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### **SIERRA CLUB ENDORSES MATT AHEARN**

(TRENTON, 8/27) -- Assemblyman Matt Ahearn has been endorsed by the Sierra Club for his hard work and dedication to environmentally sound Legislation and causes.

"I am overjoyed to have received the Sierra Club's endorsement," said Ahearn. "It means a lot to me to be endorsed by an organization with a solid reputation for protecting the environment from corporate predators and working for the welfare of the people of New Jersey."

Ahearn has worked diligently on several pieces of green Legislation including A3393, the Clear Car Bill, which requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to implement a more stringent low emission vehicle program than the federal government's; A2662, which requires public notice of completion of DEP studies of environmental contaminants or other substances that may affect public health; and AR202, which memorializes the President and Congress to appropriate federal funds for a new trans-Hudson passenger rail tunnel.

"There were times when I was compelled by the Democrat party leadership to cast my vote on Bills I knew were not environmentally sound," commented Ahearn. "Now that I am no longer obligated to obey the majority leader's wishes, I can vote for Bills based on their merit, not on how party leadership wants me to vote."

The Assemblyman looks forward to another term of working for the people's future and standing up to the profiteers that stalk the State House.

*Ecology \* Democracy \* Peace \* Justice \* Community*

## **PROFILE: DISTRICT 21 GREENS**

George DeCarlo for Assembly

I have been a member of the Green Party since shortly before the Nader election campaign of 2000. Working within the party since that time while campaigning for elections, developing local chapters and being a delegate for the Diversity Committee of the national party has directed me to share my skills by serving the voters and residents of my district.

Positions with various companies have normally involved my being someone looked upon as a problem solver. Various administrative and research skills along with knowledge in social concerns of society such as civil/human rights and health will enable me as an Assemblyman to accomplish the task of developing legislation to benefit our state's natural and human environments. Candidacy of Greens allows for a legislator to concentrate on residents and not those political action committees (PACs) and corporations with other agenda. District 21's people and municipalities are the agenda needing attention. As a long term resident I am aware that our area's changing landscape has focused on satisfying developers at the expense of the environment. Clean Money legislation allowing choice will improve the New Jersey legislature's decisions by focusing on people instead of cash contributions.

Ryan P. Reyes for Assembly

Ryan P. Reyes was born in Manila, Philippines and is a naturalized U.S. citizen. He finished his Bachelor of Arts degree at Excelsior College in 2001. He has a Civil Union with George DeCarlo. Currently, he is employed as a barista in a coffee house and is also a Notary Public of the State of New Jersey.

Ryan started to become active in the Green Party during the Nader 2000 campaign. Prior to this, he considered himself a gay activist seeking equal rights. He's an alumni of the University of the Philippines Babaylan - the first gay and lesbian student support group in the Philippines.

He is a supporter of environmental and animal causes, donating to groups such as the Adopt-A-Zoo program. Additionally, Ryan believes in continuing funding for the arts and has volunteered his time to projects such as the Philippine Centennial Commission and the World Theater Project. As a Green Party candidate, he places the needs of the residents of the 21st Legislative District first, believing that corporations should not dominate the policy-making of New Jersey.

As an Assemblyman, Ryan plans on giving special attention to social justice by supporting full and complete rights for all New Jersey residents.

Contact: 908-322-4319 / CampaignManager@District21Greens.org

Contributions to:  
"District 21 Greens"  
PO Box 172, Gillette, NJ 07933

The District 21 Greens need volunteers on the following dates for going door-to-door dropping off leaflets: all Wednesdays and Saturdays in October, plus Sunday Oct. 26 and the weekend before Election Day. On the following dates volunteers are needed for street fairs and additional volunteers may deliver fliers in the area: Oct. 12 Westfield; Oct. 19 Cranford. Additionally, 2 or 3 hours on all other evenings are open for those who may have time for delivering fliers. Please call 908-322-4319 to say when you are available.

District 21 Greens on Single-Payer Universal Health: New Jersey must be a leader in development and full implementation of a Single-Payer Universal Health Insurance plan with the right for Freedom of Medical Choice. Currently, an individual must either have health insurance as a benefit from employment, dependent, civil-marriage spouse or as a same- or opposite-sex partner through a domestic partnership benefits program which is taxed. Others are only given limited benefits based on age or income from various government agencies or charitable organizations.

On Property Funding of Schools: School funding is currently provided by property taxes, making it a regressive tax and discriminatory as a system for children in poorly funded districts due to unequal values in property. This regressive tax places a burden on homes that continue to grow in value with a property tax rising with each new budget set to the unrealized value. As an Assemblyman, the responsibility to propose a progressive state income tax designated for school use only, and not leaving such action for a convention enabling greater money and power to flow to political parties instead of students, would be my duty.

