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RAKE AND HOE GARDEN CLUB BRING CHEER TO VETERANS

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield in the spirit of giving and fulfilling their mission of service to the community donated 146 gift bags for the veterans of Lyons Hospital. This is the largest number of bags ever collected. Previously, the most successful collection was 120 bags. The beautiful bags were filled with toiletries, socks, games and other necessary items to bring joy to the veterans during this holiday season.

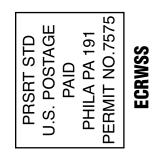
Also, Rake and Hoe members wrote 450 cards to the veterans at Lyons thanking them for their service. This will be done again in the Spring.

Since 1952, the Rake and Hoe Club has joyfully fulfilled their mission to provide decorating services to the Lyons Veterans Medical Center, Lyons, NJ. Four times a year the members provide floral arrangements for dining tables and individual bedside arrangements for the veterans.

The Department of Veterans Affairs New Jersey Health Care System is comprised of two main campuses, which provide health care to veterans. Services include long-term care, psychiatric care and a full range of medical and surgical care. Special programs include cancer screening, diabetes education, healthy aging, home based care, post-traumatic stress disorder, war related illnesses and women's health services. Lyons is affiliated with the University of Medicine and Dentistry and the Trenton State Psychiatric Hospital. On a regular basis Lyons Hospital serves approximately 390 veterans.

Federated with the National Council of State Garden Clubs, and the Garden Club of New Jersey, Rake and Hoe Garden Club has between 50 and 80 members all of whom share in common: a love of flowers, gardening and community service.

Rake and Hoe meets in the Scotch Hills Country Club, at 720 Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains every second Wednesday of the month at 12:30 pm.Please join us if you enjoy nature, plants and design! To learn more about joining Rake and Hoe Garden Club, please contact Pat Wilson, 908-389-9342 or visit their website at http://www.rakeandhoe.org.



WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ICE HOCKEY TEAMS

Westfield High School Girls & Boys Ice Hockey teams came together to give back to the community by collecting gift cards, toys and monetary donations. Over 125 toys were donated to Children Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.





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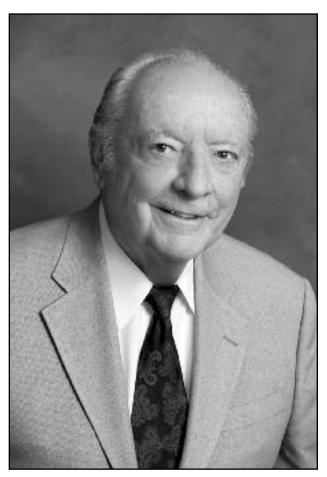
WESTFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY REEVE HOUSE PROGRAM - JANUARY 22, 2017

George Melloan, author of the new book "When the New Deal Came to Town, a Snapshot of a Place and Time With Lessons for Today," will conduct a Sunday Afternoon Presentation about the history of the New Deal and the Great Depression. The talk will take place on Sunday, January 22nd at 2:30 p.m. at the Reeve House in Westfield. Mr. Melloan's new book details how the federal policy errors of first the Republicans and then the Democrats prolonged the Great Depression and how the people of a small farm village in Indiana coped with the resulting hard times.

During his 64-year at The Wall Street Journal, Mr. Melloan was a reporter in Chicago and Detroit, manager of the Cleveland and Atlanta news bureaus, a page one editor in New York, and a foreign correspondent based in London. Among other news events of the late 1960s, he covered the Six-Day war in Israel, the Biafran war in Nigeria and the unsuccessful efforts at economic reform in the Soviet Union.

Mr. Melloan joined the Journal editorial page in 1970 and was made deputy editor in 1973. In 1987 he launched the Journal's Business World column. In 1990 he moved to Brussels to oversee the European and Asian editorial pages, starting a new column, titled Global View. Returning to New York in late 1994, he added coverage of the Americas to his international responsibilities. He retired in 2006, but has continued to contribute op-eds and book reviews to the Journal.

