the Scotch Hills Country Club. Membership is open to residents of Westfield and surrounding towns.

If you would like to embrace the beauty of gardening and nature, connect with fellow enthusiasts who share your passion, engage in fulfilling community service projects and make enduring friendships along the way, call Sharon Shiraga 908-228-2865

or visit the club's website:

[rakeandhoecg.org](http://rakeandhoecg.org), or Facebook page.



(above, l-r) Members of Westfield Rake and Hoe Club at the Shadowlawn Garden cleanup: Mabel Woloj, Barbara Spellmeyer, Nancy Smith, Sharon Shiraga, Alice Cowell, Carmen Skoletsky, Jeanie Pelikan, Adah Levin and Cheryl Katz. Not pictured: Beth Siano and Richard

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## COLLEGE MEN'S CLUB POKER NIGHT - OCT 18

The College Men's Club of Westfield is pleased to announce that it is once again holding its annual Poker Night fundraiser to benefit the club's Scholarship Fund. Poker Night is one of the CMC's two major fundraising events to support deserving Westfield High School students on their higher education journey.

On Friday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m. the Kenilworth Veterans Center will be transformed into a Poker Room with professional dealers. The Texas Hold "Em Tournament will be run until there is a declared winner and prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third-place finishers.

Don't miss an exciting night of friendly competition, while supporting a worthy cause. Event details are below:

**Friday October 18th, 7:00 pm**  
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The College Men's Club of Westfield was founded in 1922 and over the past century has helped hundreds of Westfield young men by providing college tuition assistance and funding standardized test preparatory courses. Since its founding, the CMC has raised and distributed over \$1.4 million in higher education assistance to young men of the Westfield community to attend over 130 institutions of higher learning. In 2024 the CMC awarded a total of \$75,900 in four-year scholarships and one-time grants.

Scholarship applications are available on the CMC's website in February of each year and are evaluated by a committee of CMC Trustees each Spring.

Funds for scholarships are generated from fund raising events like Poker Night, donations, membership dues, endowment investment income, and legacy bequests.

To learn more about the College Men's Club of Westfield, please go to [cmcwestfield.org](http://cmcwestfield.org).

## TIME FOR AN APPLE BEE! SEPT. 29

Much like the more familiar barn raising or quilting bee, the apple bee was a yearly fall activity at the Miller-Cory farm which included an orchard. Experience all things apple including cider-press demonstrations, an apple-themed story time, a scavenger hunt and more. String apple rings to dry and enjoy the savory aromas as our docents prepare colonial dishes using apples over the open hearth. The grounds will be open for viewing and docents will be offering tours of the fully furnished c1740 farmhouse. Admission is \$5 ages 13 and older; \$4 ages 3-12 and free age 2 and younger. No reservations are necessary.

The Miller Cory House Museum is located at

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Since 1968, the 501(c)(3) non-profit Miller Cory House Museum/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 Miller Cory House Museum/Westfield Historical Society and their events, [millercoryhouse.com](http://millercoryhouse.com) or [westfieldhistoricalsociety.org](http://westfieldhistoricalsociety.org) and , like us on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram.

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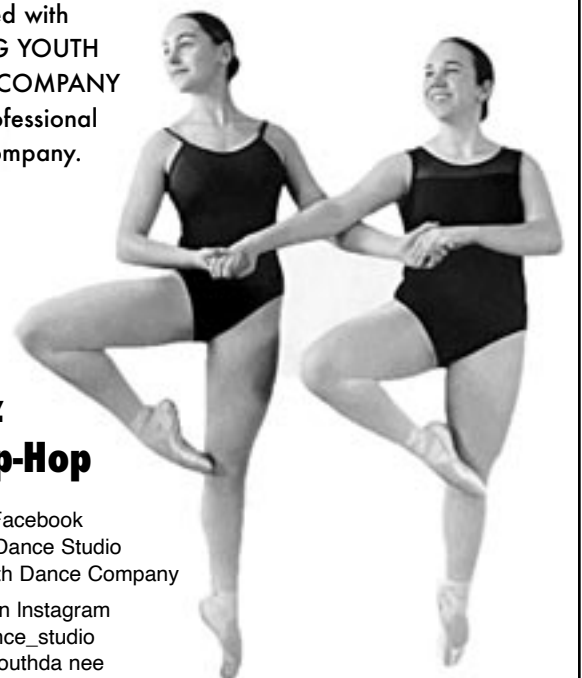
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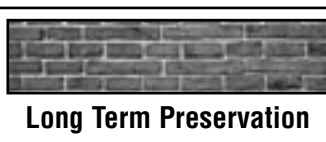
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The Garden Club of Westfield has chosen the charming garden of Kaitlin and DJ Betancourt at 917 St. Mark's Avenue, Westfield, NJ, as its August Garden of the Month. For the six years that the Betancourts have lived there, Mr. Betancourt has worked assiduously to create a garden of excellent design with a thoughtfully chosen selection of plants. Mr. Betancourt had little gardening experience but was inspired when his mother-in-law gave the couple 30 plants as a housewarming gift. These included boxwood, laurel and hollies, which serve as the backbone of the garden. To these Mr. Betancourt added an amazing assortment of plants, which gave more

shape and color to the garden. In the spring, a weeping cherry, azaleas, clematis and peonies are in bloom. Then the garden offers color throughout the summer with roses, hydrangeas, crepe myrtle, calla lilies, salvia, black-eyed Susan, rose of Sharon, hibiscus, and summer alliums. The Betancourts' two young daughters love the butterflies, which visit their butterfly bush. A large assortment of grasses can be found throughout the garden. Montauk daisies will brighten the garden in fall. The Betancourt garden is a jewel for Westfield. For further information, please contact the Garden Club of Westfield at gardenclubofwestfield@gmail.com.

