

**** ELECTION 2020 ****

On behalf of the staff of Niagara Frontier Publications, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your announced candidacy for office and give you some information on how NFP, your local community newspaper group, can assist you in reaching your target voter audience.

As proud publishers of the Niagara County Tribune/Sentinel, Island Dispatch, Grand Is-

land PennySaver and www.wnypapers.com, we are happy to provide a variety of services to prospective officeholders. As the election cycle draws near, we are willing to run a news story explaining your platform with or without an accompanying photo. There is no charge for this service; it is one more way NFP can assist you in your endeavor. As space permits, we also will consider articles on newsworthy

events relating to your campaign. Please bear in mind that, as election season nears, NFP's staff is here to assist you with all your advertising needs: from copywriting preparation to design, promotional ideas and custom printing. NFP's wide coverage area and our growing online community enable you to reach voters at their homes, online and at various high-traffic distribution locations in

the community. Contact our advertising department for full details.

Please feel free to call on Niagara Frontier Publications to see how we can help you run a successful campaign. Again, we congratulate you and wish you every success in your political endeavor.

Conservative Party endorses Niagara County candidates

William L. Ross, chairman of the Niagara County Conservative Party, has released the list of endorsed Conservative Party candidates running for offices in Niagara County.

All candidates have announced election for various county, city and town races.

"These endorsed candidates represent much of the Conservative Party ideology and will serve their constituents with honesty and integrity," Ross said.

Endorsed candidates for select offices in Niagara County include: John J. Ottaviano Jr., county court judge; and Kathleen M. Wojtaszek-Gariano, family court judge. For

the office of Niagara County coroner, they include: Joseph V. Mantione, District 2; Laura D. Sweney-Goodlander, District 3; and James E. Carroll, District 4.

Conservative Party-endorsed candidates for the Niagara County Legislature include: District 1, Irene M. Myers; District 2, Rebecca J. Wydysh; District 3, John J. Szczepczenski; District 4, Owen Steed; District 5, Christopher A. Robins; District 6, Christopher P. Voccio; District 7, Jesse P. Gooch; District 8, Richard L. Andres Jr.; District 9, Randy R. Bradt; District 10, David E. Godfrey; District 11, Anthony J. Nemi; District 12, William J. Collins Sr.; District 13, Rich-

ard E. Abbott; District 14, Shawn A. Foti; and District 15, Michael A. Hill.

Conservative Party-endorsed candidates for offices in the City of Niagara Falls include: Dominic H. Saraceno, city court judge; and council members Traci L. Bax and David J. Zajac.

In the City of North Tonawanda they include: Robert E. Pecoraro, mayor; Luke A. Brown, city attorney; Donna L. Braun, city clerk/treasurer; Joseph N. Loncar, alderman at large; and council candidates Robert D. Schmigel, Ward 1; Frank DiBernardo, Ward 2; and Joseph E. Lavey Jr., Ward 3.

Candidates in the Town of Cam-

bria include: Tamara J. Cooper, town clerk; Randy M. Roberts and Jeffrey S. Hurtgam for council; and Debra A. Littere, tax collector.

Candidates in the Town of Lewiston include: Steve Broderick, supervisor; and Robin "Rob" Morreale and John Jacoby, council members.

Candidates in the Town of Newfane include: John Syracuse, supervisor; Scott R. Boudeman, town justice; and Rick Coleman and Susan L. Neidlinger, council members.

Candidates in the Town of Niagara include: Anthony L. Restaino, town justice; and Charles F. Teixeira and Marc M. carpenter,

council members.

Endorsed candidates in the Town of Porter include: John "Duffy" Johnston supervisor; David J. Truesdale, town justice; and Timothy S. Adamson and Jipp Ortiz, council members.

Candidates in the Town of Wheatfield include: Don J. MacSwan, supervisor; Gary E. Strenkowski, town justice; and Curt P. Doktor and Randy W. Retzlaff, council members.

Candidates in the Town of Wilson include: Doyle H. Phillips, supervisor; and William "Tony" Evans and Robert A. Hull, council members.

Election 2021: Democrats pick slate

The Niagara County Democrat-ic Committee has announced its endorsed candidates for 2021.

