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a River Edge community newsletter

## Mayor Watkins Seeks Re-Election; Carroll and Cappola Run For Council

Mayor Peg Watkins is running for re-election this year, and she is joined on the ballot by Della Carroll and Anthony Cappola, candidates for Town Council. We are pleased to highlight them this month.



**Mayor Peg Watkins** has served the residents of River Edge with compassion, fiscal responsibility and determination to keep this town on the right track. With her background in mathematics, education and biology, as well as practical experience in business and finance, she has championed solutions to many critical issues in River Edge.

**Della Carroll**, a resident of River Edge since 2002, is a manager at Bergen County Department of Parks. Her experience in accounting, business and government administration make her well qualified to continue the Council's work of guiding River Edge through these difficult economic times.



**Anthony Cappola** runs his own successful entertainment company, now in its 18th year. Prior to starting his own business, Anthony was a school teacher in Newark, earning the distinction of Teacher of the Year in the city's Archdiocese, and he clearly understands the role of education in the community. He also has experience in property management and publishing.

## River Edge is Redistricted

Tied in with the national census every 10 years is the re-evaluation of New Jersey State Legislative Districts by a statewide commission. As part of the narrowly passed statewide plan, which selected the Democrat Party map over the Republican Party proposal, River Edge will be moved from the 39<sup>th</sup> Legislative District to the 38<sup>th</sup> Legislative District. The change becomes effective January 1, 2012, but will be reflected in this November's election ballots.

The Legislative Districts vote to elect representatives to the New Jersey State Senate and Assembly. As such, River Edge will be saying farewell to its solid Republican representatives State Senator Gerald Cardinale, Assemblywoman Charlotte Vandervalk and Assemblyman Robert Schroeder. Currently the 38<sup>th</sup> District is represented by all Democrats – State Senator Robert Gordon and Assemblywomen Joan Voss and Connie Wagner – though with your help this will change with the Fall 2011 elections.

While in District 39, River Edge was mainly affiliated with towns to its north. The new district affiliation leans towards southern Bergen County. Now **River Edge**, along with neighbors **Oradell** and **New Milford**, joins Paramus in the newly revised District 38, which also includes:

- Bergenfield
- Fair Lawn
- Glen Rock
- Hasbrouck Heights
- Lodi
- Hawthorne
- Maywood
- Rochelle Park
- Saddle Brook

## Vote In Primary – Tuesday, June 7, 2011

We urge all registered voters with declared Party affiliations to turn out and vote in the Primary Election on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at your regular polling place. Town candidates **Mayor Peg Watkins**, **Della Carroll** (candidate for council) and **Anthony Cappola** (candidate for council) will be seeking your vote. In District 38 for State Legislature the Bergen County Republican Organization endorses **John Driscoll** (Paramus) for Senate and for Assembly, **Fernando Alonso** (Oradell) and **Richard Goldberg** (Hawthorne). **Joel Brizzi** and **Anthony Rottino** are seeking Bergen County Freeholder positions, and **Elizabeth Randall** and **Andrew Cimiluca** are pursuing the offices of County Clerk and County Surrogate, respectively.

## We Need You at Council Meetings!!

Don't let the loud minority special interest groups in town speak for you. Come to meetings and support your Republican Council and Mayor. Let them know how you want them to represent you on our most important issues.

- Date:** Usually 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of month  
**Time:** 7:00-8:00 PM Work Session  
*(open to public)*  
 8:00 PM Public Session  
**Place:** Borough Hall – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

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