Mr. Melloan is a member of the New York Council on Foreign Relations and the Dutch Treat Club in New York. He was winner of the Gerald Loeb award for distinguished business and financial journalism in 1981, the Daily Gleaner award of the Inter American Press Association twice in the 1980s for his writings about Soviet inroads in Latin America, and the American Spectator's Barbara Olson award for excellence and independence in journalism in 2006. His home is in Westfield, N.J.



(above) Author George Melloan will conduct a Sunday Afternoon Presentation about the history of the New Deal and the Great Depression on Sunday, January 22nd at 2:30 p.m. at the Reeve House in Westfield.

To attend the event kindly can make a reservation by calling 908-654-1794 or via email at westfieldhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. There is a suggested donation of \$5 to help offset costs and to support the Society. Sunday, January 29th 2017, is the alternate date in case of inclement weather. There will be a notice on the website and on the voicemail.

For more information on the Reeve House, which is located at 314 Mountain Ave in Westfield, NJ or the Westfield Historical Society events, visit http://westfieldhistoricalsociety.org.

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Westfield NJ - According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether. In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you're looking for, and knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

To help homesellers deal with this issue before their homes are listed, a free report entitled "11 Things You Need to Know to Pass Your Home Inspection" has been compiled which explains the issues involved.

To order a FREE Special Report, visit www.njhomeinspectiontraps.com or to hear a brief recorded message about how to order your FREE copy of this report call toll-free 1-888-243-5861 and enter 3006. You can call any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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GREATER WESTFIELD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE JANUARY NETWORKING EVENTS

BREAKFAST NETWORKING

Tuesday, January 10 7:30 - 9:00 am

TEPP ACCOUNTING SERVICES

111 Quimby Street, #1 in Westfield Join us for coffee and breakfast and don't forget to bring your business cards. You will have the opportunity to introduce yourself to the group and meet local business professionals. Nonmembers are welcome. Members: FREE but please RSVP. Nonmembers: \$5 in advance. Additional \$5 at the door.



MULTI-CHAMBER NETWORKING & DINNER!

Wednesday, January 18 6:00 - 8:00 pm SNUFFY'S PANTAGIS

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250 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains Meet business professionals from the GWACC + 6 other local chambers --Springfield, Edison, Suburban, Union, Cranford, and Linden. More than 1,500 business professionals have been invited to this event! Enjoy the delicious and extensive all-you-can-eat dinner buffet and make valuable contacts. Bring plenty of business cards. Members of all invited chambers: \$25 in advance. Nonmembers: \$30 in advance. Additional \$5 at the door.

To register for events, or for more information about the Chamber call 908-233-3021.



NEW YEAR – NEW BEGINNINGS

By: James McGlew II, Esq.

Annual studies repeatedly show that the most common month for individuals to file for divorce is January. The reasons for this are many and varied. Most people, for obvious reasons, do not want to address emotionally charged issues over the holiday season preferring a more peaceful Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year. For couples whose pending divorce is more driven by financial considerations, and less by emotions, there can be tax consequences which relate to the timing of filing for divorce. And still others who have come to the conclusion that the dissolution of their marriage is inevitable, often times decide that a "new year" is the best time for a "new start."

