

## Statement to New Castle Residents from John Buckley

If I had to describe myself in a single statement, I would say, "I am New Castle." I have lived here for more than 20 years with my Linda and our two teenage boys. I work here and volunteer here. And, I have had the privilege to serve here on the Town Board for the past 10 years.

For 14 years, I volunteered in the Chappaqua Fire Department, and have coached our youth sports teams since my own kids were little.

While my background is in business and I have been active on our Rotary, I also have a law degree, which has been very helpful in how I negotiate the complicated matters that come before our Board. As an undergraduate, I received a degree in environmental conversation, which has provided me with an important perspective for much of what we do in planning for the future.

And, in my day job as a realtor, I sell more than homes – I sell our town. It isn't only the bricks and mortar, the shingles and the landscaping that I sell. More importantly, I sell New Castle's way of life --its parks, its schools, its resources. We are a strong community and I think we share a collective sense of pride about where we live.

At the same time, we still have many issues and challenges to solve, and that is why I am running for re-election. I'm not looking for a platform to push my own agenda or views, but rather to build consensus and help bring people together to improve our town for the present and for the future. I'm often asked why I feel such a strong commitment to serve the community and how I am able to balance the time required to attend meetings and review important matters. For me, that answer is simple. It comes from the satisfaction I get from the look on the face of a senior who is without power and is brought hot coffee and emergency supplies. It comes from the smiles and team pride of the kids I coach. It comes from the people who I've helped purchase their home years ago but who still call me for advice or to say hello. And, it comes from knowing that I always have the town's best interests at heart when I am voting on the issues and decisions that come before our board.

Because I live and work here, I'm easy to find. So, I hope that when you see me on the street, you'll come up to say hello, let me know what's on your mind and how you think we're doing to represent the best interests of our town.

I look forward to speaking with as many of you as I can throughout this campaign and into the new term if re-elected.