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P&Z enacts new rules of decorum

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Looking back to spring 2008, Ron Corwin recalled the many people who came out to show their support or opposition of the Westport Weston Family Y's proposed move to Camp Mahackeno. At those Planning and Zoning

hearings, some proponents wore T-shirts with writing on them that expressed their support.

Corwin, chairman of the commission, never asked the supporters to conceal the shirts, but recently-approved decorum guidelines forbids such attire and establishes other policies.

"If we had to do it all over again ... and people were to come in wearing those shirts, based on the new policy we would ask them to cover the shirts or not come in the room," Corwin said.

The guidelines arose out of a July 22 work session and passed 6-1. Commission member Cath-

erine Walsh voted no.

In addition to addressing attire people may wear — or not wear — and banning signs, the new rules dictate guidelines for politeness and civility during P&Z meetings. Previously, there were no set guidelines for any of these issues.

Walsh was in full sup-

port of the guidelines that stamp out aggressive or intimidating behavior, but she believes people should be able to express themselves at a meeting.

"It's just an issue of free speech. My biggest concern is unruly and threatening behavior," she said. "I believe you should have the ability to

express your opinions in a civil, non-threatening way and I believe a sign or a color on a T-shirt is non-threatening."

In early 2010, two other incidents occurred that spurred creation of the guidelines. When a proposal to expand the

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A Japanese jam session



Brian A. Pounds / Staff photographer

Performers from the traditional Japanese drumming group O-Tatsu Taiko play at the Bon Odori Japanese Summer Festival at Jesup Green in downtown Westport on Sunday. At left, Juliette Savarino, 5, of Westport, learns to play a traditional Japanese drum with the help of Masayo Kaneko, of New York City.

There are more photos online at www.westport-news.com

Instant info

Police launching new program

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Beginning Aug. 1, the Westport Police Department plans on keeping residents in the loop — instantly — as situations arise throughout town.

When the next big storm strikes, Westport police can now send text messages about toppled power lines and blocked roads.

When the next car accident backs up traffic, residents will be the first to know via their cell phones.

If an incident happens at a school, parents can instantly be alerted about what happened. If they have two children in different schools, settings can be modified so they can receive updates in specific areas through e-mail.

The possibilities are broad, and police hope that the new service will provide

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Cross-Sound swim is nothing to this Westport cancer survivor

By Meg Barone

The waterside Black Duck Cafe was the ideal Westport location for a Wednesday night fundraiser to support a team that will compete in the St. Vincent's Medical Center Foundation's Swim Across the Sound, as the Saugatuck River served as a reminder of what lies ahead for those who will make the 15-mile swim from Port Jefferson on Long Island to Captain's Cove in Bridgeport on Aug. 7.

About 100 people gathered in the cafe to bid on auction items and listen to the band the 440s at the 2nd annual LLBH Private Wealth Management LLC fund-raising event. The event raised \$4,200, more than four times last year's total. The money will be used to sponsor the LLBH Private Wealth Management team, comprising a boat, several crew members and six swimmers who will participate in the 23rd annual Swim Across the Sound.



Each team is required to raise \$7,500, which supports the foundation's cancer education, screening and prevention programs at low- or no-cost for the underinsured and uninsured.

The event "has transformed into something bigger than expected," said Courtney Grabarek, a client relationship manager at LLBH. Grabarek said all the auction items — including Yankees tickets and high-end jewelry and handbags — were donated, as was the use of the Black Duck. The band performed for no fee.

"Every single person I know, including myself, has been deeply touched by cancer," Grabarek said.



Autumn Driscoll / Staff photographer

Maura Marden, of Westport, pulls on her swim cap before heading into the Long Island Sound at Burying Hill Beach in Westport. Marden, a breast cancer survivor, will participate in Swim Across the Sound on Aug. 7 to raise money for cancer research.

Bill Loftus, a principal at LLBH Private Wealth Management, serves as the emcee for Swim Across the Sound. "I'll be announcing swimmers as they

come in (at Captain's Cove) and giving out awards. We recognize every single team," he said. Loftus got involved with the Swim three years ago after

two friends and his mother-in-law were diagnosed with cancer.

One of those friends, Maura

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