

## *A New Generation of Leadership is Rising*

### **To the Editor:**

Recently, a new generation of young adults has been moving into Peekskill. They join a new generation of born and bred Peekskillians. Some haven't started families yet; others have. The sound of little kids playing can be heard once again in many neighborhoods around town, and the sounds of young men and women can be heard on Restaurant Row, Riverfront Green, at the Paramount, and the coffee houses.

They are also being heard on the School Board, at City Hall, at local charities, and in our business community. I'm not so young any more, and I'm encouraged that so many of these new players have been getting involved in civic life. Some are

volunteering at schools, others at local charities, or youth programs. Others are getting into local politics. In all these places they bring optimism and a fresh approach.

A new generation of leadership is rising in our city. The Democratic candidates for local office reflect this new wave. Some were born and bred here; some chose Peekskill as adults. All are successful professionals. With such fine young folks getting involved, I am confident that Peekskill will have a bright future.

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