

# FEMINIST NEWS AND VIEWS

## Morris County NOW

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Take Me Out To The Ballgame — See Page 6 For Somerset Patriots Tickets May/June 2019

### TEST THE RAPE KITS

By Susan J. Waldman

#### TAKE ACTION – GET INVOLVED

As you may recall, during our three fall 2018 tabling events, we circulated the following petition: TO STATE LEGISLATORS IN DISTRICTS 21, 24, 25, 26, 27 & 40 TO CO-SPONSOR A3956/S425, THE SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE SUBMISSION ACT (ALSO KNOWN AS THE “RAPE KIT” ACT). The bill statement is as follows: This bill would “require municipal, county, State and federal law enforcement agencies to submit to the appropriate forensic laboratory evidence collected in the investigation of a sexual assault case within 10 business days. The bill requires this evidence, often referred to as a ‘rape kit,’ to be analyzed by the lab within six months of when it is received if sufficient staffing and resources are available.” There are also time constraints on handling the records of sexual assault cases.

Our petition with over 250 signatures is now ready to be distributed to the legislators in the cited districts, all of which cover a portion of Morris County.

Since last fall nothing has changed in the status of these bills. Senate Bill S425 was introduced on January 9, 2018, and its companion bill, A3956, was introduced in the Assembly on May 17, 2018. None of the current sponsors represent any of the Morris County Legislative Districts.

We chose this issue for our petition because we feel this is a serious issue that needs to be addressed in New Jersey. It appears that our state does not know how many rape kits we have, nor are they analyzed in a timely manner. This is another women’s issue that has been swept under the rug.

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

These petitions need to be delivered to our legislators. An in-person visit is the most effective way. I have included the contact information for all the Morris County Legislators in this newsletter (Pages 4 & 5). The petitions are neatly packaged in manilla envelopes by district, one set for each legislator. Please call me, 973 895 2218, or email the chapter, [morriscountynow@gmail.com](mailto:morriscountynow@gmail.com), if you are interested. We can discuss talking points and any backup information you feel you might need. If you don’t want to go alone we can pair you up.

You can check out the bills at [www.njleg.state.nj.us](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us). For more information on this topic you can also visit [www.endthebacklog.org](http://www.endthebacklog.org). I look forward to hearing from you.

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**DON'T FORGET THE GARAGE SALE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST. FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE PAGE 6**

## NEW JERSEY COALITION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING UPDATE

By Susan J. Waldman



### **Pending State Legislation**

**Funding the State HT Commission (A4218).** *Makes supplemental appropriation of \$100,000 to Commission on Human Trafficking.* This bill was referred to the Assembly Women and Children Committee on June 21, 2018. No additional action. It passed the Senate on October 29, 2018.

**School Pilot Program (A1428/S2653).** **(NEW DESCRIPTION)** *Requires Department of Education to develop guidelines for school districts concerning child trafficking awareness and prevention.* Current status: Passed by the Assembly, March 26, 2018. Passed out of Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee, March 4, 2019. On March 14, 2019, Senator Ruiz amended the Senate bill to enact the curricula **immediately** and remove the need for a pilot program. This amendment was passed unanimously. The NJ Legislative website shows that on March 25, 2019 it was substituted by A1428. The next vote will be in the Assembly for concurrence to the amended Senate version. However, this vote won't occur until May 23, 2019 due to the budget break. (Per the NJ State Office of Legislative Services, April 9, 2019.)


**Expanded Vacatur Bill (A5085).** *Provides for process for a person to vacate and expunge, as applicable, arrests, charges, complaints, convictions, or other dispositions, as well as DNA records, associated with violations of law committed by person while victim of human trafficking.* Introduced on February 25, 2019, referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee. It was moved to the Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee on March 11, 2019, from which it was passed unanimously with amendments on the same day. Next steps are to have the Speaker post the bill for the full Assembly. It has been introduced in the Senate (S3678). Not posted to any committee yet. Primary Sponsors: Nilsa Cruz-Perez and Thomas H. Kean, Jr. Co-sponsor: Richard J. Codey. Senators should be called and asked to co-sponsor this bill, S3678. At this time no co-sponsorship papers will be submitted until May 23rd, 2019, after the budget break. The Senators can still prepare to co-sponsor before that date. I have been in touch with Senator Anthony R. Bucco's office, and he has agreed to co-sponsor.

