

**LCA** 



LYNN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**Lynn Mayoral  
Candidate Forum**

Wednesday, August 7, 2013  
Congregation Ahabat Sholom  
151 Ocean Street, Lynn  
7:00 p.m.

# Upcoming Events



## Ward Candidate Forum—

Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 p.m., 151 Ocean St., Lynn

Doors open 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 29--**Essex Heritage Sails & Trails—Two Events**  
**Goldfish Pond and Grand Army of the Republic Museum**  
(free to all—get “Passport” from [www.essexheritage.org](http://www.essexheritage.org))

**Book Club--meets monthly September through June**

For more info email [lynncommunity@comcast.net](mailto:lynncommunity@comcast.net) or see our website [www.lynncommunity.org](http://www.lynncommunity.org)

**Eating Out Club—meets monthly at different Lynn Restaurants**

For more info, contact Trish, [paintertrish67@yahoo.com](mailto:paintertrish67@yahoo.com) or visit our website  
[www.lynncommunity.org](http://www.lynncommunity.org)

Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Fundraiser--Tides Restaurant & Pub, 2 Wilson Rd, Nahant**  
10% of all sales to benefit LCA programs and events.

October-November, Date/Time TBA--**Resource Fair**

December, Date/Time TBA--**Wreath Hanging**

Monday, January 20, 2014--**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual MLK, Jr. Day of Service**

March 2014—**Youth Forum**

May/June 2014—**Mayor’s State of the City**

June 2014—**Clean Sweep to the Sea**

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Lynn, MA**

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**7:00 pm**

**Welcome**

**Mary Trahan, LCA President**

**Moderator**

**Tom Sheehan\***

**Time Keeper**

**Steven Dwyer**

**Candidates Qualified by City Clerk:**

**Judith Flanagan Kennedy\*\***

**John Timothy (Tim) Phelan**

**\*Tom Sheehan** is a former (founding) board member of the Lynn Community Association and author of the LynnsideEdition, a community blog about his life in Lynn.

**\*\*Incumbent**

## FYI

- Lynn Community Association does not endorse any candidate for elections. Our purpose in presenting these forums is to provide Lynn voters with an opportunity to compare and contrast all candidates before making a choice for their City government and schools.
- Candidate profiles are listed in alphabetical order with a photo and a brief biography and vision statement.
- Candidates are seated for the forum in alphabetical order (left to right).
- Please accept our thanks for all Lynn citizens caring enough to come out tonight to this forum, and to the candidates who are taking time from their already busy campaign schedules to participate.

## In Gratitude...

*A special thanks to moderator, Tom Sheehan; time keeper, Steven Dwyer; and LCA photographer, Patrick Devanney.*

*Very special thanks to the Congregation Ahabat Sholom and Shendel Bakal for their very generous support of LCA by allowing use of their facilities and set up for the event.*

*We much appreciate a variety of local media coverage!*

*The mission of Lynn Community Association is to promote pride and ownership in our community through beautification, education, recreation, and neighborly relationships.*

# Debate Rules

1. Each candidate will be allowed 5 minutes for introduction; candidates will present in order by a coin toss (one heads; one tails). A yellow flag will be displayed by the time keeper 15 seconds before time is up. A red flag will be displayed when time has ended.\*
2. Moderator will ask questions which have been submitted anonymously by voters in the community. The first question will go to the candidate whose introduction was second. Further questions will then rotate between candidates to answer first.
3. Each candidate will have up to three (3) minutes to answer each question.
4. Candidates will be allowed up to 2 minutes to respond/rebut statements by contender (in addition to his/her 3 min.)
5. Following approximately 75 minutes of debate, each candidate will be allowed three (3) minutes to make his/her closing statement. Coin toss will determine which candidate is first with presenting closing remarks.
6. Candidates who do not respect time keeping rules may be disqualified from participating in the remainder of the debate.

\* Yellow/red flag time keeping will apply throughout.

