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WOSD drafts plan for return to school

By Amanda Valentovic
Staff Writer

The West Orange Board of Education discussed the path back to reopening schools in the fall at its July 20 meeting. The health and safety of students and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic is the top priority, and the school population will not all return to in-person instruction at the same time. The plan discussed at the meeting was a draft, leaving open the possibility of changes before September.

In a presentation at the meeting, the plan specified that students who are most in need of in-person learning will be prioritized; that group includes students with disabilities, English language learners, homeless youth and low-income students. All models of West Orange's return to school will be dependent on the number of available staff for in-person instruction. A survey was sent to the staff on July 7.

Teachers will be expected to report to their assigned buildings each day to teach either in person or virtually. There will be a focus on livestream instruction and virtual instruction and the integration of social-emotional learning.

"When we're thinking about the health and safety of our students, we understand as a district and as a staff that our students must remain the No. 1 priority," Assistant Superintendent Eveny de Mendez said at the meeting. "That's how we are guiding all of our decisions across our policy, our social distancing and our classroom protocols to include the social and emotional well-being of students and staff."

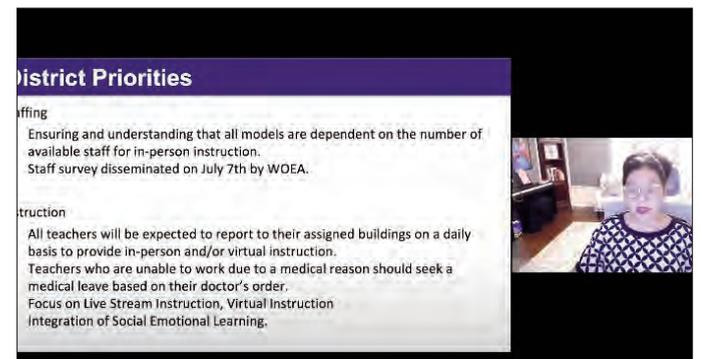
Students from elementary school through high school can take the bus, and social distancing will be required on transportation. Students must wear masks and sit one person per seat, which limits capacity to 21 students per bus.

There are many other social-distancing measures as well. All classrooms used must comply with social-distancing standards "to the maximum extent practicable." All staff members must wear face coverings unless it will impede their health. In classrooms where social distancing is possible, students will be permitted to remove their face coverings while sitting at their desks but should wear them when moving around the room.

If maintaining 6 feet of social distancing is not possible for students or staff while waiting in line to enter or exit a building, masks are required. In classrooms, the district is suggesting physical guides, such as tape on the floors and signs on the walls to help maintain social distancing. Desks will be turned to face the same direction and students will sit on only one side of a table, spaced apart.

According to the presentation, a plan for hybrid learning at the Betty Maddalena Early Learning Center is still under consideration.

"The model we use is a play-based model, so there's a lot of interactive play and manipulatives, all of which would be very difficult if not impossible to do while operating within the social-



Assistant Superintendent Eveny de Mendez presents the potential school reopening plan at the July 20 Board of Education meeting.

distance guidelines," Superintendent Scott Cascone said at the meeting. "We're continuing to look at what is the best way to continue to serve these little ones."

For general education students in kindergarten through fifth grade, a hybrid model is also being considered. In-person learning would be twice a week for four hours, in two rotating cohorts. Livestream virtual instruction would be three times per week. Special education students would be at school two to three times per week and English language learners would be there three to four times a week.

At the middle and high school level, there would be four rotating cohorts, with 25 percent of the student population in the building at a time. Students would be in school one day per week. Considerations being accounted for in the plan include changing classes, delivering lunch and taking attendance.

Special education students will be provided with in-person instruction at a minimum of twice per week.

"We are examining social-distancing requirements and how to best serve students who may experience difficulty exhibiting behaviors that are stated as reducing the spread of COVID-19," the presentation stated. "For example: Students who require close in-person contact to navigate throughout the school day, students who have a history of behaviors including, but not limited to physical behaviors — possibly resulting in the use of physical restraint — and/or biting/spitting."

The next steps, according to the district, include receiving feedback on the plan, developing curriculum with supervisors and teachers, developing preschool framework, and preparing classrooms for livestreaming.

"Our approach has been really to kind of move forward deliberately, while at the same time not offering things that we can't necessarily provide within our fiscal and our logistic constraints," Cascone said.

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Residents grow increasingly frustrated with USPS

By Yael Katzwer
Editor

No post on Sundays ... or most other days, according to many frustrated U.S. Postal Service customers. Many residents from towns throughout Essex and Union counties have reached out to the newspaper in the past few weeks to complain that their mail is arriving late — if at all.

A woman from Union Township described her experience, saying, “Monday there’s no mail, Tuesday there’s no mail, Wednesday there’s no mail, Thursday there’s no mail, then, finally, Friday, I get all the mail I was supposed to be getting during the week.”

Other residents have described similar experiences, where they don’t receive any mail for several days and then receive a bumper crop of mail, leading them to believe that they had mail to be delivered and it simply wasn’t being delivered.

George Flood, the Postal Service’s Northeast Area spokesperson, told the newspaper that the post office is struggling with the impacts of coronavirus and is doing its best.

“In these challenging and unprecedented times, the Postal Service has not been immune to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. It has not been business as usual. We are dealing with the same employee availability, child care, elder care, health and quarantine issues impacting other essential government

services, businesses and the general population,” Flood said. “Our employees are doing a great job as we flex our available resources as best we can to match the workload created by the impacts of the ongoing pandemic.

“Another factor that is impacting public perceptions is the change in mail volumes,” he continued. “While the number of packages is above Christmas period, the steep and sudden decline in letter mail during the pandemic may be misconstrued at the mailbox as delivery delays.”

But some residents are not buying this reasoning. A Maplewood man argued that he is not receiving less mail than prior to the pandemic — he is merely receiving it in late bundles.

“Postmarks have dates on them,” he said. “I can see that this letter was mailed two weeks ago from three towns over. It shouldn’t have taken two weeks to get here.”

Another Maplewood resident reported that she is enrolled in “informed delivery,” meaning each morning she receives an email with pictures of the mail items she can expect to soon receive. Nevertheless, she sometimes receives mail items days after receiving notice of them, similarly receiving no mail for several days and then all the mail from the past few days at once.

“Why would they send it every morning if it’s a random assortment of mail that you might get at some point?” she questioned.

As frustration levels are rising among Postal Service customers, Flood is sympathetic and urges anyone unsatisfied with their service to contact the post office and communicate their issues.

“We are committed to providing the best possible service and value consumer feedback as a tool for identifying specific areas of opportunity to improve,” Flood said. “Northern New Jersey residents are

encouraged to share their thoughts with us by contacting our toll-free customer care center at 1-800-ASK-USPS — 1-800-275-8777. Another convenient way is to send us an email by clicking on ‘Contact Us’ at the bottom left-hand side of our USPS.com homepage and follow the prompts. Every call and email will be carefully documented and appropriate action taken to strengthen service.”



Photo Courtesy of Essex County

STAYING HEALTHY — On July 16, Essex County partnered with Glen Ridge to bring a COVID-19 testing site to the Glen Ridge Country Club. From left are Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo Jr., Mayor Stuart Patrick and Business Administrator Michael Zichelli.

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WOAHO continues holding Black Lives Matter rallies

By Amanda Valentovic
Staff Writer

West Orange residents gathered on Northfield Avenue on July 25 for another Black Lives Matter protest, led by the West Orange African Heritage Organization. Standing on either side of the road down the street from the Turtle Back Zoo, protesters held up signs asking drivers to honk in support.

“This is our third time doing this,” WOAHO President Althia Tweiten said in an interview with the West Orange Chronicle at the event. “We want the town to really remember Black Lives Matter.”

The organization is selling Black Lives Matter signs for \$15; all of the proceeds go to the scholarship fund that is awarded

each year to West Orange High School students. Information about how to purchase a sign can be found online at www.woaho.org.

“We don’t want militarized police,” Akil Khalfani, a West Orange resident who is running for United States Congress in the 10th District, said at the protest. “We don’t want police who don’t respect our humanity. We need to remember that.”

Khalfani talked about signs that protesters used during the civil rights movement in the 1960s, which read “I am a man,” and likened them to the Black Lives Matter signs.

“Both are saying, ‘My humanity is not being respected,’” he said.



Above, residents hold up Black Lives Matter signs on Northfield Avenue. At left, top, West Orange African Heritage Organization member Yvonne Namde-Roach participates. At left, bottom, are Akil Khalfani and Monica Perkowski. Below, WOAHO member Joyce Harley attends.



Above and at left, West Orange residents gather on Northfield Avenue for a Black Lives Matter rally. Below are Brent Scott, Alana Kim, Cameron Scott-Kim and Parker Scott-Kim.



Photos by Amanda Valentovic

Melinda Huerta waves a Black Lives Matter flag.

Irvington provides fresh produce during lockdown



Photos Courtesy of Tony Vauss

FROM THE VINE — Mayor Tony Vauss and Pastor Jerry Smith of Transcend Worship Center recently hosted the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program to provide fresh produce to residents. They were joined by officials from the county and the township, area activists, and faith leaders.



Bloomfield police arrest three for entering vehicles

Essex County police departments have released the following reports of incidents to which their officers responded during the previous weeks.

Bloomfield

• Sunday, July 19: Ronald Jones, 56, of Irvington, was arrested for two shoplifting incidents from the CVS/pharmacy on Broad Street, one occurring on July 13 and the other on July 19. In the July 13 incident, Jones allegedly stole 11 Irish Spring deodorants. In the July 19 incident, Jones returned to the store and allegedly concealed items in a camouflage backpack. Jones was arrested and issued summonses for both incidents.

• Sunday, July 19: Marcus Rawls, 52, of

Newark, was arrested after officers responded to Pharm-D Rx Pharmacy on Glenwood Avenue on report of a theft that just occurred. The store owner observed a man enter the store and place numerous items into a blue-and-red backpack. The suspect's description was broadcast to patrol officers, who located Rawls. He was arrested and issued a summons for shoplifting and has a pending court date.

• Sunday, July 19: Officers responded to the area of Elmwood Avenue on report of a burglary into auto. A resident reported that someone entered his vehicle and rummaged through his glove box and console, but nothing appeared to be taken at this time. This incident is under investigation.

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to the area of Floyd Avenue on report of a burglary into auto. The resident reported that someone entered her vehicle and rummaged through her console, though nothing appeared to be taken at this time. This incident is under investigation.

• Sunday, July 19: Officers responded to the area of Berkeley Avenue on report of a stolen auto that had just occurred. The stolen vehicle, a 2008 Honda CRV, was subsequently involved in a crash on Berkeley Avenue. The driver of the vehicle then fled from the car. Patrol units searched the area for suspects with negative results. This incident is under investigation.

• Saturday, July 18: Ramon Sosa, 28, of East Orange, was arrested after officers responded to the Home Depot on Orange Street on report of a shoplifting that had just occurred. Officers spoke to a Home Depot loss-prevention employee, who had Sosa in custody for allegedly attempting to leave the store with two DeWalt power drills, valued at \$388. Sosa was arrested and charged with shoplifting; he was issued a summons and has a pending court date.

• Friday, July 17: An officer spoke to a resident from Bloomfield Avenue and took a report of a package theft. On July 14 at 1:54 p.m., her package was delivered to the lobby of her building. When she went to retrieve the package, the package

was gone. The package contained medical masks valued at \$50. This incident is under investigation.

• Friday, July 17: Officers responded to the 200 block of Bloomfield Avenue on report of a package theft. A resident had an Intex queen air mattress, valued at \$48, delivered at 1:35 p.m. on July 16. Video surveillance showed three males taking the package. This incident is under investigation.

• Thursday, July 16: Officers responded to the Walgreens on Bloomfield Avenue on report of a shoplifting incident. At 2:37 p.m., the Walgreens loss-prevention officer observed a male conceal \$345 worth of Head and Shoulders shampoo in his backpack, then flee the store without paying. This incident is under investigation.

• Thursday, July 16: Tyquan Jackson, 18; Jaquan Jackson, 18; and Jahmar Caine, 19, all of Newark, were arrested after officers responded to the intersection of Washington and Thomas streets on report of several males attempting to gain entry into vehicles. Officers located the above men, who reportedly fled from the police on foot but were apprehended by patrol officers. After an investigation, police determined that the three men had entered five vehicles and stolen items. Tyquan Jackson, Jaquan Jackson and Caine were all charged with burglary, theft and receiving stolen property. They all have pending court dates.

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24-year-old man shot to death in Irvington

The Irvington Police Department and the Essex County Prosecutor's Office Homicide/Major Crimes Task Force are investigating a fatal shooting, according to a July 22 press release from the prosecutor's office.

Alex Jean, 24, was shot in the area of 61 Melrose Ave. He was pronounced dead at 11:38 p.m. on Monday, July 20.

No arrests have been made. The investigation is active and ongoing. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Essex County Prosecutor's Office tips line at 877-847-7432. Calls will remain confidential.

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Watsessing Park gets new synthetic grass on soccer and lacrosse field, lawn bowling green

On July 21, county and municipal officials joined Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo Jr. to celebrate that the lacrosse and soccer field and lawn bowling green in Watsessing Park were resurfaced with a new synthetic grass surface.

“The improvements to the soccer and lacrosse field and the lawn bowling green exemplify our ongoing commitment to provide the most modern recreation facilities that meet the needs of our residents,” DiVincenzo said. “Ten years ago, we created the soccer and lacrosse field to meet the growing popularity of those sports. And back in 2004, we brought lawn bowling back to Essex County by creating one of the first artificial surface greens in the region. It feels good that we are able to continue to maintain and improve upon our facilities so the public can continue to enjoy the outdoors.”

“These are both tremendous projects that will greatly benefit the community. On behalf of the freeholder board, we are proud to have partnered with the county executive on these continued enhancements,” Freeholder President Brendan Gill said.

“I want to thank the county executive for the attention he gives to the county parks that are in Bloomfield. These are both wonderful additions to Watsessing Park,” Bloomfield Mayor Michael Venezia said.

“The soccer and lacrosse field is so important to what we do in Glen Ridge because we have so few fields. I want to thank the county executive for making these improvements,” Glen Ridge Councilman Rich Law said.

“Like they say in the movies, ‘If you build it, they will come.’ Thank you to the county executive and his staff for being so helpful and improving our facility,” said Skip Arculli, a resident of Nutley and member of the Essex County Lawn Bowling Association.

The synthetic grass playing surfaces at both the lacrosse and soccer field and lawn bowling green needed to be replaced because of regular wear and tear. The soccer and lacrosse field is located off Bloomfield Avenue and was first opened in 2010. Located off Glenwood Avenue, the lawn bowling green’s synthetic grass surface was initially installed in 2004.

