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said he was excited to be a part of a team that would focus on jobs.

Gabor, elected to the Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders in 2012, said she was proud to be on the ticket. "For me it's all about working for seniors, working class people, the working poor and keeping businesses here and providing jobs," she said.

Adelizzi-Schmidt said the current legislative team is not meeting those needs.

The team crossed the street to Rixey Real Estate and talked to Jim Rixey, who said the economy needed to improve so people would have jobs and could afford to buy real estate.

"I think we are on the right track now," Rixey said.

Adelizzi-Schmidt told Rixey they were looking to bring new life into economic development.

"We need to get people interested in buying here and starting businesses," she said.

The team then crossed back over Main Street to talk to Mike Parker, the owner of Blooms Flower Shop.

"I've about given up on New Jersey," Parker said.

Parker said it was ridiculous to have over 600 taxing districts in the state.

"That's why we are doing this - we can't give up on the state," Flocchi said. "It's for the larger cause."

Parker also mentioned his disapproval of Council On Affordable Housing's (COAH) ever-changing regulations, and the project to remove traffic lights from the Garden State Parkway, saying it is costing \$200 million.

"The project came in at \$110 million," Freeholder Director Jerry Thornton said.

"You just wait and see - it'll be \$200 million," Parker said. "And it's too late to stop the cutting down of 26 acres of trees."

Regarding COAH, Lockwood said a step toward gaining relief would be to elect Republican legislators.

"Electing these people will allow Gov. Christie to enact common sense legislation," he said.

"We have no voice down here," Adelizzi-Schmidt said.

Parker said the first district has no political clout in Trenton.

"There is no one making enough noise," Adelizzi-Schmidt added.

Flocchi said the first district is ripe for change.

"This is one of the top districts in the state for a takeover," he said.

Asked about specific plans to overcome the high unemployment, Adelizzi-Schmidt said they would be releasing their platform in the next couple of weeks and it would outline specific components related to economic development and job growth.

Part of it, she said, was creating a talent pool and matching employees with employers. She said Cape May County has already put together a fund to begin this process.

"I would like to see this happen district-wide," she said.

Adelizzi said her family has owned a business in the Wildwoods for years, where she worked in her youth. She went away to college and came back and was able to work.

"But a lot of my friends had to leave (to get work)," she said.

She said she wants others to have the same opportunity she had to stay and work.

She said Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno has been recruiting businesses to locate in New Jersey to help provide jobs.

Gabor said so far, a Democratic-controlled legislature has only succeeded in providing government jobs.

Adelizzi-Schmidt said she believes the first district has great infrastructure and a great talent pool, but the state representatives have not gotten the message out.

Van Drew: Elections can be positive

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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CAPE MAY COUNTY - In response to the announcement that the Republican first district candidates would focus on economic development and jobs, State Sen. Jeff Van Drew said he was looking forward to hearing their ideas.

"Economic development is a wonderful idea and I look forward to hearing their proposals in detail," Van Drew said. "We reach out our hands in friendship. Elections are competitive, but they can also be productive."

Van Drew said he doesn't think the campaign should be about blame.

"To blame any one senator or assemblyman (for the unemployment rate) is nonsensical, just as you can't blame the governor for unemployment, it's a national issue," Van Drew said.

Van Drew said it would be equally silly for anyone to, for example, blame the Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders for the unemployment in Cape May County.

"So doesn't make sense to blame one person or a team," Van Drew said. "We have worked hard as a team and our new member (Assemblyman Robert Andrzejczak) will work hard on many issues related to the economy."

Van Drew said the Democratic team, of which he is a member, has worked on establishing spending caps, reforms in benefit, healthcare and pension systems.

"The work was done all done with bipartisan efforts - the Atlantic City issues, trying to help there, the work in district to support county college, I was an advocate since I was a freeholder. Cumberland County colleges as well. When they needed Chapter 12 funding for construction, that was a bipartisan effort, saving the

Vineland Developmental Center in Cumberland County saved 1,500 jobs alone," Van Drew said.

Van Drew said getting the lights off the Garden State Parkway created construction jobs.

Getting traffic lights off parkway created jobs.

"There are a lot of issues we worked on and continue to work on in a bipartisan way, so we reach out hand in friendship and cooperation. Let's not play the blame game," he said.

Van Drew also said it was not accurate that Cape May County and the first legislative district do not have a voice in Trenton. He pointed to capital projects coming into the district, which he said would amount to three Quarters of a billion dollars in construction when all is done, including the traffic light removal, reconfiguring exit zero, a new Great Egg Harbor Bridge, and the demolition and removal of the Beesley's Point Bridge.

He said the team has provided a voice on property tax caps, spending caps and pension reform.

Van Drew also said he has a history of being open and non-partisan.

"Everyone knows, if they want to be honest, that I've never been one who cares about a political party. In fact, we were criticized in (newspaper) editorials saying we weren't Democrat enough," he said.

Van Drew said when he became the first Democrat elected to the Cape May County freeholder board, some people told him he had to vote no on everything and fight his Republican colleagues all the way. He said he refused to do that.

