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## ELECTION 2021

# City of Glen Cove Mayor race heats up

By JILL NOSSA

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Incumbent City of Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke is seeking a third term in the office he's held since January 2018, while challenger Pam Panzenbeck, a former member of the Glen Cove City Council who lost her bid for re-election in 2019, is hoping to unseat him in the Nov. 2 election. The Herald posed several questions to each candidate to give readers an idea of where they stand on some of the issues.

Glen Cove Herald: What are some revenue opportunities you would explore and what costs could be cut within the city?

Tim Tenke: As the City of Glen Cove is a municipality, and service-oriented, opportunities for cuts within the city are limited. However, we do seek areas where we can reduce expenses, similarly to how we consolidated the Recreation Department with Youth Services department, and the parks department into the Department of Public Works in 2021. We look to make services more efficient without any impact to services by bringing more work in-house and reorganizing departments to remove redun-

dancies. Expenses within the city are also expecting a decrease in 2022 due to organic attrition of employees, which will allow the city to realize when we fill those positions with employees who have less seniority. We thoroughly explore opportunities for recurring revenue streams that have little to no impact on residents. For example, we enacted the mortgage foreclosure registry and we are exploring the possibility of installing cameras on school busses to protect our children.

Pam Panzenbeck: The best way to increase revenue is to attract new businesses to Glen Cove. I feel optimistic that proper economic revival policies can help pull us out of the pandemic. We must also ensure that we do not burden our taxpayers with unnecessary fees. The tremendous costs of the use of outside law firms, which is the result of expensive lawsuits caused by actions of the current administration, will be something that we will make every effort to avoid. We need to treat employees and vendors fairly and appropriately to prevent these situations. Adherence to proper Request For Proposal practices will be a part of my administration.

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Tim Tenke
Incumbent

**Age:** 59

Party: Democratic

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in criminal justtice; J.D. Cooley Law School

**Political experience:** Insurance attorney; six-term city council mem-

ber, two-term mayor



Pam Panzenbeck
Challenger

**Age:** 68

Party: Republican

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in business; master's in human resources, New York Institute of Technologoy

**Political experience:** Retired teacher; three term Glen Cove City Council

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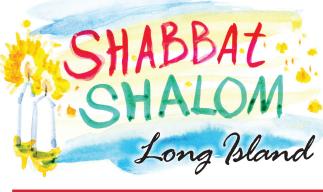
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# **Q&A** with Glen Cove mayor candidates

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Herald: What would you do to attract new businesses to Glen Cove?

Tenke: As part of our zoning code review, we are exploring the idea of expanding our downtown and using zoning changes to attract new businesses that are desirable in the city. In addition, mixed-use developments in the downtown are already making our downtown more vibrant. We will also work on beautification with new pedestrian walkways, curb cuts, landscaping, pergolas, and benches in our open air spaces in the recently renovated Village Square. We have been and are very responsive to the parking needs of our businesses. We believe a vehicle connection to the Brewster Street garage from School Street would allow easier access to the businesses and encourage people to visit them.

**Panzenbeck:** I would like to bring a family friendly recreational business or businesses to Glen Cove. I will do an inventory of properties available and reach out to business people on Long Island availing them of the opportunity to open a business here.

Our once-loved Glen Cove village has been greatly neglected. There are many empty storefronts and the facades are dull and dreary. It is time to put some effort into improving that which we already have, and energizing our downtown area. As methods of shopping have changed, people still have the desire to wander around, browse, and shop in their own hometown. Glen Cove offers nothing to these people or our visitors. The sidewalks are dirty and areas are strewn with litter, making it difficult for existing businesses to attract new customers.

We must make Glen Cove friendly to those wishing to become part of our downtown business family and streamline the process to open a new business. Red tape should not be a deterrent. When I am the mayor, I will welcome prospective businesses with the statement, "Welcome to Glen Cove, how can we help you?"

#### Herald: Why should people vote for you?

**Tenke:** People should vote for me because I have the experience needed to run the city. My administration is moving Glen Cove forward. We have taken on the task of remediating decades of

neglect of city assets; at the parks, beaches, ballfields, and water infrastructure, to name a few. We have stabilized the city's finances, through prudent budgeting, consolidation of certain departments to remove redundant functions, and making services more accessible and efficient. We have strengthened our infrastructure by, for example, bringing two water wells back into service at Duck Pond Road and completely rebuilding the water well at Seaman Road. A full structural rebuild of Pryibil's pier is also underway. The tidal gates at East Island have been renovated. My administration has also made services more efficient and easily accessible to our residents, by adding a drop box outside City Hall for payments, adding an online payment functionality for school taxes when only city and county were online previously, creating a new city website with integration of TEXT-MYGOV to report issues and get forms, as well as streamlining building permits online.

