

# Voter Guide: General Election 2021



As presented by the League of Women Voters of Ashtabula County



Election Day is November 2, 2021  
Polls open from 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.



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Invitations were mailed to all 162 local candidates at their address listed on the Board of Election's website. They were invited to participate in the League's voter guides by answering questions and providing biographical information.

Responses from candidates who met our submission deadlines have been reproduced here in their entirety and as submitted. All candidates are solely responsible for the content of their replies. Every effort has been made by the League to ensure accuracy and completeness.

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Sincerely,  
Mary Howe  
President



## GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES 2021

### Ashtabula City for Member of Council - 3 races (Ward 3, Ward 4, Ward 5)

#### ASHTABULA CITY FOR MEMBER OF COUNCIL WARD 3 - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1

Candidate: RoLESIA R. HOLMAN  
Party: Democrat

**Education:** Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education M.Ed Education Policy & Leadership M.Ed Technology, Innovation & Education  
**Qualifications for Office:** I grew up here in Ashtabula and spent much of my time in Ward 3, which affords me some familiarity as well as existing relationships. I am currently involved in the community, schools and other groups.

**Age:** 58

**Campaign Email:** rolesiaholman4ward3@gmail.com

**Questions:**

**Q: What is the biggest challenge to Ashtabula City and your ward? How would you address it?**

A: A challenge in Ashtabula City is a lack of empowerment, diversity, equity and inclusion efforts that draw upon the diverse talents of residents and the residents' willingness to proactively invest in the future of education instead of building a new jail. We could address this challenge by assessing why this exists and collaborating with multiple stakeholders to change this dynamic. Working with local residents, entrepreneurs, businesses, schools, civic organizations, social services and the like have the potential to ignite creativity and garner the energy to improve our community and its people and not simply resort to building a larger jail. We can move forward in ways that benefit not just a few, but all residents in our community.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: I am a candidate for Ashtabula City Council Ward 3 because I grew up in this city, went to public schools here, was active in the community, worked as an elementary school teacher, relocated and then returned after gaining higher education and experiences both nationally and abroad. I would be an asset and bring diverse perspectives to helping the city move forward in ways that provide a better quality of life for all residents.

I will be an advocate for Ashtabula city (especially representing Ward III) and be proactive and preventative, rather than reactive and punitive. We need to invest in our people, and our children's education - not jails.

**Q: How long have you lived in Ashtabula City?**

A: Again, I grew up in Ashtabula and spent most of my time in the Ward 3 area. I left to further my education and to gain new experiences both nationally and overseas. I relocated back to Ashtabula after completing my second master's degree from Harvard Graduate School of Education to help support my aging parents. I have been back for three years. In these three years, I have bought a home, a small business and volunteer on various committees in the city. I am also involved in the schools to bring in volunteers as well as to help educators build their capacity to improve the quality of education for our most valuable resource- our children - our future.

#### ASHTABULA CITY FOR MEMBER OF COUNCIL WARD 4 - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1

Candidate: STEPHEN KELLAT  
Party: Republican

**Education:** AS, 2001, Kent State Ashtabula BA, 2003, Rochester University MS, 2004, Clarion University AAS, 2017, Lakeland Community College

**Qualifications for Office:** Former tax collector, former newspaper reporter, former librarian

**Age:** 40

**Campaign Email:** smkellat@protonmail.com

**Questions:**

**Q: What is the biggest challenge to Ashtabula City and your ward? How would you address it?**

A: Our transportation infrastructure in the fourth ward needs improvement. Through judicious use of paving dollars as well as possibly special assessments and other funding tools I would seek to get our roads and sidewalks brought to better condition.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: Our city leadership over the years has suffered from failures of



imagination caused by our leaders lacking broadly diverse ranges of lived experiences. I intend to help broaden our horizons a bit based on my knowledge and experiences living across America.

**Q: How long have you lived in Ashtabula City?**

A: I have lived in Ward 4 for eight years

Candidate: JODI MILLS  
Party: Democrat

**Education:** Excelsior College RN Nursing 37years-Supervisor 20 years

**Qualifications for Office:** Nursing Supervisor; Union negotiator; Decades of community services & boards: Former VP Speech Hearing & Rehab; two-term YMCA Board; Secretary American Business Women's Association.

**Age:** 58

**Campaign Email:** millsforcitycouncil@gmail.com

**Questions:**

**Q: What is the biggest challenge to Ashtabula City and your ward? How would you address it?**

A: Homelessness, particularly encampments within and around the Gulf area, is a major issue in the short term. Only through cooperation and communication with the agencies and programs that currently exist can we move forward.

In the long run, public safety, proper police presence, and road maintenance are key challenges facing the city. Infrastructure plays a large part of how neighborhoods are developed. By addressing these issues and, simultaneously, working together to address homelessness, Ashtabula will be positioned for growth and prosperity.

This can only happen with consensus from all major stakeholders. I have life experience in consensus building, I am ready to accept the challenge, and I am eager to serve.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: As a registered nurse, I have advocated for others my entire career. Helping others is at the core of my existence—who I am, why I do what I do, and why I want to serve my community. I have the time and the energy to take on this task.

My life is built upon caring. I care about our City, I care about our Ward, and I care about our future. I understand the challenges and I am fully prepared to work with all who seek a better Ashtabula. I seek this office not for me, but for all who call Ashtabula home.

**Q: How long have you lived in Ashtabula City?**

A: I have lived in Ashtabula County my entire life and 52 years in Ashtabula city.



#### ASHTABULA CITY FOR MEMBER OF COUNCIL WARD 5 - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1

Candidate: JANE HAINES  
Party: Republican

**Education:** Kent State two years completed, Lake Erie Academy of cosmetology

**Qualifications for Office:** I have been involved with improving my community for the past 30 years. I have experience with running a business, I have chaired festivals. I have four years' experience as a city councilor.

**Age:** 60

**Campaign Email:** janehainescitycouncil@gmail.com

**Questions:**

**Q: What is the biggest challenge to Ashtabula City and your ward? How would you address it?**

A: Poverty and all of its tentacles are the greatest challenge to the ward and city. We have less than 50 percent of the residents in owner-occupied homes. We have almost 33 percent of the population living at poverty level. And the median household income is just under \$30,000. Less than 51 percent of the population age 16 and over is working. The result of these statistics leave our residents struggling and our city struggling. I think it is important that we keep our city and neighborhoods clean and patrolled. Keeping our city looking nice and keeping our neighborhoods safe is a very important first step to economic development. As a councilor, I have been a voice for keeping our city's appearance and safety.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: I love my community which has given me so much. Giving back with my public service is something I enjoy and want to do.

**Q: How long have you lived in Ashtabula City?**

A: I moved to Ashtabula in 1966. And I have had my business in Ashtabula since 1984.





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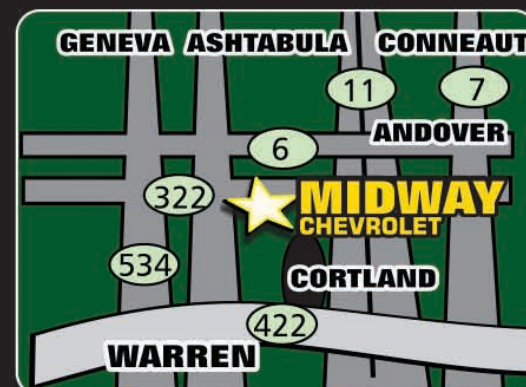
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**ANDOVER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE – VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 2**

Candidate: GLENN DAY – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: WILLIAM S. FRENCH – NO RESPONSE

**AUSTINBURG TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 2**

Candidate: GERALD BURKE – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: BYRON C. DUTTON – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: PETER HAASE – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: MIKE KOVACIC – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: OWEN STONE – NO RESPONSE

**CHERRY VALLEY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 2**

Candidate: MARK A. SAVEL – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: JEFFREY SMITH – NO RESPONSE

**COLEBROOK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 2**

Candidate: EDWARD A. BENTON – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: RON CHUTAS – NO RESPONSE

**DENMARK TOWNSHIP - 2 RACES (TRUSTEE, FISCAL OFFICER)**

DENMARK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 2

Candidate: ROBERT FINK – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: ROBIN OSBORN – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: D. RANDY TALCOTT – NO RESPONSE

