

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

year in review 2009

County Legislator Frank Sparaco

District #11 Congers, Valley Cottage, W Nyack

Dear Friends,

It is such a pleasure to serve you as your County Legislator. My goal is to protect the quality of life that we have all come to expect here in Rockland County. For many, this past year was filled with economic challenges. We have all been forced to tighten our belts to get through these tough times.

I will do my best to make sure that county government does the same. It is my objective to demand economic discipline. I will fight to hold the line on spending and to keep taxes in check. My votes for fiscal responsibility have not always been popular with everyone but my objective for the New Year remains the same. I will fight for the taxpayers and the residents of this district.

I would like to wish you a safe and happy Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

Frank



honoring those who service us

“When I ran for office in 2007 I promised my constituents that if elected I would not support any new taxes no matter how small, and I intend to keep my word...”

Frank Sparaco, *Letter to Editor, Journal News, December 9th 2009*

In response to vote against 2010 county budget



Nyack HS girls Lacrosse team

My Record...

Fiscal Responsibility is my number one priority

Given these tough economic times I cannot support any budget that increases property taxes or increases spending. For the last two years I have voted to hold the line on taxes and to reduce spending. I have voted against spending taxpayer dollars on pet projects and against pay increases for county employees earning over \$100,000.

I have never voted to increase spending or for a tax hike regardless of how small or seemingly insignificant. Tax increases add up and the next thing you know Rockland is 5th highest taxed county in the nation.

I voted no or vigorously fought the cell phone tax, bag tax, hotel occupancy tax, and also the recent budget which proposed another property tax increase.

I will continue to fight to keep taxes in check. That is my promise to you.



holding the line on taxes



Officer Garrett Clapp

Frank Sparaco joins fellow Legislators Jobson and Cornell in honoring Sheriffs Mounted Patrol Officer Garrett Clapp. Clapp was presented with the Distinguished Service Award for actions taken to save his fallen horse.

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Looking out for our Kids and Teens

Proposed Ban on the sale of a harmful drug to minors

In an effort to protect the youth in Rockland County, I proposed banning the sale of Salvia to minors. Salvia divinorum is a herbaceous drug sold over the counter and is used for its hallucinogenic effect. Because it is readily available, this drug is used by teens because it produces effects similar to LSD. The drug is produced in Mexico and is targeted at teenagers through the internet and some local smoke shops.

Many other states and municipalities have already banned the sale and possession of Salvia due to the devastating side effects and long term health issues associated with its use.

I will continue to fight to keep this product out of the hands of our unsuspecting youth.



Increased Safety Measures for Indoor Playgrounds

Indoor playgrounds are a popular venue for children to play and socialize with other children. Colds and other infectious illnesses may be easily transferred from one child to the next wherever children come together and play. I have introduced legislation that seeks to encourage indoor playgrounds to maintain acceptable levels of cleanliness in order to reduce the probability of the exchange of bacteria or other contaminants that may lead to the spread of colds or other such illnesses among participating children.

Common sense requirements such as standards for cleanliness, availability of hand sanitizer, restrictions for sick children and maintenance of equipment. It is important as parents that we know our children will be safe wherever they play.



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Free Tuition at Rockland County Community College for Returning Vets

"Making our returning Veterans feel welcome at home is a big priority."

It is important that our veterans know that they are welcome here in Rockland County. As the cost of living continues to rise in our county, many people are finding it difficult to afford to live in our communities. That is why I proposed exploring the possibilities of providing free tuition for all veterans returning from service in Afghanistan and Iraq. I want to make sure that this county is doing all that we can to say thank you for the sacrifice of these men and women as well as their families.

Service men and women have training and skills that are beneficial to any community. We certainly don't want the cost of living to prevent them from coming home. I was so blessed after I returned home from my tour in the Navy. People reached out to me and helped me to get re-established in the community. I think free tuition is the least we can do.



Please let me know your thoughts and concerns.

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