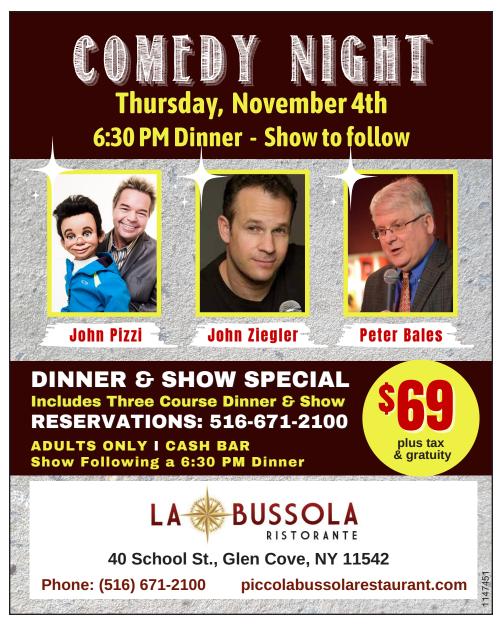
**Panzenbeck:** I love Glen Cove; I am a passionate, dedicated citizen who desires to return to elected public service. Having served three terms on the Glen Cove City Council, I am aware of

the issues of the city and the needs of our residents. My greatest concern regarding Glen Cove is the financial status of our city. Mayor Tenke inherited a surplus when he took office and at the close of business in 2021 was running a large deficit. When the majority of Mayor Tenke's administration voted to pierce the tax cap and then raise property taxes 7.32 percent, I realized Glen Cove is in trouble.

Constituents have never been given a straight answer about Crescent Beach or what the \$100,000 grant received in the end of 2019 was used for. After asking during the spring of 2021, I was told Helixes would be used and later in the summer I was told that plants would be purchased and used to clear bacteria. Still the mayor says he is working on this.

The golf course is in poor condition. The driving range is in a state of collapse. Many golfers are unhappy with these conditions and speak to me regularly about this.

The Pryibil Beach Pier is always being closed for safety reasons and repaired temporarily. Let us choose one project and complete it once and for all.





# Blakeman, Curran vie for county executive

By JEFFREY BESSEN

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Democratic incumbent Laura Curran is running for her second four-term as county executive. Her Republican opponent is Town of Hempstead Councilman Bruce Blakeman. The Herald asked the candidates three pertinent questions to get their take on the issues.

Herald: Nassau is one of three counties that pay the highest average property taxes in the state. What is your plan to help reduce the tax burden?

**Curran:** As the hardworking families of Nassau know, you can't get far without a balanced budget. Before I took office, decades of wasteful corruption and reckless mismanagement plagued our county. I am proud that through dogged fiscal discipline, my administration has turned budget deficits into surpluses. Nassau families deserve to know their hard-earned money is being spent responsibly. That's why I devoted my first term to cleaning up the mess others left behind and bringing real accountability to government:

I delivered four balanced budgets and consecutive budget surpluses; secured Nassau's first bond upgrade in over a decade; held the line on property taxes and proposed a responsible \$70 million tax reduction for 2022, and a \$150 million tax reduction over the next four years.

As Nassau continues the economic recovery from Covid, I am also proud to say that we are in a position to give American Rescue Plan dollars back to the taxpayers. Our books are balanced, so I am giving \$375 direct cash payments to more than 400,000 households. I have worked hard to earn the trust of Nassau taxpayers, and I will continue to pursue tax relief, like my tax cut, without sacrificing our future fiscal stability.

**Blakeman:** Laura Curran's reassessment is crushing families and seniors with higher property taxes. School tax bills are arriving at home this October, and just like last year, property taxes will soar for an overwhelming majority of homeowners because of Curran's reassessment. While your property taxes are going up, Laura Curran's taxes went down [decreased by \$255].

For the majority of homeowners, Curran's tax hikes continue for three more years unless you stop her this Election Day. I believe it's wrong for Laura Curran to increase county property taxes to the highest level ever in Nassau's history while also generating millions in surplus funds.

As county executive, I will end Curran's reassessment and cut taxes. Government should never collect more than it needs to operate. My plan cuts property taxes by over \$128 million – that's \$58 million more than Laura Curran is willing to give back – and I'll pay for that tax



## **Bruce Blakeman**

Age: 66

Hometown: Atlantic Beach

Professional Background: Attorney

**Political experience:** Town of Hempstead councilman; Nassau County legislator including serving as presiding officer; Port Authority commissioner.

cut by returning Nassau County's entire budget surplus to residents. I will continue to return budget surpluses each year while restricting new spending and reducing debt. It's time to put government on a serious diet, and it's time to really cut taxes.

Herald: The residential property assessment system still needs an overhaul. What would you do to make it beneficial for homeowners and the county?

**Curran:** Nassau's assessment system has been a mess for decades. Politician after politician kicked this can down the road, choosing what was politically convenient over what was right. I ran on a promise to finally address our broken assessment system, and I did just that. My administration took on a tough fight and had the political courage to implement a fair and accurate reassessment of the tax roll, which had been frozen for nearly a decade.