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Jay's Cycle will also be on hand to perform safety checks on your bike, and entertainment will be provided by The Spinners. For additional details and registration information, visit: [westfieldnj.gov/2021/TOUR-de-WESTFIELD](http://westfieldnj.gov/2021/TOUR-de-WESTFIELD)

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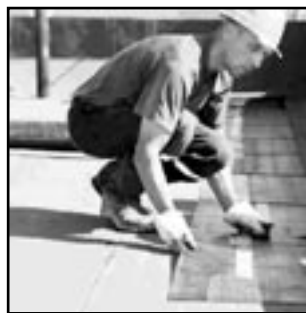
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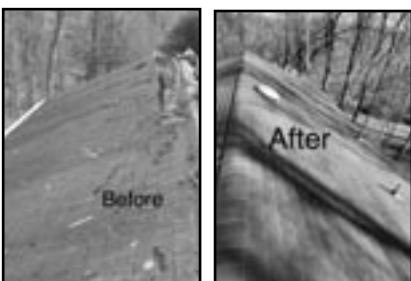
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Five training sessions will be conducted online via Zoom. The five required sessions will take place on September 10, September 17, September 24, October 1 and October 8 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The 6th training session will be at the Elizabeth Public Library on Tuesday October 15 at 6 p.m.

After completing the training sessions, tutors are matched with a small group of adult students from the growing waiting list of students who need to improve their literacy skills. Tutors meet with their students for 2 hours per week. After meeting your students, tutor trainees may be

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Literacy New Jersey provides ongoing supervision and support to tutors in the form of free Professional Development workshops on specific topics such as Digital Literacy, ESL Conversation, and Citizenship.

To volunteer, you must be at least 18 years old, able to speak English and willing to tutor in Union County. You do not need to have any teaching experience, and you do not need to speak a foreign language. The training will provide volunteers with techniques and strategies for working with adult learners, as well as sample instructional materials and activities. There is a \$25 registration fee to cover the cost of books and materials. Literacy New Jersey is a non-profit organization.

For more information or to register, please call Literacy New Jersey at 908-486-1777 or email Barbara Bagger, Program Director at [bbagger@literacynj.org](mailto:bbagger@literacynj.org).



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### Town of Westfield

The Town is making its initial plans to participate in the America250 initiative, which will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of The Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026.

America250 is a nonpartisan initiative that aims to engage Americans across the country in designing the largest and most inclusive anniversary observance in the nation's history. Westfield's participation is an opportunity to bring the community together to pay homage to our unique and rich history as part of a broader, national celebration.

To initiate this effort, the Town has established a logo contest -- open to all Westfield residents and businesses -- to identify a winning entrant that best captures the spirit of the celebration and serves as the face of Westfield's participation. All submitted logos should be a reflection of the Town's rich history and forward-looking spirit, with commemorative and celebratory

characteristics, and should include Westfield and America250 by name. The chosen logo will be included on a variety of promotional materials used in connection with the Town's participation in America250. Submissions will be accepted through September 15 via email at [america250@westfieldnj.gov](mailto:america250@westfieldnj.gov), and the winning entry will be unveiled in the fall after a selection process by the initial planning committee. Additional guidelines and an online submission form can be found on the Town website.

Once the logo is selected, the Town will expand the planning committee to reflect a cross-section of Town officials, Westfield residents, business owners, and educators. This committee will be tasked with developing a plan for Westfield's participation in America250 with a range of celebrations.

A call for volunteers is expected to take place in late 2024. For more information about America250, visit their website at: [america250.org/about-america250/](http://america250.org/about-america250/)

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and 21 respectively, were just embarking on what would become extraordinarily long and successful careers. Though originally conceived as a theatre piece, no one was interested in producing it on stage, so the pair created a concept album instead. Jesus Christ Superstar is set against the backdrop of an extraordinary series of events during the final week in the life of Jesus Christ, as seen through the eyes of Judas

Iscariot, one of his twelve apostles.

Released in 1970, the album's popularity rocketed with thousands of plays on FM radio. It became a #1 hit on the USA Billboard album charts 4 months after its release. It went on to be the biggest-selling album of 1971 beating the likes of such masterpieces as 'Sticky Fingers' by the Rolling Stones, 'Santana III' and John Lennon's 'Imagine'. Jesus Christ Superstar also received a 1972 Grammy nomination for Album of the Year, but lost to Carole King's Tapestry. On October 12th, 1971, Jesus Christ Superstar opened at the Mark Hellinger Theatre on Broadway with Tom O'Horgan, who had previously directed the original production of Hair, directing.

The cast is led by Jared Milian as Jesus, Blaze Levario as Judas, Melissa Calicchio as Mary, Corey Chichizola as Caiaphas, Shane Long as Herod, Robbie Stevens as Peter, Michael Fleischer as Pilate and Danielle Bouie as Simon. Joining them as Apostles, Priests and Ensemble will be Asher Cerreto, Arielle Dance, Alex Foreman, James Hahn, Ranai Jones, Gene Juanich, Kaite Kane, Alexandra Marcinak, Erica Vieira, Edgar Hidalgo, Joe Rodriguez, Michelle Sblendorio, Christina Cruz, Haley Deluna and Nikki Scavone.

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