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Della Carroll and Anthony Cappola – Candidates for River Edge Council

This November 8th , two outstanding candidates will be on the ballot for Town Council – Anthony Cappola and Della Carroll. Both of these strong Republican candidates will bring to local government what continues to be needed most: solid qualifications, fiscal discipline, and common sense.

Della Carroll, a town resident for over a decade, is a manager with the Bergen County Parks Golf Division. She holds both a Bachelors degree in Accounting and a Masters degree in Business Administration. A member of St. Peter’s parish, Della is a former Girl Scout leader and coach of youth soccer, baseball and basketball. Della and her husband James, a Teaneck firefighter, have been married for 29 years and they have three grown children - an attorney, a teacher and a professional baseball player with the Rockland Boulders in the Can-Am league.

Della’s background in accounting, business and government make her extremely qualified to continue the efforts of extricating River Edge from the financial quagmire created by the previous Democrat-controlled Council.

Anthony Cappola is an independent business owner of a successful entertainment company he founded almost 20 years ago. Prior to that Anthony was a parochial school teacher where he earned the distinction of Teacher of the Year from the Newark Archdiocese. He is also the former president and property manager for a New Jersey condominium complex.

Anthony holds a Masters degree in Special Education and a Bachelors degree in History. Truly a “Renaissance Man,” Anthony is a patented inventor, member of the Knights of Columbus, and speaks Italian, Spanish and some Korean. Also devoted to athletics, Anthony is a member of the US Tennis Association, an avid cyclist and competes in mini-triathlons. Anthony is married to his wife Jee and their son attends Roosevelt Elementary School.

With his business acumen and understanding of the role of education in society, Anthony will truly bring many talents and skills to the River Edge Council.

We urge you to support these candidates and Mayor Watkins on Election Day, November 8, and the Republican effort to restore common sense, fiscal stability and tax relief to our great town! *Moving River Edge Forward...*



Anthony Cappola and Delia Carroll, candidates for Town Council, celebrate July 4th in the River Edge parade



Anthony and Jee Cappola with their son



Della and James Carroll with their children Caitlin, Shannon and Brett

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Civics 101 – The Town Council

Part of a continuing series of informational summaries on how local government works

The River Edge Town (Borough, actually) Council is the extremely important legislative branch of the local government. It is comprised of 6 town residents elected for 3-year terms. Two Council seats are up for election every year. If a Councilmember leaves office before the term is up, local political Party representatives appoint a new member. (This was the case with current Democrat Councilmember and candidate for Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo, who was not elected but appointed by the River Edge Democrat Party insiders to our Town Council.)

The River Edge Council, as the local legislative body, decides on the budget for the Town's departments and other operations. Therefore, its actions directly affect the property taxes of residents.

In River Edge, each member of the Council has one vote and, contrary to what many believe, the Mayor does not vote unless needed to break a tie. (In the vast majority of past Council decisions, the Mayor has not voted.) For about a decade and up until January 2011, the Council majority was composed of Democrats.

The Democrat-controlled Council made many, probably well-intentioned, but extremely unsound decisions which have led to the current fiscal and property tax crisis the Town faces today. The Republican team since January 2011 has been working feverishly to get the Town back on a sustainable path forward.

Council meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings of each month. Council meetings are presided over by the Mayor, or if the Mayor is absent, the Council President. The Council President is elected by the Councilmembers and plays a key role in determining topics and issues for the Council's review.

The Council oversees the hiring and dismissal of Town employees and appoints the majority of members to Town committees and boards. Councilmembers serve as liaisons to various town departments, committees and activities such as Fire Department, Library and Fourth of July Committee. The role of the liaison is to be a point of contact between the Town organization or function and the Council. The liaison Councilmember also develops a greater understanding of that particular department, committee or activity, but is not intended to be a specific advocate for them.

Councilmembers normally receive an annual salary of \$4,000 but the current office holders have voluntarily taken a 25% pay cut to \$3,000, in light of the town's fiscal crisis. Councilmembers receive no other compensation or benefits.

Current Republicans on the River Edge Council include Paul Cordts (Council President), Johnny Porco, Edward Mignone and Alphonse Bartelloni. The two seats up for election this year are currently held by Democrats Sandy Moscaritolo and John Cannon, who is not running for re-election and will leave office at the end of the year.

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Emergency personnel 9/11 procession

10th Anniversary September 11th Memorial Service

On the grey overcast Sunday afternoon, townspeople gathered in front of the Library, adjacent to the 9/11 Memorial Garden for a service to remember the 5 residents that River Edge lost that fateful morning 10 years earlier. Prior to the service a color guard of the River Edge Police, Fire and Ambulance personnel, accompanied by bagpipers processed down Elm Avenue. Led by Library Director Daragh O'Connor, the speakers included Mayor Peg Watkins, Rabbi Neal Borovitz of Temple Avodat Shalom, and Rev. Michael Sheehan of St. Peter the Apostle Church.

We join our neighbors in remembering Chris Allingham, Jennifer Fialko, Bonseok Koo, Todd Ouida, and Scott Rohner who were killed by terrorists on 9/11/01.



Mayor Peg Watkins (center) joins the solemn memorial ceremony.