The accuracy of my administration's reassessment has been verified by Newsday, by the state and by independent experts. I have ensured residents have the opportunity to adapt to changes in assessment values by implementing my Taxpayer Protection Plan, which phases in any assessment correction over the next five years. I will also always protect residents' right to grieve their property assessment.

In my first term, I tackled the fiscal mismanagement that has plagued Nassau for decades, turning chronic deficits into surpluses. I took on reassessment when my predecessors lacked the political courage to do so. As a result, our assessment system is fairer and more accurate today than it has been in years.



## **Laura Curran**

**Age:** 53

Hometown: Baldwin

**Professional Background:** Journalist, Herald Community Newspapers, New York Daily News and New York Post

**Political experience:** Baldwin Board of Education and Nassau County legislator 2014 to 2017

**Blakeman:** Laura Curran placed a huge financial burden on the backs of families and seniors, with an overwhelming majority of homeowners facing soaring school taxes in 2021 as a result of her reassessment.

Errors in Curran's assessment roll also resulted in multi-millionaires having their property tax bill erased. Mansions received tax bills for zero dollars in property taxes. While the reassessment was supposed to create equity, it did not. Neighboring homes built by the same developer pay different tax amounts regardless of being exactly the same.

It's clear that we need to scrap Curran's reassessment plan entirely and start fresh. As county executive, I will terminate Laura Curran's reassessment. Her phased-in tax hikes for the next three years will be immediately terminated by my administration. Instead, I will hire qualified professionals to run the Assessment Department and create a new, fair system while also cutting property taxes by over \$120 million.

Herald: The Covid-19 pandemic remains an overarching problem. What would you do to help ensure that residents are healthy life can to return to "normal?"

**Curran:** I worked around the clock with communities and health officials during the toughest days of the pandemic to keep residents healthy and informed. I visited small businesses constantly to keep a finger on the pulse of our local economy. I advocated for safe re-openings when it made sense to support our long-term economic health.

We were open and transparent

throughout the pandemic, pursuing an approach centered around education, outreach and accessibility. It is this approach that has earned us the ranking of highest vaccinated county in the state and second highest vaccinated among large counties nationally. Our 93.6 percent adult-vaccination-rate has allowed for a robust recovery — but we're not done.

As we recover, the county is reaching out to small business owners to get \$10,000 in individual grants to those that need them. County mobile vaccination teams are visiting businesses directly and providing vaccinations to staff. Paramedics are taking vaccines to the homebound. We will provide \$100 million in American Rescue Plan funds to some 400,000 households as \$375 direct cash payments, which will help families buy school supplies, cover utility bills and stimulate our local economy as we continue to come back stronger.

Blakeman: Covid-19 will be around for vears to come, and we can never return to the days of a closed economy. We must adapt by fully reopening government to serve the people and welcome those in need of services. We must continue to offer free testing, vaccines and booster shots to people who want them. Schools must never close again. Big box stores should never be allowed to stay open while small businesses are shuttered. Restaurants should be allowed to keep outdoor dining and continue their indoor operations. As county executive, I'll keep my pledge to do these things while also ensuring we have a transparent reporting process related to Covid cases.



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## **OYSTER BAY TOWN SUPERVISOR**

## Joseph Saladino

Incumbent

Party: Republican

**Age:** 59

Hometown: Massapequa

**Political experience:** Town Supervisor, State Assemblyman

#### On the issues:

Saladino says he would like to continue advocating for the environment and improving the town's finances. His economic development team has attracted new companies and hundreds of new jobs from Amazon, Geico and other large employers to the town. While working to draw in big business and create more jobs, Salidino believes revitalization of the downtown, along



with increasing parking throughout the town and making improvements to traffic flow, is the key to build a strong sense of place and provide an environment more conducive to revitalization and job growth. He says downtown Oyster Bay has the potential to become a must-see destination for tourists, history buffs and many others.

Saladino has a vision for the Oyster Bay Hamlet which celebrates its rich history and has the potential to provide for greater recreational and accessible public space, which may be provided through the redevelopment of properties presently in use for industrial purposes along Oyster Bay Harbor, including environmental cleanup of the Commander Oil site and removal of the storage tanks.

Saladino is focused on improving water quality in Oyster Bay Harbor; and is proud of his work in the oyster sanctuary, drastically improving the amount of healthy oysters in the bay, thus filtering water at a much higher caliber.

## Amanda Field

Challenger

Party: Democrat

**Age:** 45

Hometown: Massapequa

**Political experience:** President of the Nassau Suffolk Water Commissioners Association, Plainview Commissioner of Water in 2016, 2019, present

#### On the issues:

Field, a former Plainview Water District commissioner, says she would focus on creating a fiscally-sound budget. She believes it is critical that the town has new financial oversight after many years of fiscal mismanagement and misuse of public funding, that the Town of Oyster Bay remains in the



worst fiscal stress of all towns on Long Island for the last three years in a row, according to the New York State Fiscal Monitoring System and still has a bond rating that is just above junk bond status, costing taxpayers millions. Field plans to strengthen the town's bond rating by paying down debt instead of interest to lower taxes and will hire qualified experts. She plans to pay down principal debt to lower taxes and will seek more grant funding for programs for small businesses to use.