DENMARK FISCAL OFFICER - UNEXPIRED TERM 3/31/2024 - VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1

Candidate: JANET HARRINGTON – NO RESPONSE

**DORSET TOWNSHIP - 2 RACES**

DORSET TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 2

Candidate: HERBERT J. DEAN – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: JEFFREY A. HINKLE II – NO RESPONSE

DORSET TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER - UNEXPIRED TERM 3/31/2024 — VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1

Candidate: TAMMY L. KLASEN – NO RESPONSE

**GENEVA TOWNSHIP - 2 RACES**

**GENEVA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2**

Candidate: TIMOTHY J. MILLS - NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: ROBERT A. RUSSELL - NO RESPONSE

GENEVA TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER - UNEXPIRED TERM 3/31/2021 - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1

Candidate: TAMMY CAYA – NO RESPONSE

**HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2**

Candidate: RAY GRUBER, JR. – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: JAMES J. PRISTOV – NO RESPONSE

**HARTSGROVE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2**

Candidate: BRUCE G. GOTTRON – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: CHRIS MOORE – NO RESPONSE

**LENOX TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2**

Candidate: JOHN A. MAYLISH III – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: JAMES R. ROBINSON – NO RESPONSE

**NEW LYME TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2**

Candidate: MARC STRINGFELLOW - NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: LUCAS L. ZAEBST – NO RESPONSE

**ORWELL TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2**

Candidate: MARK C. HART - NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: MARK STACKHOUSE - NO RESPONSE



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**Conneaut City Council - 6 races (President of Council, Council-at-Large, Ward 1, Ward 2, Ward 3, Ward 4**

**CONNEAUT CITY PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL – VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1**

Candidate:  
**JON J. ARCARO**

**Education:** Graduate of Conneaut HS Graduate of Kent State  
**Qualifications for Office:** Previous Council service of six years. Served the City of Conneaut in various capacities since 1979: Fire Department, Police Department, Safety Director.  
**Age:** 60  
**Campaign Email:** jjarcaro@gwcmail.net

**Questions:**  
**Q: What is the biggest challenge to the City of Conneaut and your ward? How would you address it?**

A: One of the biggest challenges facing the city is remaking the community through economic development. This is a very difficult task after many years of economic decline. I will continue to push forward with the economic development projects that we have initiated the past few years.

Infrastructure issues continue to plague the city after years of neglect. This has been a major priority of my tenure in recent years as well.

Finally, neighborhood blight and code enforcement need to be constantly addressed if the city is going to promote a positive image for tourism and future economic growth. This is a daunting task that requires public/ private engagement to be successful.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: I enjoy public service having been doing so since 1979. To see through a myriad economic development and infrastructure projects that we have been working on in recent years that involve millions of dollars.

**Q: How long have you lived in City of Conneaut?**  
A: Since 1961.

**RICHMOND TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2**

Candidate: DAVID J. BALLENTINE – NO RESPONSE

**ROME TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2**

Candidate: ERIC J. ELAND – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: THOMAS A. GAGE – NO RESPONSE

**SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2**

Candidate: ALAN KOHTA -NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: TROY VANEK – NO RESPONSE

**WAYNE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2**

Candidate: STEPHEN GRUSKIEWICZ – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: (WRITE IN) ADAM RUBESICH

**WILLIAMSFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2**

Candidate: GARY L. BABB – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: THOMAS E. MARTIN – NO RESPONSE

**WINDSOR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2**

Candidate: JAMES E. PLIZGA – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: ROBERT SLUSHER – NO RESPONSE

**BUCKEYE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 3**

Candidate: GREGORY S. KOCJANCIC – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: STEPHANIE PATRIARCO – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: SHANNON R. PIKE – NO RESPONSE

**GENEVA AREA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 3**

Candidate: RICHARD ARNDT – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: MARTI MILLIKEN DIXON – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: JAMIE M. ORTIZ – NO RESPONSE

**RACE: CONNEAUT CITY COUNCIL-AT-LARGE – VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 2**

Candidate:  
**TAMMY LEDFORD – NO RESPONSE**

Candidate:  
**NICHOLAS PERKOSKI – NO RESPONSE**

**RACE: CONNEAUT CITY COUNCIL WARD 1 – VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1**

Candidate:  
**RICHARD L. GAUGH – NO RESPONSE**

**RACE: CONNEAUT CITY COUNCIL - WARD 2 – VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1**

Candidate:  
**TERRY A. MOISIO JR. – NO RESPONSE**

**RACE: CONNEAUT CITY - COUNCIL WARD 3 - VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1**

Candidate:  
**OAKEY L. EMERY – NO RESPONSE**

**RACE: CONNEAUT CITY COUNCIL - WARD 4 – VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 1**

Candidate:  
**THOMAS E. KOZESKY – NO RESPONSE**

**NORTH KINGSVILLE COUNCIL - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 4**

Candidate: MIKE FITCHET – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: TIMOTHY N. GREEN – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: TINA STASIEWSKI – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: TIM ZEE – NO RESPONSE

**ORWELL VILLAGE COUNCIL - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 3**

Candidate: JEREMY COTTRELL – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: ROBERTA A. COZAD – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: CHRISTOPHER RUKS – NO RESPONSE


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## GENEVA CITY COUNCIL-AT-LARGE — VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 3

**Candidate: JAMES E. BAEHR – NO RESPONSE**  
Party: Republican

**Candidate:**  
**BILL BAKER**

**Party:** Republican

**Education:** Some college. Joined U.S. Navy and attended college while on shore duty. Most Education is OJT. I am an MCSE and working on my PMP.

**Qualifications for Office:** I can manage numerous projects at one time. I have to be a good steward of other people's money. Active in the city and scouting. I am the "common man" public office was meant for; Not a politician.

**Age:** 56

**Campaign Email:** william\_baker@twc.com

**Questions:**

**Q: What is the biggest challenge to the City of Geneva and how would you address it?**

A: Getting the people in the city more involved in what is happening.

I would push for all meetings to be recorded and the recordings and notes from the meetings archived and available to the public. The public perception is that everything is an emergency.

Too many resolutions are passed without three readings and as an emergency.

The city needs to better prepare and provide the three readings, or work to change the law. The city needs to stop passing things as emergencies. With better preparation, the city could provide the time for the three readings and not have to pass something as an emergency. Currently, it appears the city is reactive, not proactive. If they are this unprepared for routine things, what will happen when a real emergency happens?

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: I am a good steward of other people's money. We need to be aware how money is spent.

The city needs to do what is right for the majority of the citizens first, the city second, and the state third.

The city tried to pass a massive tax increase. It failed because they could not explain how the money would be used. The answer was after they got the money they would prioritize

The city gave a past city solicitor a large pay increase but couldn't explain what was done to earn the out-of-band raise. Instead, they complained that there was too much scrutiny of public employees.

I am an independent thinker, not a "yes man." I ask the questions everyone wants to ask but either doesn't go to the meetings or doesn't want to stand up in public to ask.

**Q: How long have you lived in the City of Geneva?**

A: I moved here 19 years ago. This is the town my wife was raised in. We live in the house where she grew up. We moved here with the intention of finding a house in another town. My father-in-law got sick and we all decided that it would be better for us to stay here and my wife take care of her parents and our children know their grandparents so we adjusted our plans.

Both children attended elementary, middle school, and are graduates of Geneva High School.

I have worked from home for close to 11 years and my home is considered my place of employment for taxes.

**Candidate:**  
**JOHN BARBO**

**Education:** Bachelor of Science – University of Akron. Teaching Certificate – Cleveland State. Masters in Education – Marygrove University.

**Qualifications for Office:** Science teacher at GHS for 22 years. Coached for more than 20 years. Oversaw fundraising/construction of Koval Court. Pres. of the Geneva Gridiron. Member of Geneva Sustainability Commission.

**Age:** 52

**Campaign Email:** barboforgeneva@gmail.com



**Questions:**

**Q: What is the biggest challenge to the City of Geneva and how would you address it?**

A: The biggest challenge facing this community is the lack of a strategic plan for the downtown area. While there are several businesses that have thrived throughout the years, I have seen too many businesses come and go. As a councilperson, I would learn from what other communities have done and sit down with local business owners to develop a mixed-use, long-term strategic plan for downtown. A strong, vibrant downtown Geneva would benefit the businesses that have already made the investment in our community, would attract new businesses, and would take advantage of the tourists that pass through our area.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: I have been blessed to raise my family in Geneva. Great schools. A dedicated fire department and police department. Proximity to Lake Erie and a healthy wine industry. And most importantly, citizens who are proud to be a part of the Geneva community. Now, it's my turn to give back. I believe the best years are still ahead for this community and its residents, and hope I am given the chance to work to make that a reality. I am committed to making Geneva not only a great place to raise your kids, but even more importantly, a community our youth will return to raise their families.

