



Second Ward
Common Council
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Candidate focuses on taxes, housing

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Ithaca's Second Ward Common Council candidate Ducson Nguyen, a Democrat, has continued his door-to-door campaign, growing his platform as he seeks the nod over opponent Sean Gannon in the Nov. 3 general election.

"It's been good," Nguyen said of his campaign so far. "Reception from door to door has been really positive. My message has been resonating with people, and most of all everybody's been really friendly. It's been great to meet my neighbors."

Nguyen and Gannon are vying for the seat vacated by Second Ward Alderman J.R. Clairborne, who is not seeking reelection.

The issues Nguyen's campaign zeroes in on haven't changed since his successful primary race in September: affordable housing, infrastructure and property taxes. However, after hearing the concerns of the neighborhood and watching activity in City Hall, he has refined a number of those issues.

He has added the topics of dredging the Cayuga Inlet and communication between departments in City Hall to his original platform. The communication issue is in response to the recent bike lane controversy on North Cayuga Street.

"I think the main issue there was a breakdown in communication," Nguyen said. "Most of Common Council wasn't aware of when the lanes would be going in, and most of the residents weren't able to be notified about the timing of the installation and the parking rules changing. The legitimate concerns of the people on that road could have been mitigated by proper signage beforehand so they could prepare for it."

An issue almost universally addressed on each candidate's platform is the affordability of living in the City of Ithaca.

Nguyen, who wants a review of a change in property assessments, lists affordable housing as a key concern in his campaign. As a supporter of Mayor Svante Myrick's recent stance against the student-centric development on the State Street Triangle, he said he believes more mixed-income housing needs to be developed, particularly in the city's core.

"I'm not against building a dense, tall building on that spot," Nguyen said. "I think it's needed. It's currently a waste with a one-story building... not voting for the abatements is good because you can amend the abatement program to extract concessions from developers that actually benefit the community while allowing the project to actually continue."

To the argument of "preserving the character of the neighborhood" so often brought up in discussions on development, Nguyen cited the diversity of the Second Ward as one of its strengths and as something worth highlighting and preserving.

"Northside is very different from

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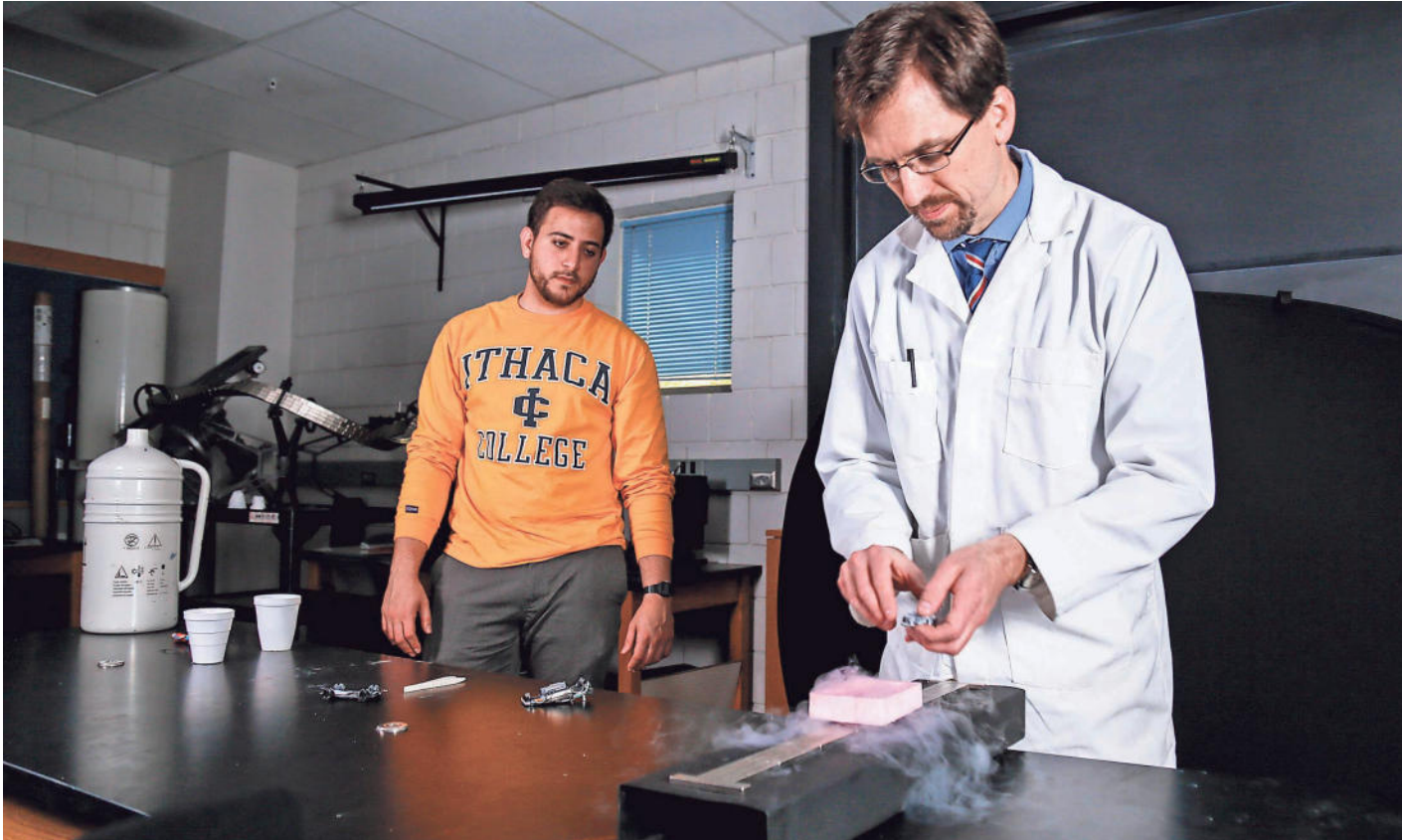
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Ithaca College Associate Professor Matthew Sullivan cools a superconductor with liquid nitrogen as senior Physics major Eli Adler looks on.

