

THREE PARKS INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS

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September 2006 Meeting

MEETING: Primary Election Update!

DATE: Wednesday, September 6, 2006
(NOTE EARLY DATE DUE to PRIMARY)

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. Update on State and Congressional Races
4. Rezoning Update
5. Endorsed Primary Candidates Invited
6. Primary Election Day Activities
7. State Committee Reports
8. New business
9. Adjournment

CALENDAR

Tues, Sept 12 , Primary Day!

Wed, Sept 27 at 8:00-9:00PM Three Parks Board Meeting
PLACE: HINY 891 Amsterdam Ave at 103rd St.

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

SPEAKER: Congressman Jerrold Nadler

Wed, Oct 25 at 8:00-9:00PM Three Parks Board Meeting
PLACE: HINY 891 Amsterdam Ave at 103rd St.

Tues, Nov 7 Election Day!

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

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

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

Primary Day, September 12!

President's Column

Theresa Canter

Many thanks to former U.S. Congress member Elizabeth Holtzman who presented a very articulate and persuasive case for the impeachment of George W. Bush at our June meeting. Liz was very generous with her time and received a standing ovation for her eloquent presentation! Having drafted the impeachment papers for President Nixon during the Watergate Hearings, she is uniquely experienced in this arena. I am sure there will be more discussion on this topic in the future, but, our first course of action for impeachment to be a viable option is to take back the Congress.

We have no pressing local races this primary, since our endorsed candidate for State Senate, Bill Perkins, is running unopposed to replace David Paterson. But, that doesn't mean we don't have any work to do! We will be out tabling for our local candidates and registering voters the two weeks before the primary. You will also have the opportunity to sign up to work on state and congressional campaigns in surrounding areas.

The office of State Senator Eric Schneiderman has been organizing groups of volunteers and sending them to the campaigns of State Senators or State Senate candidates who are progressive, have been major supporters of the campaign to take back the State Senate, and have real primaries that they need help in. So far, that has mainly included candidates in Brooklyn and Queens. After the primary, the focus will be helping to protect any vulnerable seats, in addition to taking back new ones. They are looking for volunteers to work on Primary Day, Tuesday September 12, and the weekend before the primary, Saturday September 9th and 10th. All of the campaigns are outside of Manhattan, but the office will make travel arrangements. It's a little early for all the details to be in place, but they are asking people to commit a block of time now and the details will follow. Anyone who wants to volunteer, or wants more information about candidates, can call Christina Harvey at 646-207-2104 or email her at: charvey@schneiderman.org.

All of our endorsed candidates are invited to our September meeting. In addition, all candidates for NYS Attorney General and US Senate will be extended an invitation. Please take the opportunity then to pick up literature for building stuffing for your favorite candidates.

The Three Parks third annual Picnic was a great success! It was a glorious evening and we had a good turnout, a fabulous spread (including Rosetta William's famous fried chicken!), and several electeds and candidates dropped by... Eric Schneiderman, Danny O'Donnell, Bob Ginsberg, Jonathan Tasini, Matt Bitz from Inez Dicken's office and Larry Hirsch from the Spitzer campaign. Many thanks to all the people who helped to coordinate and set-up the event. Special thanks to Anna Spiro for finding the entertainment.... Alan Cary who sang and played the banjo!

If you want to receive email updates, please let me know at ThreeParksDems@aol.com. We would like to reach as many people as possible and this is a convenient and economical way to do so. And, as always, please send any suggestions or questions that you might have to the same email.

JUDICIAL CONVENTION TO GO FORWARD THIS YEAR

Alan Flacks

This year may see the last party judicial nominating convention if a Federal appeals court directs the trial judge, in the lawsuit brought to do away with the convention, to require the State legislature to fashion a different system of selecting judges. However, for now, the 2006 convention will take place. It should be a staid and short convention as the sole business at hand is to re-designate for the November General election ballot (on the Democratic column) Joan Lobis and Angela Mazzarelli for State Supreme Court Justice. Both are incumbents whose 14-year terms expire this year and are seeking re-election. There are no opponents to their candidacies.

