

Joan Wheeler for Fanwood Council

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Russell Huegel for Fanwood Council

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Professional Background: Mr. Huegel has been a practicing lawyer in New Jersey since he passed his Bar Exam in 1996. He is currently an attorney for Cosner & Cosner in East Brunswick.

To the Voters from Joan Wheeler

As a mother of three wonderful adult children, and grandmother of seven, I understand the needs of young families and I certainly understand the needs of the seniors in Fanwood. I have heard from the residents of Fanwood during my many weeks of campaigning this year and I've had the pleasure of many conversations with people of all political affiliations.

I know that Mayor Mahr and the Borough Council in Fanwood are going in the direction the residents value. My volunteerism with the Cub Scouts and Brownies, the church choir, the band parents, as a board member for the YWCA, and currently as President of the Borough Council has given me valuable community experience. My professional experience as a registered nurse and currently as the Associate Administrator of Rumlens Specialized Hospital, responsible for a \$45 million budget and 600 employees, gives me the confidence to know that I have the skills Fanwood needs right now.

The most frequent comment I receive while talking with residents is related to taxes and what we as a council might do to contain them. Over the course of my three years on the borough council I have supported every shared service opportunity and will continue to do so when I am re-elected. Shared services will help us stabilize our local taxes. I will continue to support the re-development of downtown Fanwood as a top priority.

The progress that we see from our public-private partnership, with new businesses opening and residents moving in to new apartment units, will bring in tax revenues that will have a positive effect on our residential property taxes. As we see our national economy stumble and local revenues decline, we must recognize the challenges ahead and carefully scrutinize all of our expenses while we work to preserve the Fanwood community and quality of life for all residents: seniors, families, young and old.

I have worked to cut spending and the cost of government and will continue to do so when re-elected. These are very challenging times for the country and the Borough of Fanwood. I am not running a

in Nursing; N.J. Licensed Registered Nurse and Nursing Home Administrator.

Community Service: Fanwood Council, president, Fanwood Planning Board, Historic Preservation Commission and Board of Health, Vice Chair Comish Heritage Society East, member Soroptomist International, Westfield chapter, president elect; St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Westfield.

Personal Information: Mother of three children and seven grandchildren.

Education: Mr. Huegel received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Stockton College and his Juris Doctor Degree from Pace University.

Experience: From 2001 to 2002, Mr. Huegel worked as a staff attorney to the Morgan Stanley Trust Company. After that, until 2004, he worked as a prosecutor to the Town of Secaucus.

"blue" race or a "red" race - I am running in this race for the residents of Fanwood. My running mate, Russ Huegel, and I offer real municipal government experience to help safeguard the great community we all love. We will be leaders in the dialogue with our neighbors about shared services, the budget process, downtown redevelopment and public safety. Please vote for Joan Wheeler and Russell Huegel on Nov. 4 for the Fanwood Borough Council.

Candidate Joan Wheeler for Fanwood Borough Council



Joan Wheeler (D)



Michael Szuch (R)



Robert Manduca (R)



Russell Huegel (D)

Mike Szuch for Fanwood Council

Party Affiliation: Republican
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Professional Background: Electrician with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 102, Traffic Signal Technician, Level 3, International Municipal Signalman's Association.

Education: B.S. in Botany, Rutgers University, Cook College, 1985; Graduate of Elementary, Junior, and High Schools of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system.

Experience: A Fanwood Resident since 1969, Mr. Szuch resides in the Historic Osborn House with his wife Angela and son Forrest, who is a third

grader at Brunner Elementary School. Following college, Mr. Szuch became a Peace Corps Volunteer serving in Rwanda. As a volunteer, Mr. Szuch worked directly with local farmers and the Government Agricultural Service as a Farmer Extension Agent to assist farmers in improving crop yield. He is the Assistant Cubmaster and Camping coordinator of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Cubscout Pack 4. His experience includes installation and maintenance of traffic systems and he has worked on traffic signals throughout Union County and North Jersey.

Robert Manduca for FW Council

Party Affiliation: Republican
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Professional Background: Mr. Manduca is vice president for Liberty Information, a technology resources company with offices in New York, Florida and San Francisco. As a third degree Knight and Officer in Council 1711 of the Knights of Columbus, he serves as the Council's Chancellor.

Education: He is an honors graduate of the College of New Jersey with a B.S. in Economics and a Minor in Marketing.

Experience: Mr. Manduca is a lifelong New Jersey resident who has lived in Fanwood since 1990. Under the auspices of the Knights, he has co-chaired an annual fundraiser for unwed mothers, helps stock a local food kitchen and provides relief for mentally-challenged residents. Mr. Manduca is a former member of the New Jersey State Senate's Technology Advisory Board. He is an active member of Holy Trinity Parish, where he serves as

both a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. For several years, he coached in the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Soccer League, and was a participating member in YMCA's Indian Guides Youth programs.

Munoz Urges 'Yes' On Public Questions

I support both public questions that will appear on the ballot in this year's election. The Assembly's Concurrent Resolution 5 proposes to amend the State Constitution that will allow the Legislature the opportunity to determine, by law, the process of how judges who preside over more than one municipality will be appointed. Currently, the Constitution directs that such appoints be made by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

My support for the amendment is based on the belief that the Legislature can arrive at a more timely and efficient process for such appointments compared to that which is currently in place. Where feasible, government is encouraging towns to share services in order to save taxpayer dollars. Municipalities that can realize such savings by mutually agreeing on a judge who would preside in their towns, should not be required to wait for the Governor to make such appointments, and then be confirmed by the Senate.

