



## NEWSLETTER

### April 2024

### Off and "Running"!

#### NJ candidates file their petitions to get on the ballot



On March 25th, all New Jersey candidates for June 4th's primary and November 5th's general election had to have petitions filed with Divisions of Elections throughout the state in order to get their names on the ballot. That includes Mikie Sherrill and Bill Pascrell (left), Wayne's Representatives in Congress running for re-election. For weeks, all candidates have been gathering signatures for their petitions leading up to the filing date, and now the primary races are set. Both of our House incumbents are being challenged - Representative Sherrill by Mark De Lotto, and Representative Pascrell by Mohamed Khairullah. For Senate, Andy Kim, Lawrence Hamm and Patricia Campos-Medina are our three candidates after Tammy Murphy dropped out of the race. In Passaic County, there are also contested elections for three Commissioner seats, and for Sheriff after the untimely passing of Sheriff Berdnik.

Your sources for ongoing coverage of NJ politics and races:

NEW JERSEY GLOBE (<https://newjerseyglobe.com>) and INSIDER NJ (<https://www.insidernj.com>)

#### IMPORTANT 2024 ELECTION DATES:

- > Primary Election  
**June 4, 2024**
- > General & Annual School Board Elections  
**November 5, 2024**

#### VOTER REGISTRATION FOR PRIMARY ELECTION:

- > Registration Deadline: **Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

#### CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL BOARD:

- > Petition Filing Deadline: **Monday, July 29, 2024, 4 pm**

For other important election information, go to  
**[nj.gov/vote](https://nj.gov/vote)**

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## THE WAYNE DEMOCRATIC CLUB'S "PETITION PEOPLE"!

Our volunteers gathered over 350 signatures for Mikie & Bill



Democracy is not a spectator sport" and some of our members are already "in the game". As every year, the Sherrill and Pascrell campaigns came to us to help them get their supporters to sign their petitions. Maybe you signed when we stopped by your house! Well, after several weeks of going door-to-door, we managed to get over 350 signatures which were part of our Representatives filings. Mikie Sherrill filed her petition with 3,706 signatures in her Congressional District 11 (CD11) while Bill Pascrell's total in CD9 was 2,535. Also, Democratic Senate candidate, Andy Kim, managed an impressive 6,345 signatures. (Note: Results are as of March 26th as reported by NJ Globe.)

Once again, a BIG thank you to everyone who volunteered and made the photo-op (see left):

Front row kneeling: Steve Parsons & Sal Schifano.

Back row, left to right: June Fisher-Markowitz, Barbara Stomber, Gloria Bodker, Jim Freeswick, Anil Nerurkar, Linda Nardone, and Adrodite Lewnes.

Not pictured but also a BIG help: Kamala Anupindi, Evan Covello, Karen David-Chilowicz, Dianne Douthat, Jason & Lauren Kaufman, Councilwoman Fran Ritter, and Arlene Sullivan & family.

And photo credit to our good friend, Jim Koper. Thanks Jim!

## Fighting misinformation in a Republican town



No doubt being a Democrat in Wayne can be challenging. But burying our heads in the sand is a recipe for disaster, particularly this year with so much at stake. In late March, these signs (see pictures) started popping up around Wayne. The one on the far left, "See 2,000 Mules", refers to a documentary that pushes a long debunked right-wing conspiracy theory that there was coordinated voter fraud in the 2020 Presidential election. The second sign, "Remember Laken Riley", refers to the murder of a female University of Georgia student on campus by an undocumented migrant. While true, it's an incident that the right-wing is using politically to promote the false narrative that violent crime is rising dramatically (it's not), and it's all because of the influx of immigrants at our borders. While we all will have our ideological differences, it's up to all of us to call out the lies and misinformation that we constantly see. These signs are troublesome, not only because they target an already-receptive audience, but because they are also directed at the most vulnerable among us - our kids. It seems that it's no coincidence that one sign was posted near Wayne Valley High School.

**NOTE:** These signs were posted on Verizon telephone poles on Hamburg Turnpike and Valley Road.

We've contacted Verizon and arranged for their removal.

If you come across any others, please do the same. You'll need to give Verizon the pole's location and it's number, located on the pole.



### UPCOMING APRIL EVENTS

#### APRIL 10th

**Wayne Democratic Club's monthly meeting**  
(see below)

#### APRIL 25TH

**WAFFA Annual Family Night Dinner /  
National Arabic Heritage Month**  
(see right)

To request more information:  
973-766-2406 or [CLICK HERE](#)

#### TBA

**Mikie Sherrill's Campaign Kickoff!**

**AND...SAVE THE DATE!  
SATURDAY, MAY 4TH**

**"BOOTCAMP!"**  
Training for volunteers  
(Contact us for details)

## OUR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 10th with our guest speaker

### 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

## FRAN RITTER



Affordable housing, over-development, the Master Plan, transparency...all words you've probably heard tossed around more often these days in Wayne. So, what's going on? Councilwoman Ritter will be on hand to discuss it all, and address your questions and concerns. **Save the date!**

**FOR LOCATION & TIME, PLEASE RSVP BY PHONE, TEXT OR E-MAIL**  
(See contact information below.)



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