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NJLP's Frank Warren Appointed to Public Office



Frank working the LPCNJ's Operation Politically Homeless Booth at the June 12th North Plainfield Street Fair

Frank Warren, longtime NJLP member, has been appointed to the North Plainfield Borough Council, to the position of Alternate 2 on the Board of Adjustment. Way to go, Frank!

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From The Chair By NJLP State Chair Vic Kaplan

The New Jersey Libertarian Party has been successful in getting 9 Libertarian candidates on the ballot for Congress (1 more than in 2002). Thanks to the tireless efforts of our members, we now have candidates on the ballot in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 11th and 12th districts. They are:

2nd district (all of Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem, parts of Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester County) - **Michael Matthews** (e-mail: mm@snip.net), website: <http://mm.itgrid.com/>)

3rd district (parts of Burlington, Camden, and Ocean County) - **Frank Orland** (e-mail: Dnalro@aol.com)

4th district (parts of Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth, and Ocean County) - **Jay Edgar** (e-mail: richedgar@hotmail.com).

5th district (all of Warren County, parts of Sussex, Passaic, and Bergen County) - **Vic Kaplan** (website: www.liberty5th.org).

6th district (parts of Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset, and Union County) - **Virginia Flynn** (e-mail: ginny@drflynnconsulting.com).

7th district: (parts of Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset, and Union County) - **Tom Abrams** (e-mail: atabrams@aol.com).

9th district: (parts of Bergen, Hudson, and Passaic County) - **David Daly** (e-mail: Ddaly@benjamindevco.com).

11th district: (all of Morris, parts of Essex, Passaic, Somerset, and Sussex County) - **Austin Lett** (e-mail: alett@patmedia.net)

12th district: (parts of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Somerset County) - **Ken Chazotte** (website: <http://kenforcongress.com/>)

Ken Chazotte <http://www.kenforcongress.com> has been running an active congressional race in the 12th district. Meanwhile, our Sayreville City Council team (<http://www.liberty123.org>) has a real shot of winning this year. Chris Koszalka and a former Councilman Jeff Pawlowski have received favorable press coverage, such as in the article at: http://suburban.gmnews.com/news/2004/0527/Front_Page/037.html

Sign up for Badnarik for President meetup at <http://badnarik2004.meetup.com/>. Vote for Badnarik in a straw poll at <http://www.uselectionatlas.org/USPRESIDENT/GENERAL/CAMPAIGN/2004/mock04.php>. Help turn New Jersey yellow!

The General Meeting, the Picnic, and the first Badnarik for President meet-up will take place July 10 1-5pm on Polanka Park Grounds at 209 William Street in South River, New Jersey. See location here: <http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?country=US&address=209+William+St+&city=South+River&state=NJ>

The next Steering Committee meeting is on Sunday, August 15, 2004 at 1 pm at 13 Barn Owl Drive, Hackettstown, New Jersey (The Victor Kaplan residence).

The next General meeting is Sunday, September 19, 2004 at 1 pm at 361 George Street, (Tumulty's Pub), New Brunswick, New Jersey.

I can be reached at 908 887-0669 or vikaplan@hotmail.com.

Did you know...?

...that the great guys at Wallnet offer a terrific bunch of online tools for Libertarians?

If you're interested in discussion, check out www.liberty-talk.org, where items of interest are posted, polls are conducted, and you can get the opinions of other NJLP members and post your own. [Liberty-talk.org](http://www.liberty-talk.org) does a great job of collecting articles and posting those found by subscribers.

Also, if you haven't already done so, now is the time to sign up for the announce mailing list. This list is for up-to-the-minute information on your party. You can subscribe either through the interactive menu button on the NJLP state web site (www.njlp.org) or by sending an email to announce-request@njlp.org with the word "subscribe" in the body of the email.

Minutes of the Steering Committee Meeting of June 20, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 1:28 pm at the Flynn residence in Morganville. Present were Victor Kaplan, Emerson Ellett, Len Flynn. Absent: Ken Kaplan, Ray Lehmann and Lou Stefanelli. Victor Kaplan agreed to act as Secretary for the meeting.

Victor Kaplan read the minutes of the May Steering Committee meeting. A quorum not being present, the minutes were accepted conditionally with one amendment.

College outreach was the topic of discussion. Victor Kaplan proposed an ad in a college newspaper. The ad was approved. Victor will contact the webmaster about implementation.

Victor Kaplan proposed enhancing the appearance of the website. The proposal was approved.

Frank Warren signed on as the Petition Coordinator for Michael Badnarik. Jay Boucher provided a typed list of electors to facilitate the petitioning process. Petitioning mailing was approved.

Jay Boucher provided flyers for the July Picnic. Boucher has agreed to mail flyers to NJLP members. The petition and flyer will be combined in one mailing. The Monmouth/Ocean Libertarian Party has agreed to do the actual envelope stuffing and mailing. Boucher will notify Ken Chazotte, MOLP chair and Ellett when printing is complete.

Victor Kaplan has agreed to contact Lou Stefanelli to achieve NJLP phonebook listing of the party's toll free 800 number throughout the state.