## **City Clerk's Office**

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**Hours—**

**Monday** 8:30 AM to 4 PM

**Tuesday** 8:30 AM to 8 PM

**Wednesday** 8:30 AM to 4 PM

**Thursday** 8:30 AM to 4 PM

**Friday** 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

***You can register to vote at City Hall Clerk's Office, where you also can obtain/complete an absentee ballot.***

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***Candidate Photographs, Biographies,  
and Vision Statements  
were submitted by candidates  
and are presented on the following  
pages in alphabetical order.***

# Judith Flanagan Kennedy

Judy Flanagan Kennedy is the first elected female Mayor in Lynn's history and is a lifelong resident of Lynn. She was raised in West Lynn and graduated from Lynn Classical High School in 1980. She received her bachelor's degree magna cum laude from Tufts University in 1984, and a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1987. Prior to serving as the 56th Mayor of Lynn, she worked for Greater Lynn Senior Services as a driver for the elderly, where she became a member of Teamsters Local 42. Mayor Kennedy also practiced real estate law with a focus on condominium law for 14 years prior to becoming Mayor.



Mayor Kennedy entered politics in 1991, when she was elected to the first of her three terms on the Lynn School Committee. In 1997, she was elected to her first of five terms as a Councilor-at-Large. She sits on the board of directors of the Agganis Foundation and the Lynn Classical High School Alumni Association, and is a member of American MENSA. She is also a lifetime member of the Massachusetts Senior Action Council the Lynn Museum, and a past board member of My Brother's Table.

She was named Woman of the Year by the Lynn Journal in 2007, 2009 and 2011.

Judy and her husband, Kevin, who is also a lifelong Lynner, have been married for 19 years and have two children. Kevin works for Fidelity Investments and performs with the band Shuffle Mode. Their son Colin, 17, is a senior at Lynn English High School and is a member of the Dirty Floorboards. Their daughter Mia, 15, is a sophomore at Lynn English High School and is a member of the JR ROTC. The Kennedy family recently finished a major renovation on their home at 23 Buchanan Circle.

Elected in 2009, Judy has made great strides in transparency for open government, public safety improvements and city-wide infrastructure upgrades. The current budget and past fiscal year budgets for the City of Lynn are now accessible via the city website at [cityofLynn.net](http://cityofLynn.net). Mayor Kennedy has invested millions of dollars into the Lynn Public Schools for security and school improvement upgrades. During her administration, she was able to hire 29 officers for the Lynn Police Department. By bolstering the ranks of officers, she was able to reinstate the School Resource Officers, Community Liaison Teams, and added officers to multiple specialized units. Air conditioning was installed in the Lynn Auditorium in order to make it a venue that will be used year-round.

Mayor Kennedy has been endorsed by IAFF Firefighters Local 739.

# Candidate Kennedy's Statement of Vision for Lynn

My vision for Lynn has not changed since I first ran for Mayor in 2009. Throughout that campaign, I insisted that government in Lynn had to become open and accessible, cronyism needed to end, representation on appointed boards and commissions should be more reflective of the cultural diversity of the community, and public safety needed to be increased. Additionally, I espoused the idea of Lynn becoming a destination city, where people from other communities would have a reason to spend their time and money here. Let's review the improvements I have made in each category:

- Open Government: School committee meetings, in addition to the City Council meetings, are now on cable TV. Additionally, the City's website has been redesigned to be more user-friendly and to provide such information as city budgets and meeting agendas, information that had not been available online before I took office.
- A Fair Way of Conducting Business: None of my hires or appointments have been given their positions as a result of a personal or business relationship with me. I have also put out to bid city contracts such as ambulance service, snow plowing, and insurance. The summer jobs program, once a haven for youth "connected" to a person in power at City Hall, now uses a lottery system, conducted in public, to determine who will be offered jobs for the summer.

- Board Appointments Reflective of Our Community: When I took office in January 2010, only eight percent of board and commission appointees were persons of color. My administration has solicited appointment applications from all facets of the Lynn community, and the result has been a more diverse representation on these boards than at any time in the City's history."
- Greater Public Safety: Both the Police and Fire Departments now have about 190 uniformed personnel each, up from approximately 165 members each four years ago. I have also restored school resource officers in all Lynn middle schools, and have reinstated police bike patrols in every sector of the City.
- Lynn as a Destination: The full utilization of the Lynn Auditorium has been an economic benefit not only to City Hall, but to the stores and restaurants in the downtown area. When I took office in 2010, the Auditorium was hosting two to four ticketed events per year. Since 2010, we are scheduling 12 to 15 ticketed events per year, with more to be added with the recent completion of the air conditioning of the venue.

