

Dem Voters Select County Committee Persons

COUNTY—Union County Primary Election voters last week selected the following persons to serve on the Union County Democratic Committee:

Westfield
Ward 1, District 1, James B. Baker and Sharon E. Stockwell; District 2, Ross Katz and Carolyn A. Campen; District 3, Judith A. Augustino; District 4, William L. Brennan and Maureen Kehoe; District 5, Jeremy Berman and Janice Siegel; District 6, Anthony Laporta and Patricia L. Antonelli; District 7, Thomas C. Jardim and Ellen Schwartz;
Ward 2, District 1, Martin J. Sheehy and Carolyn Kueter; District 2, Frank Fusaro and Janice R. Fusaro; District 4, Stephen Barcan and Deborah B. Metro; District 5, Michael LaPolla and Susan H. Pepper; District 6, Scott A. Lazar and Renee Remak Ziff;
Ward 3, District 1, Martin C. Rothfelder and Mia K. Morse; District 2, Kenneth B. Rotter and Bethany S. Nadel; District 3, Edward Israelow and Stacy Chapel; District 4, Terry W. Tainow; District 5, Matthew Sontz and Lillian Sontz; District 6, Nicholas A. Jenner and Denise L. Jenner; District 7, Steven Alan Lee;
Ward 4, District 1, Lenore C. Scurry; District 2, John J. Walsh; District 3, Lawrence A. Goldman and Rosemary Millet; District 4, Schuyler Quackenbush and Lisa Quackenbush; and District 5, Kimberly J. Palmieri-Mouled.

Scotch Plains
District 1, Alejandro Sanchez and Kimberly D. Nix; District 2, Theodore S. Ziolkowski and Sylvia R. Hicks; District 3, Gerald Meola, Jr. and Irene A. Bartels; District 4, Frank Dinizo and Luisa Bianco; District 5, Raymond Szpond; District 6, Donald E. Wussler and Elsie LeStrange; District 7, Tom Donatelli and Maureen Lacosta; District 8, Phillip Wiener and Lillian Wiener; District 9, John Thompson and Colleen Gialanella; District 10, John A. Costa and Josephine W. Curry; District 11, John L. Delsordi Jr. and Donna J. Smyth; District 12, Daniel Grossman and Sandra Grossman; District 13, Samuel M. Manigault and Dorian Douglas; District 14, Ralph Checchio and Rose Checchio; District 15, Walter Chinoy and Elaine Chinoy; District 16, Michael Brien and Susan Brien; District 17, Peter Sayles and Pamela G. Sayles; District 19, Eric B. Morrell and Geri Samuel; District 20, James Kelk; District 21, William G. Wilkins and Jessica Wilkins; District 22, John N. Morgan and Reni

Erdo; and District 23, David B. Littman and Joanne Glover.

Fanwood
District 1, William A. Lee, Jr. and Katherine Mitchell; District 2, Steven Falco and Linda Muller; District 3, William E. Populus and Joan Wheeler; District 4, Matthew Glennon and Adele Kenny; District 5, John Celardo and Erin Mcelroy Barker; District 6, Alexander Mirabella and Joan Feller; and District 7, Thomas E. Plante and Patricia A. Plante.

Mountainside
District 1, Thomas J. Donahue; District 3, Richard S. Schkolnick and Loris B. Schkolnick; District 5, Richard Scott Schmedel; District 6, Roslyn Blau; District 7, Michael Krasner and Mary Koehn; District 8, Natalie Zuzovsky, and District 9, Lauren Kolski.

Garwood
District 1, Dennis McCarthy and Deborah McCarthy; District 2, Paul Tarantino and Maria Nierstedt; District 3, Charles P. Lombardo and Carol A. Lombardo; and District 4, Hugh Sinclair and Sara Todisco.