On the need for Clean Money Campaigns:

The current election campaign fundraising system allowed by law is a problem not being fully addressed by the state legislature. A solution is to have choice in how candidates may run their campaigns either with Clean Money or PAC and corporate sponsors.

Green Party Assembly candidate Ryan Reyes said, "Cut the ties that bind elected officials to corporations by instituting Clean Money campaigns." Clean Money for candidates eliminates corporate cash and political action committee (PAC) money, but does not violate freedom of speech as decided by the courts for other piecemeal solutions.

Why should residents of New Jersey be concerned about campaign finance reforms? "Anytime you give money it changes the relationship between candidates and PACs or corporations," answered Teresa Migliore-DiMatteo, Green Party candidate for Senate.

Legislators are often referred to as leaders but what about their being public servants first and foremost? "The problem with current campaign financing is the spin those receiving PAC and corporate donations must impress upon the voter. An illusion for people is developed (as corporate interests are prioritized) in action known as legislation," stated George DeCarlo, Green Party candidate for Assembly.

Improving the community life of New Jersey is a challenge hampered by the effects of current financing. Meanwhile, Clean Money is not a secret to the New Jersey legislators. A Green Party presence in both houses of that body would be a catalyst for change."

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**DISTRICT 17 GREENS EVENT AT RUTGERS**

Josephine Giaimo and David Hochfelder, Green Party candidates for State Assembly in the 17th LD, organized a "Meet the Greens" forum in conjunction with members of the RU Greens. The event, which took place on the Rutgers College Avenue campus on the evening of October 1, drew about thirty students and others to hear talks by Josephine, David, Matt Ahearn, Ted Glick and Steve Syrek (Green Party candidate for Mayor of Princeton Boro). A highlight was the screening of a documentary video about last year's "Tent State University" (a 100-hour live-in demonstration against tuition hikes and higher education cutbacks in which Ted and Matt were participants). The event received very positive coverage in the October 3 Rutgers Daily Targum.

## **GREENS MARCH IN PATERSON LABOR DAY PARADE**

submitted by Stu Kautsch

Prior to attending this year's parade, I and a group of friends visited the waterfalls in Paterson. The 70 foot vertical drop creates enough power to launch an industrial town, and Paterson was once among the most industrial. A planned city, it was America's first great textile center and also became known for silk and paper. Some of this history is captured in a small museum near the falls, the Great Falls Historic District Cultural Center, 65 McBride Ave Extension. I urge all Greens to pay a visit. Hours are 9-4 weekdays and "seasonal" weekends 12-4pm. ("Seasonal" is not explained in their brochure.) Stop by for information and a guide to the entire historic district.

After partaking of this, we hurried to the parade. The parade ends in the historic district, and begins at the famous American Labor Museum, also known as the Botto House, in nearby Haledon. (On the web at <http://community.nj.com/cc/labormuseum>.) The 2003 parade announced itself with some safety vehicles and a brass & drum corps from the Passaic Sheriff's office. Then the Botto House float, which is a wonderful replica of the house. The core of the parade is a series of floats from a wide range of unions: OPEIU locals 32 and 153, a wonderful cross-union float of unions from PSE&G, CWA District 1, SEIU 1199, Amalgamated Lithographers District 7, other Printing Trades. On one of these floats was the famed Solidarity Singers who were engaged in a rendition of - you guessed it - "Solidarity Forever."

The loudest horn of the day goes to the City of Paterson DPW trucks which were rolling behind the AFSCME floats and vehicles - enough to form their own parade. Finally, the Green Party contingent emerged into our view with the inimical banner carried by Jim Mohn and Jim Dette of Hudson County. Among other marchers, I was able to note Bill Cali from Bergen and Ted Glick from Essex, and, of course, a Passaic County contingent which included Assembly District 40 candidate Phil Passantino. Also in the "political wing" of the parade was NJ Peace Action with Madelyn Hoffman, the Civil Rights Defense Committee, the Central NJ Coalition for Peace and Justice, and others I was not fast enough to write down! Whether as observer or participant, be sure to add this wonderful parade to your calendar next year.

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## **MORE NOTES FROM THE AHEARN CAMPAIGN**

In addition to the Sierra Club endorsement, Matt has gotten two important labor endorsements - from the Communications Workers of America local in his area and from the NJ State Industrial Union Council. The campaign would like to be able to run some TV spots during the final weeks before election day. Please continue to give generously in order to make this possible:

"Matt Ahearn for Assembly," 6 Beekman Place, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410.

Or contribute online at: [www.mattahearn.com](http://www.mattahearn.com)

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Matt met on August 26 with Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) officials to investigate pending environmental violations at Marcal Paper Inc. and Prime Energy Ltd. in Elmwood Park. In response to residents' concerns regarding the violations and a Bergen Record article on the issue, he has scheduled a review of the entire file and enforcement history that the DEP has on these facilities. Tests have shown that Marcal's emissions of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), mercury and other contaminants are above the state limit.

