

NEWSLETTER

JULY-AUGUST 2024

Kim/Sherrill-Pascrell win in Democratic Primaries

**Chief Adamo for Passaic County Sheriff/
Lazzara-De Vore-Bartlett for County Commissioners also prevail**



The results are in and our endorsed candidates for U.S. Senate and Congress, along with our Passaic County candidates will be on Wayne voters ballots in November. Andy Kim, who's running for Senate, won his race handily after Tammy Murphy dropped out back in March, while incumbent Congressional Representatives Mikie Sherrill and Bill Pascrell were also the overwhelming choice of the voters.



Meanwhile, in a contentious Primary election for Passaic County Sheriff, Chief Thomas Adamo ran away from his opponent, Jerry Speziale, even though most expected the results to be much closer. And finally, County Commissioner incumbents Sandy Lazzara and John Bartlett prevailed, along with new-comer Rodney De Vore who edged out his closest rival, Sean Duffy, for the remaining seat.

November may not be on everyone's radar yet, but every day that passes demonstrates to all of us just how important this election is going to be. "Democracy is not a spectator sport.", especially after the Supreme Court's immunity decision!

E-mail us at WayneDemClub@gmail.com and we'll tell you how you can help.

For election results,

[CLICK HERE](#)

.....or go to PassaicCountyNJ.org

IMPORTANT 2024 ELECTION DATES:

- **Petition Filing Deadline for School Board candidates:**
Monday, July 29, 2024, 4 pm
- **Voter Registration Deadline:**
Tuesday, October 15, 2024
- **General & Annual School Board Elections**
November 5, 2024

For other important election info, go to
nj.gov/vote

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Wayne holds its 3rd Annual PRIDE flag raising



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for short video

June was PRIDE month and on June 5th in front of the Wayne Public Library, members of our Wayne Democratic Club, dignitaries and Wayne residents came together to celebrate and raise the township's PRIDE flag for the third consecutive year (see video). Mayor Chris Vergano presided, calling attention to the small crowd (a sign of the times) but promising that the annual event will continue regardless of how many people attend. We think that's a good thing, and hope that you'll join us in supporting our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters as they continue to face so many physical threats, and challenges to their Constitutional rights and freedoms.

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The Wayne YMCA

Photo credit: Jon "Ferris" Meredith

Wayne does an "about face". Plans to acquire YMCA for new community center.

**Original plan called for building center
at Captain Kilroy Memorial Park**

At the June 19th Wayne Township Council meeting, Mayor Chris Vergano surprised everyone by announcing plans for the township to purchase the Wayne YMCA to open a public facility for performing arts and recreation. The announcement reversed the direction the township was taking when the mayor announced back in May that our township was planning to build a new community center at Captain Kilroy Memorial Park, using the local open space trust fund to pay for it.

Although negotiations between the two parties are ongoing, the township has indicated that it will invoke eminent domain to acquire the "Y" if no agreement can be reached. An ordinance to do so was introduced at the June 19th Council meeting and passed unanimously - 5-0. The ordinance is scheduled to be voted on for adoption at the next Wayne Township Council meeting on Wednesday, July 17th, at which the public can comment.

For those who work at the YMCA and members who attend their programs and utilize their facilities, the future is uncertain. That uncertainty rests with a good number of our Club members as well who are in those categories. The "Y" has issued letters to members, and an excerpt from one of them follows:

"While we were hopeful to join the Township in a public/private partnership in continuing to provide our essential programs and services to our community, the Township was 'not interested in such an agreement'."

You've probably heard of the expression, "All politics is local." Well, here is a classic example. Regardless of where you stand on this ordinance - for or against - its fate rests with those who have been elected to Wayne's Town Council. Right now, of the 9 members on the Council, 8 are Republicans. That can change next year when 3 Council-At-Large seats will be on the ballot, along with the mayor. However, all you can do now is contact members of the Town Council and the mayor via e-mail and express your opinion. You can also join us at the July 17th Council when they will be hearing public comments before the vote is taken.

**Please join us for this important meeting on July 17th at 7:30 in
Council Chambers in the Wayne Municipal Building**

475 Valley Road, Wayne

If you plan on attending, please let us know by e-mailing us -

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Congrats to
Steve Parsons,
Club Secretary &
Alternate Delegate
at Chicago's
Democratic National Convention
in August!

Let's Get SMARTER



Yes, Steve will tell you. We need to get more active members and make ourselves more visible in the community. But, at the same time, we need to get smarter too, and that means staying current on issues - from local to national & world - and being able to take a position on them. That's why we've been sending out information to help you do just that. Whether it be how to get "Wayne Today" delivered to your home, providing you with more background about OPRA (no, not Winfrey!) after our discussion about it at our last meeting, or forwarding Mikie's advocacy Toolkits that her campaign provides after Supreme Court decisions - it's all being done to help us, as a Club, achieve that goal. As always, we welcome your suggestions. "Let's get Smarter!"



UPCOMING JULY EVENTS (AUGUST TBA)

WAYNE DEMOCRATIC MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL MEETING July 8, 2024

**Time & place will be provided to
current members.**

**For those interested, there are a
number of vacant seats on the
Committee. If you would like
additional information, please
contact Bob Nulman before 7/5 -
BobNulman@gmail.com**

WAYNE GOVERNMENT

- Council Meeting - **July 17th**
- Planning Board Meetings - **July 8th & 22nd**
- Zoning Board of Adjustment - **July 1st & 15th**
(All meetings 7:30pm in Municipal Council Chambers)

PASSAIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- Board Meetings - **July 16th**
(5:30pm in the Commissioners Board Room,
401 Grand St, 2nd Floor, Paterson)

WAYNE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Regular Meeting - **July 11th**
(7:30pm in Municipal Council Chambers)

MONTCLAIR DEMS' VOLUNTEER OFFERINGS

- **Tuesdays @ 5 PM:** Mikie Sherrill Phone Bank
- **Wednesdays @ 5 PM:** Sue Altman Phone Bank
- **Wednesdays @ 7 PM:** Join the Postcard team
- **Thursdays @ 6 PM:** Biden/Harris Phone Banks
- **Thursdays @ 7 PM:** Wolffpack: Social Media team

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to volunteer
or
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OUR NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 9th, 7pm

Yes, we'll be talking about our Primary-winning candidates, but we'll also be addressing "the elephant in the room" regarding Joe's campaign.

Our July and August meetings will be held virtually via Zoom beginning at 7pm. If you'd like to join us, please do. Plenty to talk about!

Here's the link for July's meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86131025251>



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