

Candidate Biographies

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Steve Brociner



Name: Steve Brociner
Party: Democrat
Candidate For: Mountaintain Borough Council
Professional Experience: The candidate has owned his own carpet business for over 30 years.

Education: The candidate has a degree in business administration from the University of Miami in Florida.

Family Life: Mr. Brociner and his wife, Phyllis, have two children.

Gov. Experience: He ran unsuccessfully for the Borough Council in 1998. He serves on the Union County Senior Citizens Transportation Commission.

Clubs/Organizations: The candidate is a Korean Conflict veteran. He served in the 25th Infantry Division. He has been an active member of the Democratic Committee in both Elizabeth and Mountaintain for the past 30 years. He is a member of the Mount Nebo Lodge of the Masons. Mr. Brociner is an active volunteer at area homeless shelters, in resettlement of Soviet Jews, in child development agencies and in providing mental health and vocational services to disabled adults.

Platform: The candidates' main issue is bringing two-party government to Mountaintain for the first time. He also supports assigning each council member to a geographic section of town to create a better relationship between the council and residents.

Westfield Council

Gregory S. McDermott



Name: Gregory S. McDermott
Candidate For: Westfield Town Council, First Ward
Party: Republican
Professional Experience: The candidate is employed as a Vice President with the West Caldwell-based printing firm of Drew & Rogers.

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Education: Mr. McDermott holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration from Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania.

Family Life: The candidate and his wife, Andrea, have four children: Bryan, Maggie, Melissa and Patricia.

Gov. Experience: Mr. McDermott was first elected to the Town Council from the First Ward in 1997. He is the past Chairman of the Union County Improvement Authority of which he has been a member since 1996. On the council, he chairs the Solid Waste Committee and is a member of the Parking, Transportation and Traffic Committee, the Public Safety Committee, the Town Property Committee and Liaison to the special improvement district board and the Westfield Board of Education.

Clubs/Organizations: The candidate is a member and coach in the Westfield Soccer Association and is a member of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

Platform: Mr. McDermott said his main objectives in a second term would be maintaining a clean and safe downtown and increasing shared services with other government entities, especially in the area of utilization of athletic fields with the Board of Education.

Matthew P. Albano



Name: Matthew P. Albano
Party: Republican
Candidate For: Westfield Town Council, Second Ward seat
Professional Experience: The candidate is a tax attorney in Summit.

Education: Mr. Albano is a graduate of Notre Dame University in South Bend, Ind., and the Seton Hall School of Law in Newark.

Family Life: The candidate and his wife, Michelle, have three children, Matthew, Juliana and Marielle.

Gov. Experience: Mr. Albano was first elected to the Town Council in 1995 and re-elected in 1997. He currently chairs the Building and Town Property Com-

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mittee on the council and serves as the council representative on the Planning Board. He is also a member of the Tree Preservation Commission.

Platform: Stable property taxes, better roads and achieving some relief in Westfield's shortage of available parking spaces are Mr. Albano's top priorities.

Neil F. Sullivan



Name: Neil F. Sullivan
Party: Republican
Candidate For: Westfield Town Council, Third Ward seat
Professional Experience: The candidate has been employed as a financial executive with a major financial services firm and environmental services company.

Education: The candidate has a bachelor's degree and a Master of Business Administration Degree from Duke University, Durham, N.C.

Family Life: The candidate and his wife, Susan, have two daughters, Katie and Cami.

Gov. Experience: Mr. Sullivan was named to the Town Council in 1995 to fill an unexpired term. He was elected to a full term later that year and was re-elected in 1997. Mr. Sullivan has chaired the Public Safety Committee on the council two of the past three years. He is a former member of the Board of Adjustment, the Planning Board and Westfield Downtown Corporation board. He is also Liaison to the Chamber of Commerce.

Clubs/Organizations: Mr. Sullivan has been active with Duke University affairs, previously serving on the Alumni Council for the Fuqua School of Business. He is a member of the Sons of the Revolution in New York and St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church in Garwood.

