

Westfield News

Westfield Residents Association, Inc.

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A Quarterly Newsletter

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Annual Picnic

Join us on Monday, July 11th at 6pm at the Arline K. Rich Pavilion at Smith Park for our quarterly meeting and annual picnic. We will provide pulled pork sandwiches, drinks, chips, and paper goods. Please bring a side or dessert to share.

The annual picnic is a great time to connect with your neighbors and friends. We also use the time to check in with each other on what's happening in Westfield. If you have questions or concerns, the Executive Committee wants to hear from you.



WRA Annual Picnic
Smith Park
Monday, July 11, 2016 at 6 pm

If you cannot attend, you can always email your concerns to westfieldresidents@gmail.com. The Executive Committee will investigate and get back to you with an answer.

Quarterly Meeting Agenda

- I. Secretary's Report
- II. Treasurer's Report
- III. Old Business
 - a. FedEx update
 - b. WRA website
 - c. Dingwall-Horan Firearms Facility
- IV. New Business
 - a. Draft Zoning Code
 - b. P&Z update
 - c. Inland Wetlands update
 - d. Annual Meeting and Meet the Candidates Night - proposed date October 24, 2016
 - e. WRA Executive Committee elections for 2016-17
 - f. Other New Business?
- V. Adjournment



Annual Membership

At the May 16, 2016 quarterly meeting, WRA members voted to change the WRA's membership fees. Instead of two fees based on single or couple status, there is now just one fee of \$15 per year. Since most households receive the newsletter via email, it doesn't matter if there are one or two members in the house.

Additionally, postage costs have gone up over time, so it is more expensive to mail newsletters to those households who do not elect email delivery of the newsletter.

WRA membership renews in October at the Annual Meeting. However, according to the WRA Bylaws, if you pay your membership dues between the date of the annual picnic and the annual October meeting, your membership is considered paid for the entire year.

A new membership form is included in this newsletter for your convenience. Couples, please continue to list both names in your household so the Executive Committee can know you both.

Fire Department News

Fire Safety Tips

- Have a working smoke detector on every floor and outside all sleeping areas
- Check smoke detector batteries every month and replace every 6 months. **WHEN YOU CHANGE YOUR CLOCK - CHANGE YOUR BATTERY!**
- Have a fire escape plan with two ways out of every room and a common meeting place away from your house. Practice your plan!

107 fire calls made in May 2016

2016-2017 Annual Budget passed on May 10, 2016.

See details at <http://westfieldfd.com/files/2016/05/WFD-Approved-Budget-for-Fiscal-Year-2016-20171.pdf>

Check Your Tax Bills!

Mill Rates effective July 1, 2015

City Tax: 32.6

City Fire: 7.0 (combined 39.6)

South Fire: 4.468 (combined 37.068)

Westfield Fire: 1.416 (combined 34.016)

Westfield Fire District Tax Office
653 East Street

Phone: 860-632-0377

Fax: 860-635-0375

Email: JNewman@westfieldfd.com
or CAugeri@westfieldfd.com

Tax Collector: Jean M. Newman
Treasurer/Tax Clerk: Cynthia Augeri

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

11:00 am to 3:30 pm

Thursday 11:00 am to 4:30 pm



218 Smith Street

Restaurant Review

By Jennifer Mahr, WRA Chair

Red Fox
218 Smith Street
860-790-4967

Hours: M-Th 10am - 10pm
Fri & Sat 10am - 11pm
Sun 10am - 10pm

Restaurant, Bar & Catering

Menu www.redfoxct.com

Banquet Hall also available

If you haven't had a chance to stop in and try The Red Fox, you've missed out on a delicious meal.

My husband and I were out cycling one afternoon recently and the smell as we rode past was too delicious to resist. We returned home, rounded up our three children, and had an amazing Italian dinner on the patio. Silly us for waiting so long to try a new place!

Built on the site that used to be Fong's Restaurant, The Red Fox opened on April 1, 2015. Owner Fico Cecunjanin was the executive chef of Luce Restaurant for nine years.

The ambiance is warm and inviting, the flowers are gorgeous, the patio is a delightful place to eat, the staff is

friendly and prompt, and the food is fresh and tastes as fantastic as it smells. Don't miss out on this Westfield gem!

The Hartford Courant review is here: <http://www.courant.com/hartford-magazine/food-drink/hc-hm-red-fox-middletown-review-20151130-story.html>





FedEx Site Work Begins

This is the current view of the FedEx site when driving along Industrial Parkway Road. Site work is expected to take up to a full year to complete before any building begins.

The *Hartford Courant* covered the April 2016 groundbreaking ceremony here: <http://www.courant.com/community/middletown/hc-middletown-fedex-groundbreaking-0513-20160512-story.html>

If you have questions or concerns about this project as it proceeds, please contact the Executive Committee at westfieldresidents@gmail.com. We will be able to pass along your concerns or questions to the project engineer.

2016-2017 Membership Form

Dues: \$15 per household covers various facility use fees for quarterly meetings, newsletter costs, food costs, website fees, and a Secretary of State filing fee. Make checks payable to WRA and mail membership form to Treasurer, Westfield Residents Association, P.O. Box 373, Middletown, CT 06457

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

_____ \$15 Annual Membership Fee

_____ Donation amount: \$ _____

Westfield Residents Association

The Executive Committee monitors municipal decisions that impact Westfield. This includes land use decisions by the Inland Wetlands Agency and the Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as the Parks Department, Public Works, and the Police.

We host an annual potluck picnic in Smith Park in early July, a “meet the candidates” night during election season, and other public meetings in January and April.

If you are concerned or curious about something in Westfield, let us know.

If you would like to become more involved, please speak to any of us, we are always looking for more volunteers.

Executive Committee

- Jennifer Mahr — Chair**
- Cathy Branch-Stebbins — Vice-Chair**
- Doug Turner — Treasurer**
- Leah Meyer — Secretary**
- Bill Dougherty — Member**

Contact Us

Chair Jennifer Mahr (h) 860-344-8647
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Leaves of three, let it be...if you see white, danger is in sight!

Here's a link to a great video on identifying poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac. This picture was taken on Bell Street, but there is poison ivy just about everywhere you look in Westfield. If you think you've encountered any of the poison plants, wash the suspected area several times with soap and a washcloth. The scrubbing of the washcloth is critical to oil removal, similar to the process of getting black grease off your skin. Then launder the washcloth and any exposed clothing in hot water and a strong detergent.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2_h7GyAwwvc

