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COMING UP: MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

OF THIRD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

94 MINER STREET

Not a debate, WRA's Meet The Candidate Night is a opportunity for the public to hear and talk personally with people seeking their vote. This year there are many official terms expiring. To invite all the candidates to speak, would make the meeting intolerably long. However, all candidates are invited, if they would like to meet and talk informally with attendees before, during the brief refreshment break. or at the close of the meeting.

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HELP FOR CARE GIVERS

If you are a new or long time care giver and you need help with a care giving problem, the person to turn to is WRA member Ed Margnelli, owner of the Day Club For Seniors on Miner St. Ed says when anyone asks if he can help, he always says "yes". If he cannot personally provide the kind of help that they need, he can tell them who to see and where.

Ed offers four very important services: (1) The Day Club, a certified medical, model, Center that provides nursing assistance and a host of other caring attributes, including hot noon meals with dietary modifications as needed. For the complete list call 860-632-1119. (2) HomeCare Connection LLC The list of services that an experienced team can provide is long and includes providing companionship, help with mobility, and running errands. For the complete list call 860-635-5009. (3) Moving and Clean-

out Service. If you are downsizing and moving to a new home, or if you are caring for someone who must move to an assisted living facility, what to do with all the years of accumulations, furniture, etc can be a big headache, not to mention back breaking, if you and a friend try to do it your selves. Instead call Ed. He and his staff can do it all for you--and in half of the time. Also, if you are planning to sell your home, he can help you have it "realtor ready". The number to call for these services is: 860-344-0005. (4) "Estate Treasures" Quality used items for sale--furniture, appliances, household and kitchen items; health care equipment, tools, electronics, linens and more, much more. Currently at 90 Main Street Extension, moving soon to 134 Main Steet Extension. For more information, call 860-344-0005.

REMEMBER

When the outside weather turns brutally cold, be kind to man's best friend and take your animal(s) inside to a dry, warm bed. Hypothermia (below normal body temperature) doesn't just claim human lives, it can also kill domestic animals. Don't put your pet(s) at risk. Bring them in...please.

GOOD TO KNOW

(1) If you have trouble with your land (in home) telephone service, and you push 611, AT&T's repair number and the answering machine tells you to push a certain number for English, don't do it or push any other number. Wait just a bit and a live person will come on that you can talk to.

(2) Computers, televisions and other electronics can now be recycled at no charge at the City's Recycling Center. It's open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. and now through November every Saturday 7 a.m.-12 noon.

(3) Now through November joggers, walkers, strollers, wheelchairers, and roller bladers are welcome to enjoy Westfield's trail. The trail begins at the Middle Street and Timber Ridge Road intersection goes to Smith Street to Westlake Drive and Rising Trail Drive intersection.



Meet The Candidates!

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Candidates who will be speaking are: The three mayoral candidates: Rep. Sebastian Giuliano, Dem. Daniel Drew, and Ind. Christine Berry Bourne, each will have 4 minutes; the three treasurer candidates: Rep. Jonathan Pullino, Dem. Quentin Phipps and Ind. J. Tina Mazzotta Raffa, each will have 3 minutes.

After them, the three parties will each have ten minutes to use as they like. The chairmen can speak collectively

for party members, or they can introduce members running for Common Council or other offices, just as long that they stay within the allotted ten minutes.

After all have spoken, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions of any of the candidates.

Candidates running for Elected Office are listed below.

Mayor

Christine Bourne (I)
 Dan Drew (D)
 Sebastian Giuliano (R)

Treasurer

Quentin Phipps (D)
 Jonathan Pulino (R)
 Tina Raffa (I)

Board of Assessment Appeals

Kathryn Antonucci (D)
 Laura Gionfriddo (R)
 James Streeto (D)
 Bill Wilson (R)

Common Council

Mary Bartolotta (D)
 David Bauer (R)
 Todd Berch (D)
 Joe Bibisi (R)
 Fred Carroll (RBD)
 Gerald Daley (D)
 Edward Dypa (R)
 Grady Faulkner (D)
 Matthew Fraulino (R)
 Hope Kasper D
 Ronald Klattenberg (D)
 Deborah Kleckowski (R)
 Phil Pessina (R)
 Earle Roberts (R)
 Linda Salafia (R)
 Robert Santangelo (D)
 Thomas Serra (D)

Planning and Zoning

Ron Borrelli (R)
 Carl Chisem (D)
 Corrine Dorsey (R)
 Beth Emery (D)
 Gary Faraci (D)
 William Gregorio (R)
 Mike Johnson (D)
 Ken McClellan (R)
 Richard Pelletier (D)
 Joyce Rossitter (D)
 Molly Salafia (R)
 Fred Terrasi (R)

Board of Education

Franca Biales (D)
 Callie Grippo (R)
 Ava Hart (D)
 Tami Kapaczewski (R)
 Kevin Kelly (R)
 Mark Loomis (I)
 AlexanderMac Levin (R)
 Cheryl McClellan (R)
 Edward McKeon (D)
 Eugene Nocera (D)
 Mitchell Wynn (D)

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Atkins Street 3 lot subdivision.

