

# Democrat rips Brookdale College land-sale plan

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**MATAWAN** — Patrick L. Falcon, a Democratic candidate for county freeholder, assailed Brookdale Community College's plan to sell 5.8 acres in the Lincroft section of Middletown to commercial interests.

The school wants to apply the money from the sale to construction of a student activity center.

Falcon charged that the proposed sale is a breach of faith between the

Board of Freeholders and the Thompson family, which sold the land to the county for educational and recreational purposes in 1961.

"It also exposes the hypocrisy of the freeholders, who now tax each and every homeowner in Monmouth County to preserve open space, while shutting their eyes to any parcel of land that they can't build an 18-hole golf course on," he said.

"Not only is this a slap in the face of nearby residents, who will now have to contend with higher

density problems and great traffic congestion as a result of the intended sale to commercial interests, but it will also affect their very quality of life," Falcon added.

Monmouth County Freeholder Director Harry Larrison Jr., one of the two Republicans Falcon is running against in the November election, responded that it is Brookdale that owns the land, not the county, although both the state and county contribute funds to the college.

"Whether it ever will be sold is questionable," he said. "The board of trustees is talking to the (county)

Parks Department. The negotiations are very preliminary. The Middletown Township Committee has said they don't want it to be sold.

"So in the long run, I imagine it will remain open space," Larrison said.

"We have bought many, many acres that are not conducive to golf courses," he said. "He should travel around the county and take a look at the parks before he speaks."

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