Platform: The candidate lists public safety, including traffic calming efforts in Westfield, and parking as priority issues in his campaign. He also wants to look into the prospect of shared services between the Westfield Memorial Library and other municipal libraries. He also wants to look into opening the library on Saturdays in the summer.

Janis Fried Weinstein



Name: Janis Fried Weinstein
Party: Republican
Candidate For: Westfield Town Council, Fourth Ward Seat
Professional Experience: Mrs. Weinstein is an office manager with the Westfield law firm of Johnstone, Skok, Loughlin & Lane.

Education: A Westfield High School graduate, Mrs. Weinstein holds a salesman's license from the New Jersey Real Estate Commission and as a referral agent with Burgdorff ERA Realtors in

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Westfield.
Family Life: The candidate and her husband, Loren, have two children.

Gov. Experience: Mrs. Weinstein was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Town Council in 1996. She lost election to the seat that year, but returned in 1997 and won a full council term. She has served as a member of the Recreation Commission.

Clubs/Organizations: The candidate serves on the Executive Committee of the Westfield Historical Society, is past Co-Chairwoman of the United Fund of Westfield's Special Business Committee, past Vice Regent of the Westfield Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and past President of the McKinley Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization.

Platform: Improving public safety and enhancing Westfield's parks and fields are the top two priority issues for Mrs. Weinstein.

Marilyn Gulotta



Name: Marilyn Gulotta
Party: Democrat
Candidate For: Westfield Town Council, First Ward seat
Professional Experience: Mrs. Gulotta is a Senior Software Specialist with Prudential Insurance Company of America in the Livingston area.

Education: The candidate holds bachelor and master degrees in engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Family Life: Mrs. Gulotta and her husband, Charles, have an adult daughter, Miriam.

Gov. Experience: Mrs. Gulotta last served in elected office when she won two terms as a member of the Westfield Board of Education. She was the first woman ever named President of the board.

Clubs/Organizations: Mrs. Gulotta is a member of the United Fund of Westfield, serving on its By-Laws Review and Automation Committees and the Budget Allocation Committee. She has been a member of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra's Board of Directors for the past five years. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Westfield, serving on the church's Outreach Committee.

Platform: The candidate has said the formulation of the municipal budget, facilities, personnel relations and future planning, especially in the area of computers, are skills from her school board days that she would bring to the council.

Joe Stoner



Name: Joe Stoner
Party: Democrat
Candidate For: Westfield Town Council, Second Ward Seat
Professional Experience: The candidate is a sales representative for

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Shimadzu Scientific Instruments, Inc. in Princeton.

Education: Mr. Stoner received his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. He also holds a Master of Business Administration Degree.

Family Life: The candidate and his wife, Jane, are the parents of two grown children.

Gov. Experience: Mr. Stoner first ran for the Town Council in 1998.

Clubs/Organizations: The candidate has served as Chairman of New Jersey Common Cause. He serves on the Board of the American Baptist Churches and on the Council of the American Chemical Society. He is a member of the Boards of Directors of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA and the New Jersey Council of Churches.

Platform: Mr. Stoner's campaign has focused on providing Westfielders with courteous, friendly customer service; the need for greater attention to town road-way repairs; the safety of major intersections in the First Ward and continued improvements to the town's parks and playing fields.

Claire Lazarowitz



Name: Claire Lazarowitz
Party: Democrat
Candidate For: Westfield Town Council, Third Ward seat
Professional Experience: The candidate is a fitness instructor and personal exercise trainer. Prior to that, she was a professional background singer for such artists as Roberta Flack.

Education: The candidate is certified as a personal exercise trainer with the American Council on Exercise in San Diego.

Family Life: Ms. Lazarowitz and her husband, Barry, have a 14-year-old son, Jake.

Gov. Experience: The candidate has never served in elective office. Long active in the Democratic Party, she has worked on local campaigns.

Clubs/Organizations: The candidate is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Westfield Neighborhood Council, serving as Chairwoman of its School Committee. She is the BRAKES (Bikers, Runners and Kids are Entitled to Safety) representative for Edison Intermediate School. Ms. Lazarowitz was also a member of the "Save The Rialto" committee and has been a member of the Parent-Teacher Organization at both Tamaques Elementary and Edison Intermediate Schools. She is a member of Temple Emanu-El of Westfield, where she is a member of the choir.