The improvements to the soccer and lacrosse field and lawn bowling green were designed in house by the Essex County Department of Public Works, which also monitored the project to ensure delays were avoided. A publicly bid contract for \$808,550 was awarded to Applied Landscape Technologies from Montville to perform the construction work. The improvements were funded through the Department of Parks budget and a grant from the Essex County Recreation and Open Space Trust Fund. The project was started in March and was completed in three months.



Photos Courtesy of Essex County

Above, cutting a ceremonial ribbon on the lacrosse and soccer field are, from left, Essex County Public Works Director and county engineer Sanjeev Varghese, deputy county engineer Willie Dericotte, Glen Ridge administrator Michael Zicchelli, Essex County Parks Director Dan Salvante, Freeholder President Brendan Gill, Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo Jr., Bloomfield Mayor Michael Venezia, Glen Ridge Councilman Rich Law, Bloomfield administrator Matt Watkins, Glen Ridge Recreation Director David Cowan and Bill Collins from the Essex County Sheriff’s Office. Below, celebrating the resurfacing of the lawn bowling green are, from left, Venezia, Skip Arculli of the Essex County Lawn Bowling Association, Law, DiVincenzo, Essex County Lawn Bowling Association President Colin Smith and Gill.



Thomas Edison NHP increases access for visitors

Following guidance from the White House, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and state and local public health authorities, Thomas Edison National Historical Park has increased access at the park. The National Park Service is working servicewide with federal, state and local public health authorities to closely monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and is using a phased approach to increase access on a park-by-park basis.

Beginning July 24, Thomas Edison NHP reopened the laboratory complex grounds, as well as a visitor contact station. The grounds and contact station will be open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A new cell phone tour of the courtyard discussing the life and accomplishments of Edison will also be available.

In addition, entry fees are waived and the following spaces will be open during those times: both visitor parking lots located on Main Street; the Blacksmith Shop, Pattern Shop and Black Maria; and the courtyard for the cell phone tour.

Prohibited activities include large group gatherings and activities, and picnicking. Permanent restroom facilities will be closed; however, portable restroom units will be available for public use.

With public health in mind, the following facilities remain closed at this time: all public buildings, and the Glenmont grounds and mansion.

“We hope our visitors enjoy learning about the laboratory complex and Thomas Edison as they explore the

courtyard with our new cell phone tour,” said Tom Ross, superintendent of Thomas Edison NHP. “As a reminder, please continue to follow recommended social-distancing practices at all times. Many of the park’s outdoor exhibits may bring visitors into areas hard to safely social distance. Wearing a face covering is strongly encouraged.”

While these areas are accessible for visitors to enjoy, a return to full operations will continue to be phased and services may be limited. When visiting, the public should follow local area health orders, park vehicles in designated parking spaces and avoid crowding.

Details and updates on park operations will continue to be posted online at www.nps.gov/edis. Updates about NPS operations will be posted at www.nps.gov/coronavirus.

Maplewood launches a pilot program for social distancing ambassadors

The Maplewood Public Health Division in the Department of Community Services began a Social Distancing Ambassador Pilot Program on July 25. The ambassadors are Maplewood residents, including youth, who strive to make a difference in the community's fight against COVID-19.

The ambassadors will be walking around the town's public parks and spaces daily handing out masks and reminding everyone that wearing a mask

and following social-distancing measures are some of the most effective ways to prevent the transmission of COVID-19. These ambassadors are also available to answer questions.

The ambassadors will be handing out masks and information in the public parks and other public areas on weekdays from 5 to 8 p.m. and on weekends from noon to 4 p.m. The pilot will continue until Labor Day.

E0 parking rules back in effect for street sweeping

Street sweeping operations resumed in the city of East Orange on July 27, and the East Orange Police Department is again strictly enforcing the parking regulations.

Due to the extraordinary number of people at home during the pandemic, the city temporarily relaxed the parking rules to relieve motorists from additional stress. However, now that people are starting to return to work, it is crucial that the city return to its regular street-sweeping schedule to keep East Orange clean.

"When our streets are clean, our neigh-

borhoods look better and we greatly minimize the risk of environmental and safety hazards in the community," Mayor Ted Green said. "Clean streets make a world of difference in the quality of life for our residents, business owners, employees and visitors. I am asking everyone to comply with our parking rules and to take pride in our city."

For further information, call 973-266-5151.

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'Evening with Elly' at BPL

Bloomfield Public Library will present an "Evening with Elly," featuring music of the 1940s through the 1970s, jazz standards and international music, with vocals and saxophone, live, via Zoom, on Wednesday, Aug. 5, at 6:30 p.m. For meeting information, send an email to lcohn@bplnj.org.

After settling down in the United States after living in the Soviet Union, Ilya "Elly" Gruzdev continued his career on the New York City music scene, performing in some of the greatest ensembles. Gruzdev brought his rich talent on vocals and sultry saxophone sounds to audiences across the United States.

The program is made possible by funds from the Essex County Division of Cultural Affairs, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

New all-way stop

The intersection located at Liberty and Walnut streets in Bloomfield is now an all-way stop intersection. Both directions of travel on Liberty Street will now have to stop at Walnut Street. Stop signs have been installed with stop lines painted on the roadway. Drive carefully and use caution when approaching the intersection due to the new traffic pattern.

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Retired East Orange Fire Capt. Robert Slaughter speaks to the crowd during a street renaming ceremony held in his honor on July 15 at the corner of South Clinton Street and Elmwood Avenue.



Retired East Orange Fire Capt. Robert Slaughter is flanked by city officials and members of the East Orange Fire Division in front of Fire House 5. Photos Courtesy of Precious Osagie-Erese

E0 honors 1st black fire captain with street naming

Mayor Ted Green and the East Orange City Council designated the corner of South Clinton Street and Elmwood Avenue, across from Fire House 5, as Robert Slaughter Square on July 15. The ceremonial street renaming honors the legacy of retired Fire Capt. Robert Slaughter, a well-respected public servant and the first black fire captain in the city of East Orange.

Family, friends and local public officials gathered to pay tribute to Slaughter, who also served as special chief in charge of public relations and fire safety. During his nearly 30-year tenure, Slaughter was instrumental in the founding of the International Association of Black Professional Firefighters and the Firefighters League Advocating Minority Equality; in 1969, he

was elected president of the Vulcan Pioneers of New Jersey.

“I’m honored to give a gentleman like Mr. Slaughter his flowers while he is still here,” Green said. “This street renaming is to serve as a reminder for all of our young people that visit this corner so they can remember the esteemed legacy Capt. Slaughter left in the city of East Orange.”

Fifth Ward Councilman Mustafa Brent, who is also a fire captain in the city of Newark, reminded attendees about the hardships Slaughter had to endure as a black firefighter at the height of the civil rights movement, when segregation still existed throughout the nation.

“Mr. Slaughter was a firefighter in a time where they used to send black fire-

fighters home because they didn’t want them working in a firehouse because it was an all-European crew,” Brent said. “I want all to understand the gravity of not just being a firefighter at that time, but (what it took) to elevate to captain and retire as (special) chief.”

East Orange Fire Chief Andre Williams echoed Brent’s sentiments, referring to the turbulent time Slaughter had to navigate and how it paved the way for Williams and the rest of the East Orange Fire Division, which is predominantly black and reflective of the current city population.

“Robert Slaughter came on the job in 1961 — that’s before most of us could even vote. It was not easy to be a firefighter anywhere in this country in 1961 as a black

man,” Williams said. “What he endured, he endured it for us to stand here today and wear this uniform. Understand that without him, I wouldn’t be standing here. He is a pioneer that fought for equality for African American firefighters.”

Before the new street sign was unveiled, Slaughter spoke to the audience of more than 50 people, which included many retired and current East Orange firefighters.

“I thank everyone for showing up and showing appreciation. I thank everyone that chooses to be a fireman — it wasn’t like that at one time. Thank you for showing up,” Slaughter said.

Captain Slaughter retired with distinction after 29 years of service.

Luna Stage awarded grant from Dodge Foundation

Luna Stage has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation to support the company’s ongoing work in 2020-2021. While the theater building remains closed due to COVID-19, Luna Stage continues to produce a wide range of virtual programs.

Luna’s upcoming performances include “The Voting Writes Project,” for which the company received a National Endowment for the Arts grant in June. This multiwriter collaboration will explore suffrage, voter suppression, apathy and activation in advance of the November 2020 election. Also planned for this season is a continuation of Luna’s American Voices Series, showcasing original solo performances reflecting on local and national identity, to be shown on virtual and in-person platforms. The company has embarked on a yearlong collaboration with Ping Chong + Company to create an original play inspired by stories and the history of Orange.

In addition, Luna has launched a wide variety of virtual classes and camps for both youth and adults. All programs are offered on a pay-what-you-wish basis to ensure that these opportunities are accessible to all.



Youth programs include filmmaking, improv, acting for the camera, podcasting, screenwriting, scene study, playwriting and stage combat, all conducted over Zoom. Classes for adults include 10-minute playwriting and the

Voices Across America Solo Show Creation initiative.

After closing its building in March, Luna transformed its window space in support of the Black Lives Matter movement. For its production of “Pass Over,” which closed March 9, Luna created a “Say Their Names” portrait series reflecting black lives lost to police violence. These images are now installed in the theater’s windows at 555 Valley Road in West Orange.

The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation supports arts, education, environment, informed communities and poetry to connect communities and influence social change to achieve an equitable New Jersey.

“We are deeply grateful for the Dodge Foundation’s ongoing support as we continue creating meaningful work during the current pandemic,” Luna Stage Artistic Director Ari Laura Kreith said. “We enter our 2020-2021 season eager to continue creating vibrant and dynamic theatrical experiences, bringing our communities together for inspiring and challenging conversations, and building a virtual space for connection, creativity and cultural change-making.”



Natalie Farrell



Rehana Deshpande

Farrell, Deshpande honored

Weichert, Realtors sales associate Natalie Farrell, of the Maplewood office, was recognized for her industry success in May and June. As a top producer, Farrell led the Weichert sales region in dollar volume and revenue units for the months; she shared top honors for leading the region in sales.

Rehana Deshpande, with the West Orange sales office, has been recognized for outstanding performance in May. Deshpande led the Weichert sales region in listings for the month.

The Weichert sales region in which Farrell and Deshpande operate comprises offices throughout Bergen, Essex and Passaic counties, and parts of Morris County.

WO native becomes athletic director in Pa. school district

West Orange native Mike McCree was named athletic director in the Hanover Area School District in Pennsylvania by its Board of Education on June 30.

As a youth in West Orange, McCree attended Fairmount Elementary School, Roosevelt Middle School and Seton Hall Prep, and played for the West Orange Police Athletic League. At SHP, he was selected first team All-Worrall Publication, as well as first team all Iron Hills Conference and all Essex County, and second team All State.

At Wilkes University, McCree was a four-year football starter, led the team in tackles thrice, and was captain during his junior and senior years. McCree was voted

All Conference, as well as honorable mention All America.

In 2013 he was named to the Middle Atlantic Conference All-Century Squad.

Since his college student days, McCree coached 11 years at Wilkes, seven as assistant head coach. He coached the Tunkhannock freshman team and at Wyoming Seminary.

He was head coach at Hanover Area and defensive coordinator for Crestwood High School. For the last two years he was safety administrator and compliance officer at Hanover.

Off the field, from 2011 to 2018, McCree was assistant admissions director at Wilkes.

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Sullivan Ballou and his wife, Sarah, are seen in an 1861 photo; Sarah eventually moved to East Orange, where she died in 1917.



The Garden State Parkway toll booths at Exit 145 have been removed, but they once stood close to where Sullivan Ballou's son's house sat on Winthrop Terrace in East Orange.

Poignant battlefield letter has connection to Oranges

So often, the hidden stories of history lay in the outer fringes of our everyday life. This is especially true of a compelling Civil War battlefield letter, whose writer was connected to the Oranges. The letter itself is well-documented and was featured in the 1990 Ken Burns Civil War series on PBS.

In 1861, Sullivan Ballou, then age 32, was a lawyer and politician from Rhode Island. When the Civil War broke out, he answered President Lincoln's call for volunteers to fight to put down the southern rebellion. Ballou had such great admiration for Lincoln and a profound love for his country that he felt compelled to leave his law practice and his promising political career to enlist in the Union Army. Ballou volunteered and became judge advocate of the Rhode Island militia and a major in the 2nd Rhode Island Infantry Regiment.

At the onset of the Civil War, both sides believed that there would be a quick and decisive resolution to the war, not anticipating the bloody and deadly conflicts that lay ahead over the course of the next four years. Many young men were quick to answer the call to duty, perhaps satisfying both patriotism and their sense for youth-

DISCOVER WEST ORANGE

BY JOSEPH FAGAN

ful adventure. The first land battle of the war, commonly known as Bull Run, was fought on July 21, 1861, in Prince William County, Va., near the city of Manassas. It was close to Washington, D.C., which prompted many spectators to travel and watch the battle, as if watching a sporting event. They were ill-prepared and horrified to witness the deadly and fatal consequences as the reality of brutal warfare gripped the nation.

One week before the battle, Sullivan Ballou and his Rhode Island regiment were camped near Washington, D.C. He wrote a poignant letter to his wife, Sarah Ballou, back in Rhode Island, expressing his love for her and his patriotism toward his country.

His letter, in part, reads: "My very dear Sarah: The indications are very strong that we shall move in a few days — perhaps tomorrow. Lest I should not be able to write again, I feel impelled to write a few lines that may fall under your eye when I shall be no more... If it is necessary that I should fall on the battlefield for my

country, I am ready. I have no misgivings about, or lack of confidence in, the cause in which I am engaged, and my courage does not halt or falter."

The letter continues: "If the dead can come back to this earth and flit unseen around those they loved, I shall always be near you; in the gladdest days and in the darkest nights ... always, always, and if there be a soft breeze upon your cheek, it shall be my breath, as the cool air fans your throbbing temple, it shall be my spirit passing by. Sarah do not mourn me dead; think I am gone and wait for thee, for we shall meet again. As for my little boys, they will grow as I have done and never know a father's love and care. Little Willie is too young to remember me long, and my blue-eyed Edgar will keep my frolics with him among the dimmest memories of his childhood."

Ballou died of wounds received during the battle on July 29, 1861. Sarah Ballou was left a widow with her two sons, William, mentioned as Willie in the letter, and Edgar. She was only 24 years old and never remarried. She raised her sons alone, supporting her family with a government pension of \$29 per month and the money she earned by giving piano les-

sons. In 1875, she became the secretary of the Providence, R.I., public school system and served until 1899. She then moved to East Orange to be near her son, William, who resided at 18 Winthrop Terrace in East Orange. She lived in East Orange until her death on April 19, 1917, at age 80. William, who was born in 1861, had no memories of the father who died in the first battle of the Civil War; William died in 1948.

When the I-280 exchange with the Garden State Parkway was constructed sometime in the late 1960s, Winthrop Terrace was greatly affected. The Ballou house was torn down to make way for the construction. Today, at Exit 145 on the Garden State Parkway, near the I-280 interchange, is where the Ballou home once stood. It is where the epic and tragic story of Sullivan Ballou was kept alive for many years.

