

# PRO-Active

News, Views & Events of note  
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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **A Word from the Chair**
- **Candidates visit the PRO**
- **Township Gone Mad**
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## Tax Reimbursement Program for Seniors

Many seniors may not know this but if you are over sixty five years of age, you can freeze the amount of money you pay in property taxes and or possibly get a reimbursement.

It's nothing the municipalities are in a rush to let you know about but the state of New Jersey has passed measures where seniors with limited income sources can receive a reimbursement of monies to the prior years tax levels.

For example, if one qualifies in 2011 for this program,

those participants will receive the difference back between the 2011 and 2010 tax rates.



The added benefit is that you will have your property tax rate frozen to the year of the reimbursement. This is great

news for those seniors on fixed incomes.

All one needs to do is contact your municipal office and request a PTR-1 or PTR-2 form and fill it out accordingly. There is one stipulation that stands out. If you receive more than \$70,000 dollars a year in income, you may not be eligible for the reimbursement.

Call your local town hall for more information about this program.

## A Word from the Chair

To raise the debt level and to pass the budget....that is the question? By the time you read this you may or not have the answers to this question. Coming to a conclusion has not been an easy task. Although politics should be put aside and good government should prevail it appears that neither is taking place.

The Democrats have dug in their heels, demanding tax increases while

only offering nebulous spending cuts scheduled that may never take place. The Republicans are presenting specific current spending cuts that will address the deficit in a timely manner. They also are opposed to tax increases for anyone due to the fragile economy.

Compare both to how you would handle your personal finances and balance your budget.

Would it make sense to go on an exotic vacation knowing you may not be able to pay your debt and possibly lose your home? Will the memories of your vacation feed your children, send them to college, or pay for your retirement?

It's time to own up to our own fiscal responsibility.

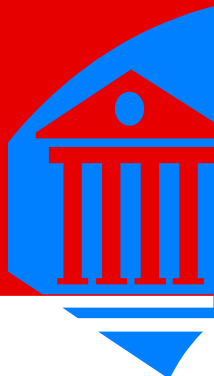
*Bobbi Goodman*

## June & July Meeting Summations



Join us in making the PRO a great success for Piscataway.

*The Taxpayer:  
Someone who works for the Government but doesn't have to take the Civil Service Examination.  
— Ronald Reagan*



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If you missed the June and or July meeting here is what took place.

June:

By-Law review and update was in the process of finishing up for a presentation in the fall.

It was asked if the newsletter could be handed out by members for use in their personal and business contacts. Answer -Yes!

Julie LaSaracina "friended" the town library in order that she could post town happenings on

the PRO Facebook page.

A report on the Memorial Day Parade was given and suggestions offered on how we can offer more of a presence in it.

George Callan, Treasurer for the Assembly Candidates of the 17th district came to speak.

July:

Fundraising information was shared on the price of venues as well as ideas as to the kind of event to host.

Julie gave a report on her experience at a town council meet-

ing. She wanted to know more about what was to become of the property on the corner of N. Randolphville and William St. - no clear answer was given.

Gene Bozo, Patricia Badovinac & Damon Montesano gave updates on the possible Solar Panel project to implemented by the township in regards to the schools.

17th District Senate candidate Jordan Rickards & Assembly candidate Bob Mettler spoke about their campaign goals and needs for the upcoming election.

## Candidates visit the PRO

At the July meeting, 17th District Senate Candidate Jordan Rickards, Assembly Candidate Robert Mettler and Mary Chyb, speaking on behalf of Assembly Candidate Carlo Dilalla came to visit the Piscataway Republican Organization.

Each of the candidates took turns introducing them-

selves to the members and spoke about what they hoped to achieve with their candidacy.

It was a very frank and open conversation as both candidates and members expressed their concerns with running in such a heavily favored Democratic territory.

Jordan spoke of the importance of using online technology to raise more money in order to help get the Republican message out to district voters.

Mr. Mettler spoke about how he was eager to get out and start meeting voters and encouraging them to support the

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## Piscataway - PRO marches in Parade

On Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> members of the PRO participated in the annual Piscataway Memorial Day Parade.

We, as well as many other groups gathered in the area around the Spain Inn and waited for our 'line-up' assignment. It was a warm morning but not overly hot. As it

turned out, our position was the same as last year—behind the Piscataway Super Chief's Marching Band.

US Congressional candidate Anna Little joined us for a portion of the parade before having to leave to honor other commitments.



