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COME ONE, COME ALL
TO
WRA'S ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PICNIC
AT
THE PAVILION IN SMITH PARK
ON COUNTRY CLUB ROAD
Set-up time 5 p.m., Dining at apx. 6 p.m

Hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, and beverages will be provided. Salads, entrees and desserts will again be pot luck offerings by attendees. The assortment is always amazing and plentiful. So ignore the diet and duff in!

There picnics always have a party-like atmosphere heightened by local scuttlebutt news. If you are new to Westfield, this is an easy, informal, way to meet your neighbors. If any of you longer time residents living in Westfield, are concerned about something in your neighborhood, this is the time to bring it to the attention of WRA Executive Committee members, because in addition to being a fun fest, this event is one of WRA's

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Did You Know...

... that there is a fabulous, statewide, educational organization headquartered right here in Westfield-- at 25 Industrial Park Road? Established in 1969 by statute and funded primarily by the CT Department of Education, it was called the Special Education Resource Center. In 2005 the name was changed to the present State Education Resource Center (SERC).

SERC believes that all students have the right to access opportunities and experiences that reflect and respect their differences and abilities. In Connecticut, educational outcomes for students of color and disabilities continue to lag behind outcomes for other students. To eliminate these achievement gaps, SERC's staff has included teachers, principals, and other professionals serving children from preschool through high school and beyond. Their di-

verse backgrounds also range from psychology to business to health to law, and their training and technical assistance spans teaching and learning, technology in education, special education, diversity, and positive behavior support, to name a few.

SERC has a Library open to the public and offers more than 10,000 resources, including books, instructional materials, tests, journals, online databases, a DVD and video collection, CD-ROM programs, and young people's disability awareness literature. For more library information, go to www.ctserc.org/library. SERC also houses the Connecticut Parent Information Resource Center (CT PIRC) providing statewide support to families, educators, and faith-based organizations. For more info on this, go to www.ctpirc.org or call 1-800-842-8678.

THOSE PUBLIC HEARING SIGNS ON COUNTRY CLUB ROAD

The Water and Sewer Department is planning to put City Water mains on Country Club Road, extending a water line which currently ends at Moody School. The new line will connect with a water line which follows Middle Street to the Department of Public Safety building on Country Club Road.

The pipe will be buried in the south side of Country Club. Because Country Club crosses wetlands at several locations, a permit from the Inland Wetlands Commission is required. Commissioners voted to require a public hearing for the project.

This hearing was originally scheduled for June 2nd, but ironically the Water and Sewer Department forgot to post the required signs about the public hearing, so it had to be postponed until July 7.



ANNUAL PICNIC AND QUARTERLY MEETING

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quarterly general meetings. While business is kept to a minimum to preserve a party atmosphere, member input of subjects of concern are important and welcome at anytime, because it gives the Executive Committee members a heads-up that helps WRA be proactive rather than reactive. Executive Committee members, too, are always ready to provide answers

to any questions.

So, remember the date, Monday, July 12th. Join WRA for this special event. Admission, like the refreshments, is free.

We'll be looking for you!

135 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

That is what it has taken the Ladies Aid Society of Third Congregational Church on Miner Street to earn the status of Connecticut's oldest, largest Strawberry Festival, a major church fund raiser.

Always held on the second Thursday in June, never fewer than 1700 people come to enjoy the luscious seasonal treat. This year 800 quarts of CT berries, 144 quarts of real whipping cream were purchased and 1,618 large, all church-made, shortcakes were created and baked. (Note: Because some people want smaller portions, shortcakes are cut in half horizontally, so the number of customers always out-number the amount of shortcakes baked.)



In the space of about five and a half hours, how do the Ladies handle such an enormous demand? They couldn't without active church members, their relatives, friends and the neighbors pitching in to help!

If this year you missed this famous festival for which the church has become known far and wide, jot down next year's date: June 9, 2011.

HELP AT LAST!

In response to WRA's letter to Acting Police Chief McMahan, asking for some speed traffic control on Atkins, Middle and Miner Streets, on Monday, June 21st, the Traffic Department started measuring drivers speed by alternately locating the traffic trailer on each of those streets, starting with Middle Street because of all the truck traffic.

Recorded violations will mean fines and/or other penalties for the offenders.

Speaking of speeding: The first automobile law was passed by the state of Connecticut in 1901, setting the speed limit at a "roaring" 12 mph!

INLAND WETLANDS APPROVES PROJECTS IN WESTFIELD

Several projects in Westfield have been discussed at the Inland Wetlands Commission in recent months:

- The City Public Works Department received a permit to install Storm Drains on Atkins Street, to relieve flooding in a low-lying area.
- The City will work to alleviate flooding in the backyards of houses on Lorraine Terrace.
- The City Public Works Department received a permit to install a new culvert for the passage of Miner Brook under Westlake Drive. This project will cost \$1.8M, about 80% of this comes from the State "Local Bridges" program.
- Although not in Westfield, a project of some interest is the landslide which occurred behind Char-ton Apartments on Newfield Street. The City is monitoring activity done to restore the hill and is working on a plan to clear a passageway for the Coginchaug River.



MIDDLETOWN ECONOMIC STATISTICS AVAILABLE

The City Planning Department publishes a newsletter every week with information about meetings, and with statistics about Middletown economic activity. Here are excerpts from the most recent report (for full report, go to the following link: http://www.middletownplanning.com/documents/MStatReport_June2010.pdf).