Joseph Fagan is the official historian of the township of West Orange and has written four books on the subject. He can be reached by email at jfagan@west-orange.org.

Area teachers receive donations to aid distance learning

To recognize the entrepreneurial spirit driving teachers to meet their students' distance-learning needs during this difficult time, SONIC Drive-In matched all donations to DonorsChoose on Teacher Appreciation Day. Through Limeades for Learning, SONIC donated \$1 million to public school teacher requests across the country on May 5, supporting their endeavors to provide students with essential education resources.

In Orange, three teachers received a total donation of \$308. Deborah Muller at Heywood Avenue Elementary School received a grant for the project "Popping Good

Behavior and Work." Tisa Singleton at Lincoln Avenue Elementary School received a grant for the project "When Work Is Done We Can Have Fun." And Agnieszka Wszolkowski at Rosa Parks Community School received a grant for the project "Personal Expression."

In West Orange, one teacher received a total donation of \$429 for two projects. Rebecca Kalenak at Roosevelt Middle School received grants for the project "Growing Good" and for "Garden Improvements."

In Maplewood, one teacher received a total donation of \$150. Jennifer Latimer at Clinton Elementary School

received a grant for the project "Interactive E-books Support Remote Learning."

"Teachers across the country face new and complex challenges to keep their students learning right now," SONIC Vice President Christi Woodworth said. "As we continue to celebrate teachers this Teacher Appreciation Month, we sincerely thank educators who are creatively keeping their students learning even as schools are closed. With SONIC's \$1 million donation match, we were able to help teachers obtain resources for their students and will continue to empower them throughout the year."

SHU law professor elected life member of council

The Council on Foreign Relations has elected Seton Hall University School of Law professor Margaret Lewis to life membership. Lewis has dedicated her legal career to international law, human rights and criminal justice, in China and Taiwan specifically.

Founded in 1921, the Council on Foreign Relations is a nonprofit think tank specializing in U.S. foreign policy and international affairs. Its membership, which numbers approximately 5,000, has included “senior politicians, more than a dozen secretaries of state, CIA directors, bankers, lawyers, professors and senior media figures,” according to the organization.

As noted by CFR, “Individual members include many of the most prominent leaders in international affairs, who come together to engage in nonpartisan conversation on the most salient policy and governance issues of the day.”

CFR, which publishes Foreign Affairs, offers two forms of individual membership, term and life; both are highly competitive and subject to nomination and then confirmation by current members. Prior to being elected a life member — which requires a member nomination that must then be seconded by a minimum of three others — Lewis was a term member.

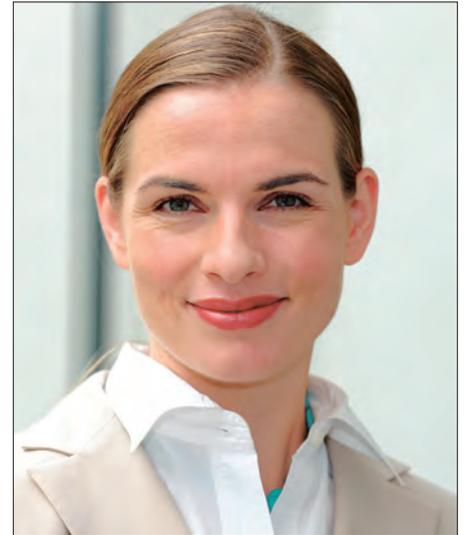
In her role as a term member and an expert in Chinese law, Lewis has briefed members of Congress and their staff, as well as worldwide media.

“I’m both thrilled and honored to be recognized by my peers in this august and dynamic body,” Lewis said. “As CFR approaches its hundredth year, it is perhaps more important than ever. Clear-eyed analysis of international issues is crucial as the United States navigates the COVID-19 era.”

CFR meetings convene government

officials, global business leaders and prominent members of the intelligence and foreign-policy community to discuss international issues, while members are frequently called upon to make recommendations to the presidential administration and diplomatic community, testify before Congress, brief members of Congress and their staff, engage with media, and publish on foreign policy issues.

“We are immensely proud of professor Margaret Lewis,” said Kathleen Boozang, dean of Seton Hall University School of Law. “This appointment affirms what we already know. She is among the most prominent leaders in international affairs working to tackle some of the most complex policy and governance matters — and here at Seton Hall Law she is hard at work educating the next generation of global leaders.”



Margaret Lewis

CASA's back-to-school drive

Essex County CASA is currently holding its back-to-school drive. Though it is still unclear whether students will be learning in-person or virtually, they will need the proper supplies to support their learning.

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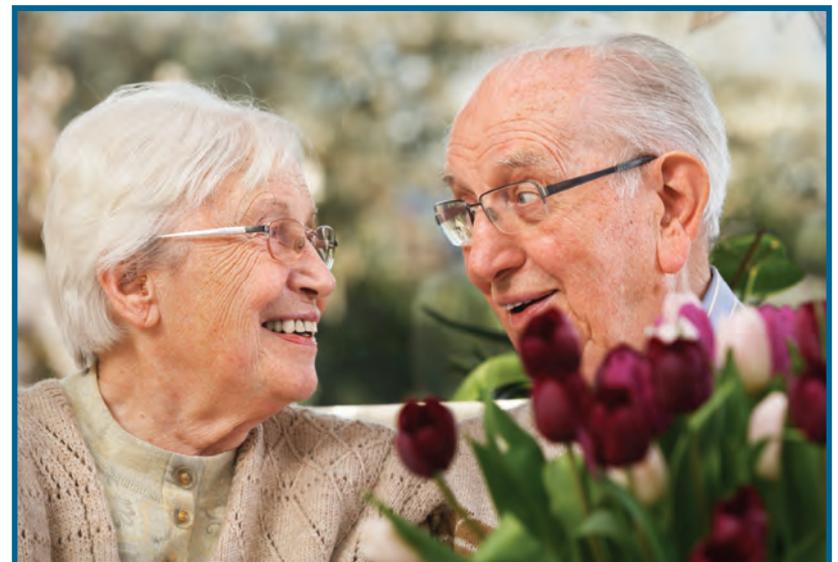
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OPINION

Hot enough for you?

It's hot out there. We expect hot days during the summer, but this summer seems to be one long heat-wave. You can argue that this is due to global warming or that the temperatures go through highs and lows and we're just on an upswing right now. None of that really matters when we're approaching triple digits before the heat index is even factored into the equation. Heat is only the first danger though. Then there's the humidity, sucking all the moisture out of the air and you. It can make you sick and it can even kill you.

When temperatures are extremely high, take steps to protect yourself and your loved ones. Stay in an air-conditioned location as much as you can. Avoid direct sunlight and the burns that accompany it. Drink plenty of fluids, even if you don't feel thirsty. Schedule outdoor activities carefully, wearing loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing and sunscreen, as well as pacing yourself. Take cool showers or baths to lower your body temperature when feeling flushed. Check on a friend or neighbor and have someone do the same for you. Never leave children or pets in cars. And stay informed: Check the local news for health and safety updates.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has

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issued a warning about exposure to excessive heat. In addition to temperature, other factors that impact your ability to regulate heat include old age, youth, obesity, fever, dehydration, heart disease, mental illness, poor circulation, sunburn, and prescription drug or alcohol use. Consider everything when trying to moderate your temperature. Signs of heat stroke include an extremely high body temperature — more than 103 degrees Fahrenheit; red, hot and dry skin; rapid, strong pulse; throbbing headache; dizziness; nausea; confusion; and unconsciousness. Pay attention to the symptoms; it may save your life or the life of a loved one.

If someone is suffering from heat stroke or heat exhaustion, get them to a shady area and give them water to drink. Cool them off with a sponge, tub of cool water, garden hose, wet sheet or whatever is available. Monitor their body temperature until it drops to 101 to 102 degrees Fahrenheit. Do not give them alcohol to drink. If they don't improve, seek professional medical help as soon as possible.

We can beat this heat, but only if we act smartly and don't ignore the warning signs.

Summer camp at home

Fear of COVID-19 has led to many parents not sending their children to summer camp and, as July comes to a close, another month at home with nothing for your children to do can seem an eternity. And that's assuming the school year begins in September with even a semblance of normalcy. With that in mind, we suggest parents look toward summer camp ideas at home that can keep children occupied and entertained, as well as safe from the coronavirus, all while reducing some parental stress.

While there are plenty of online summer camps for parents to investigate, this will require tying up your computer and, most likely, money. We're also almost halfway through summer, meaning many of these camps are already well under way. But that doesn't mean you can't have a camp of your own. First, brainstorm with your children to find out what they like about summer camps and what they don't like. Maybe they like lanyards, little boxes of cereal and flashlight tag, but dislike long bus rides and shouty lifeguards. Emphasize the positive.

For things to do, sometimes you can combine chores or basic skills to make them feel more inde-

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pendent, such as putting on their own sunscreen, feeding the pets, changing batteries or a light bulb, cutting safely with a sharp knife, mopping up a spill or unloading the dishwasher. Praise extravagantly. Structure the day, so they can have some expectations, but also be sure to schedule in some downtime. Providing an audiobook or coloring supplies is a wise idea, too. Be creative yourself. Make an arcade game from cardboard boxes, paint the garage, create stop-motion from clay, make fruit salad for dinner, organize all books by color, check in with their grandparents via FaceTime, create a Rube Goldberg machine, open a salon and paint everyone's toenails, roll all the pennies, make a fort — the sky's the limit!

Make creative lunches. Have lots of games, as well as indoor and outdoor activities. Lay a blanket on the floor so that, if you're working from home and someone is lonely or sad, they can lay down next to you and read a book for a little while. And pick an end time for camp day, then help your children clean up, not because it's your job but because it's nice to help. The only limits you'll set will be how much fun you want to have.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't go backward

To the Editor:

Republicans puzzle me. They claim to be the party of law and order but somehow can't see that when police murder a black man on the streets of Minneapolis, law and order is broken and needs fixing.

They characterize protest as inexcusable lawlessness and forget that the largely peaceful protests, protected by the First Amendment, that have happened recently pale in comparison to the lawlessness of our Founding Fathers, who, when signing the Declaration of Independence, were reminded by Ben Franklin that they all risked being hanged as traitors, because their revolutionary protest was, in fact, breaking the law.

They claim that we need to make America great again. Even in these turbulent times, I think America is getting better. One example: Congress is making progress in reflecting the country it represents, but not because of the Republicans. Fifty-one percent of the U.S. population is female; 24 percent of Congress is female, up from 4 percent in 1986. Of the females in Congress, 82 percent are Democrats. Thirteen percent of the U.S. population is black; 11 percent of Congress is black, up from 4 percent in 1986. Of the blacks in Congress, 96 percent are Democrats.

I think an America led by a Congress that actually represents its citizens is a better America. I grew up in the '60s, when Congress was a white male domain, and America responded to protest with fire hoses and National Guard bullets. Trump's unlawful actions in Portland demonstrate that that's the America the Republicans want to return to. I think America is better than that.

John Willard
West Orange

History revealed

To the Editor:

The history of Americans has never been told as vividly as now, when the Black Lives Matter movement stood as a catalyst amassing thousands and thousands in towns and cities across the country in protest against injustice and inequity. No one would have thought that during a pandemic, when thousands of people are dying from COVID-19 not only in this country but around the world, one man's death at the knee of a cop could cause the toppling and the removal of statues and monuments, the clearing of confederate flags, and calls to defund police departments.

But, we are here and all in this, maybe not together. When Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin murdered George Floyd, who was accused of making a purchase with a counterfeit \$20 bill, by pressing his full body weight into Floyd's neck

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Don't give in to guilt if the heat kills some plants

Way back in 1939 Ethel Waters sang a set of torrid lyrics written by Irving Berlin. The first line goes: "Oh, we're having a heat wave, a tropical heat wave." Many of us are singing that song right now.

Berlin's "heat wave" was generated by an unnamed human temptress. Our current heat wave is generated by Mother Nature. Unless you have an in-ground sprinkler system, a network of soaker hoses or are getting your daily exercise by

THE GARDENER'S APPRENTICE

BY ELISABETH GINSBURG

moving a lawn sprinkler around your property, your garden is in danger of becoming a collection of crispy critters. The peril grows as the heat wave continues. It is enough to make you pray for an old-fashioned gully washer.

Inevitably, some plants will die. Gar-

deners tend to suffer grief, guilt and self-doubt when this happens, but it is important to remember that plants will die even under the best of circumstances. It has happened to me many times over my long gardening career.

I have killed plants in every category except trees, and that is only because I haven't planted large numbers of trees. Annuals have withered, perennials languished unto death and shrubs declined

into leaflessness. Sometimes these deadly incidents were my fault; other times the causes were mystifying.

Tony Avent, proprietor of the Plant Delights Nursery in North Carolina, has long said that you should not give up on a plant until you have killed it at least three times. I don't usually have the patience to try a particular variety three times. One death generally convinces me, but if that See **EXPERIMENTATION**, Page 16

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for 8 minutes and 46 seconds, Floyd repeatedly said he couldn't breathe and called out for his mother. The world answered.

The lessons in history for decades and over eras never taught me the expressions, the name-calling, the bigotry of our nation's so-called "heroes," such as Christopher Columbus and Woodrow Wilson. We didn't know about Margaret Sanger and eugenics. Today, not much is known about Tulsa's Black Wall Street or the millionaires of old Tampa and not about the Tuskegee syphilis experiment. Many people now say they did not know about the racist treatment of blacks or about discrimination practiced today and centuries before.

Crowds of Americans continue peaceful protests to say that black lives matter. Somehow, I hear an echo of "never again."

U.S. Rep. John Lewis died last week; having served 17 Congressional terms and given decades of his life to protest, marching and fighting, he and thousands like him have not sojourned in vain.

Kathleen Witcher
Irvington

What love?

To the Editor:

I have a question for Leon DeVose,

whose letter ran in the July 16 issue of the newspaper. When he writes that our current president has a "love for all Americans and by extension for all of humanity," could he please come up with an example or two? Perhaps one was when Trump mocked a disabled news reporter? Or called Mexicans entering this country rapists? Or had police fire tear gas on peaceful protesters in Lafayette Park? Was Trump's humanity-loving nature revealed when he used an expletive to compare other countries to toilets? Or when he refused to wear or support the wearing of masks to reduce the spread of the coronavirus? I am eager to read about this great love that Mr. DeVose has witnessed.

Pamela Erens
Maplewood

Protect our seniors

To the Editor:

The Maplewood Seniors Advisory Committee is the subcommittee of the Maplewood Township Committee that focuses on enabling all seniors in our township to age in place for as long as possible. Our greatest challenge is finding ways for each senior to be able to afford to remain in their home of many years. The tax stress felt by all our residents com-

pounded by the substantial reduction in the SALT tax deduction has presented a huge challenge in our ability to carry out this aim. The loss of funding for the Senior Freeze and Homestead Rebate programs will make this task virtually impossible.