IC GOES BACK TO THE FUTURE

Professor builds hoverboard, talks science on anniversary

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When "Back to the Future II" flashed a USA TODAY front page showing the news of Thursday, October 21, 2015, film-makers offered their take on what the world would be like in 30 years.

The date has arrived, and the film got some things right. Cholesterol conjugates have cancer-fighting properties. Rehydrated pizza is a thing. And, in the lab of Ithaca College Associate Professor Matthew Sullivan, hoverboards — or at least the technology needed to make hoverboards — exists.

In honor of the 30th anniversary of the film, Sullivan on Wednesday showed off the power of superconducting magnets — which are used to object levitate — by dressing up the magnets as a DeLorean and Marty McFly. He then "flew" the McFly action figure through a model of the cemetery, complete with a grave marker for Doc Emmett Brown — even though that never happened in the movie.

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"Then I would know we arrived, if a fan gets really upset," Sullivan said.

Back to the Future Day, as well as other events Sullivan holds, is not just a way to show off a collection of floating action figures. For his research, Sullivan obtained a three-year, \$185,000 grant from the National Science Foundation. A condition of the grant is to outline a broader impact of the work, including ways the research will affect the world beyond.

Sullivan's approach to this is based in outreach, bringing the spectacle of the science to the public. His lab has tracks

— from loops to circuits — to use for demonstrations such as the "Back to the Future Day" or having a toy ghost hover in a model graveyard.

"There's money set aside in my grant to pay for building these sorts of demonstrations to bring superconductivity to a broader audience," Sullivan said.

Through these demonstrations, Sullivan is able to bring the field out of Ithaca College's School of Humanities and Sciences and to people directly, sometimes, even into their living rooms. He has appeared on a variety of television programs, including a 2011 episode of "The Colbert Report" where he levitated Stephen Colbert's Ben & Jerry's ice cream flavor "Ameri-cone Dream" with superconductors and helped conquer late-night host Jimmy Fallon's flavor "Late Night Snack" as the ice cream of the future. (Sullivan still uses the ice cream levitation to make a case for funding in his grant applications.)

Superconductors, to create lift, have

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Driver faces DWI charge after chase

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An Ithaca man is facing multiple charges — including DWI — after New York State Police in Ithaca said he led them on a chase following a traffic stop Tuesday night.

Raysaun R. Slaughter, 31, of Ithaca, faces felony charges of driving while intoxicated and aggravated unlicensed operation, as well as misdemeanor charges of reckless driving, unlawful fleeing a police officer in a vehicle, resisting arrest, and numerous vehicle and traffic law violations.

Police said Slaughter was arrested just before 9 p.m. Tuesday after a short



Raysaun Slaughter of Ithaca faces multiple charges, police say, after he fled a traffic stop.

pursuit that began when a trooper attempted to stop him for driving with a rear license plate lamp that was not working on state Route 96B in the Town of Ithaca.

Police said Slaughter drove away. Police pursued over 2.7 miles in a chase that lasted three minutes with a top speed of 65 mph.

The pursuit ended on Marshall Street

in the City of Ithaca, where Slaughter was taken into custody after a short foot pursuit and brief struggle, police said.

Police said Slaughter's driver's license had been suspended multiple times.

He faces a felony DWI because, according to state police, he had a prior conviction for DWI within the last 10 years. Police said Slaughter refused to submit to a test of his blood alcohol content.

He was arraigned in the Town of Lansing Court and remanded to the Tompkins County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 cash bail or \$10,000 property bond.

What is life like growing up on a dairy farm?

Although **Julia Fouts** is a senior at Homer High School, she was raised on a 400-cow Groton dairy farm located on Route 222, straddling Tompkins and Cortland counties.

Fouts was last year's Tompkins County Dairy Princess and is an alternate this year. She is involved in cross-country, youth and government, concert band, and is a senior class officer. She is hoping to attend SUNY-ESF (Environmental Science and Forestry) to study environmental science.

One of the duties of the Tompkins

County Dairy Princess Court is to help educate the public and promote the dairy industry. To that end, I bring you "Life on a Dairy Farm," by Julia Fouts:

"Life on a dairy farm can be hard to imagine for those who have not worked in such a field. Many people understand that dairy farming requires a copious amount of hard work-but what exactly do dairy farmers do throughout their day? My name is Julia Fouts, and as Tompkins County Alternate Dairy Princess, I will explain what my family, and many others, do throughout their career.

"First off, each day the cows must be milked, fed, and kept comfortable; those chores are routine and take up several hours.

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Julia Fouts, Alternate Tompkins County Dairy Princess, writes about growing up on a dairy farm.