Local Economy- The good news is that storefront vacancies are almost half of the number a year ago and trade name registrations jumped 123%, possible signals of a local turn around. While the unemployment rate dropped down 0.8% to 8%, the number of job openings also declined 8% since last month. The number of job openings are not

high enough to help put Middletown unemployed to work in the next three to six months. 300 jobs at the new PriceChoppers will help.

Housing- Number of sales are up for both condos and single family dwellings, but these positive numbers are countered with softening prices and increasing inventories. Foreclosures dipped slightly. The dip would have been larger were it not for the 17 City of Middletown initiated foreclosures.

Web Presence- Modest decline on search engines and little new activity in rising search trends. Is no news good news?

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO THIS SUMMER?

For a list of ideas, call 860-343-6620 or visit www.cityofmiddletown.com, click on Departments, then click on Parks & Recreation to view the complete summer brochure.

To reserve a park picnic area, call 860-343-6627.

LOTS OF ARTS EVENTS THIS SUMMER, MANY OF THEM FREE!

MUSIC AT THE MANSION. Every Wednesday in July features a FREE concert at Wadsworth Mansion. Grounds open at 5:30, parking is free, concerts begin at 6:30. Bring a friend, family, and have a picnic dinner while enjoying great music!

July 7th - "Souled Out"

Back by popular demand, Souled Out will open the series on July 7th. Souled Out is a musical ensemble that specializes in the great Motown and Soul sounds.

July 14th - "Conga Bop"

The July 14th concert will feature Cong- Bop, Conga-Bop combines the harmony and sensibilities of hard-bop with the rhythms of the Caribbean to produce an original and vibrant sound that is Latin and jazz. .

July 21st - "Michael Cleary Band"

Making their first appearance at the Mansion on July 21st is The Michael Cleary Band. The Michael Cleary Band is a Hartford institution. They are celebrating their 19th year of making original Groove/Funk/Rock music with a twist and have been called Hartford's answer to the Allman Brothers.

July 28th - 'U.S. Coast Guard Band"

The concert series will conclude on July 28th with a Wadsworth Mansion favorite, the USCG Band. Since its formation in 1925, the Coast Guard Band has developed an international reputation as one of the finest professional concert bands in the world, offering music of great variety and appeal.

SHAKESPEAR IN THE GROVE

Artfarm will be performing **As You Like It**. All performances are outdoors at Middlesex Community College, and feature a short concert prior to the play.

Concert begins at 6PM, As You Like It at 7PM.

Performances on July 8, 9, 10, 11, and July 15, 16, 17, 18.

SUMMER SOUNDS on the SOUTH GREEN
TUESDAYS • 7 PM

Rain Location: South Congregational Church

July 6- Five in Time

sparkling woodwind quintet

July 13 - Bange's Jazz Jents

memories of the big bands w/a combo flavor

July 20 - John Valerio Band

from Duke Ellington to Willie Nelson to the Rolling Stones

July 27 - Ken Morr Band

NEW! quartet performing original folk/rock

Aug. 3- Sam Vinci Band

standards, jazz, Italian favorites

Aug. 10 - Sonny Rogers Band

lively mix of music from the 70's thru the 90's

Aug. 17 - Joey Milardo & the Musical Cavaliers

lively polkas, obereks & waltzes

Aug. 24 - Kitty Kathryn

NEW! jazz standards from a favorite vocalist

Aug. 31 - Elite Syncopation

authentic ragtime & early jazz from internationally acclaimed quintet

Sept. 7 - Middletown Symphonic Band

the area's finest

GROUND-BREAKING FOR THE ARMY BASE AT CUCIA PARK



This article was written by Ed McKeon, and originally published in The Middletown Eye. The photo below shows WRA chair Arline Rich, and vice-chair Stephen Devoto, speaking with the project manager for the Army Base, Diane McCartin.

Dignitaries from the municipal, state, and federal government, and from the Army, gathered Friday morning to throw the symbolic shovelful of dirt as ground was officially broken for the Army Reserve Training Center in Middletown's Cucia Park.



"I don't think the Department of Defense is ever going to be the same after dealing with Middletown," said Mayor Sebastian Giuliano in his remarks at the event,

referring to the difficult task of finding the right spot in town for the facility.

In fact, each of the speakers made note of the arduous journey which began when the Army decided it wanted to build its training center in Maromas until a group of dedicated residents fought that choice, along with the Army's second choice, Boardman Lane on the East Side of town in the Westfield section.

"It was never a question as to whether the Army was

welcome in town," Giuliano said.

Giuliano made it a point to recognize local citizens who took part in the task of selecting Cucia Park as the site.

Connecticut Representative Rosa DeLauro announced that the new facility would be named for Maurice Rose, a Middletown native and the highest ranking Jewish member of the Army at the time he served. Rose was killed in Germany at the end of World War II.

DeLauro also recognized the efforts of Secretary of State Susan Bysiewicz, Attorney General Richard Blumenthal and State Senator Paul Doyle, who were not seated on the main platform, but were far more instrumental in moving the Army to Cucia Park than were Senator Joe Lieberman and Governor Jodi Rell, who were invited to speak.

"I'm very glad that deliberating together for a very long time we were able to select an appropriate site," DeLauro said.

Mayor Giuliano said that the final check for the site of \$1.9 million was delivered to the city Friday.

The ribbon cutting for the Army Reserve Training Center is planned for 2011.

Westfield Residents Association Officers, 2010

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