"The DEP needs to address these violations immediately," said Ahearn. "It is very alarming there has been no significant action to correct the problem already, and these commercial facilities are right in the heart of a community of working families that the administration claims to be working for."

A quick search at ELEC's website reveals that Marcal has contributed over \$53,000 in the past to both Republican and Democratic leadership PACs and individual candidates on both sides of the aisle. "Given this corporation's history of campaign contribution activity, the lack of rapid enforcement of known violations by the DEP calls out for an investigation," commented Ahearn.

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On Sept. 2 Matt Ahearn announced that the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs has given a grant of \$113,000 to the Women's Rights Information Center to host Displaced Homemaker Centers in District 38. Assemblyman Ahearn, the father of three daughters, is a strong advocate for the women's rights movement. These grants will provide funds for job counseling and other supportive services for women who have been dependent on the income of another household member, but due to death, disablement or divorce, must now support themselves.

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**Reports & resolutions from the 9/21 Executive Committee and NJ Green Council meetings:**

- \* A direct mail fundraising drive during September netted over \$800 for GPNJ.
- \* An "Issues Flyer" was commissioned. It has since been completed and is ready for distribution.
- \* A simplified form was developed whereby campaigns can apply to GPNJ for funds from the state treasury.
- \* After a job search, it was resolved that GPNJ will make an offer to Steve Welzer to fill the State Coordinator position as of January 1.
- \* Liz Arnone will represent GPNJ at the Oct. 9 Citizen Action meeting on electricity rates being held in Highland Park.
- \* It was resolved to purchase ads for GPNJ in the NJ Work Environment Council Annual Dinner program and the performance program of the Diversity Council of Hunterdon County.
- \* It was resolved to order generic "Vote Green Party!" campaign signs. 1,000 were ordered and are now available for distribution throughout the state. If you can help place some in areas of high visibility, please contact your local county coordinator or the Green campaign in your area. ALSO: if you can help toward covering the expense of purchasing these signs, it would be much appreciated. Contributions to: "Green Party of New Jersey," PO Box 9802, Trenton, NJ 08650. Or contribute online at: [www.GPNJ.org](http://www.GPNJ.org).

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**GREENS HELP LAUNCH A NJ ECOVILLAGE PROJECT**

On September 22 a first meeting was held to begin discussions about developing an ecovillage-type project in New Jersey. One specific suggested idea is to buy property conducive to cohousing in a small town and establish a land trust. Many of the participants in this meeting were Greens who have gone on some of the Green Party-sponsored trips to the Ecovillage at Ithaca, NY, and so are familiar with concepts such as cohousing and principles of ecodesign. If you're interested in learning about these ideas or participating in this project, contact Steve Welzer at 609-443-6782 or [SteveWelzer@aol.com](mailto:SteveWelzer@aol.com).

## TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR KINOY

by Joe Fortunato, GPNJ Essex County Coordinator

[Note: the Essex County Greens have decided to refer to themselves as "The Arthur Kinoy Chapter" of the Green Party going forward.]

Arthur Kinoy's vision of a "mass party of the people," which he first wrote about in the 1970s, endures as a blueprint for greater democracy. Even more importantly, he was an example of how meaningful a life spent "in the service of the people" can be.

I first met Arthur about twenty-four years ago, soon after I entered law school. I sought him out because I knew of his writing about building the mass party and because I wanted to form a National Lawyers Guild chapter at Seton Hall Law School. He readily agreed to come to Seton Hall from Rutgers to help me by speaking to law students. I'll never forget how the little man with the "loud and boisterous" voice held me spellbound that day and I dare say others in the room, students and faculty alike, felt the same way, as he waved his arms and unfolded his "war stories" about his life in court and in the movement for social change. He wove his stories together with a common thread: that a career spent fighting the good fight against the rich and powerful who run this country can be richly rewarding.

Some time later, I looked up in a law review the transcript of the argument he made before the Supreme Court in the Adam Clayton Powell case. My reading confirmed what he told us at Seton Hall, that he got through the entire argument without once being interrupted by questioning from the Justices. It was highly unusual, if not unprecedented, to get through an entire Supreme Court argument without being peppered with questions. I then realized that he had had the same effect upon the "Supremes" as he had on us at Seton Hall that day: they, too, were spellbound. He didn't do this with trickery or magic, or even with his boisterous voice; he did it because he was able to argue credibly and convincingly that the Constitution was intended to be, at least in part, a revolutionary document in which the rights of the people were sacrosanct.