**Q: How long have you lived in the City of Geneva?**

A: I have been a proud Geneva resident for 22 years.

**Candidate:**  
**JENNIFER CAPO**

**Education:** B.A. in Technical and Applied Studies/ Associate of Business in Accounting Technology (2013) Ohio School Treasurer License (2018)

**Qualifications for Office:** My qualifications include being a former auditor for the state of Ohio, a member of the Geneva Area City School District Levy Committee, and the CFO of Robot Zero Comics.

**Age:** 45

**Campaign Email:** electcapo@gmail.com

**Questions:**

**Q: What is the biggest challenge to the City of Geneva and how would you address it?**

A: I believe Geneva is a great place to live and work, but it does face many challenges. We need infrastructure improvements, especially to Route 20, and upgrades to our broadband access, which is key to our future success. We also need to work on revitalizing our downtown business district. Council has created a sound plan to repair Route 20, and if elected, I will provide oversight to stay on time and within budget. I would also work with Council and other Ashtabula County officials to procure state and federal grants to expand our broadband. Finally, I will work with our small businesses on initiatives, such as a designated outdoor refreshment area, that will encourage more visitors and new businesses to come to our downtown.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: I am running for Geneva City Council because I feel this is a good way to give back and show my appreciation for this beautiful city, where I have had the good fortune to build a life with my husband, Tony, and our son, Dominic. I want to do my part to ensure that future generations have the same opportunity, so that our sons and daughters want to pursue their dreams and raise their families here, too. I feel that serving on City Council is the best way for me to use my experience and knowledge to be part of the solution. I have a strong work ethic and a desire for life-long learning. I will work tirelessly for all the citizens of Geneva to create a safe community that provides opportunities for everyone to build a wonderful life.

**Q: How long have you lived in the City of Geneva?**

A: I have lived in Geneva City for over 14 years with my husband and son, and we have loved every minute of it! I have been blessed to meet so many amazing people here between my work at Capo's Pizza and Robot Zero Comics, as well as my time serving on the levy committee for Geneva Area City Schools. I was born and raised in Hamilton, Ohio, a city in southwest corner of the state, and while I love to visit my family down there, I am always happy to return to Geneva and it's quiet, natural beauty.

**Candidate: MARSHA L. LAMB - NO RESPONSE**  
Party: Republican

**Candidate:**  
**JAMES E. MILLER**

**Party:** Democrat

**Education:** High School: Geneva High School College: Rhode Island School of Design: BFA, Interior Architecture

**Qualifications for Office:** I will bring a unique skillset to council that I have honed through my experience as a Geneva business owner, my career in real estate development, a member of numerous city committees and as a father

**Age:** 41

**Campaign Email:** jamesmiller4geneva@gmail.com

**Questions:**

**Q: What is the biggest challenge to the City of Geneva and how would you address it?**

A: Naming the single biggest challenge in my view is very difficult for me because our city is currently facing many big challenges at the moment. We need community members on city council that can see the big picture, who can see the many layers of challenges the city is facing and who are willing to give proper attention to each of those issues in order to improve the quality of life for all of our city residents. Narrow minded decision making results in the creation of more challenges. Having said all of that, maybe the biggest challenge facing our city is that of developing a strategy to identify our key challenges and how to effectively work to overcome those challenges in a way that will benefit all city residents as a whole.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: As a council person I want to help improve this city for our seniors and children to our business owners and new comers alike in any way I can. I see great promise and amazing potential in our city and I want to help us reach that potential through hard work, passion, energy, determination, creativity and integrity. Geneva was built on the backs of entrepreneurs and workers who succeeded through the use of these same guiding principles. It is our duty to build this city up from the foundations which they laid out of sheer determination, hopes and dreams to carve a place from the wilderness in which their families, like us, could call home.

**Q: How long have you lived in the City of Geneva?**

A: I have been part of the Geneva community my entire life and have lived in the city for the last 17 years. I am a graduate of Geneva High School and 5th generation member of The Miller Realty Company which was founded in Geneva in 1908 by my great-great-grandfather. I am proud to carry on the legacy of committed service and community improvement instilled in me by my grandfather Jim Miller and father Jamie Miller. My family and I are proud members of this community and we strongly believe in the importance of supporting local businesses and giving back to the community that has given and continues give so much to us.

**Candidate: DANA SCHENK – NO RESPONSE**  
Party: Democrat

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- Oct. 5 through Oct. 8 Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.
- Oct. 11 through Oct. 22 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.
- Oct. 25 through Oct. 29 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.

The office will also be open:

- Saturday, Oct. 30, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 31, from 1-5 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 1, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The deadline to vote in person at the Board of Elections is Monday, Nov. 1, 2021, at 2 p.m.

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## ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 2

**Candidate:**  
**STEPHEN J. McCLURE**

**Education:** Kent State University, Business Management Degree.

**Qualifications for Office:** Currently serving as an Ashtabula Township Trustee. Prior to being a Trustee I served six years on the Ashtabula Area City School Board.

**Age:** 61

**Campaign Email:** sjm78@road-runner.com



**Q: What is the biggest challenge to Ashtabula Township and how would you address it?**

A: The position of township trustee is more than a one issue job. As a trustee I have been faced with many challenges including deep cuts in state funding. Through great planning and proper utilization of our workforce we are weathering the storm and we still continue to provide excellent public services despite the state cuts. Our EMS/Fire Service is second to none as is the maintenance of our roads and in particular the winter snow removal by our road department. Unfortunately drugs and crime go hand in hand in today's society and this has presented a real challenge for all elected officials, law enforcement agencies and the judiciary. Our police levy, approved by the voters provides us with a sheriff's deputy 24 hours a day, seven days a week

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: It is my desire to continue to accept the responsibilities assigned to this office. I pledge my cooperation and assistance to all the people, and will continue to provide you with efficient government. I am committed to helping people by providing quality public services and working to improve the lives of all our citizens. We need to continue to work together to keep and attract business and to build upon the perfect mix of industry, tourism and retail to secure our future.

If you satisfy these three objectives, People, Progress and Protection, everything else falls into place.

I love living in Ashtabula Township. I will continue to promote Ashtabula Township as a great place to do business and an even better place to live.

**Q: How long have you lived in Ashtabula Township?**

A: 61 years, 43 in the incorporated section and the last 18 in the unincorporated section.

**Candidate:**  
**ANTHONY METCALF**

**Education:** Graduate of Edgewood Senior High through a GED

**Qualifications for Office:** 20 years on Zoning Committee - running a successful business will help me to meet the needs of the township not only fiscally but also accountability to the residents of Ashtabula township.

**Age:** 58

**Campaign Email:** glass428@yahoo.com



**Q: What is the biggest challenge to Ashtabula Township and how would you address it?**

A: The biggest challenge to Ashtabula Township is infrastructure, the water problems in the township have

been around for fifty some years.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: We need fresh eyes on this problem, someone who commit to this problem. I believe that when you're in a position too long you lose sight of what's important to a community. You become complacent and inefficient. I also believe that services are important to the citizens of this community. I feel you must run a township like a business, it is not to be taken lightly. I relish in the idea of serving the citizens of this great community! If given the chance to serve this township I feel I could do good, not only for current residents but for future residents too.

**Q: How long have you lived in Ashtabula Township?**

A: I have lived at 3426 Schenley Ave. for twenty years, owning it for the last several years. I loved the fact that I bought a house that had been run down and neglected and brought it back to its glory! I look forward to keeping this township in a better place than I found it! My ancestors settled the east side in the 1830s John Metcalf was a trailblazer for the mail in this area. My family was an integral part of this community for over eight generations and I would be humbled at the chance to serve this community! I love this town and want to help it prosper!

**Candidate:**  
**BAMBI L. PAULCHEL**

**Education:** Graduate Ashtabula High School class of '79. Business classes, real estate finance, real estate appraisal.

