

2018 Candidates

Editor's Note: The following is a list of 2018 candidates. Please note there are no Fanwood seats up this year on the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education and there is no Westfield municipal election this year.

U.S. Senate (vote for 1)
 Robert Menendez (D), 330 Angelo Cifelli Dr., Apt. 326, Harrison, NJ 07029
 Bob Hugin (R), 19 Essex Rd., Summit, NJ 07901.

(Also running for U.S. Senate are Hank Schroeder, Natalie Lynn Rivera, Madelyn Hoffman, Murray Sabrin, Kevin Kimble, and Tricia Flanagan.)

Congress
 District 7 (vote for 1)
 Tom Malinowski (D), 86 Washington St., Rocky Hill, NJ 08553
 Leonard Lance (R), 262 Stanton Mountain Rd., Lebanon, NJ 08833
 Gregg Mele (Ind.), 1 Kershaw Court, Bridgewater, NJ 08807
 Diane Moxley (Green), P.O. Box 291, Garwood, NJ 07027

District 12 (vote for 1)
 Bonnie Watson Coleman (D), P.O. Box 7045, Ewing, NJ 08628
 Daryl Kipnis (R), 220 Davidson Ave., Apt. 3c, Somerset, NJ 08873

State Assembly, Dist. 22, Unexpired Term, (vote for 1)
 Linda Carter (D), 1445 Mc Crea Place, Plainfield, NJ 07062
 John Quattrocchi (R), 233 Lexington Blvd., Apt. 9, Clark, NJ 07066

County Freeholder (vote for 3)
 Alexander Mirabella (D), 11 Tillotson Rd., Fanwood, NJ 07023
 Andrea F. Staten (D), 223 Victory St., Roselle, NJ 07023
 Kimberly Moulded (D), 490 Otisco Dr., Westfield, NJ 07090
 Patricia Quattrocchi (R), 233 Lexington Blvd., Apt. 9, Clark, NJ 07066
 Joseph R. Sarno III (R), 524 Farley Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
 Peter G. Kane (R), 3 Iris Road, Summit, NJ 07901

Unexpired Term (vote for 1)
 Rebecca L. Williams (D), 1428 South Ave., Apt. 3J, Plainfield, NJ 07062
 Peter Lijoi (R), 124 Canoe Brook Parkway, Summit, NJ 07901

Cranford Twn. Committee (vote for 1)
 Thomas H. Hannen, Jr. (D), 94 Belmont Ave., Cranford, NJ 07016
 Richard Buontempo (R), 4 Crescent Pl., Cranford, NJ 07016

Cranford Board of Education (vote for 3)
 William B. Hulse, 41 Keith Jeffries Ave., Cranford, NJ 07016
 Maria Loikith, 17 Brown Terrace, Cranford, NJ 07016
 Terry Darling, 160 Hillcrest Ave., Cranford, NJ 07016

Unexpired Term (vote for 1)
 Brian T. McCarthy, 4 Lawn Terrace, Cranford, NJ 07016

Mountainside Council (vote for 2)
 Robert W. Messler (R), 299 Garrett Rd., Mountainside, NJ 07092
 Rachel K. Pater (R), 1155 Corrine Terrace, Mountainside, NJ 07092
 Anjali Mehrotra (D), 215 Queens, Ln., Mountainside, NJ 07092

Ileana Montes (D), 220 Kings Ct., Mountainside, NJ 07092

Mountainside Board of Education
 Candice Schiano, 235 Summit Rd., Mountainside, NJ 07092

Scotch Plains Township Council (vote for 3)
 Andrew Bondarowicz (R), 2216 Jersey Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
 Sonali Dalvi (R), 1 Azalea Court, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
 Jeff Kowalczyk (R), 1947 Duncan Drive, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
 Elizabeth C. Stamler (D), 204 Byrd Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
 Roshan M. White (D), 441 Myrtle Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
 Joshua G. Losardo (D), 11 Scotchwood Glen, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Fanwood Boro Council (vote for 1)
 Erin A. McElroy Barker (D), 143 Hunter Ave., Fanwood, NJ 07023
 Patricia Walsh (D), 100 Russell Rd., Fanwood, NJ 07023
 Brian Walter (R), 51 Fourth St., Fanwood, NJ 07023

