

Responsive Leadership for Wyckoff

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To the Editor, The Villadom Times:

I read with interest John Koster's article on the debate over Wyckoff's approach to open space preservation ("Officials respond to charges of open space apathy," Page 5, September 20). The article highlights one of the reasons I decided to place my name on the November 7 ballot for a seat on the Township Committee: Wyckoff residents want and deserve elected officials who will be responsive to their concerns and to be open to all the options available to address them.

Our quality of life in Wyckoff is threatened on a number of fronts, and many residents are frustrated with their elected officials.

Open space is a rapidly disappearing commodity in Wyckoff – one of my opponents contends the Township is already 99 percent developed. Preserving what little open space we have left in Wyckoff benefits the entire community by offering natural areas for passive recreation; protecting and maintaining the quality of our drinking water; enhancing our local property values and quality of life and maintaining the beauty of our community.

Concerns about open space preservation go hand in hand with growing concerns regarding the spate of over-development spoiling the character of our neighborhoods. Do we want to continue to see the "teardown" of modest homes replaced by new and larger homes that strain the lot coverage restrictions?

As a homeowner, I too am concerned about the kind of town Wyckoff will be, not just tomorrow, but five, 10 or 15 years from now. Your input is important to the future quality of life in this town.

Faced with an outpouring of public support for open space preservation – more than 1,400 Wyckoff residents signed a petition supporting the establishment of an open space trust fund – the Township Committee agreed to place the question on the November ballot. I urge Wyckoff residents to "VOTE YES" for open space on November 7.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Hubert