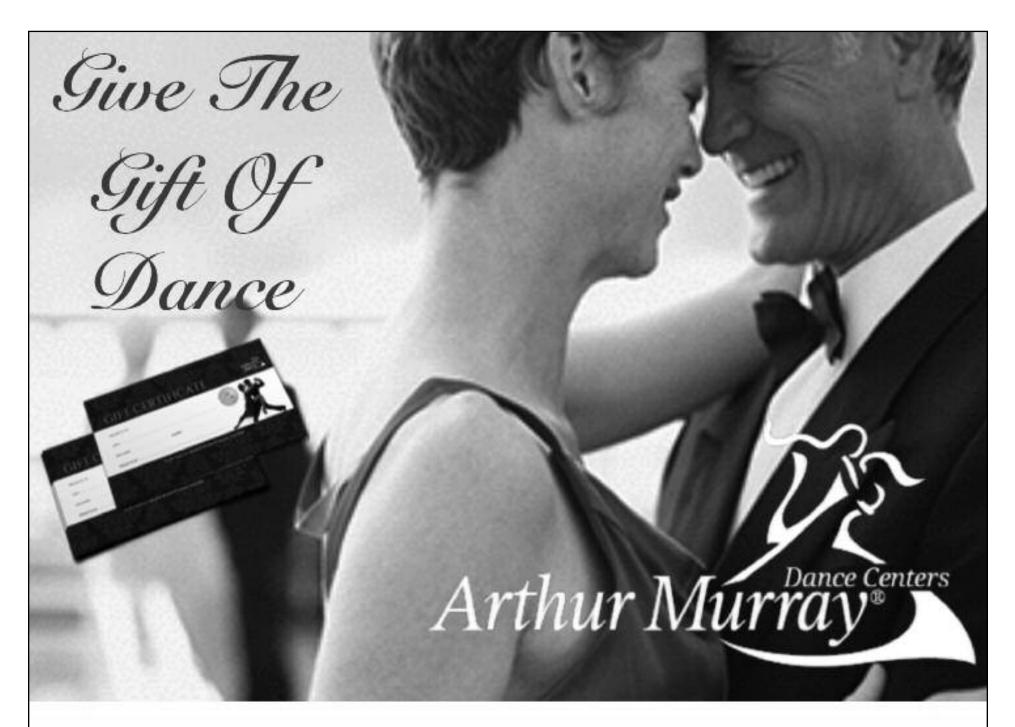
Over the course of my career as a family law attorney I have come to believe that the "best" time to make this difficult decision is when an individual is emotionally prepared and after they know that all attempts to make their marriage work have been exhausted.

On a more positive note, a recent report showed that New Jersey had the fourth lowest divorce rate (just 12.9 per 1,000 people) in the United States for 2015. Married couples in New Jersey beat the national divorce average of 16.9 per 1,000, a rate which is a 35-year low, according to the National Center for Family & Marriage Research at Bowling Green State University in Kentucky.

The only couples more dedicated to the institution of marriage are those residing in Hawaii, Wisconsin and Rhode Island. In Hawaii, divorce rates are lowest with only 11.1 per 1,000 calling it a day, followed closely by Wisconsin (12.4 per 1,000) and Rhode Island (12.6 per 1,000). Where might you not wish to live if you want to stay together? The answer is Washington, DC which the same study confirmed had the highest divorce rate at 29.9 per 1,000. Nationwide, the divorce rate dropped significantly from 17.6 in 2014 to 16.9 in 2015 which marks the lowest rate since 1980.

Before anyone assumes that couples are now more likely to stay together for emotional or economic reasons, some researchers say that a primary reason for the decrease in divorce may be that fewer Americans are getting married at all and those who do are getting married at an older age.

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PLANS IN PLACE FOR WESTFIELD SCHOOL AUDITORIUM RENOVATIONS

Nearly one year ago, voters in Westfield approved a bond referendum to renovate the aging auditoriums in both Roosevelt and Edison Intermediate Schools, which are 89 years old and 57 years old respectively.

Prior to the January 26, 2016 bond referendum, the Westfield Board of Education received confirmation from the State of New Jersey that 40% of the \$4 million cost of the projects qualified for rebate by the State, thus reducing the cost to the Westfield taxpayer.

Bids for both schools were accepted by the Board of Education on December 22. Work is

expected to begin in the summer of 2017.

With close to 1,600 students in both schools, the auditoriums are utilized on a regular basis for music and choral classes, drama classes, assemblies, concerts, plays, and also are a source of revenue for rental opportunity. With the addition of air conditioning, they will be used as a center for multiple learning during the hot weather.

Major aspects of the renovations will include: Replacement of seats, including barrier free seats; replacement of sound system; installation of acoustical treatments; electrical and lighting upgrades, including stage lighting; replacement of flooring; and installation of air conditioning.

"We are pleased that plans are moving ahead to transform the timeworn Roosevelt and Edison auditoriums as effective functioning venues for learning and performing," stated Superintendent of Schools, Margaret Dolan. "We continue to be thankful to the Westfield community for its support of our schools, and we look forward to inviting the public to join us when we celebrate the completed renovations in our intermediate schools auditoriums next year," added Dr. Dolan.



