

DEMOCRATIC CLUB of WARETOWN

Democracy:
Protect it - Defend It
...Together

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Rally for Reproductive Justice



On Wednesday, June 5, nearly 100 women and men from across the county gathered at Huddy Park in Toms River to rally for Reproductive Justice. Sponsored by the Ocean County NOW (National Organization of Women) chapter, as well as the Ocean County Democratic Womens' Caucus, the rally was in response to recently passed "heartbeat" bills in which women would be prevented from seeking an abortion when a "heart rate" was detected, around 6 weeks gestation, before many would know they were pregnant.

Opioid Crisis Town Hall

On Saturday, June 1, Congressman Andy Kim and the New Jersey Organizing Project hosted a town hall in Toms River about the impact the opioid crisis is having here in Ocean County. He spoke with panelists as well as constituents directly and indirectly impacted by the crisis in hopes to help end this crisis that is greatly impacting his district.

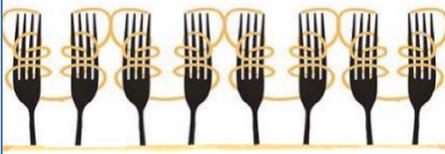
For more information about local opioid resources, please visit, <https://tinyurl.com/kimopioidresources>

In addition to Congressman Kim's work, the State of NJ will be offering free Naxolone, the drug used to revive those who have overdosed on opioids , on Tuesday, June 18, 2019. For locations distributing free Naxolone, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/naxolone>

Did you know?

In the June 4th primary, a total of 603 people cast votes at their local polling places 179 were Democrats and 424 were Republicans.

Friday, July 12 at 5pm

SPAGHETTI DINNER

This is our second annual evening of community camaraderie, and conversation. This will also give you an opportunity to meet our candidate for township committee, Keith Hoffman!

Again we're going to be challenging over 30 years of one-party rule in our local government. We need a ground swell of support from our membership and friends, so please come out!

Cost of admission is \$5.00 and children 10 and under eat free. If you are unable to come, but would like to make a contribution to Keith's campaign, you can do so by sending a check made payable to "Committee to Elect Keith Hoffman" 116 Barnegat Beach Drive, Waretown, NJ 08758.

Democracy is not a spectator sport, so let's do this – over spaghetti!

Dates to Remember

Monday June 17 - Ocean County Democratic Women's Caucus meeting @ Toms River Branch of the OC Library at 6:30 pm. This meeting includes a screening of the Netflix documentary, Knock Down the House, which follows a number of women running for office during the mid-terms, including Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

Tuesday June 18 - Democratic Club of Waretown monthly meeting - 7:00 pm @ Waretown Community Center

Tuesday June 25 - Love someone struggling with substance use? - This is a free workshop hosted by NJOP and Life You Want Coaching. It's ongoing sessions with weekly dates set as every Tuesday from June 11th through August 27th. This workshop offers hope and tools needed to help your loved one. Learn about options when it comes to this complex problem.

Wednesday June 26 - Democratic Presidential Debates - Round 1 - The debate starts at 9:00 pm. A viewing party is planned for Wednesday 6/26 in the back room at Breakers. Doors open at 7:30. Come for any combination of

appetizers, dinner or drinks and share the experience of the first debate with like-minded friends.

Friday July 12 - Community Wide Spaghetti Dinner

Tuesday July 16 - Democratic Club of Waretown monthly meeting - 7:00 pm @ Waretown Community Center

June 20, Ocean County College, Gateway Center, LGBTQ Event
Join RWJBarnabas Health, Barnabas Health Behavioral Health Center, and Ocean County College for a screening of TRANS, an extraordinary documentary about the transgender community. Following the film, a panel of experts, including Christine McGinn, whose work as a transgender surgeon inspired the documentary, will answer audience questions. Light refreshments and prize drawings at this free event. 4 pm: Registration & Networking, 6 pm: "TRANS" Documentary Screening, 8 pm: Panel Q&A

June 30, ERA Day at Alice Paul Institute, 12 - 5. This is an opportunity to learn more about the fight for the ERA!

For a complete listing of events, including regularly scheduled club meetings and Township meetings, visit our website at:

<http://www.oceancountydems.org/waretown> and click the calendar tab.

For township meetings, visit
<http://www.twpoceannj.gov/calendar.html>



New Jersey's 3rd Congressional District Update

Housekeeping update

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Legislative Update

Congressman Kim has had a very busy month so far. He hosted a town hall on the Opioid crisis in Toms River, passed a resolution giving our armed forces a 3% raise and secured \$40 million in funding for the Joint Base. Additionally, he is working on lowering military spouse unemployment, which is at a staggering 24%!

Congressman Kim voted against giving members of congress a raise, while blasting the Trump tax scam that is hurting tens of thousands of residents in the NJ-3rd congressional district.

Andy is working on passing H.R.1, a bill designed to help clean up dark money in our political system and allow greater transparency for political donations.

Andy also delivered the commencement address for the class of 2019 at Ocean County College.



June Speaker: Gavin Rozzi- OPRAMachine

Gavin Rozzi is an award-winning independent journalist, web developer & technology professional who has created several successful local news websites and civic technology platforms serving New Jersey. Since early 2016, his political news website Ocean County Politics quickly became a "must read" for its in-depth reporting about local government, campaign finance and investigations of public officials in Ocean County, NJ. Stories first broken by Gavin on Ocean County Politics are frequently cited by larger media outlets, including NJ.com, POLITICO, InsiderNJ and MSNBC's Rachel Maddow Show.

In 2017 he launched OPRAMachine, a statewide

freedom of information portal automatically publishes public records requests & responses, the first website of its kind to serve New Jersey. The website, active in all 21 counties, allows anybody to easily request public documents from state and local government agencies under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA). It was the first production deployment of the open-source Alaveteli platform that targeted a single U.S. state rather than an entire country.

In 2019, he received the "Excellence in Local News Award" from the Center for Cooperative Media at Montclair University in the "Innovate Local" category for his work with OPRAMachine.

Democratic Club of Waretown

Re-ignited by the 2016 election and fueled by our passion for politics, the Democratic Club of Waretown strives to create a more inclusive and engaged group of Democrats in Ocean Township. We are involved at nearly all levels of government, from running for Township Committee to endorsing candidates for the United States Senate and House of Representatives, and continue to work towards engaging Democrats across the Township.

Join Us!

Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Waretown Community Center on 11th St (GPS Address is 239 11th Street; Barnegat, New Jersey 08005).



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