Scotch Plains-Fanwood BOE (vote for 3)
 Sean Keagan Foley, 220 Country Club Ln., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
 Debora J. Brody, 1941 Lake Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
 Karen Kulikowski, 184 Watching Terrace, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
 Tonya Williams, 315 Sycamore Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
 Alfonso G. Akins, 1395 Raritan Rd., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Garwood Mayor (vote for 1)
 Sara Todisco (D), 91 Third Ave., Garwood, NJ 07027
 Ileen Cuccaro (R), 348 Third Ave., Garwood, NJ 07027

Garwood Council (vote for 2)
 Michael Ince (D), 512 Locust Ave., Garwood, NJ 07027
 Sean Benoit (D), 231 Second Ave., Garwood, NJ 07027
 Stephanie Bianco (R), 540 Fourth Ave., Garwood, NJ 07027
 Salvatore Piarulli (R), 44 Fourth Ave., Garwood, NJ 07027

Garwood Board of Education (vote for 3)
 Mary Ann Kjetsaa, 350 Hickory Ave., Garwood, NJ 07027
 Maureen Scepkowski, 408 Hazel Ave., Garwood, NJ 07027
 Joseph Miceli, 514 Maple Court, Garwood, NJ 07027
 Ralph Trentacosta, 533 Myrtle Ave., Garwood, NJ 07027
 Denise Ridente, 532 Locust Ave., Garwood, NJ 07027

Westfield Board of Education (vote for 3)
 Gretchan R. Ohlig, 226 Maryland St., Westfield, NJ 07090
 Tara Oporto, 47 Mohican Dr., Westfield, NJ 07090
 Simon Cirasa, 817 Oak Ave., Westfield, NJ 07090
 Dennis Cariello, 51 Tamaques Way, Westfield, NJ 07090
 Charles R. Ostroff, 532 Colemam Pl., Westfield, NJ 07090
 Robert S. Garrison, 715 Kimball Ave., Westfield, NJ 07090



DOWNTOWN BUSINESS...Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr speaks about Fanwood's 10-year effort to attract new development, businesses and investment during a meeting hosted by Fanwood and Downtown New Jersey.

Fanwood Welcomes Downtown Professionals

FANWOOD – More than 20 economic development professionals and downtown managers met in Fanwood on September 12 to discuss downtown economic development and hear from Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr about the borough's efforts to revitalize its downtown community.

Mayor Mahr spoke about Fanwood's experience and the 10-year effort to attract new development, businesses and investment.

"Development takes vision, patience and commitment to design projects that reflect the town's character and fit easily into the downtown landscape," Mayor Mahr said. She also emphasized the importance of keeping the residents and business owners informed of plans from inception to completion.

Downtown professionals from Union County towns have been meeting regularly since late 2017 to share ideas, best practices and issues facing business districts. Topics include marketing, creation of public spaces, public arts, liquor license laws, pedestrian safety and parking. The Fanwood meeting was co-hosted with Downtown New Jersey (DNJ), a

state-wide organization that has its mission keeping municipal officials and professionals informed of trends, policies and legislation that affect business districts. The joint meeting was organized by Fanwood's Economic Development Director Liz Jeffery.

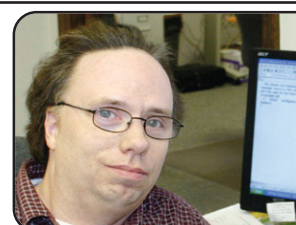
"Towns are more connected than ever before and this group of downtown managers fosters cooperation and collaboration," Ms. Jeffery said.