In the eighties, I often traveled with Arthur to various cities for meetings or demonstrations. I especially cherished the goings and comings because that's when I'd have the chance to pick his marvelous brain. When we arrived at our destination, the mentoring would pause for a time because I had to then share him with so many others who loved him. I remember one time we went to a civil rights march in Washington, DC. As soon as we arrived, he was whisked to the front of the march to link arms with some of the most important African-American leaders of the movement in the country. They well knew and appreciated Arthur Kinoy.

Arthur had a special place in his heart for the African-American people. He grew up when lynchings still all too frequently occurred and brutal segregation ruled the land, South and North. He well understood the trauma that people of color faced and still face today in a society based upon white supremacy, and he made it his life's work to change this social system. Against all odds, he actually made a tremendous difference in dismantling our own system of de facto apartheid. We need to keep his vision alive as we continue our mission to bring about a better world.

What I will always remember and cherish the most, however, is his courage. Today, there are hundreds, perhaps thousands of "people's lawyers." When Arthur began his career by defending Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, there were only a handful. How frightening and lonely it must have been at times to confront and be confronted by McCarthyism. Where most others, including powerful Federal judges, wavered in the face of the "red scare," Arthur did not waver, not once.

I know from various conversations I had with him over the years that Arthur would not mind if I paraphrase here: There are many ways to live a life. One can live a life as light as a feather or as weighty as an unmoveable mountain. Arthur Kinoy lived a life as formidable as that unmoveable mountain.

## HOW GPNJ PARTICIPATES IN THE GREEN PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES

By Jane Hunter, Chair, Green Party of New Jersey

The Green Party of the United States is an organization that takes the key value of "Grassroots Democracy" very seriously. As a result, the structure and authority of the USGP is derived from the state parties. Primarily, the USGP is made up of committees of state party representatives.

**Coordinating Committee:** The principle decision-making authority in the USGP is the Coordinating Committee. This group consists of representatives of each state party. Representation is apportioned on a modified proportional basis. The number of representatives is related to the number of Congressional Districts (1 per 4 CDs) in which there is a documented Green Party organization and organizing and electoral activity. No state has less than 2 representatives. Currently New Jersey has 2 representatives, Jane Hunter of Somerset County and Marty Nolan of Camden County. When we have bylaws for all our active locals (we're close now!), we will be submitting documentation that will qualify GPNJ for a third representative. Coordinating Committee representatives do most of their work on email and meet face-to-face once a year. Many NJ Greens had the opportunity to observe the 2002 CC meeting during the Philadelphia convention. If you want to get a taste of the email activities of a CC rep, go to <http://yahooglegroups.com/group/gpnj-national> and request to join the elist. If you are interested in serving on the CC, be prepared to spend at least 8 hours a week plus one or two long weekends each year on CC business.

**Steering Committee:** The USGP Steering Committee currently consists of 5 co-chairs, a secretary and a treasurer. The Steering Committee is gender-balanced per the bylaws and rules. The Steering Committee members are elected for a two-year term, half each year to provide continuity and preserve expertise, by the Coordinating Committee from among the members of the Coordinating Committee. A state may choose to replace an elected Steering Committee member with another representative during the SC member's term of office, but the SC member must have the support of their home state. If the SC member moves out of their originating state or loses the support of their home state, they are expected to resign in a manner consistent with the orderly conduct of SC business. Steering Committee members actually run the day-to-day business of our now million-dollar-plus-a-year national enterprise. I have it on good authority from experienced SC members that the job requires 40-60 hours a week plus a significant amount of travel.

**Regular Committees:** The USGP regular committees consist of up to 3 members from each affiliated state party. Committee members are expected to participate in regular meetings via teleconference and in deliberations via email. Regular committees are co-chaired by CC members, gender balanced. The regular committees are:

- \* Platform (PlatCom) - The platform committee manages the process of assembling the Green Party platform for each Presidential election year.
- \* Campaign Coordination (CCC) - The Coordinated Campaign Committee works with state parties to coordinate support and message for non-Presidential Green Party campaigns.
- \* Fundraising (FC) - The Fundraising Committee coordinates fundraising campaigns and contacts.
- \* International Committee (IC) - The International Committee develops and maintains relationships with Greens around the world and acts as a resource on issues of International Relations and Foreign Policy.
- \* Communications (ComCom) - The Communications Committee is responsible for managing internal communications within the USGP and provides oversight to the USGP web presence.
- \* Media Committee (MC) - The Media Committee is responsible for media outreach, including traditional press releases, video and audio releases, press conferences, coordination with state party media committees, and maintaining current media contact capabilities.

\* Diversity Caucus (DC) - The Diversity Caucus originally acted as a resource on issues of concern to traditionally under-represented groups. Recently, much of the DC focus has been on supporting the formation of accredited caucuses for these groups. The Lavender Caucus has been formally accredited; a Women's Caucus, an African-American Caucus and a Latino Caucus are in formation.