(above) Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield will undergo renovations to its auditorium, which turns 90 years old in 2017. This artist's rendering reflects one aspect of the change – the balcony area -including new seating to replace those installed in 1926. The rendering pays tribute to the time period in which the school was built while providing much needed modern upgrades.

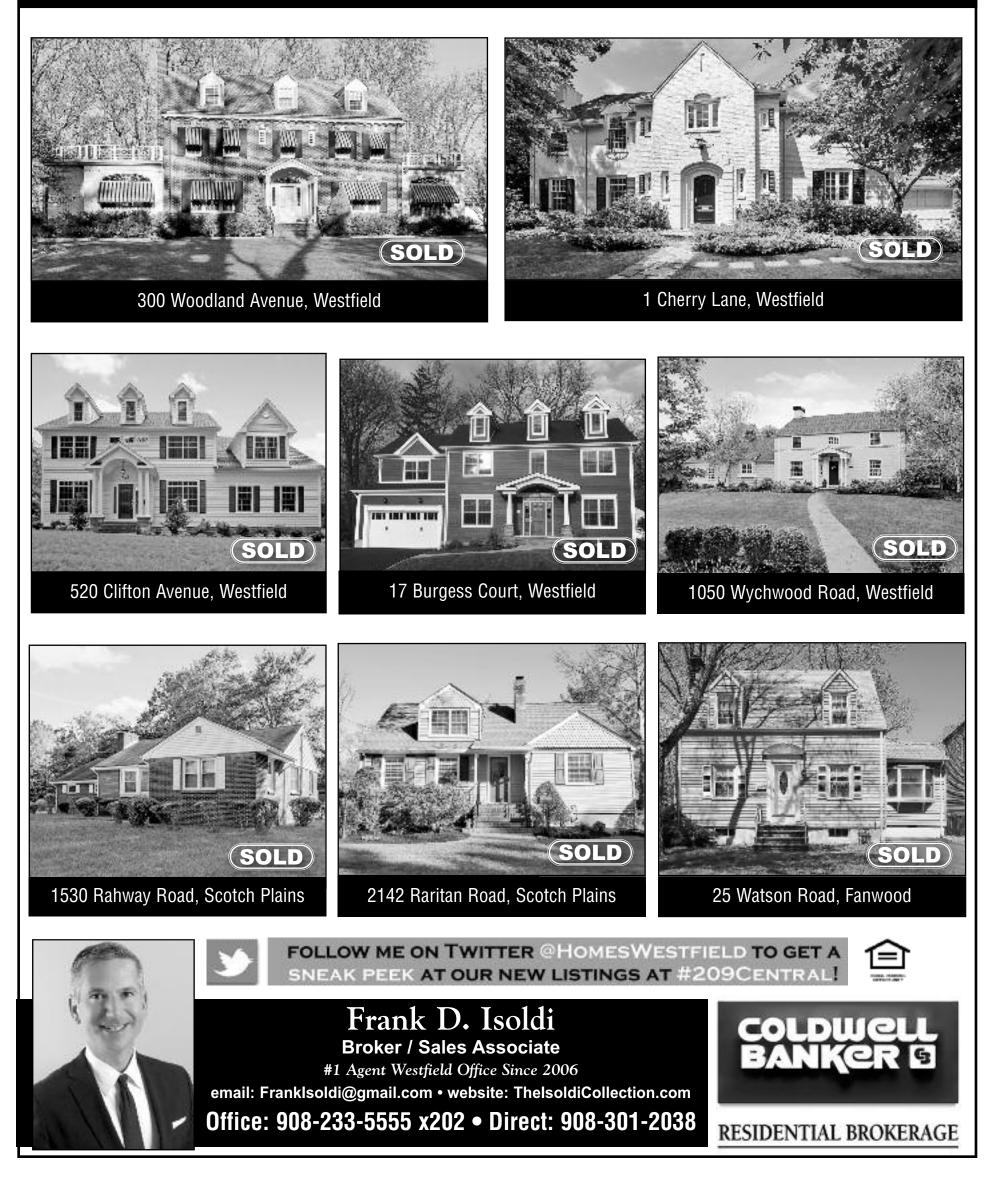


(above) With 40% funding from the State, the Westfield Board of Education will move forward with its approved bond referendum to renovate its aging intermediate school auditoriums. Here is an artist's rendering facing the stage in the Edison auditorium and also displaying acoustical panels on side walls to diffuse sound back to the audience.