South Orange Village Director Bob Zuckerman gave a presentation on updating zoning codes to reflect the current state of retail and business. "Many towns have antiquated zoning regulations that hinder the ability to attract new businesses," he said.

DNJ Executive Director Courtenay Mercer called the joint meeting informative a great forum for sharing ideas and experiences.

Attention Candidates

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Peyton's Peek at the Week In Politics

By Paul Peyton of *The Leader/Times*

RNC Rips Malinowski for Ad Using John McCain's Words

The Republican Jewish Coalition is criticizing Tom Malinowski, the Democratic candidate challenging five-term Republican 7th District Congressman Leonard Lance, for his latest advertisement.

According to a Politico report, "The ad shows a clip of McCain praising Malinowski for his record opposing torture during Malinowski's confirmation hearing to be an assistant secretary of state in the Obama administration."

In response, RJC Executive Director Matt Brooks told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* the ad is "trying to use Senator McCain's kind words about him for political gain."

"For Tom Malinowski to use Senator John McCain's kind words in a political advertisement to imply support for Malinowski in his race against Congressman Leonard Lance is wrong, and he should immediately take the commercial down," Mr. Brooks said.

"John McCain would have voted for Leonard Lance if he lived in New Jersey's 7th District. John McCain would have quickly pointed out that Tom Malinowski is dead wrong on Israel, taxes, and a host of other important issues...to wait until the passing of Senator McCain to release a political ad featuring his kind words, and implying support for Malinowski, a claim that McCain is no longer here to refute, is disgusting. Tom Malinowski must take this disgraceful commercial down," he said.

Cranford Zoning Officer Files For Plainfield City Council

Cranford Zoning Officer Ron Johnson, 27, is running for a council-at-large seat vacancy on the Plainfield City Council.

According to his candidate profile, Mr. Johnson is running as a "progressive, independent candidate." He filed by the September 4 deadline for independent candidates for the Tuesday, November 6 General Election, according to a TAPinto Plainfield report.

He will challenge Democrat Elton Armady for the seat left vacant when Rebecca Williams resigned upon her appointment to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, replacing Linda Carter, who resigned upon her selection to replace the late Jerry

Green as assemblywoman for the 22nd Legislative District.

The term of the council seat runs through the end of 2020.

Also, Cranford Township Administrator Terence Wall is a candidate for the Holmdel Board of Education in Somerset County.

Kean Seeks Compromise On Issues Such as Min. Wage

Senate Minority Leader Tom Kean, Jr. (R-21st, Westfield) has said that bipartisan compromise is possible on a number of important initiatives, including raising the minimum wage and enacting fiscal reforms to lower the cost of government.

"It would make a lot of sense to pair a minimum wage increase with proposals from the Legislature's Economic and Fiscal Policy Workgroup to significantly reduce pension and health benefit costs going forward," said Mr. Kean.

Mr. Kean said he has long offered to work with Governor Phil Murphy to phase in an increase of the minimum wage to a level that he said is modern and fair.

"The Governor has called for a flat \$15 minimum wage, which many in the Legislature think will reduce job opportunities and hurt farmers and small businesses," said Mr. Kean. "If we can all show that we're open to reaching a consensus on these reforms, I know that we can make New Jersey more affordable."

Asm. Bramnick Mourns Passing of Peter Barnes

Assembly Minority Leader Jon Bramnick (R-21st, Westfield) last week commented on the passing of former Assemblyman Peter J. Barnes on September 11.

Mr. Barnes, 89, represented the 18th Legislative District for 11 years, serving as Assembly majority whip and chairman of the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee, according to his obituary. After retiring as a lawmaker Mr. Barnes was appointed as chairman of the New Jersey Parole Board.

"Peter was a class act who served his country and our state with honor and integrity, first as an FBI special agent and then for 22 years as a legislator. He was a man of principle and commitment. I was a big fan of Peter. He will be missed. I extend my sincerest condolences to his family," Mr. Bramnick said.

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