

Local Letters to the Editor

Garwood DEM Chairman Announces Party Line for Election

I am excited to announce that Incumbent Mayor Charles Lombardo, and his running mates Jennyfer Guerrero and Vincent Kearney, have been chosen as the candidates of the official Democratic Party of Garwood in the Primary Election.

Mayor Charles Lombardo, former councilman for 21 years and Mayor for the last three and a half years, is running for re-election with Jennyfer Guerrero, a PSE&G executive with children in our school system. Vincent Kearney, who will have children in school this fall, fills out the ticket with his strong police experience working for the Union County Sheriff's Office. Jenn and Vincent have never run for public office before. They both are homeowners, both ironically have twins and both have chosen our Small Town with the Big Heart to raise their families.

The motto of the Lombardo-Guerrero-Kearney team is "Garwood Forward" and we would have it no other way. Garwood is moving toward much change and we embrace that change for the betterment of our residents. Yes, we look to the past to build on the future, but we do not dwell on it. If Garwood is to remain a viable and vibrant community, we must change and continue to move forward, otherwise we stagnate. However, it should not be "out with the old and in with the new." We, as a community, will continue to thrive with a broad range of ideas from all of our residents. Our team has the energy, vision, and determination to continue what was begun 10 years ago, under the former two Mayors, and was continued under the leadership of Mayor Lombardo with regard to redevelopment, bringing it to completion. Under Mayor

Lombardo's leadership, he has re-energized the Historical Committee so we do not forget our past as we look to our future. But we do not stop there - our team is committed to meet every challenge before us, no matter how small, with vigor and fairness to all constituents in our community. This team is diverse and knowledgeable and our group is one. There is no "I" in our team.

Mayor Lombardo has forged many relationships within our community and with other nearby towns, and met with government leaders of the state and county, with Garwood in mind, not to grab headlines, or for personal gain, but only for the furtherance of Garwood and its residents. Mayor Lombardo brings experience, integrity, fortitude and civility to whatever he does for the Borough. His running mates bring their own strong values and principles and will be an asset to Garwood's current and future viability while we move forward as a community. It is our belief, as Garwood Democrats, that integrity and loyalty are the most valuable and respected qualities of leadership. That is the foundation for the bonds of trust.

To learn more about Mayor Charles and Council Candidates Jenn and Vince, please visit Facebook under @GarwoodForward and their website GarwoodForward.com. Our candidates look forward to engaging with their fellow residents during this campaign, as they demonstrate that their team is the best choice to move Garwood Forward.

Hugh Sinclair,
Chairman
Garwood Democratic Committee

Why Did Rep. Lance Signed Off To Repeal Net Neutrality?

Congressman Lance continues to assert his position as a moderate, a position he established while serving in the New Jersey State Assembly. However, a review of his Congressional voting record no longer supports a moderate stance. It appears that his conscience has moved sharply to the right and does not reflect the desires of his constituency.

According to the FCC's Enforcement Bureau, The Northeast (Hurricane Corridor) has long been home to illegal pirate radio operations. Illegal use of the airwaves results in harmful interference to nearby licensed stations, and the delivery of emergency announcements to the public.

On March 22, 2018 Congressman Lance introduced bi-partisan legislation that would strengthen the FCC's enforcement process in preventing illegal radio abuse. Implementation of the regulatory amendment, coupled with maximum fines, would limit the disruption of emergency announcement content and protect the end user, the consumer.

If one considers the need to deliver unfettered information to constituents, regardless of category or importance, you might ask why Congressman Lance signed off on the unpopular position to repeal Net Neutrality. The Internet has become an essential part of our lives and the Net

Neutrality guarantee ensures that Internet Service Providers cannot discriminate against the end user regarding content delivery offered by government, universities, charities, and non-profit organizations.

Congressman Lance's support of the FCC's proposed repeal of Net Neutrality directly harms the consumer by allowing Internet Service Providers to censor content and subjectively slowing the speed of delivery.

In a December 12, 2017, telephone call to his D.C. office, I was advised that Congressman Lance had taken no position on Net Neutrality. On December 13, 2017, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and its Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, of which Lance is Vice-Chair, released the letter signed by lawmakers supporting the repeal of Net Neutrality. Congressman Lance was one of 107 signatures. The letter was also clearly posted to the FCC website. It should be noted that 132 House Republicans did not sign the letter supporting the repeal.

Perhaps those members who did not sign the letter, were swayed by a recent study that showed an overwhelming majority of Republican voters were not in favor of the FCC's repeal proposal.

Christine Mosquera
Cranford

Kennedy Enrolls at Delaware Valley Univ.

DOYLESTOWN, Penn. - Delaware Valley University is pleased to announce that Garrett Kennedy, of Cranford, has enrolled as a new student for fall 2018.

The university will welcome a diverse and talented group of new students to campus this fall.

Probitas Verus Honos

Youth to Present 'Living Stations'

SPRINGFIELD — The Youth Group of St. James the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, located at 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, will pray the Living Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. tomorrow, Good Friday, March 30, in the church.

Dressed as those Jesus encountered and interacted with on the way to his crucifixion, youth group members will accurately portray what occurred at each Station. There will be musical accompaniment as well.

The St. James Youth Group is under the direction of Ann Marie Gesualdo, youth minister. All are welcome to this presentation. For more information, call St. James Church at (973) 376-3044.

Floraphile Club Plans Benefit Garage Sale

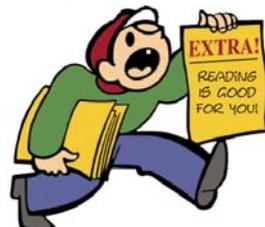
CRANFORD — The Floraphile Garden Club will host a garage sale fundraiser on Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 469 Brookside Court, Cranford.

The sale will feature an array of household goods, plants, clothes, toys, books and other merchandise. Proceeds from this fundraiser will support the Floraphile Garden Club and its involvement in numerous community service projects, beautification programs, charitable donations and horticultural therapy.

Founded in 1950, Floraphile has been an active and integral part of the Cranford community for more than 65 years. Members participate in various workshops, presentations, charitable projects and garden tours.

To learn more about the Floraphile Garden Club, like the club on Facebook at facebook.com/floraphilegardenclub.

Reading is Good For You



goleader.com/subscribe