



WAYNE DEMOCRATIC CLUB

"Giving us a voice" Newsletter



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WAYNE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

VOTE MARCH 12

BOND REFERENDUM

Q & A INFO SESSION FEB. 15

On March 12, Wayne Township voters will be asked to approve a school repair and renovation referendum for the sale of \$169.8 million in bonds (with state aid already committed to covering \$39 million of those costs). The cost to the taxpayer will also be offset by retiring debt from the middle school built 20 years ago. The 62 proposed projects will touch every school and will bolster energy efficiency, improve school safety, fix aging roofs, plumbing, electrical and bleachers. The Preakness School will be restored as an elementary school to accommodate our growing population.

Wayne's schools are one of the township's most attractive features. Be sure that you make your voice heard on this important vote!



Remembering Sheriff Berdnik

On January 23rd, Passaic County lost its Sheriff, and many of us lost a good friend to an apparent suicide. We, like so many others, worked with Sheriff Berdnik during his last re-election campaign in 2022 as he won a fifth term, garnering over 54% of the vote. Unfortunately, as we know all too well, suicides are on the rise and it makes the loss of someone we love all the more tragic. Our condolences go out to Sheriff Berdnik's family, co-workers and the many friends he leaves behind.

If you or someone you know is in crisis, call or text 988 to reach the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline or chat live at 988lifeline.org.

You can also visit [SpeakingOfSuicide.com/resources](https://speakingofsuicide.com/resources) for additional support.

OUR NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 29th
with special guest speakers from Mikie Sherrill & Bill Pascrell's campaigns

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT


Could there ever be a more important year to elect Democrats to office?

Re-electing Mikie Sherrill & Bill Pascrell, holding our Senate seat, and returning Joe & Kamala to office – as our Club's new President and as a "Proud Wayne Democrat", that's my goal. If that's your goal too, contact us and join me and our current members at our next monthly meeting. Will we win in November?


That's something that's up to all of us!
"Democracy is not a spectator sport."



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