



**Joe L. Kidd Sr., Councilmember**

Councilmember Joe L. Kidd Sr. is a lifelong Paulsboro resident. Joe is the son of Ware and Aldener Kidd. He is the youngest of nine children and graduated from Paulsboro High School. While at PHS, Councilman Kidd played the alto saxophone and participated in the marching, concert and jazz bands. He also played on the football team, ran cross country and wrestled for PHS. Councilman Kidd graduated from PHS in 1960.

Married for almost forty years to his wife Natalie (nee Gaines), Joe has three children: Lori Ann (Brian Boone); Dawn; and Joe Jr. (Tracy). He also has two grandchildren: Braden and Jasmine.

After PHS, Councilman Kidd worked for Huntsman Polypropylene Corporation (formerly Shell Corporation) and retired in 1998 after 30 years of service.

Councilman Kidd is, at present, the longest serving Councilman having been first elected in 1986. He is also a member of the Second Baptist Church of Paulsboro. In addition, he is an active member of The Gibbstown and Paulsboro Community Advisory Panel (GAPCAP), which is a “forum for open discussion among representatives of ExxonMobil Paulsboro Lubricants Plant, NuStar Paulsboro Terminal, Paulsboro Refining Company, PBF Logistics Product Terminal and CPI Operations, Delaware River Partners and community members from both Gibbstown and Paulsboro.”

Mr. Kidd is also a member of the Gateway Community Action Partnership since 1987 whose organization’s mission is” to provide services that improve the quality of life and “promote self-sufficiency”.

Councilman Kidd has served on many Committees in his tenure as a Paulsboro Councilmember and has taken a very active role in the betterment of Paulsboro. Always a staunch supporter of Paulsboro Youth, for many years, he was the driving force behind the Community Betterment Committee. He tries to attend all the PHS football games and wrestling matches.

Currently, Councilman Kidd is the Chair of the Finance Committee.