

# The Kirkland Democrat

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## OUR DEMOCRATIC VALUES:

**RESPONSIBILITY TO SOCIETY**

**SUPPORT OF THE GENERAL  
WELFARE**

**STEWARDSHIP OF OUR  
NATURAL RESOURCES**

## SERVICE BEFORE POLITICS

### Voting Assistance on the Village Green

The Kirkland Democratic Committee will have a table at the Clinton Farmers' Market in August and September, offering voter registration, absentee ballot applications, and information on registration deadlines. You can also update your address, party affiliation, or other demographic information. Please stop by and say hello. We expect to be there from 10am - 2 pm; if you'd like to volunteer to help, please email [sknop@hamilton.edu](mailto:sknop@hamilton.edu).

### Join us on the Roadside Taking Care of Kirkland



This fall marks the completion of ten years during which we have taken responsibility for picking up litter from a two mile stretch of Route 12B. Two or three times each year, under a permit granted by the DOT, Kirkland Democrats and friends have donned fluorescent work vests and headed out to fill orange trash bags with the remarkable variety of items that have ended up along the roadside.

On January 21, 2015, The Kirkland Democratic Party adopted a resolution on climate change, to "encourage and support actions of local governments that work toward reducing green house gas emission in adapting to a changing climate." See the full text on our website: [kirklanddemocrats.org](http://kirklanddemocrats.org).

## ELECTION 2015

General Election, November 3

Watch for your yellow reminder card telling you where to vote.

All Polls Open At 6 AM and Close at 9 PM



### KIRKLAND TOWN BOARD

**Town Supervisor Bob Meelan and Deputy Supervisor, Council member Mike O'Neill** are running for re-election this year. Under Bob's leadership, the Town worked in the creek to mitigate flooding. The Board also completed a 5.2 million dollar waste water treatment plant update to help infra-structure. It is now working on expansion of waste water treatment in the Clinton area to promote growth in the Lutheran Home and Robinson Road area. In addition, work has started on a solar energy project to reduce our energy cost.

### Kudos to Our Road Crew

Although Kirkland Highway Superintendent Jon Scott is not running for reelection this year, he and his staff of fourteen should be recognized for the great job they did last winter in keeping the roads clear during the heavy snow and ice storms. Much appreciated!



### ONEIDA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

**Chad Davis**, who represents County District 14, will be running for reelection, as well. That district includes the eastern side of Kirkland, town districts 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9.

#### County Government News From Chad

This year's Oneida County budget, which I supported, increased the County's aid to the Kirkland Town Library by \$3,145.00, up from the previous year's assistance, which had been \$10,482.00.

Oneida County's 2014-2015 Flood Assistance Program has two projects moving forward in the Town of Kirkland. One of the projects is for stream bank stabilization along the Oriskany Creek. The second project is for water retention basins for St. Mary's Brook.

I co-sponsored a petition to ban the sale of powdered alcohol – which is something that Sen. Charles Schumer has also said should be banned (in all 50 states).

As vice-chair of the Airport Committee, I supported legislation for the NUAIR mission to test drones at Griffiss Airport and I voted for the improvements involving the new Customs facility which was recently dedicated.

I also supported an Anti-Tethering Law designed to fight neglect in which dogs are put on a leash for an extended period of time; the County Executive, however, vetoed the law citing, among other things, that enforcement of the new law was not going to be easily accomplished or practicable.

I wish to extend a sincere 'thank you' to everyone in the community for having faith in me to serve at the County level of Government. If I can be of assistance to you in any way, please don't hesitate to call me at 853-4037. Thank you!



### Also up for Re-election on the Democratic Line

District Attorney Scott McNamara

County Court Judge Michael Dwyer

## THOUGHTS FROM THE CHAIR



You can make a difference if you step forward and join us on the Kirkland Democratic Committee!

With your support and help, we've turned our overwhelmingly Republican-majority town government of twelve years ago into a Democratic-majority government today. We've also built Democratic majorities in Kirkland for every state and national Democratic candidate since 2004.

The next step is to scale up this success to the county and regional levels. Our region deserves stronger representation in the New York legislature, and we must reclaim our Congressional seat for the Democratic Party.

These goals are within reach if you volunteer your time and talents as a committee member. We've always had 4-5 vacant seats in Kirkland. Meanwhile, three of us are now putting in time and energy at the County level: I've been Vice Chair of the County committee for six years, Shirley Knop has been County Treasurer for three, and Garry Colarusso was recently appointed Chair of Towns.

We also urgently need your help to establish or strengthen committees in surrounding towns. Do you have a friend in Westmoreland who might be interested in political work? In Paris? In New Hartford? Please let us know, and help us recruit them!

To turn the country back in our direction we need to rebuild our party, town by town and county by county. That's what the Republicans have been doing for the past 25 years. As our experience in Kirkland has shown, there's absolutely no reason why we can't do it too.

I'm happy to talk with any of you about being a committee member. It's sometimes fun, and always rewarding work!

## ANNOUNCING A TOWN HALL MEETING WITH THE KIRKLAND TOWN GOVERNMENT



### What Does Town Government Do?

### How Does The Town Spend Your Taxes?

The Kirkland Democrats Will Host A Meet Your Town Government Night

Monday, October 5, 2015

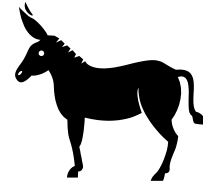
7:00 PM

Kirkland Town Library

**Come and listen   Come and ask questions   Come and learn the answers**



**Molly the Donkey and friends leading the  
Kirkland Democrats in the  
4th of July Parade**



**COMING EVENTS:**

**October 5**—Town Hall meeting, 7:00 PM, Kirkland Town Library

**Last Two Weeks in Oct**—Get Out The Vote town-wide effort

**November 3**—General Election

**November 7**—Highway Cleanup

**VOTE**

**GET ENGAGED      MAKE A DIFFERENCE      VOTE! NOVEMBER 3RD**



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