



Blue Bell's *Finest*

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meet the
CAMPOLONGO FAMILY
of St. Andrews

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MEET NEIGHBOR AND WHITPAIN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR JEFF CAMPOLONGO



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neighbor spotlight
By Spyglass Resident Writer Tama Phillips



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Jeff Campolongo is a man of many talents. He identifies most with husband, son and father. He's a volunteer coach for his daughters' basketball and softball games. He's a proud Villanova Wildcat, but also got his law degree from Widener, where he was recognized with the Outstanding Service Award. Campolongo is a St. Andrews neighbor, and former BBCC homeowners' board member. He gained local notoriety as host and personality of the music-television program *Live on Stage*. For nearly two decades Campolongo has led his own boutique law practice specializing in employment and entertainment. And most recently, he's added Whitpain Township Supervisor to his list of titles.

"I was sworn in on January 6th, and sworn at on January 7th," Jeff laughed. "Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, my entire month of March was cancelled. We were only about a month into our agenda we had, with our plans consistent with campaign promises. Nor-

mally, there are a lot of in-person responsibilities, but now all of that's been shelved, put on the back burner, and all the time is focused on this."

Campolongo had high praise for the Whitpain Township staff. "Similar to what we have here in the country club, the staff handles much of the day-to-day operational responsibilities for the township and they do it very well. The board here in the country club sets policy, some rule making, enforces rules; but, the reality is the management company runs the day-to-day. In the township we have 95 full-time employees and it's run like a tight ship—very well organized. We're so fortunate to have the staff we have."

Jeff wanted to give a particular shout-out to our township's first responders. "I've gotten to meet every one of them. They know they have an ally and an advocate in their corner. I can't say enough about our Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Second Alarmers—all of them—especially with what we're dealing with with COVID-19," he said.

The Campolongo family moved to BBCC from Norristown. "Shanna and I lived in Norristown for several years; that was our first home. We had both of our

children in that home. We eventually decided we wanted to find a better school district, and since we had a lot of friends and family in this area, we gravitated here. We were friends with a family that used to live on Spyglass, the Tuppers. Our children were at Goddard School together, and we first saw BBCC through our friendship with them. We love our home in St. Andrews, it's a corner carriage home with a perfect view of the 14th hole. We had a connection with the prior owners, the Giuffrida family. I originally grew up in South Philadelphia and they knew my grandmother, and some of her siblings."

Jeff's wife Shanna works for Comcast in the auditing department. Jeff and Shanna have two daughters, Sophia and Amelia. Sophia is thirteen and a seventh grader at Wissahickon Middle School. Amelia is eleven and a fifth grader at Stony Creek. Sophia and Amelia are involved with Young Starrs Theater Company, and also

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play a variety of sports. "Amelia was going to play field hockey and Sophia volleyball—two sports I know very little about—before we all became quarantined," Jeff said. "They both help me with my work, and even helped on the campaign trail. I love having them around me."

When asked what motivated him to run for public office, Jeff summed it up with the word *advocacy*. "I've always been an advocate for people. I like to say I stick up for the little person. It comes with the territory with what I do as a lawyer, and where I come from. I've been advocating for years for my mother. She's in a wheelchair; has been since I was nine years old. I want to be the spokesperson; I want to be the advocate. The person who's pushing the limits for advocacy for people who can't otherwise advocate for themselves. That's what inspires me or fuels me to help others. It just seemed like a natural segue with some of the other things I've done in my career already. What better place to do it than in your home town."

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