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### Molinaro keeps seat

By: Mitchell Trinko, Staff Reporter

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Voters turned out in droves Nov. 4, when not only the presidential election was on people's minds, but also local races waged for New York State Assembly seats. According to unofficial results in the 103rd Assembly District, Republican incumbent Marcus Molinaro defeated Green Party and Democratic candidate Anne Rubin, 23,197 votes to 13,233 votes in Dutchess County. The results for Columbia County were unavailable by press time. Molinaro said he was very grateful for the win, having been called by Rubin at 11 p.m. to concede. He said although he didn't have any concrete numbers, he knew he had a "comfortable margin" of victory.

"I'm profoundly grateful to the people of the 103rd District," said Molinaro. "They have spoken loudly and clearly."

He said he will hit the ground running next week, when he and other representatives will go to Albany to focus on fiscal challenges facing the state. He said he will try to rein in government spending and provide relief to taxpayers.

He said the most important issues facing his constituents are not only the ever-growing burden of property taxes, but also the state's finances. This includes reining in spending, bolstering job growth and demanding a smaller, more efficient government, Molinaro said.

He also said the environment and alternative energy sources are issues important to him and his constituents.

Molinaro, who began his political career in 1994 on the Village of Tivoli Board of Trustees, was soon elected mayor. He has served as a Dutchess County Legislator as well.

"I have never been afraid to challenge the status quo of those in leadership," Molinaro said. "The interests of the people I serve are my primary concern and my record demonstrated this. I will continue fighting."

Frances Soosman, a resident of Tivoli, voted Democrat down the line. She said in these uncertain times, she wanted to give power to people she feels can change the state and nation for the better.

"That's how I always vote," said Soosman. "I believe in those candidates. Especially the local ones."

Bennett Harrar voted for the first time on Election Day. He said he ended up voting for every Democrat on the ticket except in the 103rd Assembly District race. He voted for Molinaro.

Harrar said, growing up in Tivoli, he had a chance to see Molinaro grow from a village mayor to the politician he is today, noting that Molinaro always does everything he can for Dutchess County, and that's what makes him a good assemblyman.

The 103rd Assembly District includes the Dutchess County towns of Red Hook Milan, Pine Plains, northeast, Stanford, Pleasant Valley, Washington, Amenia, Union Vale,



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Dover, Beekman, and East Fishkill, as well as towns in Columbia County.  
Anne Rubin could not be reached for comment before press time Tuesday night.

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