

LETTER TO EDITOR
RE POMPTON DAY

I recently moved back to Pompton Lakes, having grown up here back in the 50's, so I consider this my hometown.

I had a great time at the Pompton Day event, so I was interested in the controversy Ms. Merlino brought up.

There are a couple of things which concern me. One is that she claims to have no political motivation, and expresses concern that "some very big mistakes ... made in the election of our next town council."

I can understand her concern. She was appointed to the Municipal Alliance by the mayor and council, so it would sure be in her best interest to keep the existing players in the game. She is paid \$750 a month for this appointment, and if I were her, I'd hate to lose that extra money each month.

I'm sure she earns every penny of the consulting fee, but it's hard to know, since there are no minutes kept for any of the meetings.

I'm also sure that when she says she has volunteered her services to the town she is referring to other volunteer work, and not her paid consulting job with the MA.

She did a great job at Pompton Day, and I applaud her for those efforts. It just seemed that she used thanking the volunteers at the event to further a political agenda and I think that's inappropriate. Just thank the volunteers. Don't start your letter of thanks with some political baloney.

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