On August 11, the Commission failed to approve a 3-lot subdivision of a 6 acre parcel on Atkins Street. The subdivision would have created 2 rear lots, connected to Atkins Street by a long driveway. At the public hearing on this subdivision, neighbors objected to the subdivision, arguing that there were extensive water flow problems in the area which would be exacerbated by the proposed new houses and driveways.=

Riverfront Planning

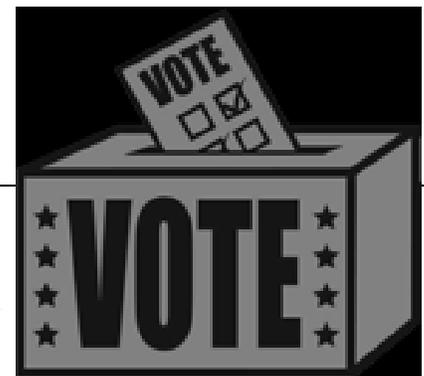
The Mayor asked the Planning and Zoning Commission to take the lead on planning for the development of the city's riverfront property. Land on River Road, just south of Harbor Park, will provide riverfront access after

the decommissioning of Middletown's sewer treatment plant. The Planning and Zoning Commission held several meetings to consider the nature of riverfront development.

Marijuana Zoning Code Text Amendment

The Commission approved a very restrictive zoning code for marijuana sales, just in case marijuana is ever legalized in Connecticut. The text amendment restricts marijuana sales to three relatively small zones, and requires that sales can only be done by a licensed pharmacist operating in a licensed pharmacy. There are only 6

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MAYOR SPEAKS ABOUT PLANS FOR THE AETNA PROPERTY

Mayor Sebastian Giuliano issued a press release this week about the plans for finding a purchaser who would develop the 250 acres of land vacated when Aetna removed most of its employees and its largest building.

Here are extracts from the mayor's release:

Mayor Sebastian N. Giuliano and Aetna announced today that Aetna has retained Cushman and Wakefield as the exclusive commercial broker for the former Aetna location in Westfield. The Mayor stated that over the past 2 years, the City, The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce and Aetna have been strategizing and planning on the redevelopment of the 250 acre site at 1000 Middle Street.

Giuliano noted that the city will be working closely with Aetna, the Chamber and the State of Connecticut to find the ideal end use for the property. The site is a prime location for development, located in the center of the state, highway access and prox-

imity to major northeast markets.

Larry McHugh, President of the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce stated, "I applaud Aetna for working so closely with the city and the Chamber to bring new jobs and investment to the site. The Middlesex Chamber is actively engaged in marketing the site and I have spoken with state leaders at the highest levels to make sure they are focused on this site.

Giuliano pointed out that Middletown's Grand List, even without the Aetna building is strong and diversified. He indicated that "the city must resist offers for less than ideal uses. We must have a long term perspective here, we can't settle for less than ideal."

Your Westfield Residents Association will continue to monitor any proposals for development, and have already reached out to the Mayor's office to become engaged in the ongoing discussions.

BOARD OF EDUCATION SAYS GOODBYE TO FIVE MEMBERS

Five Members of the Board of Ed are not seeking re-election on November 8th: Republican Corinne Gill and Democrats Bill Boyd, Jay Keiser, Renee Johnson-Thornton, and Sally Boske. Keiser and Boyd were on the Budget Committee, with Keiser as Chair, Boyd was Chair of the Curriculum Committee, and Boske was Chair of the Policy Committee. Gill served as BOE Secretary.

Eleven individuals are seeking a spot on the board:

Republicans: Callie Grippo, Cheryl McClellan, Kevin Kelly, Tami Kapaczewski and Alexander Mac Levin. The Republican website with candidate bios is: www.middletownctgop.com.

Democrats: Ed McKeon, Mitchell Wynn, Eugene Nocera, Ava Hart, and Franca Biales. The Democratic website with candidate bios is: dems.info/middletown/election/Middletown-DTC-MATCHPROOF.pdf

Write-in Candidate: Mark Loomis. His website is: sites.google.com/site/markloomisforboardofeducation

Key issues for the 2011-2012 School Year include bullying in Middletown, Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) results, racial imbalance at Macdonough School (despite the redistricting process), the continuing feud between the BOE and the city over several different issues, and what the 2012-2013 budget will look like.