Cranford
District 1, Robert M. Pipchick and Phyllis Kivett Howard; District 2, Burton Mandell and Harriet Mazur; District 3, Daniel J. Aschenbach and Teresa Kalyn; District 5, Eugene T. Sully and Deborah J. Sully; District 6, Martin M. Schwartz; District 7, Rose Ricci; District 8, Maria Harris; District 9, Patrick F. Giblin and Juli M. Blanche; District 11, Helge Nordtveit and Sherry Williams; District 12, Robert G. Benzand Carmela Williams; District 13, Robert Salvatore and Jennifer Erdo; District 14, Ramona Ehrlich; District 15, Michael J. Markowich and Dorothy A. Baniewicz; District 16, Steven H. Mermen and Carol Y. Berns; District 17, Charles W. Kerman and Anne T. McDonald; District 18, Brian J. Andrews; District 19, Marc R. Brown and Rima Borden; District 20, Peter G. Turnamian; District 21, William A. Montani and Bette Jane Kowalski; District 22, Kevin J. Illing and Amelia T. McHugh; District 23, Anthony J. Trama and Deidre Trama; District 24, Theodore S. Spitz and Madeline Spitz; District 25, Stephen Allen; District 26, Norman W. Albert and Susan M. Albert; District 27, John Salerno and Janet Borden Hobson; District 28, Thomas H. Hannen III and Cynthia L. Hannen; District 29, Ronald Zuber and Janet M. Rocco; and District 30, Frederic S. Kessler and Roberta S. Kessler.



Peyton's Peek at the Week In Politics

By Paul Peyton of The Leader/Times

Environmentalists Blast Christie Settlement With Exxon Mobil
Environmental activists and opponents of the state's \$225-million settlement with Exxon Mobil held a rally on the Statehouse steps last Thursday to vent their anger at Governor Chris Christie, politickernj.com reported.
"I'm here today to say that we want to send a very loud and clear message to Gov. Chris Christie: we want to stop this dirty deal," New Jersey Sierra Club Director Jeff Tittel said. "This settlement is a sell-out of New Jersey's environment. It is the largest corporate tax giveaway in history...It is so bad, and so dirty, that it's worse than the slime Exxon leaves on a wetland or stream when it's done spilling oil."
"Exxon has squeezed all the juice out of the orange, and Governor Chris Christie has given away the score," Senator Raymond Lesniak (D-22nd, Elizabeth) said.
Barbara Buono Hit With ELEC Complaint From '13 Campaign
Former State Senator and gubernatorial candidate Barbara Buono has been hit with a complaint by the New Jersey's Election Law Enforcement Commission for illegally using her Senate campaign to pay for expenses on behalf of her 2013 gubernatorial bid, politickernj.com has reported.
According to the report, Ms. Buono is accused of "failing to establish separate candidate committees for the multiple offices sought during the 2013 primary election, and by making an expenditure on behalf of her gubernatorial candidacy through her senatorial account."
Expense reports show that Ms. Buono used her Senate campaign to pay \$37,250 to Myers Research & Strategies for a poll that, among other questions, asked voters about her gubernatorial candidacy, for which she had not yet set up a committee.
She later reimbursed the Senate account, but not until December of the following year, according to the report.
DeFillippo Loses Seat On County Dem Committee
Charlotte DeFillippo of Hillside, former long-time Union County Democratic Committee chairwoman, lost her seat on the county committee in the Primary Election, politickernj.com has reported.
Super PAC Established for Sweeney Run for Governor
Sean Kennedy, former aide to Senate President Stephen Sweeney (D-3rd, Gloucester), has begun a super Political Action Committee (PAC) called New Jerseyans for a Better Tomorrow to support "Democratic candidates for Governor in the State of New Jersey," NJ.com/Advance Media has reported.
Sen. Sweeney is considered a likely candidate for governor in 2016.
N.J.Com/Advance Media also reported that a campaign consultant for

Senator Ray Lesniak (D-20th, Elizabeth) created a PAC called "Run Ray Run" in support of the Senator's likely run for governor.
Casinos Proposed In North Jersey Could Hurt AC
A proposed state constitutional amendment currently before the State Legislature would expand casino gambling to three North Jersey locations, according to app.com. If the legislation passes it would go to voters as a ballot referendum.
One new casino in the Meadowlands would result in a 45 percent decline in revenues for Atlantic City, reported app.com, citing a study by the Casino Association of New Jersey.
Revenue from the casinos would in part go to redeveloping Atlantic City, which has been devastated by the downturn of its gambling industry due to competition from neighboring states.
Good Samaritans Would Not Have Ambul. Fees Under Bill
"Good Samaritans" would not have to pay ambulance fees if they are injured while providing emergency care to others involved in car accidents under a bill sponsored by Assemblyman Jay Webber (R-26th, Parsippany). The legislation, A-2403, has received Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee approval.
Wait Time to Expunge Criminal Records Would Be Cut Under Bill
Legislation that makes changes to New Jersey eligibility requirements and procedures for expungement of criminal records was approved Monday by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
The bill, S-2663, would change the current law by shortening the waiting period required before records of a criminal conviction can be expunged from 10 years to five years. The legislation would also reduce the waiting period for those seeking to expunge a disorderly persons offense or petty conviction from five to three years. The bill is sponsored by Senator Ray Lesniak (D-20th, Elizabeth) and two other senators.



