

## Letters to the editor

### Bad choice

To the editor:

Well Germantownians, it's that time of year again. Political season is upon us. And there's no shortage of misleading campaigning to boot.

I, much like the rest of the audience in attendance of the October Town Board meeting, witnessed first hand the underhanded tactics of one of the candidates for Town Board. The first sentence of candidate Arthur Schiff's "Fair Campaign Pledge" states, "I pledge to conduct my campaign fairly, openly and truthfully."

In fact, while using a business meeting of the Germantown Town Board as a political platform, Mr. Schiff read from an e-mail sent to the town of German-

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town from the president of the Germantown Democratic Organization regarding the disappearance of Democratic campaign signs, which was also reported on in the Oct. 20 issue of the *Register-Star*. The e-mail was wishing to file a formal complaint to the Germantown Police Department. The individual who sent the email was immediately contacted upon receipt of the email and informed on the

process for filing a formal complaint with the Germantown Police Department.

Mr. Schiff not only incorrectly used a business meeting as a political platform, but misled the entire audience, both in attendance and at home (town board meetings are taped and aired on local cable in the weeks following the meeting) into believing that the town and its police department were acting negligently in not

responding to the e-mail or issue at hand.

The fact is, this rightfully concerned citizen of Germantown was immediately called and the issue was addressed. This individual was told when and how to begin the process of filing a formal complaint with the Germantown Police Department. Five days later, this issue was reported by Mr. Schiff as not "responded" to.

Now, I'm not sure if this is an issue of "the pinky not letting the thumb know what's going on," which is hard to believe considering the two individuals involved are the Germantown Democratic Organization President and one of the Democratic Candidates, or an attempt to

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paint the town, it's Police Department, and the members of the Board negligent. If I had to take a guess, I'd stand firm in believing it's the later of the two since it so happens to be that Mr. Schiff has his sights set on one of those board seats.

Now, voters of Germantown, I ask you — Where is the fair and truthful campaigning Mr. Schiff pledged to conduct?

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