**Qualifications for Office:** I have over 20 years of government experience; budgeting, payroll, expenditures and all aspects of responsible spending of tax payer dollars. Received Successful grant writing for the past four years.

**Age:** 60

**Campaign Email:** bambisnyder@yahoo.com



**Q: What is the biggest challenge to Ashtabula Township and how would you address it?**

A: Currently our biggest challenge in the township is non-compliance with zoning and property codes. Our zoning inspector and I have been working diligently with the county prosecutor, auditor and health department to address these issues. Unfortunately, this process takes a very long time to reach our goal of cleaning up property. We have to abide by the law and go through the proper channels giving notice and allowing the violators time to comply before any action can be taken on our end. I put the health, wealth and safety of my constituents above all else so I will continue to work hard to keep our township a clean, safe and pleasant community.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: I have been working to better the township for about 20 years starting with my days as an Ashtabula Township Park Commissioner. (Lake Shore Park) I worked diligently to clean and restore the park to the beautiful 50 acre park it is today. I have shown the same determination and concern for the township during my last 3 terms as township trustee. I feel proud when I can help a constituent solve a problem. We work together for the betterment of the township. Our Fire Department is one of the best in the state. Our roads are always paved and plowed. We have done a very good job on a reduced budget. We go above and beyond for our community and I am very proud to be a part of our success.

**Q: How long have you lived in Ashtabula Township?**

A: 20 + years

## PROPOSED SALES AND USE TAX (ADDITIONAL) ASHTABULA COUNTY BALLOT LANGUAGE

The Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County proposes to levy a sales and use tax in the amount of one-half of one percent (1/2%) for the purpose of funding law enforcement, construction and operations of a community corrections, rehabilitation, and detention facility, and other criminal and administrative justice services for a term of 20 years.

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## ASHTABULA CITY PRECINCT 3A AND 4A VOTING LOCATION MOVED

Beginning Nov. 2, 2021, Ashtabula City Precinct 3A and 4A will have a new voting location at the Ashtabula County YMCA. The YMCA is located off of 5 Points at 263 W. Prospect, Ashtabula, Ohio. Voting will take place in the all-purpose room near the swimming pool. Formerly the precincts have voted at the Ashtabula County District Library on Park Avenue. The move reduced the precincts voting at the Library from seven to now five.

## MONROE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2

**Candidate:**  
**JOHN GRIGGS**

**Education:** Ashtabula High School

**Qualifications for Office:** 9 1/2 years at Ohio Department of Transportation - retired after 24 years at Ashtabula County Highway Department - Have first-hand experience maintaining roads and equipment. Have over 30 years of snow plowing experience.



**Q: What is the biggest challenge to Monroe Township and how would you address it?**

A: The largest challenge currently is supplying the residents of Monroe Township with fire and ambulance protection. As a founding member of Monroe's fire department I know the time and dedication needed to be a fireman. Monroe's current trustees are working with another township to provide increased ambulance service. If I am reelected I will continue to pursue creative ways to keep our citizens safe. There are many challenges faced by a trustee. Cemetery maintenance is another important challenge. Our current sexton, Lori Watts does an excellent job.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: I am running for this office because Monroe needs experienced trustees. I have the road maintenance experience that comes from on the job service for over 30 years. As a trustee, I have worked closely with the Ashtabula County engineer on many Issue 2 road projects in Monroe Township. The current 3 trustees are able to work together. I would like to continue our forward motion for the township. We have paved roads, expanded road side ditching. We have worked with the county to have out-fall ditches cleaned. This has eased road flooding. I would like to continue working on the projects that benefit Monroe Township.

**Q: How long have you lived in Monroe Township?**

A: I have lived here for 53 years. I moved on to the family homestead. My family has lived in Monroe Township for generations.

**Candidate:** ROGER D. SHERMAN JR. - NO RESPONSE

**Candidate:** THOMAS SPENCER JR. - NO RESPONSE

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## JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP - 2 RACES

### JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1

**Candidate: SCOTT BARBER**

**Education:** Graduate of Jefferson Area Local Schools Bachelor's Degree Marietta College Masters in Education Marygrove College

**Qualifications for Office:** Experience and Leadership Matter. 31 years as an Educator and Coach have prepared me to make decisions that will benefit our township. A lifetime resident committed to our past, present and future

**Age:** 53

**Campaign Email:** scottbarber4trustee@gmail.com



**Q: What is the biggest challenge to the Jefferson Township and how would you address it?**  
A: The biggest challenge facing Jefferson Township is one of not only our township, but Jefferson Village and Ashtabula County as well. That challenge, to be sure, is the proposed site of the justice center. The site revealed in late August is found within Jefferson Township. The challenge for all three governments is to engage in meaningful and productive dialogue to ultimately agree on a final product that is beneficial for all.

My experience gained from my time in office coupled with my lifelong contributions to the greater Jefferson Area have prepared me well for this monumental task that will occur once in a generation. At this pivotal time, I ask the voters to trust my skills and experience to produce a result that benefits all.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**  
A: I believe with all my heart that public service is the greatest gift that a person can give back to their community. I am running for this position to continue my service to the greater Jefferson area.

I have served organizations such as Little League, Fire Department, and Jefferson Area Local Schools. I have served as a Little League Board Member, Coach, Umpire, and field maintenance supervisor. I have served as a Teacher for 31 years, National Honor Society and Class Advisor, as well as Golf, Baseball and Basketball Coach.

My experience as your Jefferson Township Trustee has formed a foundation of leadership essential to this office. Re-election would allow me to continue to serve our com-

munity.

**Q: How long have you lived in Jefferson Township?**  
A: I am 53 years old and have lived within Jefferson Township for my entire life except for the first 6 months of our marriage when we lived in an apartment in Ashtabula Harbor.

**Candidate: JOHN BOCZAR**

**Education:** High School/Trade School

**Qualifications for Office:** Resident of Jefferson Township. 12-year board member of Jefferson Township and Jefferson Emergency Rescue District.

**Age:** 46

**Campaign Email:** jeffohtwp.jboczar@gmail.com

**Q: What is the biggest challenge to the Jefferson Township and how would you address it?**  
A: Improve right of way drainage and working with residents to comply with local zoning regulations.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**  
A: Continue road improvements, right of way drainage, provide solutions for zoning issues, update equipment and improve efficiencies and care for residents of Jefferson Township.

**Q: How long have you lived in Jefferson Township?**  
A: 20 years

**Candidate: JOSEPH KALAS**

**Education:** High School Diploma

**Qualifications for Office:** Commercial Driver's License, and knowledge about road maintenance.

**Age:** 28

**Q: What is the biggest challenge to the Jefferson Township and how would you address it?**  
A: No trustee has a Commercial Driver's License, I currently hold a class A Commercial Drivers License.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**  
A: To help the township and the residents out by making sure roads are safe.

**Q: How long have you lived in Jefferson Township?**  
A: 12 years

### JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER - UNEXPIRED TERM 3/31/2021 FOR FOR NOT MORE THAN 1

**Candidate: CORRIE NEWHART – NO RESPONSE**

## TIPS FOR ELECTION DAY

**Confirm your polling location**  
Polling locations may have changed since last year and voters who have moved in the past 12 months may now have to vote in a new location. Voters can contact their local board of elections or visit [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org) to confirm the correct polling locations. Voters should also learn the hours when the polls are open so they do not arrive too early or too late to vote.

**Bring valid identification**  
In addition to a current driver's license or state photo ID, voters may present a military ID, current U.S. or Ohio government ID, original or copy of a current bank statement, utility bill, government check or paycheck, or any other government document other than a notice of voter registration. In all cases, the address on the identification must match the address on the official list of registered voters. See more information at <https://www.sos.state.oh.us/elections/voters/id-requirements/>

**Confirm registration**  
Voters can confirm that they have registered to vote by contacting the board of elections or their website [www.boe.ohio.gov](http://www.boe.ohio.gov), in advance of Election Day. Sometimes voters' names may not appear on the registration list when they arrive to vote, even if they previously registered. Poll workers can help voters who find themselves in such situations. But voters who want to avoid such hassles on Election Day can confirm their registration beforehand.

**Be familiar with candidates and issues**  
Voting is a privilege and a responsibility, so voters should familiarize themselves with the candidates and issues on the ballot in the weeks leading up to Election Day. In addition to national and statewide candidates and issues, voters should learn about local issues that may have a more direct impact on their daily lives.

