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South Jersey candidates campaign amid pandemic

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Whether it's for a spot on the local council or a seat in Congress, the coronavirus pandemic has upended every aspect of election campaigns in South Jersey over the last eight months.

Knocking on doors and a heavy schedule of meet-the-candidate gatherings are out of the question, as are large fundraising events. Instead, candidates have had to pivot to online town halls, an aggressive social media presence and smaller in-person gatherings, with masks and

six feet of space between them and voters.

The pandemic and its challenges have created more barriers for challengers and political newcomers to overcome, and pulled into focus what issues really matter to the communities all candidates are fighting to represent.

For incumbent 3rd District U.S. Rep. Andy Kim, campaigning as a sitting member of both the House Small Business Committee and House Select Committee on the Coronavirus Crisis led to a small business tour across the district.

"Stopping in talking to different owners, it's a chance

for me to hear directly from them about the challenges they're facing. I can get a feel for the difficulties across the district," Kim said. "It's been the most helpful and productive way to use my team, and to do it in a safe and responsible way."

In the 1st District, Republican challenger Claire Gustafson has been running a nearly all-digital advertising campaign.

"Everything has been difficult under COVID, you name it and COVID touches it," Gustafson's campaign manager Steve Kush said. In

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Congressman Andy Kim, right, on a small business tour in Evesham Township this Summer when restaurants throughout the state began to open for outdoor dining and nonessential retailers open with restrictions. [JOE LAMBERTI / COURIER-POST USA TODAY NETWORK NJ]

Turning traffic troubles around



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Ralph Burke, a retired Pleasantville police officer, is getting used to a roundabout that opened in August in his small community of Woodbine in Cape May County. The roundabout services a popular route to the shore.

"I hate it," Burke said. "My wife loves it. She just feels it's easier during summer months when people from out of the state come down to the shore. She feels it lessens congestions."

South Jersey drivers increasingly are crossing paths with roundabouts, and the design professionals and government officials tasked with fixing unsafe roads want to see more of them as soon as possible.

Roundabouts already have overhauled many accident-prone intersections with startlingly better safety conditions. But wider public acceptance has sputtered because of the roundabout's association, largely incorrect, with traffic circles.

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The roundabout in Woodbine, Cape May County, replaces a four-way, all-stop intersection at Woodbine-Oceanview Road (CR 550) and Dennisville-Petersburg Road (C.R. 610). [ADAM MONACELLI/THE DAILY JOURNAL]

Give A Christmas will help families buy gifts

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WESTAMPTON — For more than 50 years, the Burlington County Times has been helping families in need during the holidays.

In 2020, the Give A Christmas program is back for yet another holiday season.

The BCT and its partner in the effort, NJ 211, a non-profit organization that helps people cover their basic needs, will begin accepting financial donations and applications for

assistance on Monday. This year's initiative will run from Oct. 19 to Nov. 20, ending just in time to give families their gift cards to go holiday shopping.

County residents in need should text GAC to 898211 to "go through the process of checking eligibility," said Melissa Acree, the executive director of NJ 211. Anyone interested in making a donation should visit www.burlingtoncountytimes.com/giveachristmas.

Eligible recipients include, but are not limited to, parents

with sick children, single family households, people who are struggling with addiction and people who are unemployed. The effort should be more important than ever this year, given the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and the uncertain state of the economy, said Acree.

"People are in dire need," she added.

Donations will go toward \$50 Walmart gift cards, according to Acree. A family can receive one gift card per child and a maximum of four gift cards. If a family has less

than four children, the parents can also receive one gift card between them.

"We selected a store that has a variety of items," said Acree of the Walmart choice. "From electronics to clothing to toys."

Last year, 1,166 Target gift cards worth a total of \$58,300 were distributed to 329 county families. The effort was aided by the first-time participation of NJ 211 and its simple, straightforward text code. For the GAC program, the texting

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This holiday season, the Burlington County Times' Give A Christmas program will help families buy items from Walmart. [CONTRIBUTED]