\* Accreditation (AC) - The Accreditation Committee reviews all applications for affiliation to and representation in the Green Party of the United States and makes recommendations concerning accreditation to the Coordinating Committee.

\* Green Pages Newsletter - The Green Pages editorial board is responsible for the content and production of the Green Pages Newsletter.

In addition to regular committees, there are several limited membership committees whose membership is approved by the Coordinating Committee. Currently these include:

\* Bylaws, Rules, Policies & Procedures (BRPP) - The BRPP is a new committee designed to help us maintain consistent and appropriate bylaws, rules, policies and procedures as the organization grows and evolves.

\* Finance Committee - This committee will provide the first tier of oversight on USGP budgeting and spending processes.

\* Presidential Exploration Committee (PEC) - The PEC is responsible for contacting and researching potential Green Party nominees for President and Vice-President for the 2004 election. (See the March GreenGram for more information on the PEC process.)

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**LATEST NEWS ON HATCH ACT CHALLENGE**

On October 1 a three-judge panel of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia decided that a federal judge was correct to rule that Green Party member Roger Merle was barred from running for Congress as long as he worked for the U.S. Postal Service. Roger and Bruce Afran had filed a lawsuit challenging the Hatch Act, the federal law barring federal employees from seeking partisan offices. The panel said the law was a permissible regulation of the activities of federal employees and did not run afoul of the constitution's clause allowing anyone to run for Congress who is at least 25, has been a U.S. citizen for seven years or more, and lives in the state from which they are seeking election. "The act allows a citizen a choice," the court wrote. "A 'resign to run' law may force Merle to choose between remaining as an employee of the federal government and running for elected office, but forcing Merle to make that decision does not constitute an additional qualification for the office of United States Representative."

Roger Merle commented: "The court(s) do not want to address the core issue we raise: the de facto amending of the Constitution (Article 1, Section 2, Clause 2 - the "qualifications clause") by Congressional statute (Hatch Act). Instead, they babble about the right of Congress to regulate the behavior of federal employees - a point we are not necessarily contesting (and, as a general rule, concede). The finding that 'resign-to-run' isn't onerous merely reveals how out of touch with economic reality federal judges are - just because it wouldn't be onerous for them or their friends/class, doesn't mean it isn't onerous to working folks. As for the claim that I could run in the future in the hopes that the Postal Service wouldn't formally object, well, that's simply ludicrous - all it takes is one complaint from anyone, and the Service is required to take action against me.

"The question is, do we take this to the US Supreme Court? A definitive decision hasn't yet been made, but the consensus is that we do. Cost is not necessarily a problem at this point (I'm willing to borrow what is necessary and pay it back myself, if I have to). Anyway, that's where matters stand at the moment. I'd like to thank everyone for their support and encouragement in this matter."

The text of the decision can be found at: [www.ca3.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca3.uscourts.gov) (Case no. 02-CU-03469)

## **THE GLOBAL GREEN NETWORK**

by John Rensenbrink, GGN co-representative, Green Party of the United States

The Global Green Network (GGN) is a network of representatives from national Green Parties around the world. It was established in 2001 at the Global Green Gathering in Canberra, Australia, created simultaneously with the Global Green Coordination (GGC). The GGC consists of three representatives from each of the Green Party Federations -- Africa, the Americas, Asia-Pacific and Europe.

The vision for GGN/GGC may be compared to that of a United Nations of Green Parties, in which every nation and every continental configuration has direct participation through representatives officially designated and accountable to their base.

The guiding principles for both the GGN and GGC are contained in and expressed through the Global Green Charter, to which all Green Parties that are part of the GGN/GGC adhere. Together, these principles and these organizational features form the basis for common actions on matters of global concern. They are a dynamic model for the evolution of a democratically governed world society. Visit: <http://www.globalgreens.info>.

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\* Mike Skelly, GPNJ Vice Chair, advises that an online ecological footprint calculator is available at: <http://www.lead.org/leadnet/footprint/intro.htm>. It has easy questions, handy explanations, and quick results. Try it! Tell your friends.

\* Hold the date! There will be a special GPNJ statewide meeting at the Labor Education Center in New Brunswick on Saturday, December 6 to evaluate the 2003 campaigns and to begin to make plans for the 2004 election (including the petition drive for the Green presidential candidate).

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## **BERGEN COUNTY**

Once again, the weather challenged the people of Rutherford to stick it out all day for their annual Street Fair, and once again they rose to the challenge. There, right along with them, was the Bergen County Green Party's literature table. Thanks to a tent loaned by Matt Ahearn, the literature was never in jeopardy from the rain, and we were able to distribute 300 GPNJ flyers, many copies of the GreenGram, and sundry other literature.