WISHES YOU A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!



SPORTS, MUSIC, FITNESS, ENRICHMENT CLASSES AND MORE! Registration is open for Winter and Spring include: Fashion Design, Junior Science Lab, weekly Soccer and Multi-Sport classes. Programs at the Westfield Recreation Department. Please register early to hold your spot in all programs offered. Adults are encouraged to get out of the house beginning with our Tai Chi program on Tuesdays at 10:00am and by joining the "party" with our Zumba Fitness Class on Mondays 7:30pm! The department also offers Adult Tennis, Cardio Tennis and Pickleball Clinics starting in in May. Adult enrichment courses offered are Adult Fashion/Sewing and Guitar for beginners or those just needing a "refresher" lesson. Senior Transportation is available for Westfield Seniors for medical and shopping rides, please call the department for details. Registration is open, please visit our website for details on each program listed.

After school Enrichment programs for kids

Creative Art Lab, Lego Tech Plus, Comic Book Creation, Dining Etiquette, Social Etiquette, Voice Lessons, Intro to Rock, and Lego-Engineering! There is a variety to choose from and spots are still open! The department has partnered with Advanced Fencing and Fitness Academy to offer Fencing Classes for grades 2-5 starting January 17. Come learn a new sport! Our awesome Preschool Enrichments include: Jr. Science, KinderGym, Kids Yoga classes and a new, fun Preschool Music program with PreSchool of Rock! Check out our new indoor Multi-Sport Programs offered with the US Sports Institute located at East Coast Conditioning this Winter!

Kids can "Be Active" this Spring with the department's Tennis, Volleyball, Field Hockey, and Golf Clinics, as well as Spring Camps and

Mark your calendars for our annual Daddy-Daughter Dance for grades 1-6 on Sunday, March 20 and the department's Annual Run The Park-5K Road Race scheduled for Sunday, May 21 in Tamaques Park. Check the "Rec Room" Brochure on the department's website for details on all programs.

"Be Active, Be Healthy" with one of the programs offered through the Recreation Department.

For additional information, please visit our website:www.westfieldnj.gov/recreation for a copy of "The Rec Room" program brochure.

For up to date information, visit our FaceBook page: www.FaceBook.com/WestfieldRecreation, or contact the Westfield Recreation Department at 425 East Broad St., Westfield at 908-789-4080, or by email:recreation@westfieldnj.gov.



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Kids 3-6	\$3.99	Kids 3-6	\$5.99
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CALLING ALL YOUNG WRITERS

The Woman's Club of Westfield (WCW) invites all aspiring student poets and authors from kindergarten through high school to enter its Youth Poetry and Short Story Contest.

Poetry entries may be any style with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum of thirty lines. Short stories are limited to 2,000 words. Entries must be typewritten, double spaced, with a minimum of one inch margins, on one side of an 8x10 inch paper. A student may enter one short story and/or poem. The author's name, address, email address, if available, telephone number, student's grade and school,

The Woman's Club of Westfield (WCW) title of piece must be entered in the top right hand vites all aspiring student poets and authors from corner of each page.

All entries are judged on content, organization and form. Decision of the judges is final. Please submit material in duplicate to The Woman's Club of Westfield, 314 Orenda Circle, Westfield, NJ 07090 post marked before Thursday January 12.. Writing must be the original, unpublished work of the author, written during the last year.

Authors must be amateurs with earnings from writings not to exceed \$500. annually. Writers may want to keep a copy of their work as entries cannot be returned.



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MAJESTIC WINDS TO PERFORM A FUNDRAISER CONCERT

the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, will present a winter concert at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street, Westfield, NJ on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. The ensemble will be directed by Howard Toplansky, an NJWA staff instrumental instructor. "Our musical offerings are geared to please a variety of musical tastes and range from Renaissance to Ragtime favorites," stated Toplansky.

