

Two N.J. civic-minded Fil-Ams want to serve: Deauna and Wong

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MAHWAH Councilman Jonathan “Jon” Wong and Bergenfield businessman Salvador “Buddy” Deauna, both community-minded Filipino-Americans, need your help on Nov. 8, Election Day.

Let’s do just that...help them!

You can form groups to distribute flyers in their respective communities.

Councilman Wong of Mahwah is running for Mayor of that township as an independent.

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Buddy Deauna is running for Council of Bergenfield as a Democrat.

Both started their community activities in their local communities, as well as in the Filipino-American community in the greater N.J.-N.Y. area.

Councilman Wong is 25 years old, believed to be the youngest Asian-American elected official in New Jersey, if not in the entire USA.

Jon is a businessman, licensed real estate broker and an aspiring lawyer.

He expects to finish law school in December, one semester early.

In a statement earlier made to this newspaper, the young candidate said he was humbled to see the support from the Mahwah community.

Asked why he was running for Mayor, Jon said, “I want to improve the leadership and vision for the future of the community. Mahwah is a great place to live. But the leadership requires reasonableness, cooperation and discipline between the Mayor and Council for the success of the town.”

Jon was raised by his parents, Steven and Grace Wong in Mahwah, where he has lived for 22 years.

He graduated from Mahwah High School, Class of 2009.

In 2013, he finished his bachelor’s degree in finance & investments from City University

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of New York Baruch College.

He is a graduating law student at Brooklyn Law School.

BUDDY DEAUNA

Salvador Deauna is known in Bergenfield as “Buddy.”

Incumbent Councilman Atty. Arvin Amatorio is the other Fil-Am in the Bergenfield Borough Council, who is the buddy of Buddy.

Bergenfield is home to some 3,000 Filipino-American families.

“Buddy” Deauna hails from Camarines Norte Province in the Philippines.

He is married to the former Marcela Santelices Tabuzo of Catanduanes.

They are blessed with four children.

Buddy is President of Asian Pacific Travel in Bergenfield, catering mostly to Filipino-Americans going back and forth to and from the Philippines.

In 2010, he headed the Census under the National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA).

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He served as President of the Lions Club, Bergenfield Chapter District 16-A year 2005-07.

He was also former President of Bergenfield Chamber of Commerce, year 2001-02.

Buddy is, likewise, active in his parish of St. John the Evangelist, Roman Catholic Church, where he serves as Lector and a former member of Pastoral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark.

He and his wife are also members of Couples for Christ. ☐

Buddy Deauna is looking forward to serving the people of Bergenfield given a chance to get elected.

We, in the Filipino Reporter, wish both candidates all the best.

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