Further background information: When New Jersey's current Human Trafficking bill (Human Trafficking Prevention, Protection and Treatment Act [A3352]) was passed on May 6, 2013, it was praised as one of the strongest anti-trafficking bills in the country. There are now more states with stronger legislation. The provisions in this new bill will serve to strengthen our bill and give greater support to the victims of Human Trafficking. Especially important are the provisions for expunging DNA records and making sure that all filings are automatically kept under seal to assure victims' privacy. This bill will help survivors move on with their lives, allowing them to get better paid jobs and even volunteer in their children's classrooms.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Traffick Slam** is where ART and ABOLITION come together for an evening of poetry, music and dance— May 21, 2019, 6 -10PM, Imperia, Somerset, NJ Tickets \$50. (See flyers on Page 3)

For more information, visit the Coalition website: [www.njhumantrafficking.org](http://www.njhumantrafficking.org) and Facebook page: NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking



YOU'RE INVITED

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## TRAFFICK SLAM 2019

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An Evening of Poetry, Music & Dance  
*Where Art Meets Abolition*

**May 21, 2019**  
**6:00pm to 10:00pm**

**The Imperia**  
**1714 Easton Avenue**  
**Somerset NJ**



VISIT  
[NJHUMANTRAFFICKING.ORG/TRAFFICKSLAM](http://NJHUMANTRAFFICKING.ORG/TRAFFICKSLAM)  
FOR POETRY COMPETITION INFORMATION  
PLUS SPONSORSHIPS & TICKETS  
EVENT INCLUDES TRICKY TRAY AUCTION

### TRAFFICK SLAM SPONSORSHIPS

**WHAT IS TRAFFICK SLAM?**

- Traffic Slam is where ART and ABOLITION come together for an evening of poetry, music and dance.
- Funds are raised for the work of the New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking, while awareness is raised about modern slavery.

**TRAFFICK SLAM EVENT DETAILS**

**Tuesday, May 21, 2019**  
**6pm to 10pm**  
The Imperia's Cristal Ballroom  
1714 Easton Avenue  
Somerset, NJ 08873

**TRAFFICK SLAM SPONSOR PACKAGES**

**\$500 TABLE SPONSOR**

- Table of 10 with some donated to survivors and students
- Event gift tote & listing in event program

**\$1,000 SILVER SPONSOR**

- Table of 10
- 10 event gift totes & listing in event program

**\$2,000 GOLD SPONSOR**

- Table of 10
- 10 event gift totes & listing in event program
- Listing on NJCAHT event webpage & press release recognition
- Prize giving and speaking opportunity,

Also available:  
\$100 SUPPORTER TICKET (VIP seating and event gift tote)  
\$50 INDIVIDUAL TICKET

For sponsorships contact:  
Kate Lee  
[kate@njhumantrafficking.org](mailto:kate@njhumantrafficking.org)  
or call 201-903-2111

## A Tale of Two Women

By Susan J. Waldman

I want to tell you a story of two women of achievement and their connection through Morris County NOW.

The first is Ms. Sheilah Coley. Ms. Coley was recently named the Police Director of the City of Trenton. She is the first black woman to hold that position. Sheilah Coley has experienced other “firsts” in her career. Notably, she spent twenty-five years in the Newark Police Department where she ultimately was promoted to Chief of Police, the first woman in that position. After leaving Newark, she became the first woman Public Safety Director in East Orange.