Another issue Field would like to address is trust in government. She points to the recent findings of the Nassau County District Attorney, that she says show the activities of the town board have been unethical and [created] a complete lack of trust, the most vital aspect of any government. Field believes that given this behavior, there should be an immediate independent audit and reconstitution of the Town Ethics Board and subsequently a fair and balanced ethics investigation into the conduct of the town

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# Donnelly, Kaminsky slug it out for D.A.

By JIM BERNSTEIN

The contest for Nassau County district attorney has been the most bitterly fought off all races this election season, with State Sen. Todd Kaminsky, the Democrat, and Anne Donnelly, the Republican, trading a slew of bighting accusations against each other, mostly centering on who is most responsible for setting prisoners free on the street to commit other crimes.

The accusations stem from Donnelly's attempts to paint Kaminsky as the legislator who wrote the state's Bail Reform Law, which gives and prohibits judges' discretion to assign bail in many felony and certain non-felony cases. Kaminsky voted for the bill, but did not write it.

Although the State Legislature amended the law in April 2020 to include a greater number of crimes for which bail could be assigned, the issue continues to dominate the campaign, and the ads continue to run on local TV stations. Donnelly points to her 30 years of working as a prosecutor in the Nassau D.A.'s office, heading different bureaus. Kaminsky notes that he served as a prosecutor in the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan.

Herald: Nassau County has a growing immigrant population that often does not trust law enforcement. How would you improve that relationship?

Kaminsky: As district attorney, my office will have information available in every language, as well as community liaisons who do outreach in every part of Nassau County. And let me be clear: I will have a zero tolerance for hate crimes as district attorney. Hate crimes against the immigrant population have risen at troubling rates recently, and the trend must be addressed aggressively. It doesn't matter if you're Jewish, LGBTQ, Asian, Black or Muslim: You deserve to feel safe walking down the streets of your neighborhood. As district attorney, I will take a tough and aggressive approach to hold racists and other hate-mongers accountable in our community by instituting a zero-tolerance policy. I am proud to have the support of law enforcement, including the New York State Troopers and local Police Benevolent Association. They know my record. They know I will fight to protect all Long Islanders. Rebuilding trust doesn't just mean the prosecutor's office has to have a better relationship with communities—it also means trust in government and institutions overall has to improve by prosecuting corruption. Corruption has infested every level of government here in Nassau County. As a federal prosecutor, I worked on the highest-level corruption cases, successfully prosecuting both Democrats and Republicans who violated the public trust. Corruption will have no place to



## **Anne Donnelly**

Party: Republican

Hometown: Garden City

Professional Background: Worked in the district attorney's office for more than three decades and serves as the deputy chief of the Organize Crime and Rackets Bureau. Spent time as the acting chief in the Public Corruption Bureau, senior trial assistant in the Rackets Bureau and as deputy chief of the Economic Crimes Bureau. She earned her law degree from Fordham University in 1989.

hide when I am district attorney.

Donnelly: I am committed to serving all residents of Nassau County in a fair and respectful manner. Part of that commitment consists of helping to ensure that people who have emigrated from other countries into the United States are welcomed into the communities in which they have chosen to settle. Outreach programs that feature governmental liaisons who speak the primary languages of members of our diverse community should be at the top of the priority list. Educational initiatives and literature in various languages are also needed to welcome residents and build trust. I am prepared to play a leadership

Herald: Gangs are growing in Nassau and Suffolk. Aside from prosecuting those apprehended, what else can the district attorney's office do to stem the violence?

Kaminsky: As a federal prosecutor, I successfully took down gang leaders and the gun and drug traffickers who supplied them, cleaning up our streets and keeping dangerous weapons out of criminals' hands. Gang violence is a serious threat to our communities, and



## **Todd Kaminsky**

Party: Democrat

**Age:** 43

**Hometown:** Long Beach

**Professional Background: Member** of New York State Senate representing the 9th district, based on South Shore since 2016. He previously worked as an assistant district attorney in the Queens County District Attorney's Office before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York as an assistant U.S. attorney. Kaminsky was elected to the State Assembly, serving in that body from 2014 to 2016. He earned his law degree from New York University.

combating them will be a top priority of my office. Some of the worst gangs are international in scope and go beyond our state and even our country's borders. This means that having strong partnerships with federal law enforcement agencies is critical. As someone who worked as a federal prosecutor, I will coordinate with our federal partners closely to root out gang violence. Importantly, when it comes to gangs, we also cannot keep treating the symptoms—we must treat the underlying disease. We must establish trust in communities with gang violence and work with local organizations to identify bad actors and offer alternatives to crime. My office will be constantly working with schools and after-school programs to educate young people about the dangers of gangs, and investing in these programs so our young people are learning, partaking in constructive activities and do not choose to walk the path that gangs offer them.

