



FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS...Westfield Council Candidate Competitors for Ward One remain friendly neighbors as the political season heats up. Sal Caruana on the left and Mark Kuehn enjoyed good companionship and marvelous weather at the Coleman/Edgewood Block Party on September 7.

Fanwood Republicans Plan Fundraising Reception

FANWOOD -- The Fanwood Republican Campaign Committee 2002 will hold a fundraising reception for Councilman Stuart Kline, Councilman David Trumpp and Andrew Calamaras -- Republican candidates for Fanwood Borough Council.

The event will be held on Saturday, September 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Giovanna's Restaurant, located at

1462 South Avenue, Plainfield. The cost is \$100 per person. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. Congressman Mike Ferguson will be in attendance. Additional invited guests include U.S. Senate Candidate Doug Forrester.

For additional information, please contact Ted or Jean Trumpp, at (908) 889-6774 or e-mail lbaddad4@comcast.net.

Mr. Skibitsky's Campaign For WF Council Seat Begins

WESTFIELD -- Third Ward Westfield Town Council candidate Andy Skibitsky has officially begun his fall campaign, which will focus on fiscal responsibility, safe, quality streets and maintaining an open line of communication between himself and the citizens of the third ward.

Though election season traditionally begins in the fall, Mr. Skibitsky has been busy walking the neighborhoods of the third ward since July.

"I've really enjoyed meeting so many new people in the third ward this summer. Open and honest relationships with the people you represent are really the key to being a successful elected official. I hope to gain the trust of the people of the Third Ward by listening to their concerns and standing up for issues that are important to the community," he said.

One of those issues is being fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars. Mr. Skibitsky said even though school taxes comprise the largest chunk of a Westfield homeowner's tax bill, at about 65 percent; he believes the council should be as prudent as possible with the portion of the tax bill it can control (about 15 percent, with the remaining 25 percent being the county levy).

"In recent years, school and county taxes have really gone up. That makes it even more important for us to hold

the line on the municipal portion of the tax bill. Mayor McDermott has done a good job holding the line the last few years, and I'd like to make sure we continue that kind of fiscal responsibility in the future," he said.

Mr. Skibitsky also said he has heard concerns from the people he has met about pedestrian safety on many third ward streets such as Central, Boulevard and Westfield Avenue.

"Pedestrian safety and the quality of our roads are two issues that are of paramount importance to me," said Mr. Skibitsky. "I think it's imperative that these issues are always made a priority by town council. I just think we need to become more efficient in identifying what roads need repair first and what intersections need immediate attention to protect public safety."

Mr. Skibitsky is a cum laude graduate of Rider College and has worked for Schering-Plough for the last 14 years. He serves as a volunteer on Westfield's Housing Commission, represents Westfield on the Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee, and serves as a coach in Westfield's Wrestling League. Mr. Skibitsky has been married to his wife, Debbie, for 15 years, and has one daughter, Hope, and three sons, Drew, Shane and Troy, all of whom attend Westfield schools.



MEETING YOU...Fanwood Democratic Borough Council candidates are walking from door to door to meet residents and learn of the issues. Pictured, left to right, are: Tom Plante, Donna Dolce and Jack Molenaar.

Fanwood Democrats Start Door-to-Door Campaign

FANWOOD -- Democratic Borough Council candidates Tom Plante, Jack Molenaar and Donna Dolce announced the start of their door-to-door campaign in their bid for election in the November 5 general election. Mr. Plante and Mr. Molenaar are vying for three-year terms on the Fanwood Borough Council and Ms. Dolce is seeking to fill the one-year unexpired term created by the death of Councilwoman Carol Wood.

The candidates are speaking to residents and seeking input on issues of concern such as the downtown redevelopment plans, ways to reduce the tax burden on residents, and other topics of importance to individuals and families living in Fanwood.

Focusing on "respect for the past with a vision for the future," the Democratic team is concerned about those institutions or services that need to be retained, while offering ideas that will benefit current and future residents of the borough.

The candidates collectively bring a blend of skills and experience that will serve the borough well in their capacity as Borough council members. Their fields of experience include planning,

finance management, recreation, volunteerism, safety and disaster response, to name just a few.

Mr. Plante is a member of the Fanwood Cultural Arts Committee. He works in the public information office for the Union County of Union. Mr. Plante also is a member of the Park Middle School PTA and the Union County Baseball Association.

Mr. Molenaar is a member of the Fanwood Planning Board. A licensed professional planner, Mr. Molenaar is also the transportation planner for Plainsboro Township and a former member of the Fanwood Downtown Revitalization Committee.

Ms. Dolce is director of the Volunteer Center for the United Way in Newark. She currently chairs the Fanwood Strategic Planning Assessment Committee and previously served on other borough committees. Donna is also an officer with the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council.

For more information about the Fanwood Democratic candidates, call Bill Populus, (908) 789-7577. e-mail fannywooddems@netscape.net or write to P.O. Box 163, Fanwood, 07023.

WF TV-36 Chooses Not To Air Campaign Programs

WESTFIELD -- TV-36 Board Chairwoman Eileen O'Donnell said that "Westfield Community Television is an educational and governmental station and by airing such programming would be subject to laws governing public access stations."

Ms. O'Donnell also noted that, after lengthy debate, the board decided it could not ensure equal access for all candidates pursuant to state law if it began accepting purely political programming from candidates with the means to produce their own tape.

"In an effort to be fair to all candidates and, more importantly, comply with the equal access provisions of state law, we decided not to accept political programming that, in essence, would be partisan commercials," Ms. O'Donnell said.

The specific wording of the motion passed by the board reads as follows: "Westfield Community Television will not air political communication within 90 days of an election. A political communication does not include bona-fide news events such as the Candidates Forum, Town Council Meetings or other regularly scheduled governmental meetings."

The vote was six in favor, with one abstention.

Westfield Community Television will air the Candidates Forum sponsored by *The Westfield Leader* and The League of Women's Voters, as well as report the local results on election night in an effort to get information on the candidates out to the Westfield community.

On a related subject, the board also ruled that the program, "Hometown with Mayor Gregory McDermott," would not air between now and the election. "We discussed whether the 'Hometown with Mayor McDermott' program was political or informational in nature, and in order to avoid even the appearance that the show gives the Mayor an unfair political forum, we voted that the show should not air until the election is over as long as the Mayor is the host," Ms. O'Donnell stated.

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- I wish I had more energy.
- I get morning headaches.
- I often wake up gasping for breath.
- I am overweight.
- I frequently wake with a dry mouth.

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