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A toasting tradition — Left to right, winemakers Anthony Battaglia and his son-in-law, Tom Giorgianni, enjoy the company of fellow winemakers and brothers Danny and Domenick Chila at the Paulsboro Italian Wine Festival on Nov. 5. The annual event was held at the Paulsboro Wrestling Building on Mantua Avenue.

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Ruth L. Driver of Paulsboro was named Gloucester County Outstanding Senior Volunteer of the Year. She was honored by the Gloucester County

Board of Chosen Freeholders at the annual Gloucester County Volunteer Luncheon at Auletto Caterer's in Deptford on Oct. 19.

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for the state tournament in a tough 138-pound weight class. Three freshmen that have shown a great deal of potential are Georgio Mazzeo, Jacob Perez, and Brandon Green.

The team's schedule includes Colonial Conference foes Collingswood, Gateway, Haddonfield and West Deptford. In non-conference titles, the Raiders take on

Kingsway, Clearview, Cherry Hill West and Eastern. Paulsboro has a showdown with Delsea on Jan. 20 in Frankinville.

This season Paulsboro moves to District 26 and will host the tournament at Gloucester County College on Feb. 18. Competition continues in Region 7 at Toms River North the following week.

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yarder to Matt Pettinichio. Pettinichio made a spectacular diving catch in the end zone in his final game as a Red Raider.

The Raiders who suffered losses to Woodbury in its opener and West Deptford on Thanksgiving weekend, finished with a 10-2 record. Junior Dehron Holloway led the Raiders in rushing with over 1,300 yards this season

and scored the final touchdown for PHS on a 67-yard jaunt in the championship game.

For the season, Jones has thrown 17 touchdown passes and threw for over 1,000 yards. Holloway led the team in scoring with 152 points. On defense, Bryce Holloway led the team with 126 tackles and Santino Morina recorded 12 sacks.

Paulsboro on the move

Mayor discusses borough projects at town meeting

Photo by Teresa Colanero
Mayor Gary Stevenson

By Katherine L. Shawaryn

PAULSBORO — Approaching the close of his first full year in office, Paulsboro Mayor Gary Stevenson remains optimistic about the future of his hometown.

"In 2016, we took the time to get all the pieces to the Paulsboro puzzle in place," said Stevenson. "In 2017, we will begin to put the puzzle together, so that the borough can begin to make giant strides forward."

About 50 people attended a two-hour town meeting on Nov. 5 in the Paulsboro High School cafeteria where Stevenson presented highlights on his administration's progress this year. See his summary below.

Marine terminal project — Officials anticipate the first ship delivery to the Port of Paulsboro by NLMK Steel early next year. The port's first tenant, the company signed a lease with the terminal in 2014. It will unload steel slabs onto railroad cars in Paulsboro for distribution throughout the country.

NLMK occupies about 40 of the 190 acres at the port. Additional contracts are expected for the port in the

future. At the end of Mantua Avenue along the Delaware River where the former British Petroleum tank farm was located, the port currently generates \$500,000 a year for the borough. A sound wall along Mantua Avenue is still scheduled to be built.

Plaza project — Under redevelopment, the vacant shopping complex on Broad Street is scheduled to open in the early spring of 2017. Currently, three tenants will occupy the space. They include the Save-A-Lot discount grocery store, Mailbox store, and a business development center.

The old Grant's building is scheduled to be demolished before the end of 2016. Another phase of the project includes adding 120 units of affordable senior housing.

Interstate 295 development (behind Wawa, Exit 18) — Moving forward, developers and state and county officials are meeting to get this project started. Plans are in the works to build a hotel, restaurant and other businesses at this site.

Code enforcement — Stronger enforcement of all codes and ordinances have been enacted. More tickets are being written for repeat offenders or tenants who do not maintain their properties. The borough also has launched an effort to have residents more involved in cleaning up the alleys behind their homes.

Vacant & abandoned housing — Houses that are eyesores in the community are being torn down. Three have been torn down with more scheduled.

Community policing — Many residents are glad to see

the return of bike patrols and foot patrols. The crime rate has fallen drastically.

Streets — Work on Thomson Avenue begins in early 2017 and is scheduled to last through 2018. The \$7.2 million project involves a complete dig up of the street to the Mantua Creek and installation of new pipes to address area flooding that includes the replacement and rehabilitation of sanitary sewer mains.

Water meters & standpipe reconditioning — Mandated by the state, the \$1.33 million meter installation project involves replacing all water meters in town with new remote read meters. Taking about six months to complete, the project involves both homes and businesses. The reconditioning of the standpipe (water tower) on Berkley Road costs \$1.2 million. The funds will be used

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Names in the News

Election results
Greenwich Township

Democratic newcomer, Antonio Chila (1,672 votes) and incumbent Vincent Giovannitti (1,636 votes) were each elected to a three-year council seat. They were opposed by Republican Raymond A. Williams Sr. (1,225 votes).

Candidates who clinched three seats on the township's board of education included Roseanne L. Lombardo (1,767 votes), Susan Vernacchio (1,701 votes), and Chad Kent (1,645 votes).

William Scott MacKenzie (1,394 votes) was elected to fill a one-year unexpired term on the school board.

Paulsboro

Democratic incumbent John Giovannitti (1,757 votes) and running mate Eric DiTonno (1,671) were each elected to a three-year term on borough council.

Elected school board of education members included Marvin Hamilton (1,455 votes), Lisa Priest (1,335 votes), and Lisa L. Lozada-Shaw (1,264 votes).

Editor's note: Visit the

gloucestercountynj.gov website for a more in-depth report of the Nov. 8 election results.

Top recognition

Congratulations to **Dr. Sherri Wilson Byrne** (PHS '76) who was among a select



Dr. Sherri Wilson Byrne

group honored at the 11th Diva and Don Gala in Princeton sponsored by the Institute for Nursing on Dec. 7. Associated with the Foundation of the N.J. State Nurses Association, the institute recognizes men and women in nursing leadership across the state who make a difference and set high standards of excellence.

The Paulsboro resident is co-chair and associate professor at The College of New Jersey and nurse practitioner in the Cancer Screening Project at MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper Hospital in Camden.

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