While we understand the extreme financial pressure being placed this year on the state of New Jersey due to revenue shortfall and added expenses in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, we maintain that balancing the budget while depriving the most vulnerable among us — low-income seniors and disabled individuals who rely on the subsidy provided by these programs to enable them to remain in their homes — is just wrong. These residents will be forced to leave their homes due to inability to pay their real property tax if this funding is eliminated. Needing to find and relocate to other housing during the pandemic will endanger the health and life of the impacted low-income seniors and disabled more than if they were able to remain in their present home.

Our seniors have already sacrificed so much this year, remaining home for months, relying on others to provide them with the most basic needs so they do not contribute further to the hospitalization

and death toll that have plagued our state, our country and the world for the past several months. Their homes have become their sanctuary, their bubble of safety. To deny these seniors and disabled even the roof over their head in the name of a balanced budget is just too much to ask.

While we realize the impossibly difficult task faced by Trenton to present a balanced budget that still meets the most basic needs of our citizens, we implore you to find a way to do this without casting our low-income seniors and disabled out in the street. Gov. Murphy, we ask that another look be taken at the state budget and that the funding be found to reinstate the Senior Freeze and Homestead Rebate programs. Thank you in advance for helping the low-income seniors and disabled of our state.

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Saying 'thank you' with a refreshing afternoon snack



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THE WORK CONTINUES — Work is back on track to turn South Orange Village Hall into a restaurant, beer garden and catering hall, with construction set to be completed in the first quarter of 2021, according to village President Sheena Collum.



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The vice versa must be obeyed

MARK'S MEANDERINGS

BY MARK TERENZI

In class I call it the vice versa of science. If something's getting hot, something else is getting cold. If one thing is going left, something else is going right. Getting bigger? Those atoms came from something. No magic. You can't ignore the ledger of science!

But many school districts, at least from what I have read — or more accurately, what I have not read — have been tiptoeing around this fact, or hoping to save the vice versa consequences for last.

Lots of blame falls on the state. Unlike other COVID-related edicts, Gov. Murphy and company have been slow and vague when it comes to school. First, the commissioner of education, Lamont Repolle, left his post on July 1 to become president of Kean University. He accepted the job in May, when COVID was pretty much at its worst. Applying the vice versa rule, there is no way he could have been 100-percent focused on New Jersey's almost 600 school districts during this critical period.

Then there's Murphy, who is not shy when it comes to mandatory advice. He has issued at least 60 COVID-related executive orders, many of which are quite

specific. But his school reopening plan, published just a couple of weeks ago, is a mushy, blurry blueprint at best. It essentially says teachers are required to wear masks — students are not; there should be some form of classroom instruction; and social distancing, be it in class, on a bus, or in the lunchroom, should be at the forefront of most plans. There should also be some sort of screening, which will likely turn out to be unreliable temperature checks. That's about it. Standard stuff.

A one-size-fits-all plan is not practical, the governor rationalizes, because there are so many different school districts in our notoriously home-ruled state. Sounds like an excuse to me, very much analogous to the strategy Trump has adopted for the country. Instead of deciding for the state, Murphy's leaving it up to each district. Not a good template.

I teach my students to support broad-brushed statements or ideas with examples, be they hypothetical or empirical. I didn't see much of that in the state's guid-

ance. Remember, school boards comprise volunteers. They are amateurs — as in not getting paid — tackling a full-time task on a part-time basis. And they weren't given much time either, as most districts, if they are to open the week of Labor Day, need to release their plans for public review in about a week!

To complicate matters, Murphy recently amended his plan to allow parents to choose all-remote learning. When asked if the same option would be granted to teachers, he waffled. The plan says nothing about teachers' physical health but does say schools should "consider unique needs of each staff member, such as access to technology, social and emotional health, and child care concerns." A quick Google search and I still don't know if teachers can also go all-remote; nothing about older teachers, either.

Regardless of the option, though — all remote, no remote or a combination — the vice versa rule needs to be obeyed.

According to the main rule of the universe, if the number of students in a class is halved to respect social distancing, either the number of teachers, or their workload (and, of course, pay), needs to

be doubled. It's that simple. Or, class time needs to be proportionally shrunk. The state plan says, "Staff roles will have to expand and schedules may have to be changed."

The prudent course of action would be to delay school openings so districts can get their plans on the table for a healthy dose of brainstorming. There are many fresh ideas that might be considered. For instance, taking advantage of September weather, classes might initially meet outdoors in a less stressful environment. First impressions are critical, and I'm sure there would be more smiles outdoors than in.

There is also the concept of looping, where kids might start the school year with their teachers from last school year. The familiarity would create a less stressful environment and allow for a smooth handoff, when ready, to the next batch of teachers.

Whew. I don't know how all this will turn out, but it should be interesting. We'll find out in a week.

Mark Terenzi has been a science teacher at Maplewood Middle School for more than 20 years.

Experimentation helps a garden thrive

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death was my fault, I will give the plant another try.

So what do you do when a plant dies? First of all, you can grieve, but not for too long. After all, every dead plant opens a space in the garden for something new and different. Second, try to figure out what went wrong. Sometimes you can see damage from insects or animal pests or evidence of disease. If a plant is really worth it, try again, but protect it with a physical barrier, such as deer or rabbit fencing, or organic repellent sprays.

If you have taken good care of a plant and it is not threatened by obvious pests or diseases, think about the plant's situation. Sun lovers may languish in shade; shade lovers may get toasted by the sun's harsh rays. Prevent this by reading plant tags carefully and observing the specimen — especially when it is new. Try moving it for a week or so and see if there is any change. Sometimes this is all that is needed.

Soil chemistry and composition also play a role. Some plants, like lavender, need excellent drainage. If your soil is light, sandy or full of small pebbles, the lavender will probably be happy. If your soil is heavy clay and holds water tenaciously, lighten it with sand, or lots of organic material, such as compost. Actually, organic matter is helpful whether your soil drains too quickly or not fast enough. When in doubt, add it to planting holes.

Water is important even when Mother Nature is not systematically depriving us of it. More plants have been killed by overwatering than by any other cause. Many of the most popular plants — especially the currently hot succulents — will rot and die if they are overwatered. If plant tags don't give you enough watering information, go

online and check out the requirements. Some plants, like hydrangeas, are perennially thirsty. Others, like annual portulaca, should not be watered until the top inch or so of soil is dry.

If a plant is properly sited and watered appropriately, it's likely the plant was sick when it came from the nursery. Plant diseases don't always show themselves right away. Diseased roses, for example, may look great in the nursery and even appear to thrive the first year, before dying in Year Two. The killer was hiding in the rose plant long before you purchased it.

These days, plants are most often bred to look good on the plant pallets during the growing season. Frankly, some are bred to be disposable, but that may not be immediately apparent to the gardeners who buy them. The best insurance against this is to shop at a reputable nursery that takes care of its inventory. Big-box stores can offer great bargains — and I often take advantage of those bargains — but generally plant care is not high on their list. When a plant stops blooming, it goes to the back of the nursery area, to be replaced by something that has arrived in a more recent shipment and is about to

burst into bloom. For best results when you shop at the big-box stores, buy plants that have been delivered within the last seven days.

If plants die on you, remember that gardening should be about discovery, not guilt. Garden equipment is heavy enough without the added weight of lugging around the burden of guilt. We all have our horticultural betes noires. Mine happens to be ornamental sweet peas. Sometimes I blame my lack of success on climate, which is certainly a factor.

However, I also seem to have bad sweet pea karma. I have accepted that and moved on to things that succeed better in my garden. If you are discouraged by plant mortality, I recommend finding a different route to success. Everyone can grow something — usually many somethings. The only thing to fear is fear of plant death.

Elisabeth Ginsburg, a resident of Glen Ridge, is a frequent contributor to Worrall Community Newspapers. The writer archives past columns at www.gardenersapprentice.com.

POETRY CORNER

Covid Springtime By Sandra Eismann

Daffodils:
They didn't get the
memo
They came out
anyway
Even from a distance
It's good to know
they're here
Messengers from a
good greater
than ourselves,
Yet, within ourselves

Sandra Eismann is a Maplewood resident.

Donate diapers and wipes to Holy Trinity pantry

Help those in need by donating to the Holy Trinity–West Orange Food Pantry's diaper and wipe drive, which runs through July 31. Items may be dropped off Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to

noon at 315 Main St. and anytime at 58 Valley Way; pickup is also available. All sizes are being accepted, though the pantry especially needs diapers in sizes 5, 6 and 7. These donations will benefit fam-

ilies in West Orange, Orange and East Orange.

For more information or to arrange a pickup, contact Cynthia Cumming at heidlercumming@aol.com.

Police in Bloomfield arrest shoplifters on Glenwood

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• Thursday, July 16: A resident responded to the Bloomfield police desk to report a package theft that occurred on Edgewood Avenue. The package contained two iPhone 11 battery packs, valued at \$159. This incident is under investigation.

• Tuesday, July 14: Cecil Mitchell-Thomas, 29, of Irvington, was arrested after officers responded to the CVS/pharmacy on Glenwood Avenue on report of a shoplifting that had just occurred. Mitchell-Thomas allegedly concealed numerous bottles of Ensure in a bag and left the store without paying. Mitchell-Thomas was arrested and issued a summons for shoplifting; he has a pending court date.

• Tuesday, July 14: The Bloomfield telephone reporting unit received a call from the CVS/pharmacy on Broad Street on report of a shoplifting incident that occurred on July 13. Loss-prevention employees reportedly observed a female enter the establishment and steal several

deodorants valued at \$100. The female then fled the store without paying. This incident is under investigation.

• Tuesday, July 14: An officer took a report of a stolen motor vehicle. The owner's vehicle was parked overnight in front of 426 Berkeley Avenue. When the owner came back to the vehicle, it was gone. The vehicle is described as a 2012 white Ford Econoline van. The vehicle was entered into the National Crime Information Center database as stolen. This incident is under investigation.

• Monday, July 13: Edil Hernandez-Torres, 36, of Newark, was arrested after officers responded to the CVS/pharmacy on Glenwood Avenue on report of a shoplifting that had just occurred. Upon police arrival, officers were flagged down by a loss-prevention employee, who had Hernandez-Torres in custody for allegedly concealing numerous store items under his jacket. The items were valued at \$238 and were recovered by the store. Hernandez-Torres was issued a sum-

mons for shoplifting and given a Sept. 18 court date.

• Monday, July 13: The Bloomfield telephone reporting unit received a call from a Davey Street resident stating that, between July 1 and 7, someone signed for several of her packages. This person received her packages from the delivery driver and never turned the packages over to her. This incident is under investigation.

• Monday, July 13: Arron Larathe, 19, of Irvington, was arrested after a victim walked into the police department to report that he had been robbed at the Exxon Gas Station on the 400 block of Bloomfield Avenue. He stated that two males had entered his vehicle, struck him with a .22-caliber handgun and stolen his Apple AirPods. This incident was investigated by the Bloomfield Detective Bureau, which led to Larathe's arrest. He was charged with robbery and weapons charges and has a pending court date. The investigation is still ongoing for other suspects.

Orange

• Saturday, July 18: Eric M. Harris, 31, of Orange, was arrested in the 400 block of Tremont Avenue on an open warrant out of Brick.

• Saturday, July 18: Maxwell Rodriguez, 54, of Orange, was arrested in the 300 block of Central Avenue and charged with burglary, criminal mischief, theft of moveable property and possession of paraphernalia.

• Thursday, July 16: Stephon Atwater, 29, of Orange, was arrested in the 200 block of Reynolds Terrace and charged with simple assault.

South Orange

• Wednesday, July 22: At approximately 11 a.m., detectives located an unoccupied stolen Land Rover parked on East Clark Place. Surveillance was set up by detectives, and, shortly thereafter, an individual, later identified as Daniel See **WEST ORANGE**, Page 21

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Valley and Second St., South Orange. Phone 973-763-8593. Sunday: Early Morning Service 7:30 a.m.; Sunday School (all ages) 8:45 a.m.; Sunday School Enrichment (ages 4-8) 9:30-11:45 am (67 3rd st); Mid-Morning Service 9:45 a.m.; Morning devotions 11:15 a.m.; Late Morning Service 11:30 a.m.; Children's Church 3rd and 4th Sunday during 11:30 am Service; Wednesday: Prayer 7:00 p.m.; Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Pastor Terry Richardson, M.Div.; More information visit www.fbcso.org.

CATHOLIC

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH, 954 Stuyvesant Ave. Irvington, 973-375-8568. Church front at 285 Nesbit Terrace. Mass schedule: Sat. Vigil 5:30 PM, Sun. 9 AM and 11 AM. Daily Masses in the Church: 7 AM, Mon. to Fri.; 8:30 AM Sat. Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat. 4:30-5 PM. Religious Education Classes (1-8) Sun. morning 9 AM - 10 AM. All are invited to take part in our parish community.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH All are Welcome! 767 Prospect St., Maplewood, NJ. Office: 973-761-5933. Website: www.sjcmplewoodnj.org. Daily Mass: Mon.-Sat. at 8:00am. Sunday Mass: Sat. 5:00pm (Vigil) and Sun. 7:30, 9:00 (Family Mass) & 11:30am (Choir Mass). Reconciliation (Confessions) on Sat.

11:00-11:30am. Fostering God's Love in the Heart of Maplewood!

EPISCOPAL (ANGLICAN)

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, Our parish is over 100 years old; our thinking is not. Located at 550 Ridgewood Road, Maplewood. Phone 973-762-1319. Sunday Eucharist 8:00 AM; 10:30 AM; 9:15 AM Children's Service (2nd Sundays only); Church School for Pre-K through 5th Grade; Youth Group for 6th and 7th Grade; Confirmation classes for 8th and 9th Grade. See our website for more information at www.stgeorges-maplewood.org. All are welcome.

ETHICAL CULTURE

THE ETHICAL CULTURE SOCIETY OF ESSEX COUNTY, 516 Prospect St., Maplewood, NJ, 973-763-1905, www.essexethical.org. We are a progressive non-theist religion dedicated to living ethically in a complex world. Founded in 1876 and established in Maplewood in 1945, over the years the ethical culture movement (known as The American Ethical Union) has been instrumental in launching Planned Parenthood, the NAACP, Visiting Nurses, New York Settlement House Fieldston School, and National Ethical Service at the UN. Our Society began a long-running Ethics for Children program and most recently, Time Essex

Exchange (a time bank facilitating the exchange of services) among other initiatives. Our Maplewood Society is the first peace site in the country. Our motto: to act so as to bring out the best in ourselves by bringing out the best in others. Join us for weekly programs, discussions, and fellowship Sundays at 11 am. All are welcome.