- Niagara County Legislature:**
- District 1: Joseph Conti
 - District 2: Jamie Symmonds
 - District 3: Mark Grozio
 - District 4: Owen Steed
 - District 5: Christopher Robins
 - District 6: William Kennedy
 - District 7: Daryl Bodewes

- District 9: Joseph Kissel
 - District 13: Anita Mullane
- Niagara County Justice:**
- Mike Benedict
- City of Lockport:**
- 1st Ward: Paul Beakman
 - 2nd Ward: Bethany Patterson
 - 3rd Ward: Mark Devine
 - 4th Ward: Christopher Toland
 - 5th Ward: Jon Wiley
 - At Large: Margaret "Maggie" Lupo

- Niagara Falls City Council:**
- Colin Ligammari
 - Donta Myles
 - James Abbondanza
- Niagara Falls City Court Judge:**
- Chris Mazur
- City of North Tonawanda:**
- 1st Ward: Bobby Brennan
 - 2nd Ward: Ryan Howze
 - 3rd Ward: Jim Berry

- Alderman At Large: Janette Evans
 - Mayor: Austin Tylec
 - City Attorney: Luke Brown
- Town of Lewiston:**
- Town Board: John Jacoby
- Town of Lockport:**
- Lockport Town Board: Paul Patterson
 - Lockport Town Board: Syree-ta Dean

- Town of Niagara:**
- Town Board: Marc M. Carpenter
- Town Board:** Charles F. Teixeira
- Town Board: Jane Moslow
 - Town Justice: Anthony L. Restaino
- Town of Wilson:**
- Town Supervisor: Janet Hoff-man
 - Town Council: Douglas Perry

Election 2021: Lewiston announces endorsed candidates

The Lewiston Republican Committee has announced its slate of candidates for 2021.

A press release stated, "The

Lewiston Republican Committee looks forward to once again endorsing candidates that reflect our commitment to excellence in

public service, honesty in an open and respectful public discourse during our cherished election process. The Town of Lewiston

Republican Committee is proud to announce that they endorse the following candidates for office."

- County offices:**
- Rebecca J. Wydysh (District 2)
 - Irene M. Meyers (District 1)
 - James E. Carroll for coroner (District 4)

- County judicial offices:**
- John Ottaviano for Niagara County Court judge
 - Kathleen Wojtaszek-Gariano for Family Court judge
- Town of Lewiston:**
- Steve Broderick for supervisor
 - Robin "Rob" Morreale for Town Council

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James Abbondanza announces election bid for Niagara Falls City Council



Abbondanza

Democrat James Abbondanza, a lifelong resident of Niagara Falls, stated, "Enough is enough already! Our government is here to serve us, the residents, not the other way around. The culture of cronyism and patronizing attitudes from elected leaders in our local government needs to stop. For this city to survive, we need to work together to make sweeping changes in leadership, policy and legislation."

Abbondanza said he believes a focus on citizen-centric policies, along with a cultural change at City Hall, will help people onto the long path of recovery.

One of Abbondanza's key platform points is working to improve the quality of life of his fellow residents by focusing on policy and legislation that will help city residents and address problem areas such as illegal dumping, blight, aging infrastructure, lack of citizen programs and crime.

He said, "The citizens of Niagara Falls should be the first consideration

when our leaders make choices. Unfortunately, the only time our representatives seem to think of us is when they need more of our hard-earned money to fill in the deficits caused by their mismanagement."

Other focal points of Abbondanza's campaign are on creating proactive governmental transparency, developing future income opportunities and pushing for financial accountability.

"Going beyond the usual cursory understanding of the budget as to how costs will benefit our citizens is one of the council's primary jobs that isn't being completed thoroughly. There is a lot of rubber stamping go-

ing on here in Niagara Falls," he said. Recently, Abbondanza, president of the Niagara Falls Tourist Home Association (www.NFTHA.org) worked alongside a dedicated group of business owners, citizens and government to help block legislation that would have diminished the chance for improvement of neighborhoods and negatively affected small business owners.

"Seeing local small business owners step up with their own time and money to make beneficial changes in neighborhoods has been one of the more encouraging trends happening in NF lately," he said. "Local busi-

nesses that are a positive force in NF should be supported by the city and its policies, not actively discouraged and punished."

A graduate of the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) - and having worked in business, education and government with an emphasis in the information technology field for 25 years - Abbondanza brings a wealth of experience and dedication with him. He resides in Niagara Falls, where he is raising his three sons.

Abbondanza has more information about himself and his platform goals at his website, www.voteabbondanza.com.

Bax announces run for Niagara Falls City Council



Bax

Niagara Falls resident Traci Bax is running for Niagara Falls City Council.

Bax said she believes the council needs visionary leaders willing to collaborate on issues of fiscal responsibility and a plan for the city's future.