"Marinarella" Overture by Julius Fucik,

"Reine de La Mer" by John Philip Sousa will be the main selections on the first half of the concert. "Slavonic Rhapsody No. 2" by Carl Friedemann will also be featured on this program.

Several fine marches will also be performed on this program, which include "Hall of Fame" by Thomas Allen, "Glasgow Fair" by Major James Howe, "Freedom City" by Karl King and Skyrocket by Claudio Grafulla.

Rounding out this concert will be "Rhapsody

Majestic Winds, the professional wind band of Highlights from "Exodus" by Ernest Gold and for Band" by John Cacavas, "Zoot Suit Riot" by Steve Perry, "Elite Syncopations" by Scott Joplin, and Hungarian Dances Nos. 7 & 8 by Johannes Brahms.

This event is open to the public and, while there is no charge for admission, freewill donations will be gratefully accepted in support of the mission work of the First Baptist Church. For additional information about NJWA or Majestic Winds, call 908-789-9696 or email njwaband@att.net.



(above) On Thursday, January 12, 2017, the NJWA Majestic Winds will perform a benefit concert for the mission work at the First Baptist Church in Westfield.





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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS			
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1/10	10:00 am	Coloring for Adults-Materials supplied	
1/13	1:30 pm	TGIF! Temple Grandin (video)	
/ 4	2:00 pm	Carrie Jackson & Her Jazzin' All Stars	
1/20	1:30 pm	TGIF! Architects of Civil Rights (video)	
1/27	1:30 pm	TGIF! Classic Movie Weelc The Queen	

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN (Check website for sign up info, dates and eligibility) Teen Mid-term Study Hall Hours on Jan 21-30

1/6	3:45 pm	Chess Club for Kids (no age limit, but players must know how to move the pieces)
1/7	10:30 am	When Animals Attack (4+years)(tix @ Kids' Desk the morning of show)
1/10, 17, 24	3:45 pm	Afternoon LEGO K Club (kindergartners only)
1/11	7:00 pm	Build an Art Bot (4th, 5th, 6th graders)
1/17, 24, 31	1:00 pm	Afternoon Fun for 4's & 5's Storytime
1/18, 25	10:30 am	Time for 3's Storytime
1/18	7:00 pm	Snappy Circuits (4th, 5th, 6th graders)
1/19, 26	10:30 am	2's on Thursday Storytime
1/20, 27	10:00 am	Playgroup for Babies (0-23 months)
1/21	10:30 am	The Goose is Loose (tix @ Kids' Desk the morning of show) 3+years
1/28	10:30 am	Giant Reptiles (tix @ Kids' Desk the morning of show) 4+years





TIPS FOR RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN

Helpful information for parents is available in a newly released Westfield Public School video entitled "Resilient School Age Children - Who Are They and How Did They Get There?"

Based on recent presentations to parents by Westfield Director of Counseling, Maureen Mazzarese, who has dedicated her entire 29-year career to student wellness, the video explores ways to avoid unnecessary anxiety or stress in school age children and provides helpful tips for parents.

Covered in the presentation are skills and coping mechanisms to manage emotions, to become aware of strengths and assets, to problem solve, to be resourceful and reach out to others, and to develop a sense of personal agency.

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To watch the video along with recommended

resources, such as books and Ted Talks, please visit the Parent Tab on the Westfield Public Schools website at www.westfieldnjk12.org/ pages/Westfield Town School District/Parents/ Parent Resources/Resilent.

Superintendent of Schools, Margaret Dolan, remarked, "I attended one of Ms. Mazzarese's presentations to parents this fall. Her experience, dedication and helpful advice and that of her entire counseling staff have proven to be invaluable to students and families in the Westfield Public Schools." "One of our district's objectives in our five year strategic plan is to encourage coping skills and resiliency, and workshops like these tie in well with what we are advocating within our classrooms," added Dr. Dolan.



(pictured) A video entitled "Resilient School Age Children – Who Are They and How Did They Get There?" is available for viewing on the Westfield Public School website. Based on recent presentations to parents, Maureen Mazzarese, Director of Counseling, provides coping skills and mechanisms to avoid unnecessary anxiety or stress in school age children.