The second woman is Rebecca Lubetkin, a long-time member of Morris County NOW. Rebecca is a member of the Veteran Feminists of America (VFA), with an impressive history of working to achieve equality for women and girls. For over ten years, Rebecca was the host of Morris County NOW’s public access, cable television show, *New Directions for Women*. Recently Rebecca told her story in an interview filmed by the VFA to document the history of the women’s movement.

Their connection was made on December 5, 2012, the night that Ms. Coley appeared as a guest on our television show in celebration of her appointment to the position of Newark’s Chief of Police and was interviewed by our host Rebecca Lubetkin. Both women have achieved a high standard in the world of feminism. Both are role models for young girls today. And you can see and hear their stories on YouTube. Here are the links:

*New Directions for Women*, Show #228, “Hail to the Chief” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q7ilGILSXLl&feature=youtu.be>

A short interview with Sheilah Coley on her appointment to Police Director of the City of Trenton. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVupXA9KetI>

Rebecca Lubetkin’s VFA interview. [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1M\\_qMP-Ur0g7froL3nm2BjGLwOzygbMNL/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1M_qMP-Ur0g7froL3nm2BjGLwOzygbMNL/view)

## Morris County Legislative Districts & Contact Information

### District 21

#### **Chatham Boro, Long Hill Township**

Senator [THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.](#) - Republican

District Office: 425 North Ave. East, Suite C, Westfield, NJ 07090 (908) 232-3673

District Office: 57 Union Place, Suite 310, Summit, NJ 07901 (908) 918-0414

District Office: 251 North Ave. West, 2nd Floor, Westfield, NJ 07090 (908) 232-2073

Assemblyman [JON M. BRAMNICK](#) - Republican

District Office: 251 North Ave. West, 2nd Floor, Westfield, NJ 07090 (908) 232-2073

Assemblywoman [NANCY F. MUNOZ](#) - Republican

District Office: 57 Union Place, Suite 310, Summit, NJ 07901 (908) 918-0414

District Office: 425 North Ave. East, Suite C, Westfield, NJ 07090

District Office: 251 North Ave. West, 2nd Floor, Westfield, NJ 07090

### District 24

#### **Mount Olive**

Senator [STEVEN V. OROHO](#) - Republican

District Office: One Wilson Drive, Suite 2B, Sparta, NJ 07871 (973) 300-0200

District Office: 1001 Route 517, P.O. BOX 184, Allamuchy, NJ 07820 (908) 441-6343

Assemblyman [PARKER SPACE](#) - Republican

District Office: One Wilson Drive, Suite 2B, Sparta, NJ 07871 (973) 300-0200

District Office: 1001 Route 517, P.O. Box 184, Allamuchy, NJ 07820 (908) 441-6343

Assemblyman [HAROLD J. WIRTHS](#) - Republican

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District Office: 1001 Route 517, P.O. Box 184, Allamuchy, NJ 07820 (908) 441-6343

### District 25

#### **Boonton, Boonton Township, Chester, Chester Township, Denville, Dover, Mendham, Mendham Township, Mine Hill, Morris, Morristown, Mount Arlington, Mountain Lakes, Netcong, Randolph, Rockaway Boro, Roxbury, Victory Gardens, Washington, Wharton**

Senator [ANTHONY R. BUCCO](#) - Republican

District Office: 75 Bloomfield Ave., Suite 302, 3rd Floor, Denville, NJ 07834 (973) 627-9700

Assemblyman [ANTHONY M. BUCCO](#) - Republican

District Office: 1040 Route 10 West, 1st Floor, Randolph, NJ 07869 (973) 927-2526

Assemblyman [MICHAEL PATRICK CARROLL](#) - Republican

District Office: 146 Speedwell Ave., Morris Plains, NJ 07950 (973) 539-8113

### District 26

#### **Butler, Jefferson, Kinnelon, Lincoln Park, Montville, Morris Plains, Parsippany-Troy Hills, Rockaway Township**

Senator [JOSEPH PENNACCHIO](#) - Republican

District Office: 170 Changebridge Road, Unit A1, Montville, NJ 07045 (973) 227-4012