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**PIERPONT TOWNSHIP - 2 RACES (TRUSTEE AND FISCAL OFFICER)**

**PIERPONT TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2**

**Candidate: BRIAN BRENT**

**Education:** H.S. graduate Newbury Local School, Lincoln Electric Welding School

**Qualifications for Office:** 40 yrs. in construction trade, managing crews on large city construction projects working within a budget and completion timeframe. Goal always being project completion under budget and done on time.

**Campaign Email:** brentfortrustee@yahoo.com

**Q: What is the biggest challenge to Pierpont Township and how would you address it?**

A: Certainly the road conditions are one of the main priorities of a trustee. However, Pierpont Township is under the threat of having sewers imposed on it. This will create a financial burden that many, many cannot afford and do not need or want. I want to see what can be done to eliminate this threat and have the resident's plans and hopes for the future restored. It's not right that a handful of property owners can destroy the lives of so many. I personally believe in private property rights and would not be opposed if an individual property owner would choose to pay for and install their own infrastructure.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: To re-direct the township's spending toward its main priority of road improvements, to oppose the burden of sewers on the residents, to eliminate the additional license fee tax, and to rescind the new zoning permit fee.

**Q: How long have you lived in Pierpont Township?**

A: 41 years

**Candidate: BARBARA CULP**

**Education:** BS: Kent State University; MS: Youngstown State

**Qualifications for Office:** 4 years trustee experience, experience working with people, providing positive solutions to problems, computer skills, willingness to work hard and learn necessary skills

**Age:** 63

**Campaign Email:** barbculp1015@gmail.com



**Q: What is the biggest challenge to Pierpont Township and how would you address it?**

A: I believe the biggest challenge to our township is funding. Our township needs road improvement, a fast reliable internet system and economic development. I have spent this term in office dealing with road and cemetery maintenance issues, communication challenges and funding sources. I feel that a good base has been developed and now is the time to move into bringing sources together to develop an economic base that supports the needs of the community and attracts new residents.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: I want to continue the work that has been started over this term. The township now has a website, a newsletter, and livestreams their meetings to keep our residents informed. Digitalization of the cemetery records has started and I want to make sure that project is finished. Working with our county officials has brought a Dollar General, sewer system plans, recycling bins, and zoning updates to the township, as well as many grant dollars. I feel that Pierpont Township has many positive attributes and people. I enjoy working

with people (residents and employees) who are willing to put energy into developing the businesses, organizations, and activities in the township to keep our area vibrant and attractive to current and future generations.

**Q: How long have you lived in Pierpont Township?**

A: 33 years

**Candidate: ROBERT L. JACKSON**

**Education:** K-12

**Qualifications for Office:** I have 12 years on the job training as a Township Trustee. Eight years in the 90's and I was reelected in 2017

**Age:** 59

**Campaign Email:** trusteeerjackson@gmail.com

**Q: What is the biggest challenge to Pierpont Township and how would you address it?**

A: Money - We are a rural Township with a small budget. So it is important that trustees are constantly working to secure extra funding.

Over the past 4 years the Pierpont Township Trustees along with our fiscal officer have done that.

While working with county agencies and the State Legislature Pierpont received nearly \$1.5 million in extra funding

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: Pierpont Township Trustees have accomplished a great deal in the past 4 years.

If reelected I would be honored to continue that success, with proven leadership.

**Q: How long have you lived in Pierpont Township?**

A: 53 years

**Candidate: CARL WILLIAMS – NO RESPONSE**

**PIERPONT TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER - UNEXPIRED TERM 3/31/2024 - VOTER FOR NOT MORE THAN 1**

**Candidate: JENNIFER HOOVER - NO RESPONSE**

**MORGAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2**

**Candidate: ROBERT CLARK**

**Education:** High School Graduate

**Qualifications for Office:** Thirty-five plus year of truck driving experience and several years of operating heavy equipment

**Age:** 67

**Q: What is the biggest challenge to Morgan Township and how would you address it?**

A: Roads - inspect roads - improve - maintaining them

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: I am retired so I will be available to help the roadman.

**Q: How long have you lived in Morgan Township?**

A: For the last 21 years. Family has always lived in Morgan Township.

**Candidate: DAVE LaROSA – NO RESPONSE**

**Candidate: BOB MARTIN**

**Education:** 1980 Graduate from Jefferson High School

**Qualifications for Office:** I have served as a Morgan Township Trustee since 2014 and understand the township's needs. Based on current financial trends, I understand what is required for growth in our infrastructure projects.

**Age:** 58

**Campaign Email:** bobmartin2017@gmail.com



**Q: What is the biggest challenge to Morgan Township and how would you address it?**

A: Although a challenge for several townships around the county, our biggest challenge also continues to be our

road infrastructure. With gravel roads that need constant maintenance, it is our current board's goal to continue paving roads across the township. However, as the township with the most untaxed land in the county, our budget continues to be a hindrance. Therefore, we must continue to prioritize our daily activities and projects in order to best suit the needs of the township. By creating a plan that is measurable, relevant, and time-bound, we can continue to build up our infrastructure while ensuring we stay within our budget. This not only holds the board accountable, but also utilizes tax dollars in the most appropriate manners.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: In my two terms of serving this community, we have made vast improvements in our road infrastructures. From completing Phase II of Tische Road, the partial paving of Fobes, Shaffer, Riverdale, and Knowlton Roads we have started the groundbreaking projects that are only the beginning of continued improvement. Additionally, we have created a capital improvements fund that sets aside money yearly for equipment purchases in the goal of avoiding potential borrowing. In efforts to keep our community safe, we have also purchased a fire engine to serve not only Morgan, but all other townships and villages that request mutual aid. Although these are just a few mentioned improvements, it is my goal to continue to lead the growth of our township needs.

**Q: How long have you lived in Morgan Township?**

A: As a lifelong resident of Ashtabula County, I have spent every year of my life within the township. Although I have lived 35 plus years within the township, I have owned and owned an agricultural business within the township for nearly 25 years. Therefore, between residing and operating one of just a few businesses within the local community, I have spent every day of my life within this township. Not only do I have extensive knowledge of the land and what the community entails, I also have a vast knowledge of the history and people who once resided within. Thus, I continue to seek improvement within this township for past, current, and future generations to come.

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ROCK CREEK VILLAGE COUNCIL  
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 4

Candidate: BRENDA BECKWITH – NO RESPONSE

Candidate: KIMBERLY GREGORY

**Education:** Bachelor of Business Administration  
**Qualifications for Office:** Currently Councilperson for the Village of Rock Creek  
**Age:** 67 | **Campaign Email:** GregoryforRCCouncil@gmail.com

**Q: What is the biggest challenge to the Village of Rock Creek and how would you address it?**

A: The biggest challenge in Rock Creek is our Sewer Plant which is expensive to maintain and operate; the biggest cost is from First Energy for meter fees. The Village is in the process of having households bear the electrical cost of operating their grinders. The cost is approximately \$0.15/month to each household AND eliminates \$104/month in meter fees per household that Rock Creek Village was previously paying. From 72 commercial meters, the Village has converted the electrical cost to all but 25 meters. With the elimination of 47 meter fees to the village, Rock Creek has been able to set aside funds to apply for 2 grants for the sewer plant and collection system. Converting the remaining meters will generate additional funds.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: I think it is important to be aware and involved in politics as it affects us all. I want to live in a safe, thriving community and believe being a part of Rock Creek Villages local government helps achieve that.

**Q: How long have you lived in the Village of Rock Creek?**

A: I have lived in Rock Creek for 14 ½ years.

