

The  
**Westchester County Board of Legislators**  
celebrates

# Italian-American Heritage Month

**Monday, October 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

Live streamed from the Board Chamber  
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## PROGRAM

**Welcoming Remarks and Acknowledgments**

Board Chair Vedat Gashi

**Presentation of Proclamations to**



**JOSEPH LIBERTI**

Presented by Legislator Catherine F. Parker



**MICHAEL SCHILIRO**

Presented by Minority Leader Margaret A. Cunzio

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**Vedat Gashi**  
*Board Chair*  
Legislator, 4th District

**Colin D. Smith**  
Legislator, 1st District

**Erika L. Pierce**  
Legislator, 2nd District

**Margaret A. Cunzio**  
*Minority Leader*  
Legislator, 3rd District

**Benjamin Boykin II**  
Legislator, 5th District

**Nancy E. Barr**  
*Vice Chair*  
Legislator, 6th District

**Catherine F. Parker**  
Legislator, 7th District

**Jewel Williams Johnson**  
Legislator, 8th District

**Catherine Borgia**  
Legislator, 9th District

**Damon R. Maher**  
Legislator, 10th District

**Terry Clements**  
Legislator, 11th District

**David Imamura**  
Legislator, 12th District

**Tyrae Woodson-Samuels**  
*Majority Whip*  
Legislator, 13th District

**David J. Tubiolo**  
Legislator, 14th District

**James Nolan**  
*Minority Whip*  
Legislator, 15th District

**Symra Brandon**  
Legislator, 16th District

**José I. Alvarado**  
*Majority Leader*  
Legislator, 17th District



## JOSEPH LIBERTI

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Joseph Liberti comes from a long line of proud Italian-Americans with a strong sense of giving back to the community. His grandfather left southern Italy in 1920 as a young boy with his mother and sister to join their father in northern New Jersey. He instilled in his own children the value of treating everyone with respect and kindness, and showed by example by donating his time to local organizations, as well as by auditing his friends and neighbors accounts for free in his capacity as a Certified Public Accountant.

Joseph learned in turn from his father that they had an obligation to give back to their community, and that public service was a noble pursuit. It was a family tradition to recount stories of accomplished grandparents, uncles, and aunts, many of whom worked within the field of education. He began his teaching career in 1999 as part of a jointly-run program by the University of Minnesota and the Minneapolis public schools known as the Urban Educator Internship. In his very first year of teaching, his drive for excellence was recognized when his students' exhibit won third in the nation at National History Day in Washington, D.C. In June of 2023, Joseph received the League of Women Voters of Larchmont-Mamaroneck *Defending Democracy Award* for his years of teaching Government and AP U.S. Government & Politics at Mamaroneck High School, developing and directing the 4-year OCRA program that helps students become civic advocates, originating the MHS field trip to the New Hampshire Presidential Primaries, and partnering with the League of Women Voters to register high school students to vote.

Joseph has taught at Mamaroneck High School since 2002, where he has often been told by his students that he was destined to teach government and politics being that his last name is so close to "liberty." As he continues to expand his 4-year program, Original Civic Research And Action (OCRA), he is reminded of the legacy of his Italian-American ancestors, and what it means to be an active and engaged citizen.

## MICHAEL SCHILIRO

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Michael Schiliro is a banker by trade and civic minded to the core. He was inspired to action by a North Castle mailer offering Red Cross training after 9/11. Upon course completion, he and fellow residents started the North Castle Citizen Corps Council (NC4), a group that coordinates volunteer activities and aids the Town in emergency situations. After Hurricane Sandy, NC4 set up a 24/7 shelter at Hergenhan Community Center for residents while they waited for homes to regain power.

In the early 2000's, he became involved with the Town of North Castle's Housing Board with the charge of administering middle income housing. Because of his experience in Town and community activities, he was approached in 2007 to run for the North Castle Town Board and was elected as Councilman. In 2013, he was elected as Supervisor, a position he has held ever since, in addition to his full-time job as Senior Vice President of PCSB Bank. He started his role as Supervisor with a clear mission to serve residents and establish an atmosphere of decency, civility and respect at the Town Board meetings. He has often stated that there should be no politics in Town Hall and that everyone should work together to makes decisions that are in the best interest of all the residents of North Castle. His tenure has been highlighted by taking a management role in the Town finances, which resulted in the reinstatement of North Castle's New York State AAA bond rating and minimal tax increases from year to year. He credits his team with working together to get every Town road paved on an accelerated schedule, and restoring good relationships with the Byram Hills and Valhalla school districts. As he completes his final term, he is proud of the Town's acquisition of over 100 acres of open space which attests to his belief that development must be balanced with conservation.