The Senate's Concurrent Resolution 39, of which I am a co-sponsor, is a constitutional amendment intended to close loopholes that allow the state to issue debt without voter approval. For example, if this resolution were in place prior to this year's budget discussions, voters would have needed to approve the request to borrow \$3.9 billion for school construction projects. Instead, Trenton's majority voted to make this appropriation without taxpayer consent. Supporters of the current process rely on loopholes provided in court decisions that have allowed state public authorities to issue debt on behalf of the state, based on the view that public approval is only needed when proposed bonds contain a binding, non-repealable pledge to pay off the bonds directly with state tax revenue.

If the payment of the bonds is backed only by a promise of the Legislature and the Governor that they will enact appropriations in the future to meet the bond payments, then approval is not required. Voters and taxpayers deserve more than a promise that debts will be repaid. No more gimmicks. Let the public decide.

Assemblyman Eric Munoz Summit

To the Voters from Russell Huegel

Fanwood is a wonderful community. As I've walked door-to-door during this campaign for a seat on the borough council, it's been great meeting so many people and hearing residents express their pride in our community. It has also been important to hear your concerns about the economy and our local municipal budget. After listening to you these past few months, I believe we must tackle three main areas to preserve our community.

First of all, with unfunded mandates by the state and the federal government putting increasing pressure on our property taxes, we must examine the Fanwood budget carefully and trim expenditures where we can. The borough council, to its credit, has tightened the purse strings, but it is imperative that further reductions must be explored in a sensitive and sensible manner.

At the same time, we must move forward with the revitalization of the downtown area. We need to continue the success of our public-private partnership in the redevelopment process and maximize our appeal as a community. By doing this, we will attract additional revenue so Fanwood can address its new fiscal realities. Last, but not least, we have to pursue shared service agreements to a degree not previously attempted. We should be exploring agreements on equipment use, services and manpower where it makes sense for the residents of Fanwood in

order to reduce costs and achieve the greatest possible savings for the taxpayers.

We are all coming to grips with a new reality here in Fanwood. We must recognize the challenges ahead. The slumping economy, unfunded mandates from the state and federal government, and declining state aid are forcing us to re-think the way we do business. Small towns in New Jersey are particularly affected by the current economic circumstances. We need to be aggressive and pragmatic in the areas that I have mentioned. With my experience as an attorney, a former municipal prosecutor, and a past-president of a condominium association, along with my involvement in the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Newcomers Club and the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association, I am prepared to take on the challenges we face and work on behalf of the taxpayers of Fanwood.

My family and I have enjoyed meeting everyone in town and it certainly has been a privilege to run for office and listen to many varied ideas and opinions. Now, I ask for your vote on November 4 to help preserve our community's strength. Please vote for Russell Huegel and Joan Wheeler on Row A for Fanwood Borough Council. Thank you.

Candidate Russell Huegel for Fanwood Borough Council

To the Voters from Robert Manduca

Fanwood is a great town full of great people. I've lived and raised a family here over the past 20 years. I've coached soccer, participated in Scouting, YMCA programs such as Indian Guides and, in general, have loved the small-town atmosphere, neighborliness and amenities our town has to offer. This is the Fanwood I am running for town council to preserve.

When we bought our home, there was only one four-bedroom house available on the market in the entire town. The realtor said, "If you like the house you'd better buy it. Not much ever comes on the market in Fanwood. No one ever leaves." I remember thinking to myself what a nice town, no one ever wants to leave. Well, times have certainly changed. The problem we are faced with today my friends is too many people can't afford to stay. People who have lived here and contributed much to our community can no longer afford the continually rising taxes on their homes. That's wrong. It doesn't make financial sense and is changing the very fabric of our town. This does not have to happen.

When senior citizens are forced to give up their homes because of astronomical real estate taxes, everyone loses. More often than not those seniors are replaced by young multi-child families. Each new child costing the town approximately \$12,000 a year to educate, creating the need for even more tax increases. This is

a vicious cycle that must be stopped.

Our 2009 municipal taxes have jumped 16 percent. If you factor in non-recurring budget gimmicks, the real tax increase is actually approaching 30 percent. This is no exaggeration, please note, I'm not even counting the \$2 million in debt our town council borrowed on your behalf this year. The reasons for these out of control tax increases are complex. Some causes are outside our local control, but others are the result of decisions made by the mayor and town council. Decisions with which I sincerely disagree. Decisions that expose our town to significant risk, risk of continued tax increases, real estate losses and threats to public safety. We must get our town's house in order.

As one Fanwood homeowner said to me, "The proof is in the pudding. Our downtown redevelopment is now in its fifth year. Five years and the two block downtown redevelopment area is only 25 percent complete, with much of what is completed, vacant."

Please help me. We must restore the cuts to our police force that are one of the underpinnings of our property values. With your vote I can be a voice for restoring the downtown tax base. I will bring a fresh commonsense approach to the mission of keeping Fanwood a great place to live and raise a family.

Candidate Bob Manduca (R) Fanwood Borough Council

LOOK AT WHAT THE FANWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL DID IN 2008:

- ✓ A 16% Municipal Property Tax Increase
- ✓ Layoffs on our Police Force & Public Works Departments
- ✓ And a \$2 Million property purchase

all in the same year!

No wonder Fanwood residents are asking –

“What were they thinking?”

IT'S TIME TO CHANGE COURSE...

PUT YOUR NEIGHBORS ON THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

They will look out for the interests of Fanwood's working families.

Like you, they are committed to holding down property taxes, keeping our neighborhoods safe, our Police Force strong, and creating a community with a future for both our working families and our retirees.



Bob MANDUCA



Mike SZUCH

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