JEWISH

CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN, 1025 South Orange Ave., Short Hills, 973-379-1555. Senior Rabbi Matthew D. Gewirtz, Cantor Howard Stahl, Rabbi Karen R. Perelman, Rabbi Joshua M. Z. Stanton, Erev Shabbat Service Fridays at 5:30 pm. Shabbat morning, Saturday, Torah Study at 8:45 am, services at 10:30 am. Tot Shabbat, please check website for specifics. www.tbj.org.

KOL RINA, a member-led, traditional egalitarian Jewish community meets on Shabbat, holidays and other occasions for prayer, study, community service, celebration and friendship. People of all backgrounds are welcomed. During our Covid 19 shutdown, Kol Rina services are taking place via Zoom at the following times: Welcoming the Sabbath at 5:45 every Friday afternoon and Monday night minyan at 8 PM. For further information, call 855-664-6926 or email coordinator@kolrinanjan.org

OHEB SHALOM, CONGREGATION 170 Scotland Road, South Orange, 973-762-7067, Rabbi Mark Cooper, Cantor Erica Lippitz. Services: Friday 6:15 p.m. (8:00 p.m. during summer); Saturday 9:30 a.m. Daily Minyan, 8:00 a.m. Sunday Minyan 9:00 a.m. Monthly Music Lovers' Shabbat service, Friday 8:00 p.m. Family and young children services vary, Saturdays 11:00 a.m. Please call for specifics or visit www.ohebshalom.org for full calendar. Religious School 973-762-7067. Nursery School 973-762-7069.

TEMPLE SHAREY TEFILO-ISRAEL, 432 Scotland Road, South Orange. Phone 973-763-4116. Rabbi Daniel Cohen, Associate Rabbi Alexandra Klein, Cantor Rebecca Moses, Cantor Emeritus Theodore Aronson. Shabbat Service, Friday evening 6:00 or 7:30. Call temple office or visit www.TSTI.org for schedule. Minyan, Saturday morning, 9:15. Religious School 973-763-3793. Preschool, 973-763-4600.

METHODIST

THE SOUTH ORANGE VAILSBURG UMC, 150 So. Orange Ave., So. Orange, is a Christ-centered community growing in faith, spirit, & action. Join us for worship Sundays at 10 AM. The service is live streamed on our Facebook page: South Orange-Vailsburg UMC. Presently, our Sat., 9:30 am Prayer & Praise meeting and our Wed, 7:30 pm Bible Study will be held by

teleconference. Call 1-781-448-4874 and use PIN 04411.

PRESBYTERIAN

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN AND TRINITY CHURCH, 111 Irvington Avenue, South Orange, 973-762-7879. Pastor Valencia B. Norman. All are welcome! Worship Service: Sunday 10:30 Church School: 10:30. Childcare provided. Email: fpchurch@live.com www.diversechurch.org

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Groves Scholarship awarded to 14 WOHS seniors

By **Alexandra Gakos**
Correspondent

For the sixth year in a row, the West Orange Scholarship Fund presented select graduating West Orange High School seniors with the Timothy Groves Memorial Scholarship, a scholarship established by Lisa and Donald Shauger in 2014. The scholarship, which is awarded each year at Senior Awards Night, was founded in memory of Groves, a former West Orange police officer and friend of the Shaugers; Groves died in 2013 from cancer. The scholarship recognizes students with a passion for community service and an interest in law.

During this year's Senior Awards Night virtual ceremony on June 3, the Timothy Groves Memorial Scholarship was awarded to 14 scholarship recipients: Mariela Alvarez, Victoria Benaroya, Kailey Charles, Destiny Chatman, Olivia Davino, Natcheny Fleurisma, Lillian Itty, Bryanna Jackson-Dickens, Carolina La Torre,

Julian Lee, Naomi Moss, Kyle Neverson, Sophia Scholz and Salome Valencia.

"We were thrilled that West Orange High School and the West Orange Scholarship Fund were able to make the best of the situation during the pandemic and put together something special for this year's senior class," Lisa Shauger, president and CEO of The Shauger Group, said about the virtual awards ceremony. "It was a wonderful ceremony to honor the seniors' accomplishments — one that will make this year's graduation and awards season special for this year's seniors, despite the fact they were not able to enjoy the evening in person."

In his address to the senior class during the virtual ceremony, West Orange High School Principal Hayden Moore commended West Orange students for their achievements this year, especially in the face of the unique challenges posed by COVID-19.

"We've never had a Senior Awards Night quite like this before — and may never again — but we refuse to let this event go by without acknowledging your dedication, study, focus and accomplishments," Moore said. "Nothing can eradicate your efforts, diminish your importance, or strip this moment from you."

With COVID-19 restrictions easing up, West Orange High School currently plans to hold an in-person graduation with a "modified on-site ceremony" on July 8; the high school also held a drive-by celebration and virtual graduation ceremony on June 23.

This year's group of Groves Memorial Scholarship recipients was the largest in a single year to date to receive this honor. Including this year's class of Groves Memorial Scholars, a total of 49 students have been awarded the Timothy Groves Memorial Scholarship since the scholarship was founded in 2014.

Each year, the WOSF committee considers applicants for the Groves Memorial Scholarship based on the students' academic records, financial need and extracurricular involvement. Because of Groves' lifelong commitment to community service and volunteerism, special consideration is given to students who share his passion for philanthropy.

More than 120 total awards were given out at Senior Awards Night; of those, more than 45 awards were presented by the WOSF. The WOSF awarded \$75,800 in total to 73 different seniors. A few of the Groves Memorial Scholarship recipients were also awarded additional scholarships.

In a message to Donald and Lisa Shauger, WOSF treasurer Jim Quinn said that the WOSF was honored by the Shaugers' continued support of the fund.

"Our awards committee worked very well," Quinn said. See **STUDENTS**, Page 20

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST

DIVINITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 227 Tremont Avenue, East Orange 07017. Byron E. Lennon, Sr., Pastor - Sundays 7:25AM Early Worship Service 9:30AM Christian Education hour 10:25AM Regular Worship Service Holy Communion Observed Every First Sunday Wednesdays 7:00-8:30PM Youth & Adult Bible Study & Prayer. Church Phone (973) 414-0643 Pastoral Phone (973) 677-0864.

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH 153 William St., Orange; Telephone: Church: 973-673-8132, Study: 973-673-9010. WELCOMES YOU TO ATTEND, Worship Service 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; Church Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Tuesdays - noonday prayer service 12:30-1:30pm; Wednesday Night - Bible Study and prayer service 7-9 p.m. Communion every first Sunday during Worship Service.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH 11 Ashland Ave., East Orange, 973-673-3321. The Rev. M.J. Jordan, pastor. Sunday services at 8:00 a.m. and 11 a.m. Mid-Week every Weds 12 noon & 7 pm.; Sunday School every Sunday 9:30 a.m. Communion first Sunday of month. "Christ Our Message. Souls Our Mission."

PEACEFUL ZION BAPTIST CHURCH,

located at 213 Rhode Island Avenue, East Orange. Rev. James A. Johnson, Sr., pastor. Telephone (973) 674-4048. Weekly Services: Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service 10:50 a.m.; Bible Study Wednesday Noon 12:00 p.m.; Prayer Service Thursday 7:00 p.m.; Bible Study and Prayer Service to be excluded during the months July

and August. Communion Service every first Sunday during morning worship service.

EPISCOPAL

THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY AND CHRIST CHURCH, 105 Main Street, Orange phone 973-676-8886. Services held at 8 am. & 10 am, Sunday School is at 10 am (except 3rd Sundays). Sung Eucharist with choir organ and keyboard. Low Mass Tuesdays at 12:05 pm. Outreach Food Pantries: Wed 10am-11am (not first Wed) and Saturday 12 noon - 2:30 pm; Tues & Thurs. Soup Kitchen 12 noon - 1 pm.

ST AGNES and ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 206 Renshaw Ave. (at Prospect St.), East Orange, 678-6716. The Rev. Esar Budhu, Rector. 8:00 AM Said Eucharist 9:30 A.M. Adult Forum/Hour of Power; 11:00 A.M. Sung Eucharist and Sermon 11:00 A.M. Children's Ministries; Tuesdays - Study Group/Bible Study meets at 7:00 P.M. You are welcome to join us for a time of worship and fellowship.

GREEK ORTHODOX

Ss. NICHOLAS, CONSTANTINE & HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH 80 Laurel Avenue, Roseland: Sundays: Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.; Holy Days, 9 and 10 a.m. The Rev. Fr. George Khitiri, Pastor.

JEWISH

CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN, 1025 South Orange Ave., Short Hills, 973-379-1555. Senior Rabbi Matthew D. Gewirtz, Cantor Howard Stahl, Rabbi Karen R. Perolman, Rabbi Joshua M. Z.

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TEMPLE B'NAI ABRAHAM, 300 East Northfield Road, Livingston, 07039 973-994-2290; Jewish Learning Program (K-12th) 973-994-3950; Early School 973-994-7016; Makom (8th-12th grade) 973-994-3950 tbainfo@tbanj.org; A welcoming traditional progressive synagogue. President Jeffrey A. Klein, Esq.; Rabbi David Z. Vaisberg, M.A.R.E., M.A.H.L.; Rabbi Faith Joy Dantowitz, D.D.; Cantor Jessica F. Epstein; Rabbi Emeritus Clifford M. Kulwin, D.D.; Cantor Emeritus Lee Coopersmith, D.D.; Executive Director Gail Milchman, Director of Early Childhood Education Debbie A. Ziering and Director of Jewish Learning Melissa Weiner. Fri. night services 6:30 PM; Tot Shabbat 5:45 PM; Sat. Shabbat morning 10:00 AM; Summer services Fri. 6:30 PM & Sat. 10:00 AM. Sat 8 PM • Havdalah service. All services will be conducted via Facebook Live at least until April 25.. Visit www.tbanj.org.

TEMPLE SHAREY TEFILO-ISRAEL, 432 Scotland Road, South Orange. Phone 973-763-4116. Rabbi Daniel Cohen, Associate Rabbi Alexandra Klein, Cantor Rebecca Moses, Cantor Emeritus Theodore Aronson. Shabbat Service, Friday evening 6:00 or 7:30. Call temple office or visit www.TSTI.org for schedule. Minyan, Saturday morning, 9:15. Religious School 973-763-3793. Preschool, 973-763-4600.

PRESBYTERIAN

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Dodd Street at Midland Ave. East Orange. Worship service 11am. Kirk Woodward, Elder or Martha Day, Elder. Bible studies 11am - 1pm. Tuesday presiding Martha Day, Elder.

"A friendly welcome awaits you here".

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of WEST ORANGE, 20 Old Indian Rd., West Orange, 973-731-1868. Pastoral Staff: Rev. Rebecca Migliore, Pastor and Rev. Latisha West, Pastoral Assistant. Inspired by our leaders, moved by stirring music, enveloped by fellowship, and challenged to follow in Jesus's footsteps, every Sunday at 8am -- Africentric Praise Worship, and at 10:30am -- traditional Worship with weekly Communion. Christian Education and Chancel Choir rehearsal 9:30am (Sept. - June). Special Children's Time during 10:30 Worship; child care available; handicapped accessible; air-conditioned Sanctuary. We are a diverse congregation, with arms open wide. Come and see. www.upcwo.org.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH, 954 Stuyvesant Ave., Irvington, 973-375-8568. Church front at 285 Nesbit Terrace. Mass

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES, 1 Eagle Rock Avenue, West Orange. 973-325-0110. WEEKEND Mass, Saturday evening 5:30pm, Sunday Morning 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am; WEEKDAY Mass Mon.-Sat. 8:30am Call 973-325-0110 for special/holy day schedule. www.lourdeswestorange.org.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, 44 Benvenue Avenue, West Orange. 973-669-3221. www.stjoeswestorange.com. Rev. Dominick J. Lenoci, Pastor

Sunday Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

Please call for holy day schedule.
Daily Mass Schedule: Monday - Friday - 7:00 A.M. (suspended Memorial Day - Labor Day) and 8:30 A.M. Tuesday, 12 Noon (Suspended August through Labor Day), Saturday, 8:30 A.M.

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DEP awards \$19.4M in Clean Communities grants

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is awarding \$19.4 million in annual Clean Communities grants to help municipalities and counties remove litter to beautify neighborhoods, improve water quality and enhance quality of life, Commissioner Catherine McCabe announced June 10.

In total, the DEP is awarding \$17.3 million to eligible municipalities and \$2.1 million to the state's 21 counties. The program is funded by a legislated user-fee on manufacturers, wholesalers and distributors that produce litter-generating products.

"Clean Communities grants help

municipalities and counties with the important task of removing unsightly litter, often from roadways and around stormwater collection systems, to enhance quality of life," McCabe said. "Beautifying our communities through these types of cleanups helps improve water quality and natural resources while also protecting wildlife and their habitats."

The nonprofit New Jersey Clean Communities Council oversees the reporting requirements for the program. Disbursements are based on housing units and miles of municipally owned roadways.

"Municipalities and counties are strongly encouraged to use these grants to pay for volunteer and paid cleanups, badly needed equipment purchases, enforcement activities and education," council Executive Director Sandy Huber said. "We are grateful for funding that helps keep New Jersey clean. We are proud to serve as an educational resource for communities, as we drive many of our campaigns to engage the younger generations to help mold positive, long-term behaviors toward discarding litter."

Essex County will receive \$68,504.47. Grants to Essex County municipalities are

\$56,264.28 to Belleville, \$76,332.36 to Bloomfield, \$13,968.79 to Caldwell, \$21,884.99 to Cedar Grove, \$103,656.54 to East Orange, \$5,750.01 to Essex Fells, \$7,488.86 to Fairfield, \$11,811.27 to Glen Ridge, \$82,986.45 to Irvington, \$55,487.39 to Livingston, \$38,446.41 to Maplewood, \$39,750.98 to Millburn, \$67,855.82 to Montclair, \$404,693.98 to Newark, \$13,053.86 to North Caldwell, \$48,616.27 to Nutley, \$45,675.15 to Orange, \$10,554.50 to Roseland, \$27,397.56 to South Orange, \$24,003.81 to Verona, \$20,518.55 to West Caldwell and \$73,627.62 to West Orange.

Area church launches program to address food insecurity

Beacon Unitarian Universalist Congregation, a liberal faith community in Summit, has launched Neighborhood Beacon, an initiative aimed at alleviating food insecurity for area families and supporting local businesses.

Drawing on financial contributions from Beacon members, Neighborhood Beacon purchases gift cards from local

restaurants and food purveyors, then partners with social services organizations to distribute the cards to food-insecure residents. The initiative rolled out in Summit in partnership with GRACE food pantry.

So far, the project has raised \$3,000 to buy gift cards and has been expanded to Maplewood, South Orange, Long Hill,

Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Westfield. Other beneficiaries include families whose children attend Chancellor Avenue School in Irvington, which has a 15-year partnership with Beacon.

While the initiative was created in response to the COVID-19 crisis, fighting food insecurity has long been a focus for Beacon, as some 13 percent of families

and individuals in New Jersey are food insecure.