Assemblywoman - [BETTYLOU DECROCE](#) - Republican

District Office: 90 East Halsey Road, Suite 380, Parsippany, NJ 07054 (862) 701-5156

Assemblyman [JAY WEBBER](#) - Republican

District Office: 160 Littleton Road, Suite 204, Parsippany, NJ 07054 (973) 917-3420



## SPRING HAS SPRUNG AND SUMMER'S ON ITS WAY!

### It must be Garage Sale time!

You know the drill. Morris County NOW is ready to take your unwanted, unused, and generally no longer needed stuff and pass it on to someone who will give it a new home.

Please call Susan J. Waldman, 973 8952218, to arrange drop off or pick up. The sale is on Saturday, June 1, 2019, and we are ready to accept your merchandise. THANK YOU!!



## New Jersey Marks New Milestone Record Number of Women Serving as County Freeholders A report from the Center for American Women in Politics (CAWP)

In March, 2019, CAWP released part one of its [New Jersey County Report Card](#), covering county freeholders and mayors in the state, and the report shows that, in 2019, New Jersey has more women freeholders than any time in history. Currently, 44 women hold freeholder positions around New Jersey, making up 33% of all freeholders in the state. In addition, 14 women of color serve as freeholders, 10% of the total, including 7 Black women, 5 Latinas, and 2 Asian Pacific Islander women. Around the state, 86 women serve as mayors, an increase from 80, but women still comprise only 15% of all New Jersey mayors. The New Jersey County Report Card also provides a county ranking based on the proportion of women serving in these positions. The top three counties for women's representation on freeholder boards are Somerset (60%), Bergen (57%), and Union (56%), where women hold a majority of the available positions. By contrast, both Salem and Warren counties have zero women serving as freeholders. Union (38%), Mercer (33%), and Hunterdon (27%) counties have the highest proportion of women serving as mayors. The bottom seven counties in our mayoral rankings see women holding less than 10% of those offices, and Hudson County has zero women among its 12 mayors.

## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!!

Once again Morris County NOW is selling vouchers to the Somerset Patriots' home games. All home games are played in Bridgewater at the TD Bank Ballpark, just off Route 287 at Exit 13 (north or south).

**A GENUINE BARGAIN!!** The vouchers are selling at the box office for \$12, but we are selling them for **ONLY \$8.00**. They can be redeemed for Upper Box Seats at any Somerset Patriots home game. You don't have to go far to have a fun, family experience!!

Please contact Susan J. Waldman, 973 895 2218, for vouchers and game schedules. If you want to learn more about the team, visit their website, [www.somersetpatriots.com](http://www.somersetpatriots.com).



The 2019 NOW National Conference is being held in Minneapolis, Minnesota from July 19, 2019 through July 21, 2019 at the Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport Mall of America. For registration and other information, visit the NOW website: [www.now.org](http://www.now.org).

**NOW-NJ HAS A NEW ADDRESS  
POST OFFICE BOX 881  
NEPTUNE, NJ 07754**

## Morristown St. Patrick's Day Parade March 9, 2019



**A beautiful day for a march!**

**Be A Newsletter Contributor**

Wouldn't you like to see your name in print? How about submitting an article to the Morris County NOW newsletter? Maybe you have an idea or an issue that you would like to publicize? Please send any articles to our email address, [morriscountynow@gmail.com](mailto:morriscountynow@gmail.com). Since our newsletter is published bi-monthly at the beginning of the "odd" months (July, September, November, etc.), the deadline for submitting articles is the third Monday of the "even" months (June, August, October). This would apply for advertisements also.

**SUBMIT AN ARTICLE FOR OUR MEMBER'S CORNER**

Please note that all articles and advertisements submitted for printing are subject to the discretion of the editor.

