

Letters etc.



Thank You to the Kergaravat Supporters

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and to thank the countless people that offered their time, support, financial resources and front yards to my husband, Roger J. Kergaravat. My name is Wendy and I have been married to Roger for eight years. Roger and I have three young children, ages 2, 5 and 7.

Like many parents these days, my husband and I both work full-time jobs. First and foremost, I would like to thank my husband for "putting himself out there" again as the Republican candidate for State Representative in the 89th District. I don't tell him this often, but I am very proud of him.

Most people probably don't realize the time and effort it takes to run for public office. A lot of us talk about making change, while Roger did more than just talk about it. When Roger ran against Representative Nardello in 2004, I recall that Governor Rell thanked all those who ran for the sacrifices they made. Her words rang as true to me then as they do now.

I would like to personally thank Robert Hiscox (Prospect) for his consistent support over the years - he has been our "rock." Roger's treasurer, Attorney Janice Rosenfeld (Bethany) also deserves special thanks for her time and effort (anyone involved in politics will recognize that a treasurer is usually the candidate's spouse because no one else loves you that much!).

Representative David Labriola is an insightful attorney with a great deal of integrity who also deserves special thanks. Carol Jones of the Prospect Dairy Bar is another "class act." Unlike the Notch Store in Cheshire, who would not place Roger's signs next to Tim's signs, Carol allowed Tim's signs in front of her place of business, despite her own personal affiliation.

Sandy Dudarevich (Cheshire) was a great asset and endured more than her fair share of campaign-related stress. Meg and Lou Krepenivich can organize a fundraiser like no others! Thank you Carl Englund (Prospect) for your amazing IT support and thank you, Detective Sergeant Ronald Goodmaster, for always wearing your t-shirt.

And many thanks to Prospect's Mayor Bob who offered his support and himself selflessly. My husband surrounded himself with exceptional, professional people - the list is long and distinguished. They ran a

campaign to be very proud of. I thank each of you on behalf of myself and my husband.

Needless to say, I may not be the most objective person on the subject, but in my opinion, the Republicans in the 89th lost an outstanding candidate on August 8. Roger is honest, committed to excellence and has relevant life experience to bring to the table. He may be more direct than most politicians, but I find that refreshing. Some may criticize him for being a little too honest at times. Others may say he should be more evasive and less committal to what he believes in. I disagree.

In closing, I would like to thank the voters who took the time from their busy schedules to get out and exercise their rights. My husband, a Hartford Police Officer, husband and father of three "put himself out there" in an attempt to make our lives a little better. In doing so, he made sacrifices. With that said, now is the time for a little boy named Tommy (who adores his daddy) to learn how to swim before the summer is entirely over.

Respectfully,

Wendy L. Kergaravat

Candidate for 89th Thanks Voters

Dear Editor:

To the primary voters of Bethany, Cheshire and Prospect - I say, thank you! I truly appreciate your support. When I knocked on doors, talked to voters around town, read comments on my blog (<http://timwhitelists.blogspot.com/>) and talked by phone, you told me that you want fiscal relief from ever-increasing taxes and the costs of living. You want reform and new ideas. I agree completely. That's why I'm running for State Representative.

When issues like banning soda in schools are more important than addressing property taxes, energy or eminent domain, it is clear that most state legislators are out of touch with the real needs of our people. Reform and new ideas are needed.

Now, turning toward November, I ask all Republicans, Democrats and Independents who care about taxes, spending and the high costs of living, especially energy and health care, to unite. Together we can bring true reform to Connecticut.

Sincerely,

Tim White

State Representative (R-89)
439-4394

Resident Questions Expenditures

Dear Editor,

A little ditty on the land between Community and Algonquin Schools along Center Street. Let's start with the old firehouse property, now a "greenery," oh boy! Since this land was mostly fill and too small for the massive blueprint of a "new" firehouse, it was not used. So the town bought a new property for the fire department across Rt. 69, fine. You think the fire department would have signed over the deed of the old property to the town? No. The parking lot was turned into grass and a monument to the old firehouse. What? I want to know why the Town Council never demanded that the land be signed over to the town before purchasing the new parcel. Wait. Isn't the Mayor also the Fire Chief? Hmm. Don't you think that keeping a parking lot there for events on Center Street and Canfield Park would have been the smart thing to do? I see people parking on the playground or Rt. 69, instead of at a nice parking lot a short walk away. What the heck is that all about? That parcel I guess is really there for a once-a-year carnival that brings a week of rain nearly every year, closes off Center Street, and annoys the two homeowners across the street. There's no other place to do a carnival in this town.

