

## **THREE PARKS INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS**

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# OCTOBER 11, 2006

MEETING: **Speaker: Congressman Jerrold Nadler!**

DATE: Wednesday, October 11, 2006

TIME: 8:00PM

PLACE: Hostelling International New York (HI-NY)  
891 Amsterdam Avenue at 103rd Street

ROOM: Chapel Room

## **AGENDA**

**7:45PM Sign-in**  
**8PM Call to Order**

1. President's Report & Announcements
2. District Leaders' Reports
3. **SPEAKER: Congressman NADLER**
4. State Committee Reports
5. New business
6. Adjournment

**Election Day, November 7!**

## **CALENDAR**

**Wed, Oct 11 at 8:00PM** Three Parks Meeting  
PLACE: HINY 891 Amsterdam Ave at 103<sup>rd</sup> St., Chapel Room

**Wed, Oct 25 at 7:00-9:00PM** Voting machines Forum  
PLACE: Ethical Culture

**Wed, Oct 25 at 8:30-9:30PM** Three Parks Board Meeting  
PLACE: HINY 891 Amsterdam Ave at 103<sup>rd</sup> St.

**Tues, Nov 7 ELECTION DAY!**

**Wed, Nov 8 at 8:00PM** Three Parks Meeting  
PLACE: HINY 891 Amsterdam Ave at 103<sup>rd</sup> St., Chapel Room

**Wed, Nov 15 at 8:00-9:00PM** Three Parks Board Meeting  
PLACE: HINY 891 Amsterdam Ave at 103<sup>rd</sup> St.

**Sun, Dec 3 from 5:00-8:00PM** Three Parks Holiday Party!  
PLACE: HINY 891 Amsterdam Ave at 103<sup>rd</sup> St., Chapel Room

## **CARE ABOUT THE NEXT 2 YEARS? THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW !**

### **District Leader Cynthia Doty**

These next five weeks are crucial to the future of our nation, state, and local community! With the election on November 7th we have the opportunity to really change the course of our government and restore our Democratic ideals and policies. And we also have the opportunity to enact new zoning legislation that will protect and preserve the special character and viability of our neighborhood.

Three Parks has many grassroots activities planned, from field trips into competitive election districts, to phone banking, to fundraisers, to local tabling. If each one of us helps out, gets involved, and does our part, we can really make a difference. November 8th will be too late!

If the Democrats take back Congress, Bush's right-wing agenda will stop immediately. We need 6 seats to win the Senate and 15 to win the House. NY, NJ, and CT all have very tight races. Three Parks has connected with campaigns in all these states and has planned activities to help the Dems win. We will have field trips every Sat and Sun in October to help with canvassing and other campaign efforts. We will also have phone banking every Tuesday night from 6-9. Then on Election Day itself we will have both canvassing and phone projects underway.

On the state level, we need to win 6 senate seats to help Spitzer, Paterson and Cuomo succeed in really changing Albany. Seats in Staten Island, Long Island, and West Chester are all in play. Three Parks again will be helping Andrea Stewart-Cousins to defeat Nick Spano in West Chester. We will be phone banking and organizing field trips.

And here in the neighborhood we will be tabling to register voters and mobilize the community in support of preserving our community.

City Planning is about to certify a rezoning plan and start the official ULURP process that will

move the plan to City Council. We must ensure that the plan has no smoke screens and instead really protects the affordability, diversity, architecture, environment and unique character of the neighborhood. We must all participate and keep the pressure on all the decision makers!

So make a plan now to help out. Pick an activity and pick a date. Give money if your time is limited. The Republicans are throwing hundreds of millions to spin their messages and get out their base. We (who are the majority) must fight back! As I said before, November 8th will be too late!

## **TAKE BACK CONGRESS**

Committee Reports

### **The 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District (NY) John Hall and Fall Colors**

by Lynn & Steve Max

### **Join Us Saturday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> for our next campaign trip to Beacon, NY**

At last it pays to be a Democrat! Here is an opportunity to campaign for a strong anti-war progressive candidate amidst beautiful fall colors in picturesque Hudson River towns filled with antique shops and restaurants. Never have so many weekend requirements been filled by a single activity.