CAMPAIGN STRATEGY...Union County Republican candidates for freeholder and county clerk recently gathered to discuss campaign strategy. Pictured, from left to right, are: René Dierkes of Mountainside, Rich Fortunato of Scotch Plains and Joseph G. Aubourg, center, candidate for county clerk.

Cranford Plan. Bd. OK's Lincoln Ave. Subdivision

By CHRISTINA M. HINKE
Specially Written For The Westfield Leader and The Times

CRANFORD — The planning board last Wednesday approved, by a 7-to-1 vote, with the condition that a garage be razed, applicant Homaz, LLC's request for a minor subdivision to create two new, two-family homes with less than the minimum required lot width for lots that contain two-family uses at 16 and 18 Lincoln Avenue West.
The two-family homes will be built between South Avenue and South Union Avenue. A minimum lot width of 70 feet is required where the proposed is 69.98 feet.
"I have a reservation regarding the onsite treatment (for flood control measures). I think the engineer should have been here for that..." Planning Board member Dan Aschenbach said when he voted against the application.
Cranford Township Engineer Carl O'Brien, who is hired as a part-time engineer from Maser Consulting for the township, was not present at the meeting. In the past, the planning board has voiced its concern with the engineer not being present during application hearings.
The two-family homes would be located near South Avenue where the Garwood Brook lies, and Mr. Aschenbach said this area floods. He wanted more information on the flood-control plan for the application due to the fact that the area floods, he said.
James Watson of EKA Associates, a professional planner and land surveyor, said he did not design the seepage pit that was part of the application and could not testify on that portion of the application.
Mr. Watson said it met the minimum requirements of the township. Mr. Aschenbach's concern is those minimal requirements may not be adequate for areas that are known flood areas.
The lots previously housed two, two-and-a-half-story dwellings, Mr. Watson said. What is being proposed is two, two-family homes.
Austin Hood, a principal owner of Homaz, LLC, testified that the garage would be removed once the approvals are met with the application.

N.J. Supreme Court Sides With Christie On Pension Ruling

TRENTON — In a 5-2 ruling Tuesday, the state's Supreme Court has sided with Governor Chris Christie by overturning a lower-court judge's order that told governor and the Legislature to work out a way to increase pension contributions for the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, according to a Associated Press report.
In Tuesday's ruling, the court determined there was not an enforceable contract to force the full pension payment, as unions had argued there was.
"That the state must get its financial house in order is plain. The need is compelling in respect of the state's ability to honor its compensation commitment to retired employees. But the Court cannot resolve that need in place of the political branches. They will have to deal with one another to forge a solution to the tenuous financial status of New Jersey's pension funding in a way that comports with the strictures of our Constitution," Justice Jaynee LaVecchia wrote on behalf of the majority.
In response to the ruling, Senate Minority Leader Tom Kean, Jr. (R-21st) released the following statement: "It is time to move forward. I will work to ensure that the state contin-

ues to make the largest responsible pension payment and to develop reforms to make the system solvent while protecting vital services, such as health and education, for all New Jerseyans. It is my expectation that all parties will now return to the table to negotiate a comprehensive solution to this issue."

'Party At the Dump' In Summit on Sunday

SUMMIT — This Sunday, the City of Summit and the Summit Conservancy are co-hosting the "Party at the Dump" from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Summit Transfer Station, 41 New Providence Avenue. The free, family party will benefit the Summit Conservancy's campaign to build a permanent home for the Summit Free Market initiative.
The "Party at the Dump" will feature live entertainment, local food trucks and vendors and a silent auction. There will be an opportunity for partygoers to purchase a personalized brick with a name or logo for a patio outside the new Summit Free Market Building.
For more information, visit summitconservancy.org.

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