

October 22 & October 29

Joey Cavaccini

County Legislator Joseph D. Cavaccini was elected to serve the people of the Dutchess County Legislature's 15th district in 2019. As a community advocate and appointed Town Historian for the Town of Wappinger, Cavaccini has dedicated most of his life to bettering the quality of life for the people of Wappinger. Starting his public service career at age 12 in 2012, he was appointed to his position within the Office of the Town Historian for the Town of Wappinger, making him the youngest person to be appointed to a post within a municipal historian's office in New York State as well as the youngest official to serve in a public capacity in the State.

In 2014, he was appointed by the Board of Directors of the Sports Museum of Dutchess County to fill the vacancy of Museum Curator. With this appointment, Cavaccini started the largest renovation in the museum's history and spearheaded the Legends of Dutchess exhibition. He is also the founder and Executive Director of the Friends of Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park Incorporated, a community-based organization working with the Town of Wappinger to promote and preserve the town-owned Carnwath Farms Park. Cavaccini also serves a member of the Board of Trustees for the Wappinger Historical Society. He is also involved in many recreational events and programming for the Town of Wappinger. From 2017 – 2019, he served the Town of Fishkill as their Town Historian.

On October 3, 2017, Cavaccini was elected to his first elected office representing the Grinnell Public Library District, which includes the Village of Wappingers Falls and Town of Wappinger. Assuming this office, made him the youngest elected official in the Town of Wappinger and the youngest at the time of taking office in New York State at 18 years old.

As a County Legislator, Cavaccini serves as an advocate of County resources for the people of Wappinger as well as the Town government itself (for grant funding, shared services and initiatives, etc.). As well as advocating for the reconstruction of County roadways to accommodate existing traffic needs with increased communication with the public on these projects. He works to encourage smart economic development of our vacant abandoned commercial parcels before the development of undeveloped lands. Including advocating for affordable housing for seniors and veterans. Also the limiting of large housing developments that cause increased traffic and crowding in schools. Creating partnerships with Dutchess County Government and the Town of Wappinger on expanding Town Water and Sewer services to residents of District 15. Mr. Cavaccini is a student at Marist College in Poughkeepsie.