Fighting hunger goes to the core of Beacon's mission to feed the human spirit and heal the world, according to the Rev. Robin Tanner, Beacon's co-minister.

Interested donors can contribute via PayPal at <https://summitbeacon.square-space.com/neighborhood>.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST
BROOKDALE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 1350 Broad Street, Bloomfield, 973-338-8536. We are a church that preaches and teaches the Bible. Worship services are now online at <http://www.facebook.com/BrookdaleChristianChurch/>

We invite you to join us in worship on Sunday mornings at 10:00a.m. We begin with a brief children's service with the entire congregation present. In addition, nursery and children's Bible instruction for age 4 through 6th grade are provided. Every Wednesday evening we gather for a mid-week service of prayer and Bible study. Brookdale is a loving and caring congregation under the leadership of Pastor Love Saquing and Pastor Jim Treffinger. Our mission is to serve God and to serve our community, to love God by loving others. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC
SACRED HEART CHURCH, 76 Broad Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003. Rectory-973-748-1800, CCD Office-973-743-4061. The Rev. James T. Brown, Pastor, The Rev. Daniel A. Danik, Pastor Emeritus. Religious Education Co-Ordinator Mrs. Nancy Plate. Mass Schedule Sunday Masses are 8am, 10:30am and 12:15pm and Saturday evening, 5:30pm. Daily Mass from Memorial Day to Labor Day is

celebrated at 8am only in the Convent Chapel. Confessions: Saturday-11:30 to 12 Noon. 1:30 P.M. Baptism is celebrated seasonally.

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Saturday night at the movies in West Orange

Following social distancing guidelines, families are invited to attend a drive-in movie screening of "Back to the Future" on Saturday, Aug. 8, at 8:15 p.m. in the West Orange High School parking lot, 51 Conforti Ave. Admission is charged.

There is a 150-vehicle limit and a first-come, first-served basis. Walk-ins are not allowed. Enter on Pleasant Valley Way.

There will also be a free screening of "Little Giants" on Saturday, Aug. 22, at 8:15 p.m., at Roosevelt Middle School, 36 Gilbert Place.

Students to carry on Groves' legacy

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closely with the WOHS administration in an attempt to make this year's Senior Awards Night special for our graduating seniors considering the coronavirus restrictions in place," Quinn said. "We will be forever thankful for (the Shaugers') support in helping us make college just a little more affordable for our graduating seniors."

The Shauger family and TSG raised more than \$15,000 to benefit the Timothy Groves Memorial Scholarship this past year, most of which was raised in December when the Shaugers and TSG teamed up with the WOSF and West Orange Education Foundation to host the second Timothy Groves Memorial Scholarship fundraiser raffle. In past years, TSG has

also partnered with the WOSF and WOEF to hold other fundraiser raffles and dinners to support the scholarship.

To support the Timothy Groves Memorial Scholarship this coming year, Donald and Lisa Shauger have pledged a \$10,000 donation in memory of all West Orange residents who have died from COVID-19 and in honor of the Class of 2020.

"It is a meaningful tribute to Timmy that a scholarship fund in his name is helping the West Orange community and providing great opportunities to local students," said Donald Shauger, executive vice president of TSG.

"He was a pillar of the local community — he made a difference in any way he could, from mentoring local youths to volunteering with Special Olympics. He

would be proud of the scholarship's success and the impact it has made. It is such a privilege and honor for Lisa and me to keep Timmy's memory alive and, at the same time, to help seniors further their education."

Donations benefiting the Timothy Groves Memorial Scholarship can be made at any time. Donations can be made via check, payable to the West Orange Scholarship Fund, noting "Timothy Groves Memorial Scholarship" in the memo, and mailed to West Orange Scholarship Fund, c/o Jim Quinn, 23 Witte Place, West Orange, NJ 07052.

Donations to the WOSF are also accepted online via PayPal through the WOSF page at www.woboe.org/scholarshipfund.

OBITUARIES

JoAnn Borden



JoAnn Borden (née Veraar), 69, of Lake Mohawk, NJ, passed away on the morning of Wednesday, July 15th at home with her loving family by her side.

A kind-hearted soul and a true friend to many, she is survived by her husband Rod, sister Virginia, and brother John, as well as her children Paul and Kim and their spouses Megan and Luciano, grandchildren Stella, Preston, Fletcher, Spencer, Leo, George, Teddy, and Halle. She was a loving stepmother to Roddy, Charlie, and Heather.

Born in Livonia, MI, and raised in Racine, MI and Cleveland, OH, JoAnn was a long-time resident of Glen Ridge, NJ before moving to Lake Mohawk. A graduate of Montclair State University, summa cum laude, she was most recently the financial coordinator for IRMS, a fertility clinic where she worked to pass three new laws to benefit infertility patients. While working in setup compliance for Galvanic Printing, she developed one of the first computer programs for printing baseball cards. Additionally, she volunteered for a number of organizations, including serving as Finance Chair for the Glen Ridge Congregational Church as well as the Upper Lake Mohawk Beach, and Crew Chief for the Glen Ridge Ambulance Squad.

JoAnn lived for her grandchildren — any occasion with her was a special occasion. She always strived to give them memories instead of material gifts, never missing any of their events. Besides her grandchildren, her passions included traveling, golf, bridge (at times), her annual attendance at

the Philadelphia Flower Show, and working in

her garden; always making sure that fresh flowers were present wherever she was.

JoAnn will be remembered for her smile and everlasting, infectious positivity, the time spent with her family, as well as her kindness and her enthusiasm for living, helping others, exercising, going to concerts, ballets, Broadway shows, and listening to her friends. She was always the first to volunteer to help others and was undoubtedly the best wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, sister, friend, confidante, conversationalist, organizer, co-worker, walking buddy, and party planner that anyone could ask for — she will be missed by all.

Donations in her honor may be made to: Human Needs Food Pantry: <http://www.humanneedsfoodpantry.org/donate>

Glen Ridge Ambulance Squad: <https://www.grvas.org/donate>

Head for the Cure: <https://www.headforthecure.org/>

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Mary Luella Fee

Mary Luella Fee (nee Shanley) 94, passed away on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at Mountainside Hospital in Glen Ridge.

Born in Jessup, Pa, she lived most of her life in Glen Ridge. Mrs. Fee worked in the payroll dept. of Clara Maass Medical Center and was a member of the Glen Ridge Seniors.

She was the wife of the late Edward M. Fee; mother of Kathleen Hedges and her late husband Glenn, Edward and his wife Joan, Kevin and his wife Diane and the late Brian Fee; mother in law of Laurie Fee;

grandmother of Meghan Hedges-Toppel and her husband Shaun and Caitlin- Hedges Adams and her husband Richard and sister of the late Frank Shanley, Joseph Shanley, Eileen Gower and Margaret Griffin.

For those who wish in lieu of flowers, donations in Mrs. Fee's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Due to the current pandemic safeguards a memorial service will be held at a future date.

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Thomas Charles "TC" Carey



Thomas Charles "TC" Carey, age 59, of Charlotte, North Carolina, passed away peacefully on July 2, 2020, in Wake Forest Baptist Hospital after suffering a severe burn in a home accident. Beloved son of Helen Rouge Carey and the late Thomas Carey, TC was born in Washington, D.C. and lived in Queens, New York and Maplewood, New Jersey, as a child. A graduate of St. Fidelis School and Columbia High School, he attended the Newark College of Engineering, Northeastern University, and much to his mother's relief, graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a degree in Hotel, Restaurant & Travel Management.

His career in food and beverage took him to Martha's Vineyard, Boston, Lake Tahoe, and Santa Monica. In 1990, he made a career change and relocated to Charlotte, NC to work in marketing and promotions

for WFNZ "The Fox", notably with the syndicated John Boy & Billy Show. He transitioned to the role of writer and on-air talent and with his natural and pervasive mischief, delighted listeners with his irreverent wit and characters such as "Flynnie the Fix-it Guy", and the New Jersey native who offered weekly interpretations of "The Sopranos" for southerners. He was also an avid participant in many charitable endeavors through the station and local community organizations.

In later years he pursued various entrepreneurial opportunities and a myriad of hobbies and interests.

He will be remembered as a person with a long-term, loyal friend group all over the United States; he was incredibly present for his friends and was a "first phone call" for anyone who needed help. He will be deeply missed by his mother, Helen, sisters Trish Fitzpatrick (Bill), Christine Maguire (John), and Mary Ann Keenan (John), and his aunts Terry Rouge, Jane Rouge-Martin, and cousin Kathy Kisla, and many other close cousins. He was adored by his nieces and nephews, Tom, Jeanne, Margaret, and Billy Fitzpatrick and Jack, Grace, and Thomas Charles Keenan (his namesake).

Donations in TC's name will be gratefully accepted by Wake Forest Baptist Health, Attn: Office of Philanthropy and Alumni Relations/Burn Unit Fund, P.O. Box 571021, Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1021 or to Chloe's Place, P.O. Box 2273, Southern Pines, NC 28388. Please reference his name with any gifts.

Celebrations of life are planned for Charlotte, Cape Cod, and New Jersey at a later date.

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West Orange police respond to thefts and mischief

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Amponsah, 29, of Columbus, Ohio, was arrested when he entered the stolen Land Rover and attempted to drive away. Amponsah was charged with receiving stolen property and possession of marijuana under 50 grams, and released pending his court date.

West Orange

• Monday, July 20: AAA Fence Distributors on Lakeside Avenue reported that, while maintenance work was being conducted, several company vehicles were parked across the street in the DPW lot on July 3. On July 20, the company realized that a 2003 gold Chevrolet Suburban with N.J. plates was missing.

• Sunday, July 19: Sometime during the overnight hours, a silver 2018 Jeep Compass with N.J. plates was stolen from Perkins Drive. The vehicle was later recovered.

• Saturday, July 18: Sometime during the overnight hours, a blue 2017 Range Rover with N.J. plates was stolen from Ashley Road.

• Friday, July 17: Police responded to the Dunkin Donuts on South Valley Road

at approximately 5 p.m. on report of a stolen wallet. The victim had accidentally left his wallet on a table and, when he went to retrieve it, the wallet was gone. Video surveillance shows two men taking the wallet.

• Friday, July 17: Sometime during the overnight hours, an unknown person entered an unlocked motor vehicle in the area of Ridge and Whittlesey avenues and removed paperwork from the glove compartment.

• Thursday, July 16: A Clarken Drive resident reported that an unknown person stole her identity and attempted to open several accounts with her information. The identity thief attempted to open accounts with Samsung, Citibank and Sprint, causing the victim to put a freeze on her credit. The victim's bank also contacted her saying there had been activity flagged as possible identity theft, and another bank advised that someone had opened an account with her information, which they deactivated. The victim was given a WOPD identity theft packet to complete and return.

• Thursday, July 16: A female victim reported that while shopping at ShopRite

in Essex Green Plaza, two individuals approached her. The woman struck up a conversation, while the man walked away quickly after a moment; the woman then abruptly ended the conversation and left as well. The victim, finding this to be odd, looked through her purse, which had been hanging from her cart, and saw that her purple Apple iPhone 11, valued at \$1,500, was missing.

• Thursday, July 16: A man reported that following a motor vehicle crash on Park Avenue — for which the WOPD took a crash report — the other vehicle's driver stopped him on Spring Street and punched his vehicle's driver-side mirror, causing approximately \$100 worth of damage.

• Wednesday, July 15: Police responded to the 7-Eleven on Valley Street at approximately 5:15 p.m. on report of an unknown woman shoplifting three Gatorade Zero drinks and two Reese's candy bars, with a combined value of \$12.

• Wednesday, July 15: Police responded to The ZuluBa bar on Main Street at approximately 9:20 a.m. to investigate criminal mischief. Patrol units observed that the front door window to the business had been shattered; nothing appeared to be taken from the bar. The bar's owner estimated that it would cost \$300 to fix the window.

• Tuesday, July 14: Police responded to

the 100 block of Franklin Avenue at approximately 10:13 p.m. on report of an aggravated assault. A 17-year-old reported that he had been walking with a friend when two individuals exited a vehicle and began to hit him with bats, causing an approximately 3-inch laceration to the top of his head; West Orange Fire Department EMTs responded to the scene to administer care. Police conducted a canvass of the area.

• Tuesday, July 14: Police responded to Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Valley Way because, sometime between noon on July 13 and 10:50 p.m. on July 14, someone had shattered a basement window on the east side of the church. It does not appear access was gained to the building. The window is valued at approximately \$100.

• Tuesday, July 14: Police responded to West Orange Municipal Lot No. 1 on report of criminal mischief to a motor vehicle that occurred during the early morning hours. The back-middle sliding window to the vehicle in question had been shattered; the vehicle's owner did not report anything missing.

This information is provided by the police departments in accordance with the Open Public Records Act. All persons charged are presumed innocent until proved guilty in a court of law.

IN MEMORIAM

- BAKER — Lawrence Frank, of Bloomfield; July 24. Grandfather, brother, 91.
- BORDEN — JoAnn, formerly of Glen Ridge; July 15. Grandmother, 69.
- CAREY — Thomas Charles, formerly of Maplewood; July 2. On-air radio talent.
- CONTURSI — Angelo R., of West Orange; July 21. Tavern owner, grandfather, 82.
- FEE — Mary Luella, of Glen Ridge; July 14. Worked payroll at Clara Maass, 94.
- HAYNES — Reginald, of East Orange; July 11. Singer. Husband, grandfather.
- HELLER — Esther, of West Orange; July 20. Grandmother, 95.
- JOHNSON — Thomas Henry Jr., of Orange; July 12. Grandfather.
- KELLY — Richard "Dick," formerly of West Orange; July 22. Navy vet, father, 80.
- KIRBY — Shelby Baran, formerly of South Orange; July 18. Grandmother, 87.
- MCFADDEN — Edward, formerly of Vailsburg, South Orange; July 21. Father, 84.
- MURPHY — Lillian A., of East Orange; July 21. Administrative assistant, 90.
- QUELI — Carole Ann, of West Orange; July 21. Wife, mother, 71.

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5. Inflammation of iris
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8. Last European colony in China
9. Fat and flour sauce
10. Fungal spore sacs
11. Santa's preference
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25. Pulsating pain
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31. W-2, e.g.
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49. Kind of caviar
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HOROSCOPES

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18
 Certain individuals will be full of themselves over the next few days and their self-importance is likely to annoy you. The more you show it the more they will act in ways designed to enrage you. Try ignoring them instead and get on with your own life.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20
 Resist the urge to change what has worked well for you in the past. This is a time when you should be consolidating the way you do things, not looking for new methods and routines.

ARIES, March 21 to April 20
 What are you going to do with it all your energy? Anything of a creative nature will work well for you this week, so if you have not yet started on a new project then get started on one now.

TAURUS, April 21 to May 21
 Family members will behave in some very strange ways over the next few days but there is no need to be alarmed. Once everyone has had their say the air will be cleared and you will all be the best of friends again – until next time.