Candidate: BRIAN KINKOPF – NO RESPONSE

Candidate: CATHRYN PACHOLKE – NO RESPONSE

Candidate: ROBERT P. SCHULTZ

**Education:** Jefferson High School Kent State University Honors College

**Qualifications for Office:** Founded the Rock Creek VFW Founder & President of Rock Creek Chamber of Commerce President of Ashtabula County CHAMBERS of Commerce Former Outreach person for the late Congressman Steve LaTourette  
**Age:** 71 | **Campaign Email:** countrycousinsus@yahoo.com

**Q: What is the biggest challenge to the Village of Rock Creek and how would you address it?**

A: Our village has lots of potential. The last traffic study showed over 4000 cars pass through our town on an average day. They need a reason to stop. I can provide that reason and have been for many years. Our population has been growing recently and, as a Realtor, my fingerprints are all over that growth. We have two new subdivisions that have attracted new residents. Those families pay taxes, support our utilities, our school, attend our local churches, support local businesses and civic organizations, and support our volunteer fire department. Our community is made up of wonderful individuals and families that have our back and they need leaders that have theirs.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: We can't continue the direction we've been traveling. It costs too much to live here. Our water/sewer rates are astronomical and we need a strong leader to make them affordable. I would do that by bringing commercial business into the village as I have been for several years. I pushed to get the Shinkle property cleaned up and now have a written contract on all of it. Once EPA gives the all clear, the former gas station will be remodeled and opened as a full service garage. A Plaza will be constructed on the site where the old Semi Trailers were. The vacant land will be used to expand the car dealership. An empty building in town will house a new commercial business. It just takes someone willing to work at improving our business district.

**Q: How long have you lived in the Village of Rock Creek?**

A: I'm a lifelong resident. I grew up on a small farm on South Street, now Rome Rock Creek Rd. I went to school here and I went to church here. After I graduated, I joined the Army and I'm a "Boots on the Ground" Vietnam veteran. I met my wife Sue on a "Blind Date" and we married shortly thereafter. We raised our daughters here and we've also owned two homes here. I'm a former member of the Morgan Hose VFD. I and another man started the Ox Roast in 1981. For the last decade or more, I've been hanging flower baskets throughout town and I keep them watered and fertilized throughout the summer. I'm also a former Village official and Rock Creek Villages biggest cheerleader. Our town was once a great thriving community and together it can be again

Candidate: WENDY SINTIC – NO RESPONSE

Candidate: DONNA J. WOZNY – NO RESPONSE



EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER ASHTABULA COUNTY  
SCHOOL BOARD - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 3

Candidate: JOSEPH DONATONE

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from The University of Akron  
**Qualifications for Office:** I have served in public education for my entire career.  
**Age:** 74 | **Campaign Email:** joed@roadrunner.com

**Q: What is the biggest challenge to the Ashtabula County Board of Educational Service Center and how would you address it?**

A: The biggest challenge as well as the mission of the Ashtabula County ESC is to provide the best assistance and support possible to the school districts and students of Ashtabula County. We address this by continually communicating and partnering with the districts to determine their needs and how we might best assist them.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: Public education is a calling. I have enjoyed a long career in public education and I am pleased to have this opportunity to serve the students and citizens of Ashtabula County in this capacity

**Q: How long have you lived in Ashtabula County?**

A: I have lived in Ashtabula County for most of my life.

Candidate: GUS SAIKALY

**Education:** MA, Political Science. Kent State University

**Qualifications for Office:** My qualifications are the 26 years of experience (12 on the Pymatuning Valley Board of Education 1993-2005, and 16 on the ESC Governing Board 2007 to present) in approaching problems in a factual manner.

**Age:** 75 | **Campaign Email:** gsaikaly46@gmail.com

**Q: What is the biggest challenge to the Ashtabula County Board of Educational Service Center and how would you address it?**

A: The biggest challenge and indeed obligation is to maintain the high standard of services the ACESC delivers to our school districts. These services cover most of the programs they offer to the k-12 students of our county. Equally important are the close relationships we have developed with the districts to help them reach their goals. In particular ongoing programs run by the ESC, addressing special needs students: Autism units housed in our own districts, Happy Hearts, and Building Bridges.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: I am running for this office to continue to support the diligent work needed to meet current and future challenges. This requires the strengthening of the ESC's capabilities to continue providing the support services needed and requested by Ashtabula County School Districts.

**Q: How long have you lived in Ashtabula County?**

A: Will be 48 years this October 15.

Candidate: HARLAN S. WAID

**Education:** Pymatuning Valley High School 1973 Penn State BS pre-medicine 1976 Ohio State MD 1979 St. Vincent Health Family med residency 1982

**Qualifications for Office:** Resident of Village of Jefferson and a Member of Ashtabula County Educational Service Center governing board since 2003

**Age:** 65 | **Campaign Email:** hwaidmd@yahoo.com

**Q: What is the biggest challenge to the Ashtabula County Board of Educational Service Center and how would you address it?**

A: The ESC has undertaken the challenge of managing the educational needs of Ashtabula County's school age developmentally disabled students. We continue to evaluate and improve the Happy Hearts program. We need to continue to reach and identify all of our county's eligible students, including home schooled and parochial students in need of these services. We are expanding our satellite centers to provide more convenient educational services and to more efficiently utilize already existing space that our taxpayers have so generously supported. We continue to work with our districts to fairly and adequately disperse the new Happy Hearts levy funds and the ESC Board has an oversight responsibility that I intend to ensure.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: I would like to continue my service and feel that I have earned the respect of my peers on the Board by being selected President for three separate terms and to be selected as an ESC representative to the A-Tech Board for the last 15 years.

Our locally managed ESC is under the threat of potential State mandated consolidation with neighboring ESCs. A continued search for vital service provision to our member districts and to Ashtabula County as a whole will help us to preserve this locally responsive organization. I fear a significant degradation of local service that would occur if Ashtabula County's schools were forced to request these services from a center based in Youngstown or Cleveland.

**Q: How long have you lived in Ashtabula County?**

A: 65 years with the exception of my educational experiences.



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# LIST OF ELECTION ISSUES

## ASHTABULA COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION ISSUES SHEET

1. ASHTABULA COUNTY: ADD - 1/2% SALES AND USE TAX - LAW ENFORCEMENT - 20 YEARS
2. GENEVA-ON-THE-LAKE VILLAGE: REN - 1.5 MILLS - ROADS + BRIDGES - 5 YEARS
3. JEFFERSON VILLAGE: REN - 1 MILL - PARKS + RECREATIONAL PURPOSES - 5 YEARS
4. JEFFERSON VILLAGE: ADD - 1.5 MILLS - FIRE- 5 YEARS
5. NORTH KINGSVILLE VILLAGE: REP - 1 MILL - POLICE SERVICES - 5 YEARS
6. ANDOVER TOWNSHIP (excluding VILLAGE): REN - 1.5 MILLS - FIRE SERVICE/EQUIPMENT - 3 YEARS
7. ANDOVER TOWNSHIP (excluding VILLAGE): REN - 2 MILLS - ROADS & BRIDGES - 5 YEARS
8. ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP (excluding CITY): REN - 1 MILL - CEMETERIES - 5 YEARS
9. ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP (excluding CITY): REN - 1 MILL - SAFETY FORCES + EQUIPMENT - 4 YEARS
10. ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP (excluding CITY): REN - 1.25 MILLS - ROADS & BRIDGES - 5 YEARS
11. ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP (excluding CITY): REN - 1 MILL - FIRE & EMS - 5 YEARS
12. ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP (excluding CITY): REN - 1.5 MILLS - FIRE & EMS - 5 YEARS
13. ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP (excluding CITY): REN - 2.5 MILLS - FIRE & EMS - 5 YEARS
14. AUSTINBURG TOWNSHIP: REN - 1 MILL - CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES - 5 YEARS
15. AUSTINBURG TOWNSHIP: REN - 1 MILL - FIRE + EMS - 5 YEARS
16. CHERRY VALLEY TOWNSHIP: REN - 1.5 MILLS - FIRE + EMS - 5 YEARS
17. COLEBROOK TOWNSHIP: REP - 1.5 MILLS - FIRE + EMS - 5 YEARS
18. DENMARK TOWNSHIP: REN - 1 MILL - FIRE + EMS - 5 YEARS
19. GENEVA TOWNSHIP (exc CITY AND VILLAGE): REN - 1 MILL - ROADS & BRIDGES - 5 YEARS
20. HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP: REN - 1.5 MILL - ROADS & BRIDGES - 5 YEARS
21. HARTSGROVE TOWNSHIP: ADD - 3 MILL - FIRE PROTECTION - CPOT
22. KINGSVILLE TOWNSHIP: REP - 1.5 MILLS - ROADS AND BRIDGES - 5 YEARS
23. KINGSVILLE TOWNSHIP: REP - 4 MILLS - ROADS AND BRIDGES - 5 YEARS
24. LENOX TOWNSHIP: REN - 1.5 MILLS - FIRE + EMS - 5 YEARS
25. MORGAN TWP exc VILL of ROCK CREEK+ROAM SHORES: REN - 1.5 MILLS - ROADS + BRIDGES - 5 YEARS
26. ORWELL TOWNSHIP (excluding VILLAGE): REN - 1.5 MILLS - FIRE COVERAGE - 5 YEARS
27. PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP: ADD - 5 MILLS - FIRE + EMS - CPOT
28. RICHMOND TOWNSHIP: REN - 1 MILL - FIRE + EMS - 5 YRS
29. SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIP: REN - 0.5 MILL - CEMETERY - 5 YEARS
30. SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIP: REN - 1 MILL - FIRE + EMS - 5 YEARS
31. SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIP: REN - 1.5 MILLS - FIRE + EMS - 5 YEARS
32. WAYNE TOWNSHIP: REN - 3 MILLS - FIRE + EMS - 5 YEARS
33. WINDSOR TOWNSHIP: ADD - 1 MILL - PARKS & RECREATION - 5 YEARS
34. WINDSOR TOWNSHIP: REN - 2.5 MILLS - AMBULANCE + EMS - 5 YEARS
35. CONNEAUT TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT: REP + INC - 1.25 MILLS - CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES - 5 YEARS
36. JEFFERSON AREA LOCAL SCHOOLS: REN - 1 MILL - IMPROVEMENTS, BUSES, TEXTBOOKS, TECHNOLOGY - CPOT
37. JEFFERSON AREA LOCAL SCHOOLS: REN - 1.5 MILLS - PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS - CPOT
38. JEFFERSON EMERGENCY RESCUE DISTRICT: REP+INC - 2 MILLS - AMBULANCE + EMS - 5 YEARS
39. NORTHWEST AMBULANCE DISTRICT: REP - 2 MILLS - AMBULANCE + EMS - 5 YEARS