Donnelly: Collaborating with schools, as well as municipal governments and non-for-profits, we can provide more opportunities for enrichment and socialization programs as viable alternatives to gangs. Safe activities and good mentors are important components of attractive and positive choices for young people. I plan to explore the use of asset forfeiture funds to further programs of this type.

Herald: Our jails are often overcrowded and riddled with Covid-19 cases. What would you recommend to ease these con-

Kaminsky: The best way to address overcrowding, deliver swift justice for victims and lower crime is to fully fund our court system. There are federal funds available through the Department of Justice to help—and I will push the state to add more dollars to ensure justice is served. I will also make sure that programs with proven track records to turn around criminal behavior — especially for substance abuse - are funded to keep Nassau safe and to reduce the recidivism that floods our courts with

**Donnelly:** The Nassau County jail is not overcrowded, and I am intimately aware of this fact, having served as the district attorney's liaison to the correctional center until recently. Indeed, the inmate population is at its lowest level in the past 25 years. What's more, the facility did an excellent job in containing and treating Covid. Unfortunately, the "cashless bail" law that was co-authored by my opponent has greatly limited the ability of judges to make incarceration decisions for individuals based upon the pertinent facts in each case.



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## **COUNTY LEGISLATURE DISTRICT 11**

## Delia DeRiggi-Whitton

Incumbent

Party: Democratic

Age: 53

Hometown: Glen Cove

## **Professional experience:**

Four terms as county legislator, former Glen Cove City councilwoman

#### On the issues:

Delia DeRiggi-Whitton said that she believes a multi-pronged approach is needed to reverse the "brain drain" that continues to plague the region, and that it is essential to reduce the cost of living. She supports the county executive's proposal to reduce taxes by a total of \$150 million over the next four years. She has also joined forces with a



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coalition of advocates and elected officials to free North Shore water customers from the exorbitant fees charged by New York American Water.

She said that smart investments in infrastructure are essential for community-driven development in order to address the affordable housing issue. She helped secure the inclusion of tens of millions of dollars of investment in the county's capital plan focused on expanding and modernizing sewer infrastructure in Glen Cove and Sea Cliff and

fought to fulfill an aggressive road-repaving agenda for county roads in the district.

However, she said, the aquifer and drinking water must be protected from contamination. Recently, the county directed millions of dollars in American Rescue Plan funding toward the S.E.P.T.I.C. program, which provides up to \$20,000 in grants to property owners seeking to replace outdated or failing septic systems with state-of-the-art technology that greatly reduce dangerous nitrogen pollution.

She has been an advocate for local businesses and helped secure approval for dedicating funds to recovery grants for small businesses, low-interest loan programs, and other forms of crucial support to small businesses.

## Meagan McCarty

Challenger

Party: Republican

**Age:** 40

**Hometown:** Port Washington

**Professional experience:**Legislative aide, secretary-treasurer manufacturing business, mentor at Empowering Young Professionals of

Long Island

#### On the issues:

Meagan McCarty said that, if elected, her first act would be to advocate for an elected assessor. She believes the current reassessment will cause taxes to skyrocket within the next five years, resulting in increased rents, the closure of businesses and people moving away. She said having an elected assessor who lived



in the county and who would be held accountable and transparent could help residents recover, and then focus on revitalizing downtown areas. She said she would propose a Quality of Life Task Force to help ensure public safety.

To address the housing crisis, she said would seek to advocate for allocating some of the state and federal emergency monies that Nassau will receive to bridge the gap between what long-term tenants have been paying and what the landlords

want to raise the rent to for an adjustment period. She also believes that programs available for first-time homebuyers need to be communicated more effectively.

McCarty said she would like to see Nassau be more business-friendly, and would work to incentivize companies that have existing parental leave/work from home/childcare programs and offer flexibility for families. She said she like to establish a relationship with business owners by holding quarterly small-business roundtables and seeking feedback from business owners, as well as their staffs and unions. She would bring their concerns to the Legislature and in turn. would disseminate Nassau County information to them in order to work together.

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## DANIELLE FUGAZY SCAGLIOLA

## **GLEN COVE CITY COUNCIL**

## **EXPERIENCE:**

- · Financial Journalist for 20 years
- President of the Glen Cove Education Foundation
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## **NASSAU COUNTY CLERK**

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breaches through the years.

