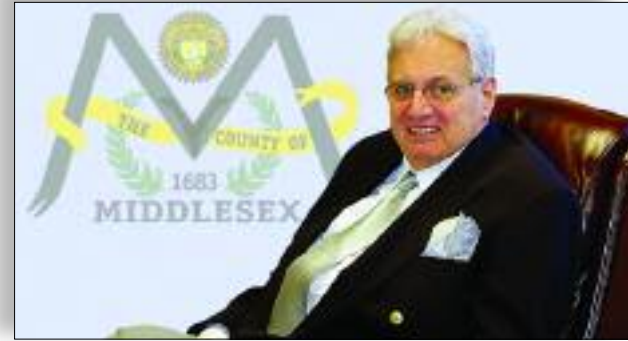


Spring is now in full bloom as is our preparation for the state, county and local elections. You don't need me to tell you that this will be yet another busy campaign season.

Our county convention was very well attended as committee members nominated state and county candidates for the organization line in the June 5 primary. Our state Senate and Assembly delegation gets the job done in Trenton and I am confident that voters will respond with affirmative votes in November. We have a very strong county slate this year with Freeholders Pete Dalina, Chris Rafano and Blanquita Valenti, Surrogate Kevin Hoagland and myself as Sheriff. I want to thank Freeholder Director David Crabiel for taking on the role of Campaign Manager for the County Candidates. He has worked tirelessly over the years in this capacity and has achieved victory after victory.

At the convention, I recognized former Assemblyman Peter J. Barnes, Jr. for his years of legislative service. Pete is an honorable man and he has served his constituents in the 18th District well during his tenure. We congratulate and wish him well on his new position as head of the State Parole Board.

I also want to congratulate Peter J. Barnes III, who has filled his father's seat in the Assembly. Like his



Chairman Joseph Spicuzzo

father, he is hard-working and will do what is right for his constituents and all New Jersey residents.

Our best wishes go out to Metuchen Mayor Ed O'Brien, who will not seek a fourth term. He has done such a great job over the past decade in making the borough a desirable place to live.

As we move through the campaign season, our county organization staff is available to assist you in a variety of ways. Whether you need help with labels or lists, press releases, newsletters and other media-related issues or have questions relating to election law matters, please give county headquarters a call.

Thank you for your continued support.

County Candidates Ready To Run Senate, Assembly candidates nominated by committee members

With enthusiastic backing by Middlesex County Democratic committee members, state legislative and county candidates are ready for campaign 2007.

Freeholders Pete Dalina, Chris Rafano and Blanquita Valenti and Surrogate Kevin Hoagland and county Sheriff Joseph Spicuzzo were endorsed for re-election at the Pines Manor in mid-March.

"Their service has been tireless, honorable and distinguished," said Freeholder Director David Crabiel, who will serve as campaign manager for the county slate.

Assemblywoman Linda Greenstein (14th District), Senator Bob Smith and Assemblymen Joseph Egan and Upendra Chivukula (17th District), Senator Barbara Buono and Assemblymen Patrick Diegnan and Peter Barnes III (18th District) and Senator Nick Scutari and Assemblyman Jerry Green and Assemblywoman Linda Stender (22nd District) all received endorsements from the committee.

Committee members in the 19th Legislative District gave their overwhelming support to Senator Joseph Vitale and Assemblymen John Wisniewski and Joseph Vas at its convention.

In the 14th District, South Brunswick resident Seema Singh was endorsed for State Senate while Wayne DeAngelo was selected to run for Assembly. Leonard Inzerillo was picked to run for State Senate in the 13th District while Patricia Walsh and Robert Brown will run for Assembly.

At the county convention, Sen. Smith said, "Your endorsement gives us the fire and enthusiasm to carry the Democratic banner."

He said the 17th District delegation has strived to do their best, lauding Chivukula for his honesty and intellect, especially on telecommunication issues, and Egan for his expertise on labor matters.

Former Assemblyman Peter Barnes, Jr. was honored for his 10 years of legislative service during the convention. Barnes stepped down from his Assembly post to accept the chairmanship on the state Parole Board.

His son received a standing ovation from 18th District committee members after he was endorsed for the Assembly seat. Barnes III said that although he has "a lot to learn" in his new role, he brings "drive and passion to the table." Edison Democratic chairman Thomas "Doc" Paterniti nominated Barnes III, stating he is man of "honor, faith, strength, wisdom and ideals."



The 2007 Middlesex County Democratic endorsed candidates. Seated: Surrogate Kevin Hoagland and Sheriff Joseph Spicuzzo. Standing: Freeholder Pete Dalina, Freeholder Chris Rafano and Freeholder Blanquita Valenti.

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Crabiel Tapped As Campaign Manager

Freeholder Director David B. Crabiel was selected as Campaign Manager for the County Democratic endorsed candidates seeking re-election this year. "I know Dave will do a great job in giving Pete (Dalina), Chris (Rafano), Blanquita (Valenti), Kevin (Hoagland) and myself sound advice during the campaign and guiding us to a big victory in November," said County Sheriff and Democratic Chairman Joseph Spicuzzo. Crabiel has managed the campaigns of his Democratic colleagues several times in the past in years when he was not himself seeking re-election.

"I believe our party has a great record of service helping to improve the quality of life in our county while providing quality services at the lowest possible taxpayer cost," he said. "All five of our candidates are experienced leaders in government and share a commitment to open and honest county government." "We look forward to discussing the Democratic record during the campaign and to prove, once again, that Democrats work hard and have earned re-election," said Crabiel.