"I was born and raised in Niagara Falls. I share a commonality with many of our residents," she said. "I live in the community, pay taxes, shop and dine at our local businesses. I've experienced Niagara Falls during prosperity and hardship over the decades. I care about the future of our city and how our tax dollars are spent. What we need is a clear vision,

a plan to reach that vision, and leaders that will commit to seeing it through. I am running for these reasons."

Bax is an experienced business and strategic leader with a passion for leading change and business development. With over 25 years of experience at AAA Western and Central New York, New York state's largest travel retail business, she un-

derstands how tourism in Niagara Falls contributes to revenue growth and local business ownership opportunities. She is skilled in managing multimillion-dollar budgets and holding department leaders accountable to operating efficiently within them.

In addition to her professional experience, Bax holds a bachelor's degree in Tourism and Business Management from Niagara University and two Masters degrees (Niagara University and SUNY College at Buffalo). Along with these, she also holds several professional certifications in the area of leadership development and change management. Bax is cur-

rently an adjunct professor at Niagara University teaching courses related to tourism marketing. Over the past 14 years, she's hired many students, giving them an opportunity to begin their career at AAA.

As a volunteer for Junior Achievement, Bax works with local students at multiple grade levels to prepare them for future careers and entrepreneurship.

"I believe that my experience and background bring a new level of diversity and skillset to the Niagara Falls City Council," she said. "I am a collaborative leader focused on challenging the status quo to drive

change and results. I will work to ensure our tax dollars are spent to offer Niagara Falls residents a safe community, quality educational experiences, entrepreneurial opportunities, and essential services today and into the future. We are stronger and more effective when residents and community leaders work together toward shared goals."

Follow Bax on Facebook at "Traci Bax for Niagara Falls City Council," visit www.tracibax4nfcc.com, or email her at tbaxnfc@gmail.com for more information.

Zajac enters race for Niagara Falls City Council

David Zajac, a lifelong resident of Niagara Falls, announced his intention to seek a seat on the Niagara Falls City Council. He will request the Republican and Conservative endorsement.

Zajac nearly defeated long-time Niagara County Legislator Dennis Virtuoso in his 2019 campaign and is looking to bring his experience to the new Republican-led majority of the City Council in Niagara Falls.

"Most importantly, my experience showed me the positives that truly can come from running for public office," Zajac said. "Meeting many people from the district face to face while discussing their concerns firsthand were parts of campaigning that left a lasting effect on me. I plan to put that same strategy and effort into my race for City Council."

Zajac holds a degree in criminal justice/law enforcement from Erie Community College and has been employed by the Niagara County Department of Social Service since 2016. He is also the assistant coach for the Erie Community College men's bowling program and has been on the board of directors (active in the adult and youth aspects of the board) for the Niagara Falls Bowling Association since 2013.

He grew up on the east side of the city, born and raised right near his family's business, Zajac Funeral Home Inc., which has been on 24th Street since 1949. Much of his family still resides in that area. Zajac is the youngest of five children: Heather (Dave) Colangelo, Henry Zajac, Matt (Janelle) Zajac and Frank (April) Zajac.

"As the youngest in a big family, I am fortunate to have grown up with many hard-working role models that I was able to learn from their work ethics," Zajac said. "From my grandparents on the Zajac and Piwowarczyk sides all the way down to my siblings, they have all taught me a great deal of things. These pillars that make me are the same pillars that help build our community."

A press release said, "Zajac is building his campaign on putting the citizens of Niagara Falls ahead of political interests, citing its time to empower our community through unity against unsustainable policy and more than a decade of irresponsible fiscal management."

Zajac said, "I will work diligently

to ensure that our best interests as taxpayers are put first and that any legislation would be to our benefit as a whole. For too long, our residents and business owners have carried the burden of some of the highest taxes and new fees thrust upon them due to the lack of fiscal responsibility by those elected to supposedly have their best interests in mind."

A solution to Niagara Falls problems, Zajac said, isn't a single table-spoon of medicine, instead it requires action across many fronts that are coordinated to ensure systemic problems are being addressed rather than ignored or not resolved.

"We cannot afford to stay 30,000 feet above the underlying problems and think things will change for the

better," Zajac said. "In order for the community to grow, our tax base has to grow. That means we need to find solutions that address poverty, crime and population at the same time. It's no longer a Republican or Democrat issue, it's a Niagara Falls issue, which I will work endlessly to resolve."

Zajac added, "I want to work for you today to ensure a better tomorrow. I am in this race to work for you, to be your voice in City Hall."

"President Reagan famously referenced a 'shining city on a hill.' I believe, with lots of hard work and cooperation with my fellow elected officials that represent our city, that we can make Niagara Falls that shining city for generations to come."

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