Victor Kaplan has volunteered to contact NJLP members for the purposes of achieving a full-slate in the 2005 NJ State Assembly elections. Kaplan has agreed to accept volunteers in that effort.

Jay Boucher reported on the success of the Pawlowski/ Koszalka campaign for the Sayreville Borough Council, including an article in the Home News Tribune, and an endorsement from Jim Gearhart from 101.5FM.

Lou Jasikoff joined the NJLP at the meeting and offered his help to the NJLP. Joshua Scher offered his help in writing for the newsletter.

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The meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm.

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(Tumulty's Pub)



LPCNJ'S Latest

The following release went out to area media. For a pdf of the suit that was filed, see <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LPSMC/files/a40602Complaint%20-%20as%20filed.pdf>. - John Paff

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

\$55 FOR A FLOPPY DISK? WE'LL SEE YOU IN COURT, EDISON

NEW BRUNSWICK – On June 3, 2004, the Libertarian Party of Central New Jersey (LPCNJ) filed a civil lawsuit against Edison Township Clerk Reina M. Murphy. The suit (which hasn't yet been served upon Murphy) challenges Edison Township's policy of charging public record requestors \$55 for a 3.5 inch computer disk. The suit asserts that \$55 is "unreasonable, discourages access and violates the right of access to public records" under both the Open Public Records Act and the common law. The LPCNJ is being represented by Montclair lawyer is Richard Gutman (phone 973-744-6038).

The suit arises out of LPCNJ Secretary John Paff's May 11, 2004 request for a computer disk containing some of the Township Council's recent meeting minutes. Paff had sent Murphy a blank 3.5 inch disk and a \$2.00 check for return postage. In her May 20, 2004 response, Murphy returned Paff's disk and check and informed him that Edison's fee for making a diskette is \$55. She also informed him that minutes are free of charge on the Township's website. However, the website is about six months behind (see <http://www.edisonnj.org/council/minutes/2004.asp>) and the minutes Paff requested aren't available there yet.

"It's a total gyp," said Paff. "Office Depot sells disks for forty cents apiece. How did Edison come up with \$55?"

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FREEHOLDERS TAKE HEED OF "SUNSHINE LAW" SUGGESTIONS

SOMERVILLE – In a May 14, 2004 letter, Somerset Freeholder Director Denise M. Coyle agreed with the Libertarian Party of Central New Jersey (LPCNJ) that the Board needs to review its closed-door meeting procedures. Coyle's letter was in response to the LPCNJ's April 2, 2004 letter which called for some procedural changes.

According to New Jersey's Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA), governing bodies are allowed to discuss certain subjects behind closed doors. These closed meetings are known as executive sessions. However, the OPMA requires a governing body, before going into executive session, to pass a resolution in public "stating the general nature of the subject to be discussed." In its April 2, 2004 letter to Coyle, the LPCNJ pointed out that the executive session resolutions passed by the Freeholders were typically so general and vague that they provided the public with no real sense of the subjects being discussed behind closed doors. The party also requested that the Freeholders develop a better procedure for approving executive session minutes and releasing them to the public and that the minutes themselves be more comprehensible.

Coyle thanked the LPCNJ for its suggestions and vowed to "review our procedures to make sure that the letter and spirit of the OPMA continue to be met."

Libertarian Picks

Some sites that are "musts" for activists, or just for the libertarian minded:

Advocates for Self-Government <http://www.self-gov.org/> Famous throughout the world as home of the World's Smallest Political Quiz - the **original** Internet political quiz.

The Advocates for Self-Government is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to helping individuals encounter, evaluate and embrace the ideas of liberty.

Libertarian Party (National) <http://www.lp.org/>.

Libertarian Volunteer <http://www.lp.org/services/lv/>. The Libertarian Volunteer is a newsletter by and for Libertarian activists. The focus can be summed up in just two words: "What works" -- politically, that is. This site contains information about effective political and campaign techniques (drawing on the knowledge of LP activists and political professionals), and tips and suggestions you can use immediately. The stated goal of the website is: To help you help the LP succeed -- at the state and local level, and in campaigns.

The Effective Activist <http://www.lp.org/services/libvolunteer.html>. Materials from the activist workshops, including 10 Point Checklist for successful state and local parties; Candidate Criteria - How to select suitable candidates; Campaign Plan - Preparing your "business plan" for your campaign; 30-Second Answers - Sample short answers to tough questions; Knee-Jerk Libertarianism - Increasing your credibility as an LP spokesperson.



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I have a friend who might be interested in the NJLP. Please send a complimentary copy of the *New Jersey Libertarian* to:



*LPCNJ'S Brenda Bell
working the Operation
Politically Homeless
Booth at the June 12th
street fair in North
Plainfield*

Want to Help?

The NJLP is fielding an impressive number of candidates. Why not contribute some time or money to the folks who are giving their time and effort to the cause of liberty?

Michael Matthews, 2nd district, e-mail: mm@snip.net , website: <http://mm.itgrid.com/>

Frank Orland, 3rd district , e-mail: Dnalro@aol.com

Jay Edgar, 4th district e-mail: richedgar@hotmail.com

Vic Kaplan, 5th district, email, vikaplan@hotmail.com, website: www.liberty5th.org

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