GEMINI, May 22 to June 21
 You may be in a minority of one this week but that does not mean you should change your mind, still less change direction. Since when have you been the kind to care what other people think about you? You quite enjoy being the odd one out.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22
 You could come into money this week, but if you do you must be sensible about what you do with it. If you splash out on something expensive now you may regret it later when you need some quick cash but your pockets are empty.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23
 You must refuse to settle for second best over the coming week. If anyone stands between you and your goal they had better move out of the way quickly, because you are in no mood to slow down for them, and you certainly won't stop!

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22
 The mood you greet the week with is the mood you will carry on over the next seven days, so no matter what you think your troubles might be, you must adopt a positive, cheerful mindset.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23
 It will pay you to keep an open mind over the next few days, because something is about to happen that could put some of your pet assumptions to the test. There is only one thing you can be sure about: that truth is stranger than fiction.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22
 You can and you will accomplish great things over the next few months, but there is a danger you could be a bit impatient and make the kind of mistakes you need to avoid. Listen to what your instincts tell you – and make sure you act on them.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21
 The next few days could see you jumping between extremes. Does that matter? Yes it does, because if you go too far in one direction you could invite an opposing cosmic force to pull you back when you want to move forward. Seek out a middle path.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20
 Is there something that you would prefer to keep to yourself over the next 24 hours? There is no point trying to deny it as everyone can see it is true. Embrace it instead and move on.

New Jersey Judiciary to resume jury trials slowly

The New Jersey Judiciary will resume jury trials incrementally in September, the Supreme Court announced in an order issued July 22.

The plan is to use a combination of remote and in-person proceedings to select juries, and to conduct live trials with social distancing in courthouses.

Criminal and civil trials have been suspended in New Jersey for nearly four months. As of July 22, 4,749 defendants remain in jail pretrial, more than 2,700 of whom have been indicted, and a far larger number of civil litigants also await the resumption of trials. The plan will allow cases to move forward while still protecting the public during the COVID-19 health crisis.

“This is a temporary solution to an unprecedented situation,” Chief Justice Stuart Rabner said. “We cannot predict when jury trials will be able to resume in the same manner they were held pre-COVID-19. Nor can we leave them on hold indefinitely. The Judiciary has a responsibility to ensure the fair and timely administration of justice, and resuming jury trials is a key part of fulfilling that responsibility.”

To ensure the health and safety of jurors and others, extra care must be taken at all phases, and multiple courtrooms will be needed for each trial. That will present severe space restrictions at courthouses throughout the state. To address those practical concerns, the Judiciary plans to conduct jury selection through a hybrid process done both virtually and in-person. The presentation of evidence at trial will take place in court.

Even with those measures, the Judiciary does not expect to be able to conduct more than one to three trials at a time in any courthouse.

In order to avoid bringing in large groups of prospective jurors, initial questioning of potential jurors will be conduct-

ed virtually in the presence of the judge and attorneys from both parties. The in-person phase of jury selection will be conducted observing social-distancing requirements and with jurors and others generally required to wear masks.

When the selection process has been completed, jurors will be empaneled for a socially distanced, in-person trial, which will be conducted in accordance with public health guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the New Jersey Department of Health.

Empaneled jurors will be required to wear masks, which the Judiciary can provide as needed. Throughout the trial, the Judiciary will enforce social distancing to avoid close contact between trial participants. The plan also provides for designated restrooms and break areas, as well as additional cleaning and sanitizing.

Jury trials will begin first in the Atlantic/Cape May, Bergen, and Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem vicinages.

“Over the coming months, criminal trials will gradually resume in all counties and will expand to include civil cases,” said Judge Glenn Grant, acting administrative director of the courts.

The goal is to conduct at least one civil and one criminal trial at a time in each county in the coming months. Assignment judges and presiding judges will work closely with attorneys to identify the cases that will proceed, giving priority to cases with defendants who are detained and have no co-defendants.

Attorneys and parties will be invited to walk through the physical layout of reconfigured courtrooms in advance.

“By reconfiguring courtrooms and making effective use of technology, trial participants will be able to see jurors both during the virtual part of the selection process and during socially distanced in-person trials,” Grant said.

MAM launches conversation series

Montclair Art Museum is transforming the annual Julia Norton Babson Memorial Lecture into the MAM Conversations presented by the Babson Lecture Series, funded, in part, by a perpetual gift from the Julia Norton Babson Memorial Fund.

MAM Conversations will give community members the unique opportunity to engage virtually with contemporary artists, see their studio spaces and learn more about their work through question-and-answer sessions.

“I’m always excited when I get the chance to visit an artist in their own space,” assistant curator Alison Van Denend said. “An artist’s studio can provide unique insight into their personality, process and what inspires them. We’re thrilled to be able to share these glimpses

inside the artist’s studio with the members and friends of MAM.”

“The MAM Conversations series offers our members and friends around the world the opportunity to engage live with contemporary artists across a range of backgrounds and media,” MAM interim Director Ira Wagner said. “We are grateful to the Julia Norton Babson Memorial Fund for the support to make this happen.”

MAM Conversations will take place on Thursdays through Aug. 28 at 6 p.m. via Zoom webinars. The conversations are free for members; a fee is charged for non-members. The July 30 guest is Vik Muniz; the Aug. 6 guest is Duane Michals; Aug. 13 features teen winners of the Scholastic Art Awards; Vanessa German is featured on Aug. 20 and Cara Romero on Aug. 27.



Take
Back
the
Kitchen

Overcoming
the Obstacles
to Cooking





With all of the fresh mint I have been growing, I wanted to make a recipe that featured these delicious and refreshing herbs. You can feel free to add or reduce the amount of any ingredient you like.

Easy Pea-sy ‘Guacamole’

Ingredients	Steps
10-oz. bag of frozen peas, defrosted	In a food processor, puree all the ingredients until smooth.
Juice of one lemon	Serve with julienned vegetables or crackers.
1/2 cup fresh mint leaves	
1 tsp. salt	
3/4 cup olive oil	

Alma Schneider, a licensed clinical social worker and cooking coach, provides individual sessions, corporate presentations and group workshops helping individuals overcome their practical and psychological obstacles to cooking. Alma has appeared on the Today Show, TV Land and has presented at the TEDx Talks. She has also been featured in Family Circle Magazine and numerous other publications. A cookbook is in the works! For more information, contact her at alma@takebackthekitchen.com or visit her website at www.takebackthekitchen.com.

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You can e-mail us at: class@thelocalsource.com

STUDENT UPDATE

Terry makes dean's list

Kenneth Terry, of South Orange, was named to the dean's list at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania for the spring 2020 semester.

To be named to the dean's list, a full-time student must have a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or higher in 12 or more semester hours of coursework for which a grade or grades are received.

Students earn degrees

Christopher Alesso, of West Orange, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in accounting from the College of Charleston, located in Charleston, S.C., in May 2020. Abigail Schneider, of Maplewood, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in art history and in historic preservation and community planning.

Thomas makes dean's list

Teanna Thomas, of West Orange, has been named to the dean's list at Buffalo State College, located in Buffalo, N.Y., for the spring 2020 semester.

In general, students who have completed at least 12 credit hours and who have attained a term grade-point average of 3.5 or higher qualify for the Buffalo State dean's list.

Dickson graduates from honors program

Grace F. Dickson, of Maplewood, was among 39 members of the University of Scranton's Class of 2020 who graduated from its Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Honors Program, which is one of Scranton's programs of excellence. Students in SJLA pursue a rigorous education designed to develop enhanced writing, oral and critical-thinking skills through specially designed courses in philosophy, theology and literature. Dickson majored in counseling and human services.

Acclaim in New London

Wood-May Joseph, of Maplewood, and Samuel Maidenberg, of South Orange, have achieved dean's high honors at Connecticut College, located in New London, Conn., for the spring 2020 semester. Joseph and Maidenberg are both members of the Class of 2023.



Area students graduate from the Trinitas School of Nursing.

New nurses from Trinitas

Seventy-nine students received their nursing diplomas from the Trinitas School of Nursing in Elizabeth on May 28. Although a typical ceremony was not held, 68 women and 11 men became eligible to sit for the registered nurse licensing exam. Their photos were taken individually by Grace Photography and graphic design magic was made to create the class photo.

Graduates include Irvington's Pradel G. Emmanuel Jr. and Peterson Sejour, and West Orange's Nekeisha K. Grant, Audeline Jean and Karem Saldana.

McCormick enrolls

Massimo McCormick, of West Orange, will attend Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y., as a member of the Class of 2024. McCormick plans to major in engineering and management.

Mount Hermon graduates

South Orange's Shameek Hargrave and Aidan Reeves graduated from Northfield Mount Hermon School, located in Mount Hermon, Mass., on May 24.

Ruberti, Almetica graduate

Truman Ruberti, of West Orange, and Milena Almetica, of South Orange, both recently graduated from the College of

William & Mary, located in Williamsburg, Va., with Bachelor of Arts degrees.

Muhlenberg graduates

The following students graduated from Muhlenberg College, located in Allentown, Pa., on May 17: Max Kasler, of Maplewood, with a Bachelor of Arts in music and Jewish studies, magna cum laude; Katherine O'Connell, of Maplewood, with a Bachelor of Arts in business administration, cum laude; Katharine Stuppi, of Maplewood, with a Bachelor of Science in biology, cum laude; Benjamin Applegate, of West Orange, with a Bachelor of Arts in media and communication and business administration; Gabriela Solomon, of West Orange, with a Bachelor of Arts in accounting and finance, summa cum laude; Sydney Carey, of Glen Ridge, with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and public health; and Daniel Gruhin, of Glen Ridge, with a Bachelor of Arts in economics.

Committed to Albright

The following area students have committed to study next school year at Albright College, located in Reading, Pa.:

- South Orange's Janine Davis, a graduate of Columbia High School, plans to study business administration focusing on management and finance.

- Maplewood's Kimberley Dorvil, a graduate of Columbia High School, plans to study English and health psychology.

- East Orange's Tamiah Boyer, a graduate of Arts High School, plans to study general biology and art.

- East Orange's Nazaiah Edwards, a graduate of East Orange Campus High School, plans to study accounting in the Alpha Program at Albright.

Ryan named to dean's list

Martin Ryan, of Bloomfield, has been named to the dean's list at Siena College, located in Loudonville, N.Y., for the spring 2020 semester.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must attain a grade-point average for the semester between 3.5 and 3.89.

Omou excels on the track and in the classroom

Victoire Omou, of Glen Ridge, was among 1,834 SUNY Oneonta students who earned dean's list honors for the spring 2020 semester. Omou is studying dietetics. To qualify for the dean's list, a student must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.

In addition to her academic achievements, Omou also competed on the SUNY Oneonta women's track and field team during the 2019-'20 year. The team finished the indoor season fourth at the SUNYAC championships and 27th at the Atlantic Region championships. The outdoor season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Omou competed as a sprinter and jumper this year for the Red Dragons. She posted a personal best mark of 5.19 meters in the long jump at the Ithaca Bomber Invitational. She also posted personal best times in the 60- and 200-meter events during the season.

Jupiter on dean's list

Nakhyla Jupiter, of Irvington, was recently named to the dean's list at SUNY Potsdam for the spring 2020 semester.

To achieve this honor, a student must have satisfactorily completed 12 numerically graded semester hours, with a grade-point average between 3.25 and 3.49 in the given semester.

PUBLIC NOTICE**BELLEVILLE**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
ESSEX COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-007126-20**

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:
**LAWRENCE YANNUZZI, HIS HEIRS
DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND HER, HIS OR ANY OTHER SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Romano, Garubo & Argentieri, Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 52 Newton Avenue, P.O. Box 456, Woodbury, New Jersey 08096, an Answer to the Complaint and any Amended Complaints filed

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thereafter in a civil action, in which U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT is Plaintiff, and **LAWRENCE YANNUZZI, HIS HEIRS DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND HER, HIS OR ANY OTHER SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST** et als, are Defendants pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey within 35 days after **July 30, 2020** exclusive of said date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules governing the courts.

You are further advised that if you cannot afford an attorney, you may call the Legal Services office in the county where you live. If

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you do not have an attorney and are not eligible for free legal assistance, you may obtain a referral to an attorney by calling the Lawyer Referral Services. The names and telephone numbers of such agencies in the county of venue are as follows:
Lawyer Referral Services: (973) 622-6204
Legal Services: (973) 624-4500

This action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage and recovering possession of the lands and premises described in a mortgage dated August 13, 2003 in the amount of \$421,123.50, recorded in the Office of the Register of Essex County on November 10, 2003 in Mortgage Book 9321, Page 811, as Instrument No. 902622 made by Lawrence Yannuzzi and Anna Rusomanno executed to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc., and covers real estate located at 11 New Street, Township of Belleville, New Jersey 07109, Lot 60 f/k/a 91.A; Block 5902 f/k/a 262.

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By Assignment of Mortgage dated January 17, 2008, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., assigned all of its right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid Mortgage to The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Said Assignment of Mortgage was recorded in the Office of the Register of Essex County on June 16, 2008 in Assignment Book 12141, Page 2389, as Instrument No. 8054250.

By Assignment of Mortgage dated October 24, 2019, The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development assigned all of its right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid Mortgage to US Bank, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for the RMAC Trust Series 2016-CTT. Said Assignment was recorded in the Office of the Register of Essex County on November 16, 2019 as Instrument No. 2019108686. US Bank, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for the

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RMAC Trust Series 2016-CTT is the holder of the Note and Mortgage and entitled to commence this action.

YOU, LAWRENCE YANNUZZI, HIS HEIRS DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND HER, HIS OR ANY OTHER SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST have been made a Defendant in the above entitled action because you have or may claim to have some right, title lien or other interest affecting the real estate being foreclosed by virtue of ownership, inheritance, descent, intestacy devise, dower, curtesy, mortgage, deed or conveyance, entry of judgment or other legal or lawful right.

The nature of which and the reason that you and each of you are joined as Defendants is set forth with particularity in the Complaint (or amended Complaint, whichever the case may be), a copy of which will be furnished to you on request addressed to the attorney of the

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plaintiff at the above mentioned address.

/s/ **Michelle M. Smith**
Michelle M. Smith, Clerk
Superior Court of New Jersey

File # RushRev-108
E92937 WCN July 30, 2020 (\$88.56)

NEWARK

**SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
ESSEX COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-006339-20**

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:

**HLG FLIPS 001 LLC;
WILLIAM ISSAC BUCHANAN III;
JESSICA O. RICHARDSON**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Romano, Garubo & Argentieri, Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 52 Newton Avenue, P.O. Box 456, Woodbury, New Jersey 08096, an Answer to the Complaint and any Amended Complaints filed thereafter in a civil action, in which **WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF VFS NEPENTHE TRUST** is Plaintiff, and HLG FLIPS 001 LLC et al, are Defendants pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey within 35 days after **JULY 30, 2020** exclusive of said date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules governing the courts.