40. ANDOVER TOWNSHIP: 2 LIQUOR OPTION - SUNDAY SALES - STABLE WINERY
41. CONNEAUT CITY: 2C LIQUOR OPTION - SUNDAY SALES - TRUCK WORLD
42. CONNEAUT CITY: 4B LIQUOR OPTION - SUNDAY SALES - TABLE 985
43. PIERPONT TOWNSHIP: LIQUOR OPTION - ON PREMISES SALES - VINTAGE GEMINI LLC
- ABBREVIATION:
- REN = RENEWAL
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- REP+INC = REPLACEMENT AND INCREASE
- ADD = ADDITIONAL
- CPOT = CONTINUOUS PERIOD OF TIME

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PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2

Candidate: JODY R. BANCROFT – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: RONALD DALE – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: DEBBIE FRIEDSTROM  
Education: Bachelor’s Degree in Education and a Master’s Degree in Education  
Qualifications for Office: 12 years Plymouth Twp Trustee, 2016 OH Twp Ass. Leadership Academy grad, past member Bd. of Directors of OH Twp Ass., past Pres. of Ashtabula Co. Twp Ass. 6 years, on Ashtabula Co. Planning Commission  
Age: 66  
Campaign Email: dfriedstrom@gmail.com

Q: What is the biggest challenge to Plymouth Township and how would you address it?  
A: The biggest challenge to Plymouth Township is working with a limited budget. The most important aspect is to keep the township fiscally strong while properly caring for our Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services, roads and cemetery.  
Q: Why are you running for this position?  
A: I am seeking re-election because I want to continue to provide quality leadership for our township. I enjoy working with my fellow board members, Dave Waldron and Jody Bancroft and our Fiscal Officer, Maryann Stevenson. We are constantly striving to improve services for our residents.

I believe it is essential for our residents to communicate with the Plymouth officials when they have a question or a concern. It is important that they get the correct facts.  
Q: How long have you lived in Plymouth Township?  
A: I am a lifelong resident of Ashtabula County and have lived in Plymouth Township since 1986.

Candidate: THOMAS LUCAS JR.  
Education: Ashtabula HS Graduate  
Kent State University Ashtabula US Marine Corps Veteran  
Qualifications for Office: I have 25 + years public service, attended Kent State for Computer Technology, and have experience in factory, construction, & customer service.  
Age: 53  
Campaign Email: lukejr68@gmail.com



Q: What is the biggest challenge to Plymouth Township and how would you address it?  
A: I believe the biggest challenge in the township are decreasing revenue sources and public safety. We need to work to improve the quality and efficiency of township

services through creative approaches and new, innovative and cost effective technologies while finding other avenues for funding. We need to stay financially responsible while protecting our assets. Successful communities always have a plan for the future.  
Q: Why are you running for this position?  
A: I am a running for trustee because I think Plymouth Township needs a new face and a new perspective. I believe my particular skill set and experience will be an asset to the township. It is my desire to work with the residents to define overall goals of the township while ensuring the safety and welfare of our neighborhoods. Having built my own business, I have learned to listen well and communicate clearly. I know what it takes to transform complex issues into practical solutions. I think “outside the box” and offer proactive approaches with a positive attitude.  
Q: How long have you lived in Plymouth Township?  
A: I currently reside on Jefferson Road and am a life-long resident of Plymouth Township. I attended Plymouth Elementary School and graduated from Ashtabula High School. After Graduation I enlisted in the US Marine Corps and was honorably discharged in 1991. I currently am employed with Ashtabula County Veteran Service Commission serving the veterans of Ashtabula County. I have 3 children; Tommy, Toby, and Isabella.

Candidate: (WRITE IN) KEITH MORRIS – NO RESPONSE

TRUMBULL TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2

Candidate: WILLIS CLAY  
Education: High School  
Qualifications for Office: 20 years Trustee  
Age: 79  
Campaign Email: wclay062242@Hotmail.com  
Q: What is the biggest challenge to Trumbull Township and how would you address it?  
A: The biggest challenge is to use the limited funds to best benefit residents of Trumbull Township  
Q: Why are you running for this position?  
A: I am running because this where I live. I want be part of the growth of the Township.  
Q: How long have you lived in Trumbull Township?  
A: I have lived in Trumbull for 42 years. I want to thank all the residents for the trust they had in me as Trustee for 20 years.  
Candidate: LARRY MORSE – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: MARK R. REED II – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: RON TAMBURRINO  
Education: Law Degree and Degrees in Fire Science and Technical Education

Qualifications for Office: Chairman, Trumbull Twp. Trustees; road/other project mgmt.; grant writing/admin.; Fire Dept. business mgmt.; federal/state/local funding admin.; business mgmt.; broad legal services experience  
Age: 63  
Q: What is the biggest challenge to Trumbull Township and how would you address it?  
A: Trustees must plan and execute short term and long term goals for the township without raising taxes. Experience matters, and as I’ve demonstrated over the past 16 years I will meet this challenge by providing exemplary service through strict budget oversight, effective short term and long term planning, no-nonsense business management skills, and strong and effective working relationships with other Township Trustees and County, State, and Federal officials. I will listen to all interested parties, strive to understand their concerns, conduct research, and weigh meaningful input before proposing solutions and making decisions. I will vigorously defend taxpayers against the agendas of those who seek personal gain at taxpayer expense.  
Q: Why are you running for this position?  
A: Trumbull Township is uniquely situated to benefit from state and county broadband infrastructure projects that I’ve been working on. If grants are issued pursuant to pending

and planned grant applications, fiber optic cable and 1-2 GB internet data speed will become a reality in Trumbull Township. Those data speeds will benefit every business, and everyone will benefit from much improved work from home and learn from home experiences. We can achieve these goals while maintaining existing fire department and road department services. We must also continue to urge County and State officials to assist with zoning enforcement, removal of dilapidated structures, and other issues impacting the health, safety, and welfare of our community.  
Q: How long have you lived in Trumbull Township?  
A: My wife Lee Ann and I have lived in Trumbull Township for 27 years, where we raised her younger brother and our 6 children. We have helped our friends and neighbors in need, participated in nonprofit organizations, and otherwise helped make Trumbull Township a better place to live and raise a family. I have devoted countless hours to serving Trumbull Township by rooting out corruption involving taxpayer dollars, battling slimy out-of-town business owners seeking to derive gain at the expense of township taxpayers, and preventing unscrupulous township residents from attempting to unfairly profit at the expense of other taxpayers. If elected, I will continue to work hard to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Trumbull Township.