Freeholder Director David B. Crabiel

MCDO Website Gets New Look

Internet users will see some changes when they log on to the Middlesex County Democratic Organization's website, www.mcdonj.com. This spring, the site was redesigned in order to make it more user friendly, along with reaching out to Democratic supporters. "The organization is continuing its efforts to get more people involved in the party and the website is a great way to accomplish that," said county Democratic chairman Joseph Spicuzzo. "We hope people continually visit our site to search for volunteer opportunities and provide



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us with any feedback they may have." In order to attract volunteers, the website has a "Get Involved" page. Users will find a description of volunteer opportunities and a form to check off which ones interest them. In the media section, people can view daily articles and weekly newspaper clips. Also, podcasts and videos will be updated throughout the year. For voters, there are important links which will guide them to voter registration and party declaration forms, absentee ballots and polling places.

County Residents In Good Hands

Freeholders Act On Open Space, Transportation, Public Safety Initiatives

In the opening months of 2007, Democrats on the Middlesex County Freeholder Board have continued to demonstrate their leadership on quality of life matters, especially open space, transportation and public safety. The board authorized the use of \$900,450 to help the borough of Sayreville preserve Dieker's Farm, the last working farm in town. "The Freeholders are proud to be able to help Sayreville, and the county at large, preserve a part of its agricultural heritage," said Freeholder Director David B. Crabiel.

The county also purchased two parcels in Monroe, a 9.6 acre site across from Thompson Park and a 17.74 acre site about two miles south of Perrineville Road. The second property is crucial to the township's creation of an open space corridor that would run from Helmetta to Route 33. The freeholders then announced the purchase of 232 acres in East Brunswick. The land, known as Tamarack Hollow, had been approved for 57 homes and a sewage treatment facility. The freeholders allocated \$500,000 in open space funds to help municipalities build or improve walkways to connect

open space and recreation areas. It will be used to provide 80 percent of the construction costs of eligible municipal projects that encourage walking and bicycling. Transportation needs have also been addressed as the county added Saturday service to its Old Bridge-South River and New Brunswick-Jamesburg shuttles. "The expanded shuttle service offers residents here in the southern part of Middlesex County convenient access to a number of destinations near and far," said Monroe Mayor Richard Pucci.

On the public safety front, Freeholder Chris Rafano unveiled a new driving simulator system that will be used to train law enforcement officers in decision making in both pursuit situations as well as emergency response in a number of scenarios in an effort to reduce police involved crashes.

"Our police officers will now have the opportunity to train effectively and efficiently," said Rafano. A conference was held earlier this spring highlighting the dangers facing children who surf the Internet. Some of the issues discussed were cyber bullying, Internet predators and social networking sites.

"Internet safety has to be a priority for us who care for and educate our children," said Freeholder Blanquita Valenti. "The more information we can get out there, the safer our children will be."

Democratic Endorsed Candidates for June Primary

STATE SENATE

- 13th District Leonard Inzerillo
- 14th District Seema Singh
- 17th District Sen. Bob Smith
- 18th District Sen. Barbara Buono
- 19th District Sen. Joseph Vitale
- 22nd District Sen. Nick Scutari

STATE ASSEMBLY

- 13th District Patricia Walsh and Robert "Bob" Brown
- 14th District Assem. Linda Greenstein and Wayne DeAngelo
- 17th District Assem. Joseph Egan and Upendra Chivukula
- 18th District Assem. Patrick Diegnan and Peter Barnes III
- 19th District Assem. John Wisniewski and Joseph Vas
- 22nd District Assem. Jerry Green and Linda Stender

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

- Surrogate Kevin Hoagland
- Sheriff Joseph Spicuzzo
- Freeholder Stephen J. "Pete" Dalina
- Freeholder Christopher Rafano
- Freeholder Blanquita Valenti

CARTERET

- Councilman Vincent Bellino
- Councilman Jorge Diaz

CRANBURY

- Committeeman David Stout
- Committeeman Richard Stannard

EDISON

- Councilman Charles Tomaro
- Councilwoman Joan Kapitan
- Councilman Sal Pizzi
- Councilman Robert Karabinchak

HIGHLAND PARK

- Mayor Meryl Frank
- Councilwoman Fern Goodhart
- Councilman Jon Erickson

JAMESBURG

- Mayor Anthony LaMantia
- Councilwoman Barbara Carpenter
- Councilman John Longo, Jr.
- Councilman Tom Bodall

METUCHEN

- Mayoral candidate Timothy Dacey
- Councilman Alan Grossman
- Council candidate Beatrice Moskowicz

MIDDLESEX BOROUGH

- Mayor Gerald D'Angelo
- Councilman Robert Schueler
- Council candidate Robert Edwards

MILLTOWN

- Mayoral candidate Michael Skarzynski
- Councilman William Deinzer
- Councilman Eric Steeber

MONROE

- Mayor Richard Pucci
- Councilman Irwin Nalitt
- Councilwoman Leslie Koppel-Egierd

NORTH BRUNSWICK

- Mayor Francis "Mac" Womack
- Councilman Ralph Andrews
- Councilwoman Cathy Nicola

OLD BRIDGE

- Mayor James Phillips
- Councilman Patrick Gillespie
- Councilman Edward Testino
- Council candidate Larry Redmond

PLAINSBORO

- Committeeman Michael Weaver
- Committeeman Edmund Yates

SAYREVILLE

- Mayoral candidate Tom Pollando
- Councilman Dan Buchanan
- Council candidate John Misiewicz

SOUTH AMBOY

- Councilman John O'Connell

SOUTH PLAINFIELD

- Councilman Dennis Cerami
- Councilwoman Kathleen Thomas

SOUTH RIVER

- Mayor Robert Szegeti
- Councilman David Sliker
- Council candidate Peter Guindi

WOODBRIIDGE

- Mayor John McCormac
- Councilwoman Patricia Osborne
- Councilwoman Brenda Velasco
- Councilman James Carroll
- Councilman Gregory Ficarra