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Parsippany zoning battle heads to court

Wildlife group: Town positioning for land-grab

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A long-simmering battle between Parsippany and its largest landholder is heading to court as the nonprofit group Wildlife Preserves filed suit last month to void the council's rezoning of certain lots on its property.

The majority of the 1,375 privately-owned acres on the preserve, in an area known as Troy Meadows, are wetlands, flood plains and environmentally-sensitive areas the group has preserved for decades. Other upland portions of the property — including lots it owns between Marcia Terrace and Bennett Court in the South Beverwyck section of the township — were approved earlier this year as a subdivision and became fully developable as residential lots.

Len Fariello, former mayor of neighboring Hanover and land manager for Wildlife Preserves, says the township council's recent approval of an ordinance rezoning those lots to a recreation, conservation and wildlife zone was a deliberate attempt to devalue the land "so the township can acquire the land in fee or restrict the land by easement without fair and just compensation."

"The RCW zone devalues the land and makes it easier for government and utilities to take it by eminent domain," Fariello said after the council passed Ordinance 2014:16 during a special meeting on June 2. "The zone couldn't have come at a

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"The new zone makes it cheaper and easier to run the lines through the meadows."

LEN FARIELLO, Wildlife Preserves land manager



A path leading into the Wildlife Preserves area at Troy Meadows in Parsippany.



COURTESY OF SISTERS OF CHARITY OF ST. ELIZABETH
Sister Miriam Teresa, a Sister of Charity who died at age 26 in 1927, will be the first American to be beatified in the U.S.

Historic honor for Morris Twp. nun

Beatification ceremony to be held in Newark

By Lorraine Ash
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MORRIS TWP. — Sister Miriam Teresa, a Sister of Charity in Convent Station until her death in 1927, will be the first American to be beatified in the United States at an Oct. 4 Mass at Sacred Heart Basilica in Newark.

The Mass, expected to overflow the 2,000-seat cathedral, will be celebrated by Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, who will travel from Rome as the personal representative of Pope Francis.

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Inspired by memories of brother

By Lauren Knego
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If it wasn't for his older brother Luke, Mount Olive graduate Zack Heeman wouldn't have become the athlete he is today.

Zack Heeman is gearing up for his freshman year at Rutgers University and is trying to earn a starting spot on the football team's offensive line as the Scarlet Knights prepare for their first season in the Big Ten.

Heeman played football and basket-

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WHAT'S AHEAD THIS WEEK

Staff Report

'Food is Medicine' program in Mendham

MENDHAM — The Mendham Township Library will host "Food is Medicine" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Dr. Ron Weiss, a board certified internist and assistant professor at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, will explain how certain foods can prevent and reverse illness.

The presentation will compare plant-based whole foods with drug-based medicine. Participants will learn how to use these foods to prevent illness and have an opportunity to ask questions.

The library is located at 2 W. Main Street. Reservations are recommended by calling 973-543-4018, email Programs@mendhamtwpbib.org or visit the library.

Women's group brunch in Mountain Lakes

The Women's Connection of Northern New Jersey

will host the "Beauty Within" Brunch from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Wednesday at The Villa, located at 90 Route 46 East in Mountain Lakes.

Erika Domanico, owner of Culture Cabin in Boonton, will be teaching age-appropriate crafts to children under age 10 whose mothers will be attending the brunch. Cost is \$20 per person. For more information, call 973-985-5979 or visit //mcwomenconnect.webs.com/.

Safe boating course in Newton

Coast Boating School will conduct a New Jersey mandatory safe boating course from 6:30 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday at Sussex County Community College, 1 College Hill Road in Newton.

Cost is \$85 per person. For more information, call 973-300-2140 or visit coastboatingschool.com/class-schedule/.

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