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ways to get the community

## Maureen O'Connell

Incumbent

Party: Republican

**Age:** 70

Hometown: East Williston

Career: County clerk, former

Political experience: Nassau County clerk, 2006-present; New York state assemblywoman, 1998-2005; trustee and deputy mayor, Village of East Williston, 1991-98

#### On the issues:

Maureen O'Connell said her goal is to continue to expand on the many steps taken to improve the office since she was first elected in 2005, and to ensure that it operates effectively and efficiently. She and her staff



have worked to process

involved by extending office hours, creating outreach programs and educating constituents on what the clerk's office provides. more than a million backlogged records and implemented an electronic filing process that converts paper land records to a digital for-

safe for the future, and she said she hoped to continue to serve residents of all ages in the community by helping them to learn about the benefits of the clerk's office. O'Connell and her staff have also implemented security measures to protect

residents from scams and

identity theft, and have

mat to ensure they remain

## **Justin Brown**

Challenger

Party: Democratic

**Age:** 30

Hometown: Baldwin

Career: Health-care administrator

Political experience: Served on the Uniondale Board of Education for the past three

#### On the issues:

Justin Brown said he has long been passionate about helping people and being an advocate for residents. He intends to make the office more innovative with technology so that residents could receive documents and enjoy greater accessibility without having to visit the office in person and imple-



menting a modern system that his office would have full control over online

Brown said he would also ensure that the clerk's office could engage with the communities by providing more education and collaborating with key stakeholders in all towns to create a dialogue so that residents can take full advantage of the county clerk's resources and bene-



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## **NASSAU COUNTY COMPTROLLER**

## Brian Cronin

Party: Democratic

**Age:** 40

Professional experience:

Corporate attorney, business litigator

**Political career:** Second-time candidate

#### On the issues:

Brian Cronin said the Nassau County comptroller's office must lean into the "new normal" and embrace modernization, saying that the office still uses technology from the middle of the 20th century and is thus overdue for an upgrade. In doing so, it would allow the office to adapt more effectively not only to the "new normal" but also to any hurdles to come.



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Nassau has become a "hub of diversity," he said. As comptroller, he would "represent the entire county" and strive to have voices from every community heard. Many new businesses in Nassau are minority-owned, he said, and he would work to ensure that county contracts were evenly distributed among business owners.

The comptroller, he said, is the "taxpayers' watchdog responsible for fighting waste and fraud," adding that the office will take on "increasing importance given

the uncertainty of the post-Covid economy."

He would recruit "highlevel professionals from the private sector to join our team so that we have the skilled team required to address these unprecedented times," adding, "Taxpayers must have confidence that this team is not politicized. Like most taxpayers, I am sick and tired of divisive politics. This is why I have committed to hiring a moderate Republican as my top deputy. Such bipartisanship has become far too rare in today's politics."

## **Elaine Phillips**

Party: Republican

**Age:** 61

## **Professional experience:**

Financial adviser, vice president of mortgage finance and institutional sales

**Political career:** Formerly state senator, 7th District, mayor of Village of Flower Hill

#### On the issues:

As Nassau County comptroller, Elaine Phillips said she would play a crucial role in "objectively identifying those governmental agencies whose performance is lagging and making recommendations to address deficiencies." An example of a lack of adequate management and adaption has been seen within the Department of



Consumer Affairs, she said. The county administration, she said, should "follow the Town of Hempstead's successful practice of issuing permits and licenses off campus through the use of mobile trailers. Strict safeguards have been employed to meet the needs of taxpayers."

While in the private sector at Goldman Sachs, she said, she oversaw the diversity efforts, and while she was a New York state senator, she sponsored multiple educational and outreach

forums on diversity. As Nassau comptroller, she said she would work to ensure diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace, and educate and promote solutions to ensure equal rights for all. At the same time, she would undertake performance audits of all county departments to ascertain whether they are meeting diversity, equity and inclusion metrics.

As comptroller, she said, she would serve as the "tax-payer's watchdog." "Taxes and spending need to be controlled in Nassau County," she said. "I have the back-ground and expertise to implement audits to weed out waste, abuse and fraud, saving taxpayers money. Further, I will audit the recent property tax reassessment to determine the extent to which mistakes [were] made."



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## **NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

## Laura Curran

Incumbent

Party: Democratic

**Age:** 53

Hometown: Baldwin

**Political experience:** Baldwin Board of Education and Nassau County legislator 2014 to 2017

**Career:** Journalist, Herald Community Newspapers, New York Daily News and New York Post

#### On the issues:

Laura Curran is running for a second four-term. Curran noted her four balanced budgets and consecutive budget surpluses, the county's first upgrade in a decade, no tax increases and a \$70 million tax cut for 2022. She pointed to the



Nassau Boost program for helping small businesses and a \$375 payment open to 400,000 households, using the federal money, to foster economic recovery from Covid.

She said she implemented a fair and accurate reassessment of the tax rolls, which had been frozen for nearly a decade and ensured residents have the opportunity to adapt to changes in assessment values by implementing a Taxpayer Protection Plan, which phases in any assessment

correction over the next five vears.

Believing that her administration has proven to be fiscally responsible, delivering the first bond upgrade for the county in 10 years, Curran aims to end the Nassau Interim Finance Authority.

During Covid, Curran said she advocated for safe reopenings when it made sense to support long-term economic health. She highlighted the county's nearly 94 percent adult-vaccination rate and the work of county mobile vaccination teams that visit businesses.