Platform: The candidate said key issues for her are the physical improvements to the Central Avenue approach to Westfield, while maintaining the integrity of the neighborhood, and street and traffic calming efforts to improve safety for bikers, pedestrians, runners and pedestrians in town.

Dr. Schuyler Quackenbush



Name: Dr. Schuyler Quackenbush
Party: Democrat
Candidate: Westfield Town Council, Fourth Ward seat
Professional Experience: The candidate is employed as a principal

member of the technical staff at AT&T Laboratories in Florham Park where he works on methods to transmit music over the Internet.

Education: Mr. Quackenbush has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Princeton University and Master of Sci-

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ence and doctorate degrees from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Family Life: The candidate and his wife, Lisa, have a son, Chris, and two daughters, Shanna and Adric.

Gov. Experience: This is the candidate's first attempt at elected office.

Clubs/Organizations: He has led Tamaques Elementary School Cub Scout Pack No. 79 for the past six years. He has been an adult leader in Westfield Boy Scout Troop No. 72 for the past four years. He served as a technical advisor to the Town Council's cable access research committee and participated in the Westfield school district's Mini Net Day. He also is an elementary school representative to the Parent Teacher Council School Technology Committee.

Platform: The candidate's campaign has focused on keeping Westfield's downtown vibrant, improving the quality of town parks and enhancing TV-36 so that it serves the entire community.

Scotch Plains Council

Frank Rossi



Name: Frank Rossi
Party: Republican
Candidate For: Scotch Plains Township Council unexpired seat
Professional Experience: Mr. Rossi is employed as a Corporate Counsel with Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

Education: The candidate is a graduate of Rutgers University in New Brunswick and the Seton Hall School of Law in Newark.

Family Life: The candidate and his wife have three children.

Gov. Experience: The candidate is a former Fanwood councilman. He serves as an alternate member of the Scotch Plains Board of Adjustment.

Clubs/Organizations: The candidate is Chairman of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company's 1999 corporate United Way campaign.

Platform: The center of Mr. Rossi's campaign has been maintaining stable property taxes. He also supports development of parks, recreation facilities and open space.

Phillip Wiener



Name: Phillip Wiener
Party: Democrat
Candidate For: Scotch Plains Township Council, unexpired seat
Professional Experience: The candidate is a manager/controller with Landpower Equipment

Inc. He is in charge of fiscal decisions for the company.

Education: Mr. Wiener has a degree in economics from the Wharton School of Business of the University of Pennsylvania.

Family Life: Mr. Wiener and his wife, Lillian, have two children, Jamie, who attends Rutgers University, and a son, Todd.

Gov. Experience: The candidate serves as an alternate member of the Scotch Plains Planning Board. He played an active role in the unsuccessful 1997 campaign of Andrew M. Baron, currently Township Attorney, for State Assembly.

Platform: Mr. Wiener considers himself a fiscal conservative and supports the programs of the current administration for new ball fields, the revitalization of the downtown and a change from an appointed to elected mayor system.

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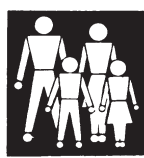
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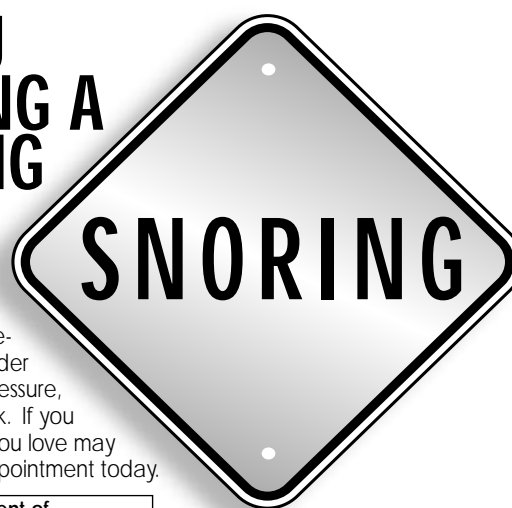
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