Three Parks members, Cynthia Doty, Lauren Williams and Lynn and Steve Max, went to Beacon, NY (about an hour and a half by car) to check out the John Hall campaign and meet the candidate. We found a bustling office with a rapidly expanding professional staff and active volunteers throughout the district. The campaign reflects a development that is happening around the country where people who supported Howard Dean in 2004 are now energizing their local Democratic organizations. We even ran into Pete Seeger on the street, but can't guarantee that it will happen again.

The campaign needs door-to-door canvassers in Beacon and other towns, some closer to the City. Lynn Max will be organizing weekend trips. Call her at 212 666-3129. John's union, the Musicians Union, will be opening a phone bank for him in NYC. Volunteers can also call from their homes.

John has an impressive list of endorsements including the state AFL-CIO, Rep. Maurice Hinchey, NYSUT (Teachers Union), Sierra Club, CWA District One, Progressive Democrats of America, Democracy for Westchester, Citizens for Universal Healthcare, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Pete Seeger, 1199 SEIU, River Keepers Dutchess Dems, Orange Dems, Rockland Dems and many others. He won the four-way Primary with 46%.

The Republican incumbent Sue Kelly is serving her sixth term in Congress. She voted for the war, to approve Bush tax cuts for the super rich, for the Medicare Prescription drug disaster, to restrict the liability of hand gun manufacturers, to ban same-sex marriage, to ban third trimester abortion and more.

What makes this race possible (a recent poll showed it to be a dead heat), is that in addition to the waning popularity of Bush and Congress Members who support him, the super high housing costs in the New York metropolitan area have resulted in a steady migration to up-state towns within commuting distance of the City. Latinos are also arriving in numbers. Bush carried this district but only by four percentage points.

Learn more at: [www.johnhallforcongress.com](http://www.johnhallforcongress.com)

Funding is available to cover travel expenses.

## **Two Birds with One Stone: Help a Senate and House Race Nearby!**

**By Dan Berger**

If there is one place in the United States that should be blue, it's the Northeast.

Being in New York City, we're lucky to have several states with both exciting House and Senate races around us. One of these states is New Jersey where Senator Robert Menendez (D) is facing a tougher-than-expected

race against Tom Kean, Jr. (R). Menendez is a real progressive who voted against the war in Iraq and has consistently stood up to Bush in Washington. This is a key seat in helping secure a Democratic majority in the Senate, which according to the New York Times is now possible ("Democrats Cite New Hope in Bid to Retake Senate" 9/28/06).

In the same state, just 45 minutes away from the Upper West Side, Linda Stender (D) is fighting against incumbent Rep. Mike Ferguson (R) in the 7th Congressional District. Ferguson is pro-war and anti-choice while Stender is a progressive alternative who has been endorsed by Emily's List, Democracy for America, Sierra Club and SEIU just to name a few. She was also just added to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee's (DCCC) competitive Red to Blue program, which means more resources will be made available to her campaign. Her race is very close and Three Parks can help put her over the top.

These two races are a perfect "two-for-one" opportunity where we can make a real difference to help take both the House and the Senate.

**Jock Davenport and I will be leading weekly Three Parks' trips to New Jersey from now to Election Day to help these two progressive candidates. Please contact Dan Berger at [dan@danjberger.com](mailto:dan@danjberger.com) or (917) 359-7757 to sign up.**

**Trip dates: 10/9, 10/15, 10/21, 10/29**

Funds are available to cover travel expenses

To learn more about the campaigns visit:  
<http://www.menendez2006.com/>  
<http://www.lindastenderforcongress.com/>

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to hearing from you!