Believing that Nassau University Medical Center is a "safety-net hospital," Curran said she has asked the federal government for \$200 million to upgrade NUMC's infrastructure and build housing for military veterans.

## Bruce Blakeman

Challenger

Party: Republican

**Age:** 66

Hometown: Atlantic Beach

**Political experience:** Town of Hempstead councilman; Nassau County legislator, including serving as presiding officer; Port Authority commissioner

Career: Attorney

#### On the issues:

Bruce Blakeman said he thinks Curran's reassessment is hurting families and seniors. He said that his plan would be to cut taxes by more than \$128 million using the budget surplus. Blakeman said he would scrap Curran's reassessment plan and start fresh. Pointing



to the errors made in past reassessments, he said he would put together a panel of top experts to investigate what was done, hire qualified professionals to run the Assessment Department and create a new and fair system

Calling the first iteration of the bail reform bill "a disaster" that contributed to an increase in crime, Blakeman wants more training, better equipment and better educated officers for the Nassau Police Department.

Saying Covid-19 will be

around for the years to come, Blakeman said free testing, vaccines and booster shots should continue to be offered, restaurants should be allowed to keep outdoor dining while continuing to seat patrons indoors and maintain a transparent Covid-19 reporting process.

He said he would keep the Nassau University Medical Center open and thinks that specialties such as cardiac surgery should be introduced to fix what he called the hospital's "revenue problem"





## **CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES**



Marsha F. Silverman (Incumbent)

Party: Democratic, Working Family **Age**: 50

Professional experience: Lead analytic consultant, Experian; director of marketing analytics at Citigroup; member of the city council since 2018



**Gaitley Stevenson-**Mathews (Incumbent)

Party: Democratic **Age**: 60

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Professional experience: Former theater producer; voice and speech coach; board member of many community organizations; city council member since 2020.



**Danielle Fugazy** Scagliola (Incumbent)

Party: Democratic **Age**: 43

Professional experience: Financial writer; owner of content creation company; president of the Glen Cove Education Foundation; city council member since 2020.



John L. Perrone (Incumbent)

Party: : Democratic Age: 64

**Professional experience:** 

Licensed insurance professional for 40 years; member of the Glen Cove planning and zoning boards for 30 years; city council member since 2020.



**Eve Lupenko Ferrante** (Incumbent)

Party: Democratic

**Age:** 53

Professional Experience: Dermatologist; former vice president of the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce; city council member since 2020.



**Roderick Watson** (Challenger)

Party: Democratic **Age:** 45

Professional Experience: Medical social worker for the New York State Veterans Home in St. Albans; former city councilman (2016-2018).



**Rocco Totino** (Incumbent)

Party: Democratic **Age:** 33

**Professional Experience:** Trial attorney at Ferro & Stenz; board member of the Glen Cove Jr. Soccer Club; trustee of the Order Sons of Italy Glen Cove chapter; city council member since 2020.



James M. Greenburg (Challenger)

Party: Republican, Conservative **Age:** 49

Professional Experience: Immigration adoption attorney; vice president of the Glen Cove Soccer League.



**Roni-Sue Jenkins** (Challenger) Party: Republican, Conservative

**Age**: 52

Professional experience: 25-year advertising executive with financial oversight of \$100 million budgets; youth sports volunteer; past PTA president Westbury.



**Joseph Capobianco** (Challenger)

Party: Republican, Conservative

**Age**: 61

Professional experience: Attorney; former city councilman (2014-2019); board member at NuHealth; board of managers for the Glen Cove YMCA.



**Kevin P. Maccarone** (Challenger)

Party: Republican, Conservative **Age**: 31

Professional experience: Attorney; former city councilman (2017-2019); board member of the Glen Cove Hall of Fame.



John "Jack" Mancusi (Challenger)

Party: Republican, Conservative **Age**: 56

Professional experience: Security consultant; retired Glen Cove police sergeant (25 years).



**Barbara Bella-Peebles** (Challenger)

Party: Republican, Conservative **Age**: 64

**Professional experience**: More than 25 years in the private sector, plus eight years in municipal government; current treasurer and clerk for the Village of Plandome; former deputy mayor of Glen Cove (2014-2017).



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## **2021 JUDICIAL CANDIDATES**

## **3rd District Court Judge**

## Lisa Saltzman

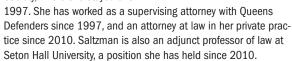
Running on the Democratic, Republican and Conservative party lines in the general election

**Age:** 55

Lives in: Great Neck

Education: Bachelor's from New York University, 1988; law degree from Yeshiva University in 1991

Legal career: Upon graduation, Saltzman began working as a trial attorney at the Legal Aid Society, where she stayed until





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## **David I. Levine**

Democratic, Republican, Conservative

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Age: 55

Lives in: Roslyn Heights

**Education:** Gaduated from SUNY Binghamton in 1987 and earned his law degree from New York Law School in 1990.

Legal career: Judge Levine was appointed by the County Executive Laura Curran to the Nassau County District Court this past March.