On September 29 Green Party candidate Irwin Nack participated in a debate among Bergen County Freeholder candidates at Bergen Community College. Debate topics ranged from the proposed \$1.3 billion Xanadu development at the Meadowlands Sports Complex to the legitimacy of a small property tax cut enacted by the first-year Democratic administration. The candidates also sounded off on the plan to redevelop the property around Continental Arena in the Meadowlands. Nack said he would become an advocate for legislation that would root out the practice of awarding government contracts to campaign contributors - known as "pay-to-play." There were reports in The Bergen Record earlier this year that two thirds of the county contracts awarded under Democratic County Executive Dennis McNerney went to contributors.

## **BURLINGTON COUNTY**

Burlington Greens are assisting campaigns in Camden and Bergen. They are also participating locally in a committee to defend and aid a neighborhood in Mount Holly. The town is tearing down the poorest, most ethnically diverse neighborhood in an attempt at gentrification. The Greens are fighting this and, where necessary, helping with relocation of residents.

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## **CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

Submitted by Rich Raimonde, CuCGP Secretary

The Cumberland Greens have become "proactive" almost by default. Due to the impending arrival of Lady Isabell on September 18 we "rescheduled" our meeting to Wednesday September 17 and attended a Healthcare forum which originally invited only the "major" party candidates. We subsequently "changed" that and had a wonderful turnout in support of Chuck Woodrow (Assembly-3rd LD) and Steve Fenichel (Senate-1st LD). Chuck showed great courage on such short notice. Doctor Fenichel was 'awesome' in content and delivery. And to think they wanted to bypass him in a Healthcare venue when the GOP candidate is running unopposed by the Dems! I haven't seen such a display of hypocrisy since Jerry Coleman, a black man and a divinity student was shut out by the Black Ministers Association during his run for Governor. Since time is a precious commodity, we have decided to continue our proactive stance and rescheduled our October local meeting to 10/15 and the Candidates debate in Cape May Court House. We have been very much "in the face" of the local radio/tv media (QBCTV-2,WVLT,WSNJ,WMVB) in demanding "equal time" for our candidates in the free venues. Every time they appear, we call in and politely "request" equal time - and it's been working! As a result of this, the "duops" have been "calling us" on the 90 day rule. This is a happy circumstance and a part of our political coming of age. In short, it pays to be a persistent "pain in the neck"!

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**MERCER COUNTY** Visit: [www.mcgp.org](http://www.mcgp.org)

Sales of the Compact Disk "From the Grass Roots, Volume 1" have reached profitability for the GPMC. The bands who cut tracks for the CD will be featured at "GreenStock 2003," an all-day fundraising concert to be held Sat. October 25 (10:00am to 6:00pm - rain or shine) at the residence of Jeff and Michelle Rodney in Hopewell Township. Attendance will be limited to 300 people maximum. Suggested donation is \$10. People are encouraged to bring their own picnic food; soft drinks will be sold at the show. Carpooling is strongly suggested.

The Green Party of Mercer County is considering filing a lawsuit against the cities of Trenton and Hamilton regarding the fact that they don't allow political parties to meet at the local public library. The ACLU has agreed to represent MCGP if the case goes to court, but to save the taxpayers money the Greens are hoping that after a letter goes out to the directors of both libraries, their anti-First Amendment policy will be changed voluntarily.

GPMC is proud to announce the acceptance of the following volunteer positions: Mike da Cruz of Lawrence Twp has come forward to become the Financial Compliance Officer. He will make sure that our reporting is timely and is accurate to the state ELEC office. Fahad J. Butt of Hamilton Twp will be the tape duplicator for our cable access show "From a Green View."

## OCEAN COUNTY

The Liz Arnone for Assembly campaign is revving up! A campaign flyer has been completed and is ready for distribution; generic "Vote Green Party" lawn signs have been ordered from GPNJ; a direct mail fundraising appeal is planned.

In September, Liz was taped for the Comcast show "NewsMakers." The tape will be aired three times daily during the week of October 29. Also: Liz attended an editorial board meeting with her four opponents at the Asbury Park Press. She said: "There was some discussion about campaign finance reform, which I made an issue of, but it didn't get very far. My opponents were very adept at saying many words with little substance and skirting around major issues. They were more inclined to talk about making Ocean County College a four-year college and widening Route 9 rather than housing, wages, or the environment. Any time I attempted to open a discussion on a significant topic they sidestepped the issue and continued in another vein." Her appearance did merit her a picture and inclusion in an article in the APP the next day.

Rena Amada and Joe Carrino have been helping with leafletting at Ocean County College. Liz will make some campaign appearances there in October.