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WESTFIELD SERVICE LEAGUE SEEKS **2017 GRANT APPLICANTS**

The Westfield Service League is now accepting requests for grant applications for 2017. The postmark deadline for submissions is February 1, 2017. Information about the types of projects eligible for grants and/or an application be requested email can by from WSLDonationApplication@gmail.com or by writing to Donations Chair, Westfield Service League, 114 Elmer Street, Westfield, New Jersey, 07090. All completed applications must be sent

in hard copy to the address listed on the form. No email applications will be accepted.

In 2016, WSL donated approximately \$70,000 to local agencies and organizations. The grant funds result from the profits of the WSL Thrift and Consignment Shop located at 114 Elmer Street, Westfield. The WSL has provided services to Union County for over 83 years. During this time, WSL has donated nearly \$2.7 million to various local organizations.

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ASA/USA Softball NJ District 2 will hold its umpire certification class in Cranford beginning in mid-January 2017.

The class costs \$75, and will run from 6-8 weeks, including both classroom and gym training.

Once certified, you will be eligible to umpire any of the thousands of the games ASA/USA Softball NJ hosts throughout the state, including the 3,500 games hosted by District 2 in and around Union County. Please contact District 2 Commissioner Keith Hoffman at khoffcran@aol.com, 908-463-3960 with interest.

ASA/USA Softball is the largest and oldest softball organization in the world, and is the official sponsoring organization for Team U.S.A., the women who will represent our country in Softball at the Tokyo Olympics in 2020.



BLOOD RESERVES CHALLENGED BY DEMAND

New Jersey Blood Services, a division of New York Blood Center (NYBC) is asking for help to maintain an adequate supply of all blood types, but especially O-negative - the "universal" blood which can be transfused into anyone in an emergency. In addition, hundreds of additional blood drives need to be scheduled to meet projected hospital demand. Current inventory of several blood types is running below the desired target level.

"It's simple: hospital patient demand for blood often outpaces our best efforts to recruit donors and schedule blood drives," said NYBC Executive Director of Donor Recruitment Andrea Cefarelli. "There are always reasons but we have to overcome that for the sake of hospital patients who need us."

"This is one of the toughest times of the year," Cefarelli added. "We're asking for our dedicated supporters to roll up their sleeves to make sure we're able to provide our hospital partners with whatever they need to take care of their patients."

Blood products have a short shelf life – from five to 42 days, so constant replenishment is necessary. Each and every day there are patients who depend on the transfusion of red blood cells, platelets and plasma to stay alive. But blood and blood products can't be manufactured. They can only come from volunteer blood donors who take an hour to attend a blood drive or visit a donor center.

January donor drives to be conducted at the Scotch Plains Donor Center, 2279 South Ave, Scotch Plains:

Wednesday, January 11, 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm Friday, January 13, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm Saturday, January 14, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

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To donate blood or for information on how to organize a blood drive Please call Toll Free: 1-800-933-2566 Visit: www.nybloodcenter.org. If you cannot donate but still wish to participate in bringing crucial blood products to patients in need, please ask someone to donate for you, or consider volunteering at a local blood drive.

Any company, community organization, place of worship, or individual may host a blood drive. NYBC also offers special community service scholarships for students who organize community blood drives during summer months. Blood donors receive free mini-medical exams on site including information about their temperature, blood pressure and hematocrit level. Eligible donors include those people at least age 16 (with parental permission or consent), who weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, are in good health and meet all Food & Drug Administration and NY or NJ State Department of Health donor criteria. People over 75 may donate with a doctor's note.

About New York Blood Center

Established in 1964, New York Blood Center (NYBC) is one of the largest independent, community-based blood centers in the country. Each year, NYBC provides approximately one million blood products to nearly 200 hospitals in the Northeast. NYBC also provides a wide array of transfusion-related medical services. NYBC is also home to the world's largest public cord blood bank, which provides stem cells for transplant in many countries, and a renowned research institute, which - among other milestones -- developed the Hepatitis B vaccine and innovative blood purification technology.









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