**Email Alerts**

Morris County NOW wants your email address so we can keep you aware of important up-to-the-minute chapter news. Perhaps there is an upcoming event or action on an issue important to you that came up after the newsletter was published.

Since our newsletter is bi-monthly, this can easily occur. In this day and age of instant communication we want to keep in touch with our members.

Please write to us at [morriscountynow@gmail.com](mailto:morriscountynow@gmail.com).

**Join Us On Facebook**

Morris County NOW can now be found on Facebook, a social utility site that keeps people connected. If you are not already a member of Facebook, it is free and easy to join. You can use the link [www.facebook.com/mcnownj](http://www.facebook.com/mcnownj)



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**National NOW's Top Six Priority Issues**

- Abortion and Reproductive Rights**
- Economic Justice**
- Ending Sex Discrimination**
- Lesbian Rights**
- Promoting Diversity & Ending Racism**
- Stopping Violence Against Women**

**Chapter Calendar**

**Tuesday, May 7, 2019**

Morris County NOW Chapter Meeting  
Morris Plains Community Center  
7:30 PM

**Friday, May 17, 2019**

Northern NJ NOW. Montclair State University and the Resistance Café Present  
The Vagina Monologues  
For more information visit:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2207722525988302/>

**Saturday, May 18, 2019**

**State Board Meeting and Election of State Legislative V.P.**  
South Jersey NOW Hosting  
For more information, visit [www.nownj.org](http://www.nownj.org)

**Tuesday, May 21, 2019**

**The NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking Presents Traffick Slam**  
See flyers on page 3.

**Saturday, June 1, 2019**

Morris County NOW Chapter Garage Sale  
8:30 AM—4:30 PM

**Tuesday, June 4, 2019**

Morris County NOW Chapter Meeting  
Morris Plains Community Center  
7:30 PM

**PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO JULY CHAPTER MEETING**

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Advertising Rates/Business Card Size:  
Members: \$15/Issue  
Non-Members: \$25/Issue  
Let us help you reach like-minded women and men

**DON'T FORGET OUR JUNE 1, 2019**



## Membership Application

Morris County NOW (NJ0200)  
P.O. Box 394  
Morristown, New Jersey 07960

I wish to join NOW and commit myself to take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising all privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

National, State, and Local Dues:

- \_\_\_ \$35. Regular Dues
- \_\_\_ \$15-\$34. Reduced Dues
- \_\_\_ Additional support
- \_\_\_ \$5. Newsletter Only

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form with your check to the address above.

## Our TV show "New Directions for Women" is available on YouTube

Most of the shows from 2007 to September 22, 2016, and some from as far back as 1994 are now available for on-demand viewing. More recent shows are in one 29 minute presentation. Because of limitations previously imposed by YouTube, older shows are presented as three separate ten minute segments. To help improve continuity, each subsequent segment begins by replaying approximately the last 20 seconds of the previous part. As time permits, the archives will expand to include all previous shows (to date we have produced 285 programs). To access "New Directions for Women," go to [www.YouTube.com/mcnownj](http://www.YouTube.com/mcnownj).

## Come to Our Morris County NOW Monthly Meetings

Wonder what NOW is all about? Looking for sisterhood and good conversation? Is there a women's rights issue you would like to get active around? Here's your opportunity. All are welcome. Meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Morris Plains Community Center, 51 Jim Fear Drive, Morris Plains. (Unless indicated in the chapter calendar on our website.) We hope to meet you there. For more information, call our chapter phone or visit [www.morriscountynow.org](http://www.morriscountynow.org).

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## Going Green

Thank you to all the members who replied to our "Going Green" campaign. You can still let us know if you want to receive your newsletter by email only. Contact us by phone, 973 285 1200, or by email, [morriscountynow@gmail.com](mailto:morriscountynow@gmail.com).

## Feminist News and Views

News and Views is published six times a year by Morris County NOW as a means of informing the membership of current activities and issues.

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