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## CALENDAR

**Thu. 10/9, 11:00am to 2:30pm:** Greening Rutgers: Mini-Conference on Sustainability at Rutgers, New Brunswick. Info: Michael Crockford [RUustainable@yahoo.com](mailto:RUustainable@yahoo.com) 732-932-7995  
Visit: [www.RUustainable.org](http://www.RUustainable.org)

**Thu. 10/9, 2:00pm:** Citizen Action Conference on Energy Deregulation. Location: NJ Citizen Action office, 85 Raritan Ave, Suite 100 Highland Park. Coffee and donuts will be served. RSVP to Wende Nachman, Natl. Organizer: [wende@njcitizenaction.org](mailto:wende@njcitizenaction.org) or: 856-961-3091 ext 10.

**Thu. 10/9, 6:00pm** (and every Thurs. at this time): People's Organization For Progress (POP) membership meeting at Abyssinian Baptist Church, 224 West Kinney Street, Newark. Info: 973-801-0001. Visit: [www.njpop.org](http://www.njpop.org).

**Thu. 10/9, 6:30pm:** Princeton Area Candidates Forum sponsored by the Princeton Justice Project. At Dodds Hall, Princeton University Campus. Info: Steve Syrek [steve@princetongreens.org](mailto:steve@princetongreens.org).

**Fri. 10/10: 7:00pm,** POP Chair Larry Hamm Speaks on "Making A Difference." In Ridgewood. Info: 973-801-0001.

**Sat. 10/11, 8:30am to 2:00pm:** Fifth Annual Community Conference on Toxic Exposures Where You Live and Work. Workshops and speakers. Topics will include: \*The impact of the upcoming elections on our health & safety; \*What workers and environmentalists have in common; \*Recognizing & preventing pollution in the workplace and home...and more, including a special appearance by "Mr. Greedson Piglet." This is a FREE event! Breakfast & lunch will be served. Location: UAW Local 595, 520 W. Edgar Road (Rt. 1 South), Linden. Info: Valorie Caffee at 609-695-7100 or Mujahid Majeed at 917-579-0525. Sponsored by the Central-Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists and co-sponsored by the New Jersey Work Environment Council.

**Sat. 10/11, 10:00am to 3:00pm** (and every Sat. until further notice): POP Membership Drive, Broad & Market Sts. (NW corner block, btw. Market & Bank Sts.) downtown Newark.

**Sat. 10/11, 8:00pm:** "Give Peace A Dance." Princeton Peace Network's night of dance, friendship, and peace vibes. Location: Liberation Hall, Carl Fields Center, Corner of Olden & Prospect St, Princeton. Free and open to all. Info: Jennifer Kim juuniper@optonline.net. Visit: [www.NoWarNJ.org](http://www.NoWarNJ.org).

**Mon. 10/13** (and every Monday) 6:30pm: Weekly Peace Vigil. Rtes 45 & 40, Woodstown. Info: Norm Cohen ncohen12@comcast.net.

**Mon. 10/13, 7:00pm:** POP Montclair Branch meeting at Saint Peter Claver Church, 56 Elmwood Avenue, Montclair. Info: 973-801-0001.

**Fri. 10/17, 7:30pm:** Essex County Green Party outreach meeting. Learn about the Green Party and meet this year's local candidates. Location: 37 Brunswick Rd, Montclair. Light refreshments will be served. Please let them know you plan to attend. To reserve your seat, or for further information and/or directions, contact Bud Feder at 973-783-0740 or [bfeder@comcast.net](mailto:bfeder@comcast.net).

**Sat. 10/18, 7:00pm:** Fundraiser dinner for District 17 Green candidates. A special evening with award-winning vegetarian/organic chef Renu Jagasia. \$50. A limited number of cooking apprenticeship sessions begins at 3 PM (if interested, ask for details when making your dinner reservations). RSVP by 10/13 to 732-448-0021 or [jgiaimo@compuserve.com](mailto:jgiaimo@compuserve.com) or [david.hochfelder@rutgers.edu](mailto:david.hochfelder@rutgers.edu).

**Sun. 10/19, 7:30pm:** Monthly meetings of the GPNJ Executive Committee and NJ Green Council. All Greens are invited to attend as observers. Info: Jane M. Hunter [JaneMHunter@att.net](mailto:JaneMHunter@att.net).

**Mon. 10/20, 9:00am:** Arraignment of Bloomfield police officers indicted for reckless manslaughter in connection with the death of Santiago Villanueva. Info from POP: 973-801-0001.

**Thu. 10/23, 7:00 pm:** Black Political Prisoners Forum, Newark. Info from POP: 973-801-0001.

**Fri. 10/24, 9:00am:** Show support for Greens George DeCarlo and Ryan Reyes when they appear before the NJ Tax Court. They have filed a protest with the Division of Taxation regarding the inability of civil union couples to file a joint tax return. Location: RJ Hughes Justice Complex, 7th Floor, 25 W. Market St, Trenton. Docket No. 005820-2003.