No real work has happened this fall in anticipation of the election, so look for BOE news to heat up right after the election as the budget cycle starts in November.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

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locations in the city which fit those criteria, none in Westfield (the nearest are the Price Chopper, Walgreens, and CVS pharmacies on Washington Street).

Large LED Display In Westfield Fails To Gain Approval

Citing aesthetic considerations, on April 2th, the Design and Review Board unanimously denied an application by Geno Martorelli, owner of The Galleria on Middle Street, to install a large, LED display on his property facing I91.

The DRPB heard from Michiel Wackers, Deputy Director of the Planning Department, that the State Department of Transportation rules explicitly state that signs must be approved by municipalities, that such an illuminated sign was not allowed in the Middle Street zone, and that the zoning code explicitly bans signs with changing illumination.

Members of the Board requested Wackers to begin research on updating Middletown's signage regulations to include language on LED signs.

At the October 12th meeting of Design Review, Board members heard about regulations which have been adopted in other cities in Connecticut and the New England. It appears that our city has some of the most relaxed guidelines. The Board will need to decide if they want to retain flexibility or write more restrictive rules.

WHAT IS GOING ON WITH COUNTRY CLUB ROAD?

Expect the disruption of Country Club Road to continue for a couple more months. The City is putting in a new water main which run from Moody School to the Public Safety Building at the corner of Country Club Road and Middle Street. This new line will connect at one end with an existing line on Higby Street, and at the other end with an existing line which comes from Smith Street down Middle Street.

New fire hydrants are being installed on Country Club Road, and residents have the opportunity to connect their homes to the new city water.

The contractor did test drillings, and knew to expect

Sonoma Woods

Bob Wiedenmann, President of the Sunwood Development Corp has purchased the troubled Sonoma Woods active adult community. The project, formerly owned and managed by Pat Verderame of White Tail Development of Southington, went into foreclosure several years ago. The Sonoma Woods neighborhood association has been overseeing the concerns of the community. Wiedenmann intends to complete the development comprised of 24 additional units to be built. All infrastructure is in place (roads and sewers) but paving, curbing, and a community room are incomplete. One of the concerns of neighbors has been the run-off from Sonoma Woods onto properties on Lisa Lane and Westwood Lane.

The existing residents of Sonoma Woods, as well as neighbors on Lisa Lane were cautiously enthusiastic about Wiedenmann's intention to finish all of the subdivision, and many of them came out to the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to express their support for the necessary re-approval of the development plan. However, they urged the Commission to do something which would ensure that their development would not be abandoned yet again if the economy became worse.

The Commission decided to renew the development plan, but with the condition that certificates of occupancy (necessary for the sale of any properties) would be withheld pending the completion of certain landmarks.

rock in some stretches of the road. However, the rocky ledge was much more extensive than anticipated, and as a result the project has required extensive blasting and excavations, especially in the area where the road cuts through the traprock ridge.

The road is shut from Miner to Higby Street, from about 7 AM to 4 PM, creating extra traffic on both of those otherwise quiet streets.

Current estimates are that it will take a few months to finish the installation of the water line. Instead of installing the 3 sections of pipe per day that they expected, they are only able to do about 1 section per day.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WRA's fiscal year begins on October first. We are looking forward to another year of effective monitoring to keep Westfield a delightful blend of residential and controled industrial development.

that we know that we can count on your continued support.

As you know, it is the size of our membership that makes the positive difference when a representative from this thirty year old organization speaks for or against an issue at city meetings. To maintain this leverage, we remind you that dues are due for the 2011-2012 year. Your continued membership is of vital importance. Please complete the renewal application below so

By going to E-mailing the newsletter to those who have the service, we hope to keep the membership cost unchanged: just \$10 for a single membership, \$15 for a couple living at the same address. If you prefer a hard copy, please let us know.

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RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP (IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY)!

The WRA represents the interests of all who care about of life in Westfield, and all who care about the reasonable development of Middletown. We hope we can count on your continued support. Please use the renewal application below.

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Arline Rich
- Vice Chair
Stephen Devoto
- Secretary
Carolann D'Eon
- Treasurer
Ron Goodrich
- Committee Members
Ann Loffredo
Cathy Branch Stebbins
Jennifer Mahr
- Alternates
Bill Dougherty

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WRA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please Circle One: NEW RENEWAL DONATION

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