## Continued.., Candidates visit the PRO

Republican ticket in order to enact meaningful change for the district and the state.

PRO members were enthusiastic in sharing their ideas on different ways the candidates could go about ousting the incumbents.

Most importantly though, it was a meeting about how the PRO would play a role in the

upcoming campaign season and what we could offer the candidates in terms of financial and organizational support.

We told the candidates that we will work to organize meet and greets, help knock on doors to meet voters, participate in phone banking, use this newsletter to promote their message and assist in their appearances and fundraisers.

For those readers of this newsletter please support our candidates and stay tuned for upcoming announcements on how you can contribute.



17th District Senate Candidate  
Jordan Rickards



17th District Assembly Candidate  
Robert Mettler

## A Town Gone Mad by Julie LaSaracina

There was disrespect and disregard for people and procedure alike at the June 28 Piscataway Town Council Meeting. Anyone who has attended these meetings can likely attest that the Mayor's disposition du jour is always a crapshoot.

At this particular meeting, two out of three citizens who spoke had to address the Mayor's rudeness. The first citizen had to bring to Brian's attention that he was speaking over her and later had to ask that he not be "nasty" with her. My question, about plans to house ambulances at the corner of William St. and N. Randolphville, was met with such strong

negative body language from the Mayor, it was practically audible.

Sidebar discussions amongst the council members during meetings is par for the course. So little content is ever discussed that it makes one wonder if the substantive discussions are occurring

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## Book Review: Tipping Point & Blink author: Malcolm Gladwell

Blink and Tipping Point by Malcolm Gladwell are books with no specific political interests. Yet I feel the information & insight in these books can help shape political players both on the front line and behind the scenes.

*Tipping Point* is about the study of phenomenon's. What makes one event, one person, one book, or one movement more special than one that fails? According to the author, it isn't the movement or person per se' as it is the people who notice it/them. Mr. Gladwell identifies the

types of personality traits of those folks who are often unwittingly behind the success of something. It is here; the recognition of such persons, that politico's should take note of and look out for.

*Blink* is about the study of snap judgments. It looks at our information age and asks — Do we make better decisions because we have access to more information? The quick and general answer is.., no. What our information age has done, in many cases, is erode our basic instincts to make clear snap decisions. The premise here is that

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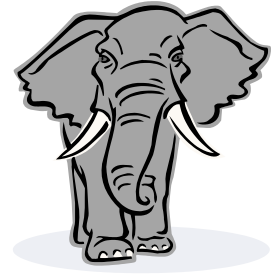
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You can now read PRO members who have published letters to the editor on our website.

Visit us on Facebook: type in Piscataway Republicans and *Friend* us.

Piscataway Township site: **August meeting— second Thursday, 7pm, at the Spain Inn:**  
[www.piscatawaynj.org](http://www.piscatawaynj.org) *the corner of Rock Ave. & 7th Ave.*



## Mad

elsewhere and not in front of the public. The council members only speak about the need to follow protocol or procedure when it benefits them, which is typically to bring a citizen's comments to an end.

Straight answers are hard to come by at the meetings. If you like merry-go-rounds, then you'll love Piscataway Town Council meetings because their responses to citizens' questions leave your head spinning.

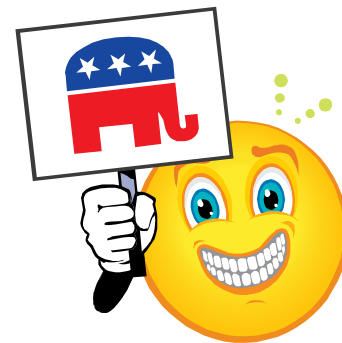
I employ the Mayor to demonstrate more civility towards the citizens he works for and to demonstrate good leadership for the other council members so as to not make a mockery of the governmental process.

## Book Review

often times our gut instinct is our best guide but we often ignore it due to all the information noise we face. Our brain is so capable of picking up subtle nuances that we too often ignore it or have not nurtured or trust it enough to act on it reliably. As political players and interested observers, we should pay more attention and cultivate this ability.

Both books go into far more depth on their particular subject matter. I have only given you a glimpse into the ideas presented. As we go through this summer, I think both these books are worthy reads as we move into campaign season. You never know what inspiration they may spark.

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### Registered Republicans in Piscataway!

We are looking for individuals who want to make a difference. Become a Township Committee person. If interested please call:

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