You are further advised that if you cannot afford an attorney, you may call the Legal Services office in the county where you live. If you do not have an attorney and are not eligible for free legal assistance, you may obtain a referral to an attorney by calling the Lawyer Referral Services. The names and telephone numbers of such agencies in the county of venue are as follows:

Lawyer Referral Services: (973) 622-6204
Legal Services: (973) 624-4500

This action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage and recovering possession of the lands and premises described in a mortgage dated September 23, 2019 in the amount of \$213,750.00, recorded in the Office of the Register of Essex County on October 4, 2019 as Instrument No. 2019094551 made by HLG Flips 001 LLC executed to Visio Financial Services Inc., and covers real estate located at 23 Tillinghast Court, City of Newark, New Jersey 07108, Lot 35, Block 3030.

By Assignment of Mortgage dated November 6, 2019, Visio Financial Services, Inc. assigned all of its right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid Mortgage to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, Not in Its Individual Capacity but Solely as Owner Trustee of VFS Nepenthe Trust. Said Assignment was recorded in the Office of the Register of Essex County on November 25, 2019 as Instrument No. 2019112104. Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, Not in Its Individual Capacity but Solely as Owner Trustee of VFS Nepenthe Trust is holder of Note and Mortgage and entitled to commence this action.

YOU, HLG FLIPS 001 LLC; WILLIAM ISSAC BUCHANAN III; JESSICA O. RICHARDSON have been made Defendants in the above entitled action because you have or may claim to have some right, title lien or other interest affecting the real estate being foreclosed by virtue of ownership, inheritance, descent, intestacy devise, dower, curtesy, mortgage, deed or conveyance, entry of judgment or other legal or lawful right.

The nature of which and the reason that you and each of you are joined as Defendants is set forth with particularity in the Complaint (or amended Complaint, whichever the case may be), a copy of which will be furnished to you on request addressed to the attorney of the plaintiff at the above mentioned address.
File #BSINJ-054

/s/ **Michelle M. Smith**
Michelle M. Smith, Clerk
Superior Court of New Jersey
E92955 WCN July 30, 2020 (\$73.44)

ROSELAND

Docket No.: F-010253-18
Superior Court of New Jersey Chancery Division
Essex County

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:
ERLAH D. GIBSON A/K/A ERLAH GIBSON
ALAN GIBSON
STATE FARM INDEMNITY COMPANY

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:50-63(h),

IT IS on this June 19, 2020, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the amount required to redeem the property encumbered by the aforementioned Mortgage is the sum of \$253,445.58 together with lawful interest thereon from March 31, 2020, to the date of

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redemption, and costs of suit duly taxed in the sum of \$3,649.90; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on August 18, 2020, (not less than 45 days nor more than 60 days after the date of the Order), between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at 39 Woodland Road, Roseland, NJ 07068, is hereby fixed as the time and place for redemption of said lands as described in the Complaint and making up the property concerning which the Complaint is filed; and that thereupon the Defendant who redeems shall acquire all rights provided by law and equity in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A:50-63(k); and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:50-57(b)(1), redemption shall be made in cash, cashier's check or certified check; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in default of said Defendant(s) paying to the person aforesaid, at the place aforesaid, the said sum, interest, and costs aforesaid, the said Defendant(s) stand absolutely debarred and foreclosed of and from all right and equity of redemption on, in and to said lands and property and every part thereof, and the Plaintiff shall have an absolute and indefeasible interest of inheritance in fee simple to said lands and property. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, redemption shall be permitted at any time up until the entry of Judgment including the whole of the last day upon which Judgment is entered; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A:50-63(h), this Order for redemption or notice thereof shall be mailed to each Defendant's last known address and, if different from the address of the property being foreclosed, also to the address of the property being foreclosed, by regular mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, within 20 days after the date of this Order is entered, except that, as to Defendants whose addresses are unknown and who were served by publication, no further publication of the Order for Redemption or notice thereof need be made.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be served to the person to whom redemption is ordered to be made, and that said person certify to this Court whether the property was or was not redeemed from Plaintiff's Mortgage in accordance with the terms of this Order.
File # 192710-1

MICHELLE M. SMITH
Clerk of the Superior Court
E92952 WCN July 30, 2020 (\$59.04)

IHD-LEGALS

IRVINGTON

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETINGS
IRVINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
IRVINGTON, NEW JERSEY 07111
2020-2021 School Year**

(Subject to change)
The Irvington Board of Education will be held **VIRTUALLY until further notice at 6:00 pm** on the following dates:

- Wednesday, August 12, 2020
- Wednesday, September 16, 2020
- Wednesday, October 21, 2020
- Wednesday, November 18, 2020
- Wednesday, December 16, 2020
- Wednesday, January 20, 2021
- Wednesday, February 17, 2021
- Wednesday, March 17, 2021
- Wednesday, April 28, 2021
- TBD - Re-Organization
- Wednesday, May 19, 2021
- Wednesday, June 16, 2021
- Wednesday, June 23, 2021

Reggie Lamptey, CPA
Reggie Lamptey, CPA
Assistant Superintendent for
Business/Board Secretary
E92953 IHD July 30, 2020 (\$11.16)

IRVINGTON

**Notification of Environmental Investigation and Cleanup
Former Delta Parkway Service Station
758 18th Avenue, Irvington, NJ (Block 124/
Lot 1)
NJDEP Preferred Identification # 015901**

In accordance with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) regulations for "Notification and Public Outreach", Mundra Fuel Inc. provides herein information relating to environmental investigative and remedial activities being conducted at the above referenced Site.

Chemical constituents associated with former retail gasoline service station operations at the Site including, but not limited to, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes were initially detected in the soil and/or groundwater in 2018. Since this time, the contamination in the soil and groundwater has migrated from the service station property.

Mundra is conducting remedial activities in accordance with the requirements of the NJDEP to address the chemical constituents detected. In addition, an evaluation of receptors in the area has been completed in order to ensure that the remedial approach is appropriate for the Site.

For additional information or to obtain a copy

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of the complete fact sheet for this Site, please contact Vikas Sharma at 732-624-9998 or P.O. Box 7711, North Brunswick, NJ 08902 E92938 IHD July 30, 2020 (\$13.68)

IRVINGTON

**PUBLIC NOTICE
IRVINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
IRVINGTON, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, c.231, and N.J.A.C.6:22-A1.2 (d), this is to advise that the Board of Education of the Township of Irvington will hold its Regular Monthly Meeting on **Wednesday, August 12, 2020, virtually at 6:00 p.m.**

Formal action will be taken.

Reggie Lamptey, CPA
Reggie Lamptey, CPA
Assistant Superintendent for
Business/Board Secretary
E93012 IHD July 30, 2020 (\$8.28)

OTR-LEGALS

ORANGE

**City of Orange Township
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT**

Please take notice that the City of Orange Township Planning Board is Requesting Proposals and Qualifications for Professional Services as listed below for the term of September 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Accepting RFQ's for the following:
Planning Board Attorney for the City of Orange Township Planning Board

Descriptive Requests for Proposals and Qualifications for the above Professional Services setting forth the scope of services sought and any proposal requirements may be obtained from the City of Orange Township by contacting Laquana Best, the Planning Board Secretary located at 29 North Day Street, Orange, NJ 07050. Any questions should be directed to Ms. Best at (973) 266-4201. Proposals will be evaluated in the manner and on the basis of most advantageous, price and other factors considered, in accordance with criteria set forth in the Request for Proposals.

The proposal for the above Professional Services sought are to be submitted separately. All proposals are to be submitted in sealed envelopes specifying the Professional Service for which the proposal is to be submitted by 10:00 AM on Monday, August 10, 2020 to: City of Orange Township Planning Board Secretary Laquana Best, 29 North Day Street, Orange, NJ 07050. Proposals can also be submitted directly to City Hall and left in the specified Dropbox for Professional Services located in the lobby of City Hall.

All proposals will be unsealed and opened on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 10:00 AM during a virtual bid opening that will be open to the public with the following login details:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85850843849>

Meeting ID: 858 5084 3849
One tap mobile
+13126266799,,85850843849# US(Chicago)
+16465588656,,85850843849# US (New York)

The City will review Qualification Statements only from those firms and individuals that submit a Qualification Statement which includes all the information required to be included as described (in the sole judgment of the City). The City intends to qualify firms and individuals that (a) possess the professional experience, administrative and staffing capabilities to provide the proposed services, and (b) agree to and meets the terms and conditions determined by the City. The selection of qualified firms and/or individuals are not subject to the bidding provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. The selection is subject however to the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play" Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq. The City has structured a procurement process that seeks to obtain the desired results, while establishing a competitive, fair and open process, to assure that each person and/or firm is provided an equal opportunity to submit a Qualification Statement in response to the RFQ.

The RFQ documents will become available on **Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 10:00AM**. It can be obtained in person at the Planning Board Office, City of Orange Township Municipal Building, 29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey 07050 or via email at lbest@orangenj.gov.
E93021 OTR July 30, 2020 (\$32.76)

ORANGE

**THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMISSION**
The Historic Preservation Commission will conduct a meeting on Wednesday,

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August 19, 2020 at 7:30 P.M. via Virtual Meeting:

Due to the current State of Emergency directly related to COVID-19, the City of Orange Township will be audio-video conferencing the meeting.

For further information on how to connect to the virtual meeting, please check the City Council's website at www.orangetwpnjcc.org or the City's website at www.ci.orange.nj.us.
Official Action will be taken.

**Joyce L. Lanier,
City Clerk**
E92933 OTR July 30, 2020 (\$8.64)

BIP-LEGALS

BLOOMFIELD

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

VALVE EXERCISING & REPLACEMENT PROGRAM - PHASE 3

Sealed proposals will be received by the Purchasing Committee of the Township of Bloomfield in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, Bloomfield, New Jersey, on August 12, 2020 at 11:00AM., prevailing time, and publicly opened and read aloud for the VALVE EXERCISING & REPLACEMENT PROGRAM - PHASE 3.

Copies of specifications and contract documents are open to inspection in the office of the Township Engineer, Municipal Building, Bloomfield, New Jersey and may be secured from said office upon payment as follows: For paper copies of plans and contract specifications, payment of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for each complete set; for paper copies of construction drawings and digital PDF copy of bid specifications, payment of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00); for digital copies of plans and specifications (PDF Format), payment of twenty (\$20.00). All payments are non-refundable. Any inquiries with regard to the bid documents shall be addressed to the Engineering Department at 973-680-4009.

The work includes inspecting, cleaning, exercising and replacing when necessary approximately 640 water valves within the distribution system of the Township of Bloomfield. The location of these valves are generally located on the Bloomfield water system map and are within service areas I-1; I-2; I-3; V-4 and V-5 as delineated on this map. Shut-off valves located between the hydrant and the main shall also be exercised and are included in this contract. The work also includes replacement of fire hydrants as directed by the Engineering Department.

Work to be completed in ninety (90) calendar days.

Bids must be made on proposal forms and must be enclosed in sealed, special addressed envelopes bearing the name and address of the bidder and work bid upon, on the outside, and must be accompanied by a duly executed Consent of Surety, Statement of Financial Responsibility, Non-Collusion Affidavit and Certified Check or Bid Bond for ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid but in no case in excess of \$20,000.00 as a guarantee of good faith and must be delivered at the above place at the time designated. Bids not enclosed in special addressed envelopes will be considered informal and will not be opened.

Bidders are required to be registered by the **New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development** at the time bids will be received by the Township of Bloomfield pursuant to the Public Works Contractor Registration Act (P.L. 2003, c. 91, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.51). Bidders are also required to be registered by the **New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue** at the time bids will be received by the Township of Bloomfield pursuant to the Business Registration Act (P.L.2004, c.57, N.J.S.A.52:32-44). Bidders shall also comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, Chapter 127 and P.L. 1982, Chapter 107.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, et seq. & N.J.A.C. 17:27.

Bidders shall also comply with P.L. 1963, c. 150 (Prevailing Wage) and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq.). Bidders are required to comply with Executive Order #34 (1976) – debarred vendors. In addition, effective August 1, 2005, P.L. 2005, c.67 authorized a new form of change order called "Value Engineering Construction Change Orders" for certain construction contracts. Please review these specifications to determine if this bid will involve this new form of change order.

The Township Council reserves the right to reject all bids or all items in the proposal; to increase or decrease or eliminate such items as may be necessary for the adoption of any alternate; to accept that one which, in its judgment, best serves its interest; to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bids received and to accept the bid from the lowest responsible bidder.

By order of the Township Council.

Louise M. Palagano
Municipal Clerk
E92939 BIP July 30, 2020 (\$38.88)

PUBLIC NOTICE

BLOOMFIELD

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD**

Please be advised that the Zoning Board of Adjustment will be holding special meetings on August 6, 2020 and August 27, 2020 both starting at 7 pm. These will be zoom meetings to hear the backlog of applications waiting to be heard. Agendas will be posted. The zoom meeting information is as follows:

8/6/20: Meeting ID 830 8669 9914 Password 166768
8/27/20: Meeting ID 875 8023 9294 Password 005710

Please contact the Secretary Nicole Cosenza with any questions at (973) 680-4012 or planning@bloomfieldtwpnj.com.
E93031 BIP July 30, 2020 (\$8.28)

MNR-LEGALS

MAPLEWOOD

**PUBLIC NOTICE
July 24, 2020**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT Township of Maplewood Ordinance Number 3002-20 AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW, PURSUANT TO CERTAIN RULES AND REGULATIONS, THE OCCUPANCY OF AN ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT IN DESIGNATED RESIDENTIAL AREAS did not pass on Second Reading and Final Passage at a meeting of the Maplewood Township Committee held on Tuesday, July 21, 2020.

ELIZABETH J. FRITZEN,
R.M.C., C.M.C., C.M.R.
Township Clerk
E93030 MNR July 30, 2020 (\$9.00)

MAPLEWOOD

**PUBLIC NOTICE
July 23, 2020**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Maplewood Township Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 beginning at 7:30 p.m. for the agenda portion of the Maplewood Township Committee Meeting (and 7:00 p.m. in Closed Session if needed). Please disregard the 2020 Annual Meeting Notice which reflected an hour later start time.

**ELIZA-
BETH J. FRITZEN,**
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E92981 MNR July 30, 2020 (\$8.55)

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD
PLANNING BOARD**

TAKE NOTICE that on July 14, 2020 the Township of Maplewood Planning Board memorialized the following resolution of their March 10, 2020 decision:

Case PB19-07 2210 Millburn Avenue
Applicant: Wilbur Vargas
GRANTING MAJOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL, VARIANCES AND WAIVERS TO ADD 2½ FLOORS TO AN EXISTING 2½ STORY STRUCTURE TO CREATE A MIXED USE BUILDING WITH RETAIL ON THE GROUND FLOOR

The resolution is on file and available for inspection by appointment in the office of the Planning Board located in the Municipal Building at 574 Valley Street, Maplewood, New Jersey.

Adele C. Lewis
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