Levine previously served as the associate justice for the Village of Manorhaven from November 2019 to March 2021.

Levine was also a member of the Town of North Hempstead Board of Zoning and Appeals from January 2012 to March 2021.

Prior to ascending to the District Court bench, he maintained a private practice in Mineola from 1997 to March 2021 and was an assistant district attorney in Queens from 1990 to 1997.

## William Hohauser

Democratic, Republican, Conservative

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**Age:** 62

Lives in: xxxx

Education: Earned bachelor's degree from SUNY Binghamton in 1981 and his law degree from Columbia Law School in 1984.

Legal career: Hohauser served as counsel and the executive director for Morgan Stanley

Smith Barney from 1987 to 2015. While there, his areas of practice included securities, corporate, employment, RICO and real estate law as well as Uniform Commercial Code and tort claims.

# **Family Court**

## **Darlene D. Harris**

**Judge Candidate** 

**Age:** 55

Hometown: Uniondale

Education: University of Pennsylvania; Hofstra University

Legal career: District Court judge since January 2015, practiced law in family court for 13 vears, former Nassau County legislator.







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## **2nd District Court Judge**

## Vincent T. Muscarella

Vincent T. Muscarella, a Republican, is running unopposed for the 2nd District Court. He was elected to the first session of the Nassau County Legislature on Nov. 5, 1995. He represents the 8th Legislative District, which encompasses Franklin Square, Floral Park, Bellerose. Bellerose Terrace, West Hempstead and portions of Elmont, New Hyde Park and Stewart



Muscarella was born in Nassau County in 1954 and is a lifelong resident of the county. After completing his undergraduate studies at Bowdoin College in Maine, he attended St. John's Law School and received his J.D. in 1979. Muscarella is a partner in the law firm of Muscarella and Tomasone and a member of the Nassau County, New York State, and Florida Bar Associations. He is admitted to practice in the Federal District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts.

## STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

## **Danielle Peterson**

Party: Republican Age: 46

**Education:** Peterson earned her bachelor's from the University of Delaware in 1997 and a J.D. from Hofstra University on 2000.

**Legal career:** Peterson began her legal career as an attorney in a private practice in 2001. In 2010, she became the principal law clerk to the Hon. Anthony L. Parga of the Nassau County Supreme Court and was elected justice in 2015.

## **Elizabeth Fox McDonough**

**Party:** Democratic, Republican and Conservative **Age:** 59

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**Education:** Earned bachelor's from St. John's University in 1984 and J.D. St. John's University in 1987.

**Legal career:** From 1987 to 1997, served as an assistant district attorney in Queens. From 1997 to 2001, served as the principal law clerk to Justice Arthur Cooperman in the Criminal Term of the Queens County Supreme Court

## Joseph Girardi

**Party:** Democratic, Republican and Conservative **Age:** 62

**Education:** Graduated with Highest Honors from SUNY Oneonta in 1981 with a dual major of U.S. history and political science. Graduated from Georgetown Law Center in 1984 and was a Criminal Justice Clinic participant.

**Legal career:** From 1984 to 1988, served as an assistant district attorney in Queens. From 1988 to 2015, he was an attorney in private practice specializing in criminal cases.

## **Eileen Daly-Sapraicone**

**Party:** Democratic, Republican and Conservative **Age:** 57

**Education:** Bachelor's from St. John's University in 1991; law degree from City University of New York Law School in 1995.

**Legal career:** Daly-Sapraicone began her legal career in 1995 as an assistant district attorney Queens, where she worked for six years. Daly-Sapraicone served as a special counsel in the special commissioner of investigation for the New York City School District.

## Susan B. Heckman

**Party:** Democratic, Republican and Conservative **Age:** 41

**Education:** Earned bachelor's in history and political science from Bucknell University in 2002; received law degree from Villanova University School of Law in 2005.

**Legal career:** From 2007 to 2010, served as a defense attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County. Since 2012, Heckman has served as the principal law secretary to Suffolk Supreme Court Justice John B. Collins.

## **Timothy S. Driscoll**

**Party:** Democratic, Conservative, Republican **Age:** 54

**Education:** Bachelor's Hofstra University, 1988; law degree, Harvard Law School, 1991.

**Legal career:** After graduating from law school, Driscoll began a year-long clerkship with the Hon. Joseph M. McLaughlinof the U.S. Court of Appeals for the second circuit. Upon completion of his clerkship, he entered into private practice. Driscoll left the private sector in 1996 to join the Nassau district attorney's office.

#### Vito DeStefano

**Party:** Democratic, Republican, Conservative **Age:** 54

**Education:** Wagner College; Brooklyn Law

Legal career: Elected to the New York State Supreme Court in 2007 and is presiding in the Commercial Division and over the Tax Certiorari part of the court in Nassau County. He was a Nassau County District Court judge from 2004 through 2007. Was appointed to the New York State's Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics.



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