**Thu. 10/23, 7:00pm:** Monthly meeting of the Camden County Greens at the Haddon Twp branch of the Camden Library, 15 MacArthur Blvd, Westmont. Info: Martin Nolan 856-869-5463 [rockthevote@hotmail.com](mailto:rockthevote@hotmail.com).

**Thu. 10/23, 7:00pm to 9:30pm.** Public forum: "Greenways - a Great Way for Bloomfield." Location: Bloomfield College's Van Fossan Theatre, 457 Franklin Avenue (by Fremont), Bloomfield. Free; refreshments provided. Dr. Paul S. Mankiewicz, internationally-known ecological restoration specialist; Greg Remaud, president of the Liberty State Park Conservancy and project manager of the New York/New Jersey Baykeeper; Kevin Moore, Project Manager for Weequahic Park in Newark; Karen Long, nurse practitioner, clinical researcher; Robert Takash, president of the Edison Greenways Group. Info: [www.geocities.com/thirdriverbank](http://www.geocities.com/thirdriverbank).

**Fri. 10/24:** 87th NAACP Thurgood Marshall Annual Freedom Fund Dinner Dance (Montclair Branch), Cedar Grove. Info from POP: 973-801-0001.

**Sat. 10/25, 10:00am to 6:00pm** (rain or shine). The Mercer County Green Party presents: GreenStock 2003! - a fundraising concert featuring the bands which cut tracks for the CD "From the Grass Roots, Volume 1." Location: 560 West Scotch Road, Pennington. Suggested donation is \$10. People are encouraged to bring their own picnic food; soft drinks will be sold at the show. Carpooling is strongly suggested. Info: Nick Mellis myself@nickmellis.org; 609-393-4349.

**Sat. 10/25:** Demonstration in Washington, DC: "End the US Occupation of Iraq! Bring the Troops Home Now." For buses leaving from Montclair: Madelyn Hoffman, NJ Peace Action, 973-744-3263; njsane@igc.org. Buses leaving from Princeton: Rev. Robert Moore, Coalition for Peace Action, 609-924-5022; cfpa@peacecoalition.org. Buses leaving from Hillsborough: Bob Witaneck 908-881-5275 bwitaneck@igc.org. Buses leaving from southeast NJ: Norm Cohen, Coalition for Peace and Justice, 609-601-8583; ncohen12@comcast.net. Buses leaving from the Camden area: greatercamdenunitycoalition@yahoo.com. General info: www.peacecoalition.org/action/2003Q4/031025\_march\_on\_washington.shtml.

**Sat. 10/25, 8:00pm to 2:00am:** "Pass the Hat" fundraiser for District 17 Green candidates. Live performances by local acoustic guitarist Dave Calandra and others. Location: Doll's Place, 27 French St, New Brunswick. Info: 732-448-0021; jgiaimo@compuserve.com; david.hochfelder@rutgers.edu.

## November

**Tue. 11/4:** Green Party Election Night celebrations! (at various locations around the state) Contact your local GPNJ County Coordinator to find the location nearest to you.

**Fri. 11/7 thru Sun. 11/9:** Peace Action National Congress at Princeton University - including (on Sun. 11/9) the Coalition for Peace Action's Annual Conference and Interfaith Service for Peace: "American Unilateralism: Leadership or Domination?" Speakers on Sunday: Former Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. George Carey; Dr. Cornel West and Dr. Richard Falk of Princeton University; Rep. Barbara Lee; Phyllis Bennis of the Institute for Policy Studies. To learn about and/or to register for the National Congress: www.peacecoalition.org/action/2003Q4/031107\_congress.shtml. Annual Conference: www.peacecoalition.org/action/2003Q4/031109\_conference.shtml. For \$85 (\$25 for students) you can register for all 3 days. Info: Rev. Robert Moore, Coalition for Peace Action 609-924-5022; www.peacecoalition.org.

**Fri. 11/7,** POP All-You-Can-Eat Fundraiser, Montclair. Info: 973-801-0001.

**Fri. 11/14, 6:00pm:** Industrial Union Council Gala Anniversary Dinner at the East Brunswick Hilton. Info: Bill Kane 732-418-1721; billnjiuc@aol.com.

**Sat. 11/15, 11:30am to 4:00pm:** NJ Peace Action Annual Soup Luncheon featuring Ron Kuby and Larry Hamm. Location: St. Catherine of Siena Church on Route 23 in Cedar Grove. "The War At Home: Civil Rights Under Attack." Tickets \$25 (but \$20 prior to Nov. 1). Info; Madelyn Hoffman 973-744-3263; njsane@igc.org; [www.peace-action.org](http://www.peace-action.org).

