

Your Views

Southington says

Do you miss the cold of winter during these hot summer days?



“No I don’t, because I like swimming and that cools me down.”

Photos by Tammi Knapik

Martha Barry Southington



“Absolutely not. We live in Florida when it’s cold.”

Gerry Crean Southington



“No, I’d rather go swimming in the pool.”

Raymond Viselle Southington



“I’d rather have it hot than cold. You can always find somewhere to go with air conditioning if it gets to be too much.”

Robert Hooper Southington



“No, I don’t miss winter. I dread going to work in the bitter cold.”

Ed Castiola Southington

Letters

Get out the vote on August 10

To the Editor,
Tuesday August 10 is Primary Day in Connecticut. The Democrats have several primaries on the slate this day. The primary for Governor is between the Democratic endorsed candidate Daniel Malloy and Ned Lamont, Lieutenant Governor between endorsed candidate Nancy Wyman and Mary Glassman, Secretary of State between endorsed candidate Denise Merrill and Gerry Garcia, and

Comptroller between endorsed candidate Kevin Lembo and Michael Jajura. These are very important primaries, as the state will select the Democratic candidate that will run in the general election against the Republican primary winners. Please mark your calendars for August 10 and come out and vote. Many voters may be on vacation this week. Before you leave stop by the Southington Town Hall and receive your absentee ballot from the town Clerk’s office. You can call their office for

more details at 276-6211 or visit www.southington.org and click on Town Clerk’s department. Please make every effort to come out and vote on Tuesday August 10 and make a difference for the future of Connecticut. If you need further information on the democratic candidates please contact me at chairman@southington-democrats.com.
John P. Moise
Chairman, Southington Democratic Town Committee

Vote Jalowiec for probate judge

To the Editor,
This year, Cheshire and Southington voters have a very important decision to make in deciding who will be their probate judge. Everyone at some time in their life will find themselves before a probate court where decisions will be made that have long lasting, permanent effects on our lives, our children’s lives and on the lives of our other loved ones. The probate judge has important extensive powers that include appointments of executors, how much executors are paid, approval of conservators for disabled/infirm persons, the monitoring of expenditures and the quality of their care,

approval of guardians for minor children, termination of parental rights and more. Whenever you have an important job, you select a builder, realtor, doctor, mechanic, or lawyer on their reputation that is based on their specific experience, reliability and their record of successful outcomes. You would no more want a new pilot flying your plane than you would hire an inexperienced attorney to represent you in a lawsuit or in probate court. If you wouldn’t hire an attorney due to their lack of experience and specific expertise, then why would you want them as your judge? We need a judge who is not only compassionate, but one who has successful-

ly dealt with the many aspects of the work a probate judge encounters. This is not a beginner’s job that allows on-the-job training; mistakes, delays and unexpected outcomes are unacceptable. The job needs a person who has the right experience, dedication, integrity and a successful track record in Probate Court issues. For those reasons, I believe that Matt Jalowiec with his 10 years of practice of probate and elder law is the best qualified candidate. Ensure that your rights and wishes will be fully protected by voting for Matt Jalowiec on August 10.
Algert Sanders
Cheshire

Markley backs fellow Republican

To the Editor,
The creation of a new probate district combining Southington and Cheshire has spurred heated competition for that judgeship. Two able and intelligent young lawyers will meet in a primary next month to determine which will be the Republican candidate for the seat come November. Peter Bowman won the party endorsement for probate judge with the unanimous support of the Southington delegation, and with my personal backing. Long before he became a candidate, I worked closely with Peter in support of con-

servative causes. I was deeply impressed, not only by his legal ability but by his diligence and his sensitivity. I watched Peter work through difficult problems with a diverse group of people, leading us subtly and tactfully toward consensus. Peter is a young man, and he hasn’t practiced law as long as his opponents for the position. Though a candidate’s experience certainly must be weighed in casting a vote, in my opinion it’s not the only factor. Temperament, wisdom, integrity, and other qualities of character count as well, and by those measures Peter Bowman ranks as high as

anyone I know in public service. I expect him to be a leader in our town and our state for years to come, and I am proud to support him now. I hope you will join me in voting for Peter Bowman for Probate Judge in the Republican primary on August 10.
Joe Markley
Southington
**The author is a former Republican state Senator, currently seeking election to his old seat representing Southington, Cheshire, Waterbury and Wolcott. He also served as Southington Republican Town Chairman.*

Vote Bowman for probate judge

To the Editor,
I write in regards to the campaign for the Cheshire-Southington Probate Judgeship. I am familiar with Peter Bowman’s character, work ethic and legal experience as I have both attended Quinnipiac University School of Law with Peter and worked with him as an attorney. Peter Bowman’s opponent has made several misleading claims regarding his legal experience and I want to set the record straight. Peter has experience in the areas of probate and family law. He has worked with area law firms on issues of child custody and protecting the interests of persons

with disabilities. He also received a family and juvenile law concentration from Quinnipiac Law. As an attorney in 2008, Peter worked as a Legal Research Clerk with the Superior Court. Peter researched and drafted proposed opinions for Judge’s throughout the state, including areas of family and juvenile law. During his clerkship, Peter educated his colleagues about a particularly complicated and developing area of the law at a state-wide clerks meeting. As a fellow attorney, I am impressed with Peter’s discretion, judgment and compassion for the people involved in the cases he handles. It is not surprising

Peter seeks to serve this community as Probate Judge given his calm and solid demeanor when facing difficult challenges. Presently, Peter is a local attorney with a practice focused on litigation. However, Peter continues to work in the area of probate law, drafting probate documents and handling the delicate issues of will challenges. Despite the negativity of his political opponent, Peter is an excellent attorney with the integrity, temperament and experience necessary to serve Cheshire and Southington as your probate judge.
Christopher Williams
Southington

Smoron issue hurts Meccariello

To the Editor,
As a former Southington native, I have been following the Smoron case with great interest. I am appalled at what has transpired and how the legal system has blatantly ignored the wishes of

Josephine Smoron. It scares me even further to read that Judge Meccariello is running for re-election. He epitomizes everything wrong with our political system today: “Screw the people who elect us into office. We are not here to serve them- we

are here solely to serve ourselves.” The only thing we are left to wonder now is the extent to which this elected official profited or stood to profit from his ruling.
Elisse Franco
Odenton MD

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