Our City has come a long way in four years. The next four years will bring more new businesses (in addition to Kettle Cuisine, Market Basket, and Rossetti's Restaurant, to name a few), automated trash collection, major renovations to parking lots and public spaces, and a new Marshall middle school. I look forward to continuing my record of progress with this beautiful community.

# **John Timothy Phelan (Tim)**

**2 Meghans Way  
Lynn, MA 01904**



## Education

- Brickett Elementary School
- Eastern Junior High School
- Lynn English High School
- Providence College, BA Humanities
- New England School of Law, Boston, MA Juris Doctorate

## Legal Qualifications

- Member of Massachusetts Bar
- Admitted to United States Federal Court
- Admitted to the U.S. Court of Military Appeals
- Member of American Bar Association

## Experience

- Lynn School Committee 1992-1995  
Vice Chairman 1994-1995
- Lynn City Council 1996-present  
Vice President 2002-2005  
President 2006-present
- Suffolk County District Attorney's Office  
Prosecuting Attorney (SJC 3:03)

- Neighborhood Legal Services
- Lynn Public Schools, Substitute Teacher
- North Shore Community College, Tutor
- S.T.R.I.V.E., Inc-Human Rights Commission
- Phelan and Phelan, Attorneys at Law
- Jon Jay Associates, Attorney
- Massachusetts Municipal Association
- Lorman Educational Services, Lecturer

### Community Involvement

- Lynn Youth Soccer, Coach/Board member
- Catholic Charities
- Knights of Columbus
- Ancient Order of Hibernians
- Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce
- Friends Lynn/Nahant Beach
- Lynn Museum
- Lynn City Democratic Committee
- St. Pius CYO Basketball Coach
- Friends of Lynn Woods
- Nahant Street Crime Watch
- Reclaim our Community Task Force
- Lynn Business Education Foundation
- Kiley Park Association
- St. Pius V Parish
- Wife Stacy (Program Specialist Connery Elementary School)  
son Ryan and daughter Meghan.
- Father, homeowner, taxpayer

## **Candidate Phelan's Statement of Vision for Lynn**

I am not satisfied with the status quo of the City of Lynn. I envision our City as a world-class, vibrant, affordable, economically and ethnically diverse, progressive city where citizens feel safe, enjoy their neighborhoods and access their city government. Lynn should be the best North Shore city in which to live, raise a family, visit and grow a business.

I see Lynn being renowned for its safe neighborhoods, vibrant economy, world class waterfront and educational excellence. I see Lynn as a place where families and people of all ages and backgrounds want to move into and not out of. However to get this point we cannot focus on the past and what has or has not been done.

We must only focus on the future. However to get to that point it will take collaboration, aggressive leadership, passion, energy, personal initiative, quality communication and the ability to work with federal, state, and local officials, civic organizations and all the people of our great City.

# What is



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**The Lynn Community Association evolved from a group of neighbors who initially considered forming a garden club. The group realized that Lynn is a great place to live, has unbelievable natural resources and beautiful architectures, along with wonderful people who often know nothing about one another. As they talked, they realized that their interests lie much farther than the boundaries of their own homes. From this conversation about a garden club, the East Lynn Community Association blossomed.**

**This newly founded group envisioned the city of Lynn as a clean, vibrant, informed community that would be a more desirable place for young families to raise their children. Over a period of two years, ELCA grew more. Wanting to be inclusive of all Lynn's residents, our name was changed to the Lynn Community Association in February 2012.**

**LCA wants Lynn to be a place where streets are neat, clean, and free of litter; trees and flowers flourish; parks are fun; it is safe for children, and adults have no fear on our sidewalks. We aspire to having good public schools, cleaner beaches and public areas, and a community that is informed.**

**The organization also strives to create neighborhoods where people know and care about one another.**

**Notes:**

## VOTER INFORMATION:

Last day to register to vote in primary—Wednesday, August 28

Primary election—Tuesday, September 17

Last day to register to vote in final election—Wednesday, October 16

Election Day—Tuesday, November 5

### *Reminder—Voter Registration*

*If you are not yet registered to vote or need to make changes on your registration, you can do so tonight. Visit the check-in table to pick up a registration form before you leave!*



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