The Club chose judicial delegate candidates, and together with those from the two other Democratic clubs in the Assembly District, we

fielded a slate. We petitioned and filed thousands of signatures, and as there was no opposition slate, there is no Primary for judicial delegates. The 69th A.D. joint club slate of delegates will go to the convention on Thursday, September 21, 2006.

Uptown there are two N.Y.C. Civil Court contests which have kept court-watchers both interested and fascinated during this languid summer. While the story is too convoluted and detailed for brief explanation here, it involves a spirited Democratic Primary contest between two women, neither of whom lives in the district, for one vacant seat, and four Democratic candidates running as independents for a place on the November General election ballot for the other vacant seat. This second vacancy will have no Democratic candidate either in the Primary or the General election because the Party's candidate inexplicably declined the nomination after clearing a screening panel, petitioning, and qualifying for the ballot. There's much more to this, of course, but the November ballot should see five people (unless some are removed as a result of petition challenges) with only one in the Democratic column, running against each other for the two seats.

HELP THE HOMELESS TO GET OUT THE VOTE!

According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, low income voters are registered and vote at lower rates than higher-income citizens. While 82% of people with incomes of over \$75,000 were registered to vote in 2000 and 75% of those registered actually voted, just 59% of people with incomes between \$10,000 and \$14,999 were registered, and only 44% of those registered actually voted. New York City has over 32,000 homeless individuals, the majority of whom are eligible to vote yet too often fall into the latter category of unregistered or infrequent voters. Help get their voices heard.

Please join The Partnership for the Homeless' **2006 Voter Registration and Empowerment**

Drive. Throughout the next few months, the Partnership will be sending volunteers to register homeless voters in shelters, drop-ins, and other homeless service sites throughout the city. You can join them by signing up for Train-the-Trainer Workshops which will teach you the necessary skills to facilitate workshops to help homeless New Yorkers register to vote. These skills include how to register if you don't have a permanent address, who is eligible to vote, why voting is important and more. Trainings will be held at 305 7th Avenue on the eleventh floor. The training dates are as follows:

Thurs. September 14, 2006 from **9:30-11:30 am**,
and

Wednesday September 20, 2006 from **7-9 pm**

Join us in the fight to end homelessness and increase political participation. To register, please contact Elana Shneyer, Community Organizer, at (212) 645-3444 x107 or at eshneyer@pftth.org. For more information visit www.partnershipforthehomeless.org.

**Thanks to all Three Parks Members
who braved the heat
to collect many, many signatures on
our nominating petitions!**



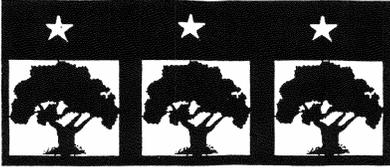
Primary Endorsements

Three Parks, at the June meeting, voted to endorse Alan Hevesi for the position of New York State Comptroller. The vote was 46 votes to endorse and 4 votes for no endorsement. May endorsements were:

US Congress
Governor
Lt. Governor
NYS Assembly
NYS Senate, Dist 31
NYS Senate, Dist 30
NYS Committee

Charlie Rangel
Eliot Spitzer
David Paterson
Daniel O'Donnell
Eric Schneiderman
Bill Perkins
Lynn Thomas
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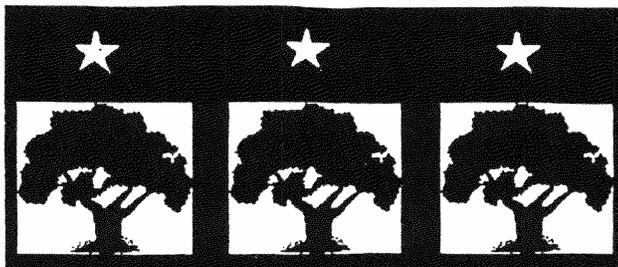
Civil Court, County-wide



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SEPTEMBER 2006 MEETING

PRIMARY KICKOFF
UPDATE ON LOCAL AND CITY PRIMARY RACES



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Attn: Treasurer

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Membership Category -- Check One

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

Name _____ Date _____
Address _____ Apt. # _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (H) _____ (W) _____
Email _____

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