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OLD TAPPAN

BOARD HEARS DETAILS ON PROPOSED MEMORY CARE FACILITY

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Questions about parking, facility operations and emergency response dominated the second Planning Board hearing March 13 for a two-story, 42,618-square-foot assisted living facility proposed for a 3.4-acre site at 184 Central Ave.

The proposed 72-bed assisted living facility would be the second in Old Tappan and a company official told Planning Board members the facility will be 100 percent focused on memory care, aiding individuals who experience Alzheimer's or dementia-related diseases.

The proposal's next hearing is scheduled for April 10, 7:30 p.m.

Artis Senior Living LLC, of McLean, Virginia, which owns similar memory care facilities in Princeton and Evesham, was founded seven years ago and operates 15 facilities in seven states.

In addition, two facilities in Brick and Eatontown are under construction and facilities are proposed in Mountainside, Florham Park and Metuchen.

Applicant attorney Gail Price said based on board comments at the first hearing Feb. 13, the applicant increased on-site parking from 38 to 58 spaces, including three handicap-accessible spaces.

'Way in excess'

Price said the increased parking was "way in excess of what is necessary but does respond to the board's concern" and the additional 20 spaces may be used for over-

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FACTS TO GROW ON



Gardening expert Donna Dorsey will make a case for annuals at Harrington Park Garden Club's meeting Thursday evening.

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LAWMAKERS CALL FOR TWEAKS ON ASSISTED-SUICIDE BILL

In a letter sent to Gov. Phil Murphy on March 27, Assemblyman Christopher DePhillips and Assemblywoman Serena DiMaso made their case for additional protections to legislation recently passed by the Legislature allowing terminally ill patients to seek life-ending medication.

The bill allows adults with a prognosis of six months or less to live to get a prescription for life-ending medication they would take at home.

Murphy said he will sign the bill, signed March 25, but did not say when. It passed each chamber with the minimum number of votes: 21 in the Senate and 41 in the Assembly.

The bill requires a second opinion on the diagnosis. A psychiatrist or psychologist must deter-

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LIBRARY MARKS MAKERS DAY

Event celebrates young tinkers, scientists



That's bananas! Max McKeever and his friends learned how to make music using fruit and electrical circuitry. The Northvale Public Library was one of hundreds of sites across New Jersey celebrating Makers Day on March 23.

BY SUSAN MCTIGUE
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Dozens of eager participants streamed into the Northvale Public Library on Saturday, March 23, to take part in T-shirt painting, button-making and learning how to create music using bananas and electrical circuitry.

Rooms throughout the library were set up with crafts

projects, demonstrations of 3-D printing, do-it-yourself canvas bag painting, origami lessons and much more as part of its third annual New Jersey Makers Day.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Northvale Public Library, the three-hour event was organized by Head of Youth Services Emily Pepe who made sure these creative and educational activities

flowed smoothly

from one room to the next.

New Jersey Makers Day is a statewide program that explores and celebrates maker culture every March around the state. Its goal is to connect residents by encouraging the exploration of new opportunities for hands-on learning experiences.

Library Director Jennifer

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HELP FROM AFAR

A Closter eighth-grader lent local support to kids in the storm-battered U.S. Virgin Islands.

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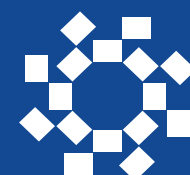


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