



LET THE CAMPAIGN BEGIN... This year's Garwood Democratic ticket in the November General Election, from left to right, includes: Borough Council incumbents Louis Petruzzelli and Sara Todisco and mayoral candidate Charles P. Lombardo. Each was uncontested in the June 3rd Primary.

Garwood Democrats Announce Campaign

GARWOOD — The Garwood Democratic Party has announced its candidates for this year's November General Election as well as upcoming events.

Running for mayor is Charles P. Lombardo, a Garwood resident and homeowner for 39 years, who previously served as a borough councilman from 1987 to 2007. Also, seeking re-election are council incumbents Louis Petruzzelli and Sara Todisco. Mr. Petruzzelli has lived in Garwood for the past 21 years and owns Accent Electric, a local busi-

ness here in the borough. Ms. Todisco is a life-long, fourth-generation resident and is a social studies teacher in Chatham. The candidates were unopposed in the June 3rd Primary Election.

The campaign manager for the upcoming election is Council President Ann Palmer and the campaign treasurer is Sal Perednia. As is their custom, the Democratic Party's slate of candidates will be walking door to door in the fall, meeting residents, answering their questions, and listening to their concerns.

The campaign committee will be hosting a variety of events in the near future. Scheduled to date are a Somerset Patriots Baseball Game with fireworks set for Saturday, August 9, at 7:05 p.m., and a day at Monmouth Park Racetrack on Saturday, September 27. These two events are not political and anyone from any political affiliation may participate.

There will also be a Garwood Free Pizza Night Friend-Raiser to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Garwood on Friday, October 24 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This Friend-Raiser will be an opportunity for residents to meet and talk with the candidates casually. Children attending must be accompanied by an adult.

For further details, or to reserve a space for one of the events, please call Ms. Todisco at (908) 377-7890 or Ms. Palmer at (908) 868-6129. Information about the candidates, events, and more is available at Facebook.com/GarwoodDem2014.

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Peyton's Peek at the Week In Politics

By Paul Peyton of *The Leader/Times*

More Unions Sue Gov. Christie Over Cut In State Pension Funds

The New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) on Monday filed a lawsuit against Governor Chris Christie, challenging his plan to cut \$2.4 billion from the state pension system over two years in an effort to close a \$2.7-billion revenue hole in the state budget, according to a *Star-Ledger* report. The Communications Workers of America (CWA) has filed a separate suit. In total, 14 unions have sued the Governor. The unions charge that the Governor's action violates state and federal constitutions and the contractual rights that hundreds of thousands of public employees won in 2011 when the Governor agreed to increase pension payments for unions who, in turn, agreed to pay more for their benefits.

The New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association (NJSPBA), Firefighters' Mutual Benevolent Association (FMBA), American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and the AFL-CIO have joined the NJEA lawsuit, according to *The Ledger* report.

Gov. Christie has said he would rather cut pension payments than raise taxes or reduce spending for schools or hospitals, according to media reports.

MacArthur Beats Longan In 3rd Congr. District

Former Randolph Mayor Tom MacArthur defeated conservative Steve Longan in the June 3rd Republican Primary in the Third Congressional District, by a tally of 15,250 to 10,295. He now moves on to face Democratic Burlington County Freeholder Aimee Belgard, who easily won her Primary. The district stretches from the Philadelphia suburbs to the Jersey Shore.

The district is currently represented by Jon Runyon, a former Philadelphia Eagle, who opted not to seek a third term.

Clark Councilman Kazanowski Dies at 61 From Heart Attack

Clark Township Councilman Richard Kazanowski, 61, the lone Democrat on the township council, died June 3rd after suffering a heart attack, according to *The Star-Ledger*.

Mr. Kazanowski was appointed to the council in 1993, but lost a bid for a full term in 1994. He was elected to the council in 1998, but lost his re-election bid in 2002. He returned to the campaign trail and was elected again in 2006 to represent Clark's third ward and re-elected in 2010. He ran unsuccessfully for mayor against long-time Republican Mayor Sal Bonaccorso in 2012. Mr. Kazanowski was seeking re-election to his council this year.

Norcross Wins Dem Nomination In 1st Dist; To Face Cobb in Nov.