Next property beyond the Senior Center is the Police Station. Eventually it will be replaced. Almost as big as the fire station, maybe next to the Library? (I think the mayor wants it there.) Large enough for, say, 15 full-time officers? Sound good? You got it. Next parcel ... how about the old one-room schoolhouse? I think it should be moved and put next to the Grange Hall. Historical buildings side by side. Great! The old schoolhouse, the police station, the senior center, those buildings look ridiculous next to each other. A result of poor, fragmented planning. They do not gel. Something better can be done with that whole area. Hmm ... if the one room school house was moved, raze the old police station, then move that senior center building to somewhere else in town. Now there's plenty of room to do something more realistic with that whole area. How about expanding Community School and get rid of those portable classrooms! Got any other ideas?

Finally, the Senior Center. Would you pay \$700,000 for a 1,400-sq.ft. home in Prospect? (A \$700k "state grant" is a fancy phrase for OPM's (other peoples money), formerly known as "taxes.") That's what the Mayor and Council decided was acceptable to do last December for expanding the Senior Center. And in early July, the Mayor called a special town meeting to vote on the town adding another \$175,000 more to the project. The meeting was at the senior

center. Do ya think it got approved? Of course! Most of the people there were seniors! That must put the entire Senior Center, since first built, somewhere near the \$1.5 million mark. And the town already owned the land!

Would you build a senior center on a hillside where the ground was "fill," requiring two levels of building and parking, and eventually an expensive elevator? Would you build such a building with multiple roof and exterior wall lines thus increasing the cost greatly? Would you remove an adjacent parking lot that could not only serve this facility and the town green, but also serve events held at Canfield Park where parking is greatly needed?

I voiced my opposition to this site proposal before it was built and again late last year when the town accepted the \$700k State Grant (OPM) for the addition. This site and project continues to amaze me. It doesn't make any sense. It was wrong from inception. It was pushed through to pander to the senior vote. It was too small then and will be too small in a few years after the addition. You know why? When you take state grants you get state strings attached. Meaning, the "Prospect" Senior Center is really a "Connecticut" Senior Center. Any senior in this state can use it and its programs. A better property with a one-level building, and funded with town money should have been developed. The Mayor has had 30 years to plan for a senior center, and this is what we end up with?

If this senior center is a part of the Mayor's so-called "master plan," then I think that plan needs to be shredded immediately. Actually, what is the master plan? I heard about such a thing recently. Have you ever heard or seen it? How come the public finds out about things in this town after they're just about a done deal? This town government needs to be changed. The Charter needs to be changed to prevent these bogus town meetings orchestrated by the Mayor from approving such plans and expenditures with just a fraction of one percent of eligible voters voting at these town meetings. I guess no one cares as long as they get what they feel they deserve they should be getting. Even if it's purchased with OPM's.

Have you not figured out the pattern over the last 30 years? Special meetings for special reasons, with people in attendance that will directly benefit from voting "yes." And only some of you are starting to catch on now? One day soon something will be built and you'll say again, "When the hell did that get approved?"

Jim Borbas, Jr.

Prospect

Victoria's Cancer Slayers Thank Supporters

To All of Our Relay for Life Supporters:

We are proud to announce that through your most generous support of Victoria's Cancer Slayers Relay for Life team, we were the No. 1 fundraising team at this year's relay, with our team alone raising \$25,872.41.

This year was the 10th Anniversary of the Cheshire Relay, and it was its most successful, raising over \$560,000. This money will go towards furthering cancer research, advocacy, education and patient service programs.

As many of you know, we are now able to gain donations through our online web page, www.acsevents.org, where our team was second overall in obtaining online donations. We hope to make better use of our website again next year.

Finally, we would also like to thank all of our team members, family and friends, who have made this event more successful each year. You continue to keep Victoria's spirit alive as we participate each year.

We sincerely thank you for your overwhelming monetary and spiritual support in remembering our Angel Victoria and hope to have another successful Relay next year.

Sincerely,

Paul, Laura, Emily, and Our Angel Victoria
The Polito Family

Caregiver Course at Senior Center

A Caregiver Course, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, will be offered at the Prospect Senior Center beginning Tuesday, September 5. Anyone who takes care of a person with dementia may attend this free course which will run for four consecutive weekly sessions from 6 to 8 p.m. This course will be taught by health care and legal professionals, and will cover topics such as an overview of dementia, family dynamics, challenging behaviors, community resources, legal and financial concerns, and caregiver stress. To register, please call the Alzheimer's Association at 1-866-363-6679 and ask for Mary Mackey.

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