"If I see a Republican idea and it's a good idea I will work on those issues and support those issues. There is just way too much partisanship in the state and the country," Van Drew said.

Buy

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land failed.

The city recently bonded \$3.4 million to buy the Vance's Bar property and two additional lots on St. John Street. The funding will take care of demolition of the old structure, as well as legal fees and appraisals for the park project. According to Mahaney, the bond does not cover any improvements to the park once all of the land is obtained, however, there would be public hearings on any future planning for the park. The public hearing for council's introduced ordi-

nance to purchase the Vance's Bar property is scheduled for May.

City Manager Bruce MacLeod said the state's Green Acres and Blue Acres programs are funding approximately half of the project, with the other half coming from Cape May's open-space fund.

Landscape architect students from Temple University drafted designs for the park project, which were presented to the public last year.

A coal gasification plant previously located on the site left toxins behind in the soil, which former Mayor Jerry

Gaffney believes makes the land worth much less than \$1.956 million. Contaminants range from naphthalene to benzene, according JCP&L (Jersey Central Power & Light) reports.

"As a taxpayer, resident and voter, I object to paying \$2 million for that parcel of land. Paying that much money is just awful," Gaffney said during public comment.

Mahaney said remediation of the gas plant site would be of no cost to the city and it will only be used for surface level recreation and parking.

Gaffney said the residents and taxpayers should make

the decision as to whether the city buys the parcel of land. Mahaney said all of the steps taken by the city over the past four years to acquire the site have been "transparent and open to the public," and Gaffney seems to be the only resident who objects to purchasing it. City Solicitor Tony Monzo said all residents would have a chance to voice their opinions at the public hearing in May.

Water

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dents, Ecker said. If the demand is heavy this summer it might involve hiring additional crew or a subcontractor for faster installations.

There are still some modifications to be made to permits. The one to construct the well has to be converted into a permit to transmit now that the allocation permit has been granted. Modifications have to be made to the allocation permit to distribute the water. This is not a problem Ecker told the board.

"It's just a matter of paperwork that will take a couple of weeks," Ecker said."

In the past year or two, the project has been incomplete because the allocation permit was yet to be granted. The permit to construct the well had been received and the well completed last year. The MUA investigated asking for the unused water allocation of the City of Cape May to be transferred to Lower Township while the application was being processed to try to speed up the approval. The MUA was told by the DEP this was not possible.

"Is there cooperation with the Lower Township Public Works over the restoration of Club House Drive?" board member Thomas Frisoli said.

"Have you had any kind of success?"

"I checked into their grant application for the south end of Clubhouse Drive. It is still pending. They have not received the funding but it has not been denied. I had a meeting with the new township engineer and we discussed the streets in Town Bank Phase 3 that need more than trench restoration especially Village Drive, McKinley down to Oakdale. Rather than doing a trench restoration I would do a full curb restoration. Those roads are in pretty bad shape. I have a meeting with (Public Works Supervisor) Gary Douglass and George Curvan next week to try and go over some of that cost sharing," Ecker said.

Dogs

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court hearing is required to take action and prevent it from happening again.

A court hearing for last week has been rescheduled.

National Flood Insurance Program Rating System

The Community Rating System is a program for communities to lower the cost of flood insurance premiums paid for property owners by adopting community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum standards required by the National Flood Insurance Program.

The goals of the program are to reduce flood losses, strengthen the insurance aspects of the National Flood Insurance Program and to promote awareness of the importance of flood insurance.

Participating communities earn a reduction in flood insurance premiums based on the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System.

Nearly 3.8 million policyholders in 1,211 communities participate in CRS by implementing local mitigation, floodplain management, and outreach activities that exceed the minimum NFIP standards.

52 communities in New Jersey are receiving flood insurance premium discounts based on their implementation of local mitigation, outreach and educational activities. The Meadowlands Commission is also participating in CRS.

Participating communities earn points in the program based on 18 creditable activities, organized under four categories: (i) Public Information, (ii) Mapping and Regulations, (iii) Flood Damage Reduction, and (iv) Flood Preparedness.

For CRS participating communities, flood insurance premium rates are discounted in increments of 5 percent. For example, a Class 1 community (at the highest level of compliance) would receive a 45 percent premium discount, while a Class 9 community would receive a 5 percent discount. Communities rated as Class 10 are participating in the CRS but do not yet meet the minimum standards needed to qualify for lower flood insurance premiums.

Compliance with the New Jersey Dam Safety program, new state storm water management requirements, and the development of all hazard mitigation plans provides CRS credits to all municipalities. Communities can also qualify for CRS credits by adopting freeboard elevation requirements.

The reduction in flood insurance premiums represents an annual savings in premium costs for policy holders and will take effect at the time a new policy is written or a policy already in effect is renewed.

In addition to premium reductions, participating communities realize additional benefits from the program because local officials and property owners become more knowledgeable about flood plain management, flood insurance and ways of reducing risk.

Learn more about the NFIP's CRS program at fema.gov/business/nfip.

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