State Senator Donald W. Norcross (D-1st, Camden) easily defeated Frank Broomell, Jr. and Frank Minor

to win the Democratic Primary in New Jersey's 1st Congressional District. Mr. Norcross had 18,400 votes. Mr. Broomell finished second with 3,848 votes and Mr. Minor had 3,276 tallies.

Mr. Norcross will face Republican Garry Cobb, 6,378; who won the GOP Primary over Claire Gustafson, 1,334; Gerard McManus, 863, and Lee Lucas, 766. Mr. Norcross and Mr. Cobb will now face each other in the General Election for the now vacant Congressional seat left by the resignation of Rep. Rob Andrews (D) in this strong Democratic District. The district includes parts of Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester Counties.

FEC Drops Probe of Ex-Rep. Rob Andrews

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) will drop its investigation of former Rep. Rob Andrews (D-1st) over charges that he improperly used tens of thousands of dollars in campaign donations to pay for a family trip to Scotland and a party at his home, as well as to support his daughter's acting career, according to a *Politico* report.

Mr. Andrews resigned his House seat in February after serving more than 24 years in Congress. A special investigative panel of the House Ethics Committee was in the process of looking into his use of campaign funds, but the panel had not issued a report.

"I thank the Commission for its careful review of this case. I have always stated that any fair review of the facts and law would lead to a dismissal of these false and politically-motivated accusations," according to a statement from Mr. Andrews included in the *Politico* story.

Christie To Appear On Tonight Show

Governor Chris Christie is scheduled to be a guest tonight on *The Tonight Show With Jimmy Fallon*. It is the Governor's first appearance on the late night TV since the Bridgegate scandal broke earlier this year.

County to Participate In N.J. Olympic Week

COUNTY — The Union County Department of Parks and Recreation will participate in New Jersey Olympic Week activities to celebrate the 120th Anniversary of the modern Olympic Games.

On Monday, June 16, at Oak Ridge Park in Clark, there will be an Olympic archery clinic from 5 to 7 p.m. This event will provide an overview into the various styles of archery by some of the top senior and junior archers in the area. Among the participants will be Junior Olympic archer Yuji Sugimoto, a student at the Union County Magnet High School in Scotch Plains; Lelia Nelson from Old Bridge, the New Jersey Senior



MINI GOLF MADNESS... The Westfield United Fund recently hosted Mini Golf Madness, a FUNdraising event for families in the community at the Scotch Hills golf course in Scotch Plains. Food was provided by Michelle's on Prospect. Pictured, from left to right, are: Executive Director Deirdre Geline and Trustees Jonathan Walker and Bernadette Houston.

County Clerk Collecting Tattered American Flags

COUNTY — As Flag Day approaches this Saturday, June 14, Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi reminds residents that torn or tattered American flags may be dropped off at her offices in Elizabeth and Westfield for their proper, respectful retirement.

"We honor the symbol of our country on Flag Day; certainly we also want to honor the proper disposal of retired flags," Ms. Rajoppi said. "According to the U.S. Flag Code, when a flag is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. My office assists Union County residents by collecting unserviceable flags and making sure that they are destroyed in a correct manner by a local veterans group."

Flags for retirement may be left with staff at the County Clerk's main office in the Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad Street, Room 115, in Elizabeth; and at the County Clerk's Annex in the Colleen Fraser Building, 300 North Avenue East, in Westfield.

The Elizabeth office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Westfield office is open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

For more information about the Union County Clerk's flag retirement collection program, please call (908) 527-4787.

Independents File In 7th, 12th Districts

REGION — A number of Congressional candidates filed by last week's deadline for Independent candidates. Filing in the 12th Congressional District are: Allen Cannon of Titusville, D-R Party; Steven Welzer of East Windsor, Green Party; Don Dezam of East Windsor, Legalize Marijuana Party; Rau Yelle of Monmouth Junction, Let's Do Better; Jack Freudenheim of Plainfield, Start The Conservation, and Kenneth Cody, of Princeton, Truth Vision Hope.

They join major party candidates, Democratic Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-15th, Mercer), who won a four-candidate Primary on June 3rd, and Republican Alieta Eck, a medical doctor who runs a health clinic for the poor with her husband in Somerset County.

In the 7th Congressional District, Libertarian Party candidate James Gawron of Flanders has filed his candidacy joining three-term Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th), the Republican candidate who won a contested Primary, and Democrat Janice Kovach, the mayor of Clinton who was unchallenged in her party's Primary.



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