**Election Day, November 7!**

## **MASSACHUSETTS DEMOCRATS**

### **Judy Wood**

On a Wed. night in August, Lynn and Steve Max and myself, lonely for something to do on a Wednesday night, attended a meeting of the Wellfleet, MA. Dems. They meet monthly on the first Wed. of the month and there we were. It was amazing to see that the topics on their agenda were the same as ours: tabling, newsletter, their upcoming primary, and campaign '06 – taking back congress.

They were glad to have us as visitors and we participated in their discussion, especially the taking back congress topic. They were discussing whether to go to Conn., RI, or New Hampshire and it felt just like home away from home.

As some of you may know, their primary was Sep. 19, and the winner of the Dem. Primary for Governor is Deval Patrick, formerly of the Clinton Justice Dept, Civil Rights Div. If he wins, he would be the first African-American Gov. of Mass.

On to victory there and across the nation on Nov. 7.

## **SAVE THE AUTOMAT at 104th St and BROADWAY**

Please join Landmark West, W. 104th St Block Ass, and W.102nd/103rd Sts. Block Association for a talk about The Horn & Hardart Automat, by Lorraine Diehl and Marianne Hardart

Wednesday, October 25th, 2006  
6:30 PM at El Taller (2710 Bway @ 104th St)  
/ Tickets:\$25.00  
RSVP @ 212-496-8110 or landmark-west@landmarkwest.org

## **THE LAST PICTURE SHOW**

### **Alan Flacks**

The 2006 Democratic Judicial Nominating Convention, New York County, brought no surprises as there were no "open" seats for the State trial bench, and incumbents N.Y. State Supreme Court Justice Joan Lobis and Appellate Division Justice Angela Mazzairelli were unopposed in seeking re-election to another term. They were easily re-designated by a bare quorum for the Democratic column in this November's General election. We did have a chance to hear and to question the two candidates at a forum for delegates, organized by Lloyd McAulay (of C.F.D.) and myself, which was held a few days before. Milivoy Samurovich, Corine Pettey and I were the Three Parks delegates who attended, as well as State Committeewoman Lynn Thomas.

Since Federal District Court Judge John Gleeson ruled in January (upheld on appeal in August) that the 85-year old convention system was unconstitutional on First Amendment grounds, this year's conventions are probably the last such we shall see. There will be Primary elections for State Supreme Court unless and until the State legislature derives a satisfactory system which meets constitutional standards.

## **Thanks to all Three Parks Members who volunteered for tabling and subway flyering on Primary Day and the weekend before !**

They are as follows: Dan Berger, Bob Botfeld, Theresa Canter, Wendy Dannett, Cynthia Doty, Jane Ohring, Jock Davenport, Phyllis Dolgin, Daniele Gerard, Estelle Kattelson, David Lazarus, Gail Leinwohl, Steve & Lynn Max, Corine Pettey, Steve Strauss, Ken Tulloch, Lauren Williams, and Judy Wood. Apologies if anyone was left out.

## ELECTION 2006 RACES TO WATCH

(\*\* indicates 3 PKS Targets)

Democrats need 6 Senate and 15 House seats to take back Congress

### New York

**\*\*House: 19<sup>th</sup> District –**

**John Hall** (D ) vs. Sue Kelly (R ), incumbent \*\*  
Cold Spring, Beacon, Newburgh, Peekskill west to Port Jervis  
Distance: 1- 1½ hours

**House: 20<sup>th</sup> District –**

**Kirsten Gillibrand** (D ) vs. John Sweeney (R ) incumbent  
Distance: 3 hours (Albany area)

**House: 24<sup>th</sup> District - Michael Arcuri** (D ) vs. Raymond Meier (R), a NYS. Sen.

Open seat because Sherwood Boehlert retired  
Oneida County, Utica; Distance: 5 hours

