

Dear Friends,

As many of you are aware, recently you received a mailing from the Ringwood Democrats introducing their slate of candidates for Ringwood Borough Council. The brochure also outlined their platform as to the things they would like to do if elected. Most recently, they have taken the opportunity to criticize the current council members claiming that we have taken their "ideas."

The Democratic Candidates are single issue candidates. If they were concerned about anything other than the superfund site, they would know that many of the ideas presented in their flyer originated with **US**, the current Council.

**The facts matter - you cannot rewrite history! So let's set the record straight ...**

1. Ringwood's drinking water has been tested for years, however, the Council once again reviewed the NJDEP approved Drinking water testing schedule at the council meeting and told the residents where they could get the facts directly to help ease fears over the water in our community.  
[https://www9.state.nj.us/DEP/WaterWatch\\_public/](https://www9.state.nj.us/DEP/WaterWatch_public/)
2. It was Democratic Mayor Wenke Taule and the Democratic Council which blindly agreed to endorse the Highlands legislation with no compensation for Ringwood's future financial losses. **(Please see Resolution 2004-165)** As a result, we have vacant storefronts, closed businesses, no commercial development to expand our tax base, and business crippled in their ability to expand.
3. In November 2016, the current Council amended the Business Sign ordinance to allow for more signage on commercial buildings and stated that other sections of the sign ordinance would be revisited in 2017. **(Please see Ordinance No. 2016-07– AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 40, ZONING REGULATIONS, SCHEDULE 5 – SCHEDULE OF PERMITTED BUSINESS AND REAL ESTATE SIGNS TO MOVE THE LOCATION OF THE GB-80 ZONE)** In April 2017, the current Council met with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss some options for a new temporary sign ordinance to help the business community. After the meeting with the Chamber of Commerce, we introduced the ordinance change in September 2017. The current council has been and will continue to work with the business community.
4. The current Republican Council has been applying for grants for walkways and bikeways over the past several years. **In June of 2017**, we spoke with Passaic County and asked to partner with them to achieve this goal of being a walkable/bikeable community and have had several productive conversations and meetings on the topic to benefit Ringwood.....**again, not a new idea.**
5. The quarry has been under strong enforcement for any non-compliant violation. Speed monitoring was set up on Westbrook Road to monitor any trucks that were speeding and/or possibly over their weight limit. We have had many meetings with the quarry management to implement more streamlined and efficient blasting technologies to minimize the effect from blasting to the immediate community. These new technologies go above and beyond what is required by State law. Councilwoman Landis has been very involved with monitoring this very important issue and hopes to continue to do so especially since she is the only candidate on either ticket who lives in Stonetown.
6. Under the current council, our Borough pioneered and then paved the way for shared services among the Boards of Education, various town agencies and neighboring towns. Some current examples of shared services created under the current council include: Ringwood providing the health department and engineering for Wanaque, CFO for Pompton, Storm water cleaning for Pompton Lakes, Shared services with Lakeland and our local schools, and we also provide services for Bloomingdale homes that are landlocked and adjacent to Stonetown. We receive shared services from Bloomingdale for animal control, and sewer plant management from the Wanaque Valley Regional Sewerage Authority.

So, as you can see, the Republican Council has been working **with you and for you -- the public**. We recognize that there are **many** issues that impact Ringwood on a daily basis. Our commitment is to continue to be open and objective about **all** the issues that face our community.