

## Homeowners and Businesses Cited for Preservation Efforts

The Westfield Historic Preservation Commission honored selected homeowners, community volunteers and business representatives, and the Town of Westfield at its sixth annual awards presentation in the Town Council Chambers on June 11.

After welcoming comments by Commission Chairwoman Bonnie Danser and Second Ward Councilman James J. Gruba, representing Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, Chairwoman of the Commission's Community Relations Committee, Betty List, presented awards to Mr. and Mrs. GlendeBrueys of 940 Kimball Avenue, Mr. and Mrs. Larry G. Myers of 415 Woodland Avenue, Mr. and Mrs. John Walsh of 521 Tremont Avenue, Mr. and Mrs. Scott E. Strickland of 416 Elm Street, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Noble of 248 Kimball Avenue, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wiazzonek of 411 Mountain Avenue, Ms. Anne Bossi and Mr. John Rodrigues of 31 Stoneleigh Park, and Stephen G. Traflet, Counsel for Magnetic Resonance of New Jersey, 401 Central Avenue.



This home, at 521 Tremont Street and owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Walsh, was cited for extensive renovation.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wiazzonek, of 411 Mountain Avenue, were recognized for the restoration work and painting they did on their home.



This home, located at 31 Stoneleigh Park, was recognized by the Westfield Historic Preservation Commission for its recent renovation and roofing improvement. The home is owned by Anne Bossi.

Also receiving awards were Rick Richmond, representing NJ Transit; Nancy Priest, President of Friends of Mindowaskin Park, and former Mayor Bud C. Boothe and Councilman Gruba for Westfield's continuing commitment to renovating Mindowaskin Park and for the town's participation in the planning for alterations to Westfield's railroad stations to meet current Americans With Disabilities Act requirements.

A special award was then presented to Stacey Farley, an artist who was born and raised in Westfield, for creating the historic tile murals installed on the walls of the pedestrian underpass connecting Westfield's Train Station.

She described the silk screening process and firing procedures necessary to produce these tiles.

All residents who are contemplating expansion, alteration, restoration and maintenance of vintage properties are invited to contact the Commission, which meets the third Monday of the month in the Municipal Building from September through June.

## 'Party In The Park' Deemed A Huge Success in Westfield

The "Party in the Park" on Sunday, June 7, at Mindowaskin Park in Westfield, was a huge success, according to a spokeswoman for the group.

Hundreds of people turned out for the celebration of the park's 80th birthday.

"I think a lot of people turned out because the weather was perfect for a day in the park," said Nancy Priest, President of Friends of Mindowaskin, who hosted the party.

"It was a huge success, thanks to the generosity of the volunteers and sponsors who made it all happen," she added.

Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, with the assistance of the Town Crier Sam McCaulley, opened the ceremonies. Town Historian Homer Hall followed by the ringing of the Town Bell.

Jon Bramnick announced all the events throughout the day. There were classic cars on display, pony rides, face painting, yester-year photographs, a baking contest, a watermelon eating contest, bands playing on the bandstand, adult musical chairs, and food and ice cream for sale.

David Martone, of Classic Thyme in Westfield, had the envious job of selecting the winners of the Baking Contest. The first place winner of the cake category was JoAnn Halliburton of Westfield with her "Chocolate Pecan Torte" entry. The first place winner of the cookie category was Rebecca Glasser, a five-year old resident of Westfield, with her "I Can Bake Them Myself"

cookies.

The first place winner of the pie category was Molly Adams, of Westfield, with her "Adams' Apple Pie." First place ribbon was also given to Todd Heller for his cake rendition of the park's bandstand.

"There were several wonderful entries, it was a difficult job to judge," said Mr. Martone.

All proceeds generated from the party will be utilized for the beautification and preservation of Mindowaskin Park.

The Friends is a non-profit organization formed in 1991. Its members are dedicated to the preservation and beautification of the park. It is a volunteer organization devoted to ensuring the quality of the park's maintenance and improvements. The Friends organization raises funds from citizens and businesses who support these objectives.



Rebecca Glasser

### SP-F School District Enrollment Task Force Plans June 23 Meeting

A "General Orientation Meeting" of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood public school district's 1998 Facilities and Enrollment Task Force has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the Board of Education Administrative Office, located at Evergreen Avenue and Cedar Street in Scotch Plains.

This Task Force is being convened, at the request of the Board of Education, to examine the projected shortfall of classroom space, and to review and investigate the strengths and weaknesses of various options to address this shortfall over the next five years.

Interested members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting.



TAKING THE HELM... James Debbie, Jr., center, is sworn in as Mountainside's new Chief of Police during Tuesday night's meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council. Chief Debbie is accompanied by his wife, Pat, as Councilman Ronald W. Romak administers the oath of office.

## James Debbie, Jr. Takes Oath of Office As Mountainside Chief

By GRETCHEN A. BOWMAN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Borough Council Chambers of the Mountainside Municipal Building was quite full Tuesday night, as local residents turned out to witness a new era — the naming of long-time Police Lieutenant James Debbie, Jr., as the municipality's new Chief of Police.

Prior to the official swearing-in ceremony, Mountainside Mayor Robert F. Vigilanti presented a proclamation to honor Carol B. Hancock, the newly-elected President of the New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs.

Ms. Hancock, a member of the Mountainside Women's Club for 36 years, has served on both the local and state levels in various capacities and offices.

The Mayor expressed pride in having a member of the Mountainside community head up the Federation of Women's Clubs.

"This evening is a monumental day in the history of Mountainside," said the Mayor, reflecting on the milestone events being celebrated that evening, including the appointment of a new police chief.

A new generation of officers pro-

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