**House: 25<sup>th</sup> District –**

**Dan Maffei** (D ) vs. James Walsh (R ), incumbent  
Syracuse; Distance: 4 hours

**House: 26<sup>th</sup> District –**

**Jack Davis** (D) vs. Thomas Reynolds (R ), incumbent  
Far Western NY; Distance: 6-7 hours

**House: 29<sup>th</sup> District –**

**Eric Massa** (D) vs. Randy Kuhl (R ), incumbent  
Central NY; Distance: 4 hours

**House: 13<sup>th</sup> District –**

**Stephen A. Harrison** (D) vs. Vito Fossella (R ), incumbent  
Staten Island, Bay Ridge, Bklyn;  
Distance: 45 minutes

### Connecticut

**\*\*Senate:**

**Ned Lamont** (D) vs. Sen. Joe Lieberman (I) \*\*

**\*\*House: 4<sup>th</sup> District –**

**Diane Farrell** (D) vs. Rep. Chris Shays (R) \*\*  
Suburbs that border NY, Greenwich, Stamford, Bridgeport, Norwalk, Guilford  
Distance: 40 Minutes- 1hour

**\*\*House: 5<sup>th</sup> District –**

**Chris Murphy** (D) vs. Rep. Nancy Johnson (R) \*\*  
Distance: 45 minutes-1/1 2 hours (Danbury and North)

**\*\*House: 2<sup>nd</sup> District –**

**Joe Courtney** (D) vs. Simmons (R ) \*\*  
Essex, Old Saybrook, Lyme, New London, Groton, Mystic  
Distance: 2 hours – 3 hours

### Pennsylvania

**\*\*Senate:**

Sen. Rick Santorum (R) vs. **Bob Casey** (D), now ahead in all the polls\*\*

**\*\*House: 6<sup>th</sup> District –**

**Lois Murphy** (D) vs. Jim Gerlach (R) \*\*  
Distance: 2 hours (Chester Cc: Norristown, Pottstown, Phoenixville)

**House: 7<sup>th</sup> District –**

**Joe Sestak** (D) vs. Curt Weldon (R)  
Distance: 2 hours (Delaware Co.:Radnor, Drexel Hill, Media, King of Prussia)

**\*\*House: 8<sup>th</sup> District –**

**Patrick Murphy** (D) vs. Michael Fitzpatrick (R) \*\*  
Distance: 1.5 hours (Bucks Co.: Bristol, Levittown, Doylestown, Quakertown)

**House: 10<sup>th</sup> District –**

**Chris Carney** (D) vs. Don Sherwood (R)  
Distance: 2.5 hours ( Pike Co.: Williamsport)

### New Jersey

**\*\*Senate:**

Sen. **Robert Menendez** (D) vs. Tom Kean (R) - race now a toss-up \*\*

**\*\*House: 7<sup>th</sup> District –**

**Linda Stender** (D) vs. Mike Ferguson (R) \*\*  
Distance: 50 minutes (Roselle, Scotch Plains, Cranford)

### Rhode Island

**Senate:**

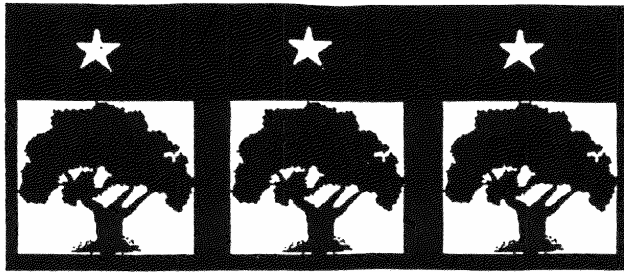
**Sheldon Whitehouse** (D) vs. Lincoln Chafee (R) Incumbent

### Massachusetts

**Governor:**

**Deval Patrick** (D) vs. Kerry Healey (R ), Lt. Gov  
If Patrick wins, first African-American gov. of MA; if Healey, first woman

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## **2007 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

*New Member* \_\_\_  
*Renewal* \_\_\_

**Membership Category -- Check One**

Individual (\$15) \_\_\_\_\_  
Family -- two adults in the same household (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_  
Student/Senior Citizen/Low Income (\$8) \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor (\$30) \_\_\_\_\_ Patron (\$100) \_\_\_\_\_

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