

# UNION COUNTY WATCHDOG ASSOCIATION

*Shining a Light  
on Government*

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## Annual Appeal

For the past six years the Union County Watchdog Association has worked to investigate Union County government and offer the public tools to keep watch over them as well. The UCWA needs your support. Annually we ask for a \$10.00 contribution from every family. Please be as generous as you can afford. By making a donation you can help keep watch over Union County government with us.

Those of you who have been on our e-mail list and read the County Watchers blog know all that we have been able to uncover in regards to county business dealings and how they affect not only our property taxes but our public safety as well.

In 2009 the Star-Ledger completely abandoned Union County coverage. If you want to know what's going on in Union County government you'll have to read the County Watchers blog. History that may have been lost forever, had we not recorded it.

Our website continues to act as a resource for the public offering public records that the County of Union doesn't post on their website. The Citizen's Forum shows continue to shine a light on freeholder meetings and give citizen's a voice.

### **In 2011 County Manager George Devaney resigned!**

He is under investigation by the F.B.I.

### **In 2011 Musicfest shenanigans were finally investigated!**

The Union County Prosecutor concluded their investigation into the cash that went missing from 2010 Musicfest because the UCWA made it impossible for him to ignore. We then issued a report on his investigative report and found many shady areas. We followed-up with a report on Musicfest 2011. We will continue to lobby the State for justice.

### **In 2011 the UCWA filed suits in Superior Court which are ongoing:**

- The Union County Alliance – **is not** an independent non-profit, citizens should have access to their records. We have a right to know how our tax dollars are being spent.
- The Union County Performing Arts Center – **is not** an independent non-profit, citizens should have access to their records. We have a right to know how our tax dollars are being spent.
- The Rutherford Institute filed a free speech lawsuit against Union County Officials for censoring Tina Renna and disrupting her local TV program – The Citizen's Forum.

2012 is proving to be no less challenging for citizen watchdogs of Union County government than the last 6 years. Taxes have risen over 100% since 2000 and show no sign of abating and county debt has ballooned.

### **Please make your tax deductible contribution payable to:**

**The Union County Watchdog Association, Inc.; 202 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016.**

We look forward to watching Union County government in 2012. We meet the first Wednesday of each month and you are welcome to join us. If you would like to become more personally involved in projects please contact Tina Renna at [tinarena@unioncountywatchdog.org](mailto:tinarena@unioncountywatchdog.org) or call 908-418-5586.

### **Our Mission**

*The Union County Watchdog Association, Inc. is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization working on behalf of residents and taxpayers to monitor Union County government and advocate for the elimination of waste, corruption and incompetence. We believe that good government can only be achieved through a system of checks and balance - a system that includes the watchful eye of the people.*