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# ROAMING SHORES VILLAGE - 3 RACES

## ROAMING SHORES VILLAGE MAYOR VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1

**Candidate: JOHN L. BALL**

**Education:** High School Graduate - 4 year Electrical Apprenticeship, completed various courses at Lakeland Community College, CSU and Penn SU

**Qualifications for Office:** Served on Roaming Shores Village Council from 2004-2009 and as Mayor from 2009-2017. Supervised up to 84 employees in various tasks during my career on the railroad.

**Age:** 75

**Q: What is the biggest challenge to Roaming Shores Village and how would you address it?**

A: The current challenge in the village is the lack of stability due to the loss of valued employees. The Village went several months without a Village Administrator, resulting in several matters being overlooked. Currently the Village is having to employ outside sources to provide coverage for our water, waste water and road maintenance. Not having a full-time staff results in minimal coverage at an increased cost.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: Several residents and property owners asked that I consider seeking the office and my desire to bring back stability to our Village. During my term as Mayor received grants for and renewed several lift stations, received grants for and started the upgrade and repaving of a portion of the Village owned roads. Challenged and defeated a P.U.C.O. request for a rate increase (SIC charge) for our water rate.

**Q: How long have you lived in Roaming Shores Village?**

A: 18 years - my wife and I moved here in May of 2002.

**Candidate: JENNIE S. D'AMICONE**

**Education:** Bachelor of Science from Indiana State University with a major in Criminology/Sociology.

**Qualifications for Office:** I am currently the Mayor for the Village of Roaming Shores. I am on the planning commission for the Village of Roaming Shores and on the Board of Directors for Union Cemetery in Rock Creek, OH

**Age:** 58  
**Campaign Email:** mayor@roamingshoresoh.gov

**Q: What is the biggest challenge to Roaming Shores Village and how would you address it?**

A: One of the biggest challenges to the Village is our outdated infrastructure. To clarify, our water and sewer lines need to be replaced, as well as numerous lift stations. Our water and sewer lines were installed in the 1960s and are in desperate need of replacement. We also currently have many lift stations that need replaced or updated. Things like flushable wipes are continuing to clog our lift stations which is burning out motors. The village currently is spending a considerable amount of money to keep maintaining them. We are in the process of applying for grants to assist us financially in updating water/sewer lines and the stations. I also want to continue to educate the residents about the hazards/costs of using flushable wipes.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: I am running for this position because I deeply care about my community and ensuring that the needs of our residents are met. In the past, the Village of Roaming Shores and Rome Rock Association didn't have an amicable relationship. Since I became mayor, my first priority was mending this relationship. My motto is "one lake, one community". I am happy to say that the Village of Roaming Shores and Rome Rock Association currently work very well together and, as long as I am Mayor, we will continue to do so.

**Q: How long have you lived in Roaming Shores Village?**

A: I have lived in Roaming Shores since 2011.

## ROAMING SHORES VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1

**Candidate: LEEANN S. MOSES – NO RESPONSE**

**Candidate: KERRI PHILIPS**

**Education:** BS– Business Administration

**Qualifications for Office:** -Supported 25,000+ employees with payroll, benefits, health insurance, 401k, compensation, HR policies -Maintained financial records for small business - Prepared and negotiated contracts -Maintained

**Age:** 42



**Q: What is the biggest challenge to Roaming Shores Village and how would you address it?**

A: There are numerous challenges Roaming Shores currently faces regarding financial management. I will implement procedures to ensure accuracy and increase transparency of Village financial records. I will prevent unnecessary fees and fines because some bills are currently being paid late. Roaming Shores residents have a right to know how our funds are being used. Implementing updated software would provide accurate and complete information to our residents and allow the State Auditor immediate access to our financial records. Another challenge we face is a lack of consistency and clarity with where funds are coming from. Working with Council and other Village stakeholders, I will clearly communicate financial goals and progress.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: I am running for Clerk/Treasurer because Roaming Shores needs someone to manage our business and financial records who has solid business experience and a fresh perspective. We need someone that can look at change as a good thing. Our residents need to be aware of the financial setting in which they live and be assured their tax dollars are not being wasted on late fees and fines. Our wonderful community needs someone who can bring updated financial expertise to the job.

**Q: How long have you lived in Roaming Shores Village?**

A: I have been a Roaming Shores resident for 16 years.

## ROAMING SHORES VILLAGE COUNCIL VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 4

**Candidate: SALLY B. FELL**

**Education:** MBA - Baldwin Wallace University; MLIS - Information Science; BA - Political Science and History

**Qualifications for Office:** Successful international management career, member of Planning Commission, Village Volunteers, active with Rome Rock Association, Friends of Library, school board vice-president, winning grant writer.

**Campaign Email:** sfell13@mail.bw.edu



**Q: What is the biggest challenge to Roaming Shores Village and how would you address it?**

A: Most of the infrastructure within our community was installed over 50 years ago. Implementing a plan to address aging infrastructure is important so there is a focus on high priority items as well as routine maintenance. I realize water and sewer systems are not very exciting to most residents but when they suddenly go bad, the consequences can be tremendously inconvenient and expensive. Getting ahead of the aging systems and planning proper updates is more cost effective and easier to manage long term. Responsible financial management, maintaining strong safety services, collaborating well with the Association, respect for Village employees, and listening to resident concerns are also important items to me.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: I have long been interested in good government and making positive changes within the community where I live. I will work to understand and prioritize the needs of all village residents, track global trends impacting our community, and apply limited resources in a smart and responsible manner for maximum benefit to the Village. I am keenly interested in developing a strategic plan for our Village that dove-tails with the one currently being developed by the Association. Working together, I think we can create a comprehensive roadmap for Roaming Shores that is focused on community and resident priorities as well as positioning Roaming Shores for future success.

**Q: How long have you lived in Roaming Shores Village?**

A: I am a 20+ year property owner at Roaming Shores and full-time resident for the past 3 years. I recently retired as a Sr. Product Manager after a 35-year career in the information management industry where I managed an international product team and database products over \$35 million dollars. I have successful grant writing experience and can apply those skills where needed to bring in additional funds to supplement the Village budget. My work experience, community service and non-profit board leadership is very similar to what is required to be a successful Village Council member.

**Candidate: MARLENE HOCEVAR – NO RESPONSE**

**Candidate: STEVEN KAUFMAN**

**Education:** Bachelor of Science degree from UCONN, double major in EECS and MIS

**Qualifications for Office:** Experienced in finance, problem analysis, planning, implementation and negotiation. 35+ years as a successful small business owner and CEO.

**Age:** 64

**Campaign Email:** StevenK@CD-MIOhio.com



**Q: What is the biggest challenge to Roaming Shores Village and how would you address it?**

A: As is true in so many parts of our country, infrastructure is currently the village's greatest challenge. By definition this includes our water and sewer systems, the dam and road maintenance. To address these infrastructure issues I would look to fully capitalize on all national and state programs in order to reduce the financial impact on our community. Financial planning, environmental concerns, and the needs and well-being of our residents must all be considered when making solid decisions for both immediate action and future planning.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: I see tremendous potential in Roaming Shores and believe I can help achieve that potential. The village is facing financial, structural and environmental challenges in the immediate future. I am willing to work for the betterment of our community. Future council members need to be honest, hardworking individuals such as myself who

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are going to dedicate the time and effort needed to make appropriate, thoughtful, financially responsible decisions. I will personally make it my goal to listen to the constituents and be their voice on council.

**Q: How long have you lived in Roaming Shores Village?**  
A: My wife, Marie, and I bought our property in 2017 and made Roaming Shores our permanent residence upon completion of our home. We love it here and want to help keep the village a strong, safe and desirable community for the benefit of all residents.

Candidate: EDWARD KOZIOL

**Education:** GV Grad, KSU courses, Construction Proj Mgmt Inst, OH cert. Firefighter II, Fire Instructor, Fire Safety Inspector, Hazmat Tech.

**Qualifications for Office:** 9 years councilman Roaming Shores/currently Council Pres, 50 years' experience in Public Safety/39 years in residential/commercial const industry gives me knowledge in water/public safety, roads & utilities.

**Age:** 66  
**Campaign Email:** ekoziol630@gmail.com



**Q: What is the biggest challenge to Roaming Shores Village and how would you address it?**

A: Maintaining our infrastructure. We need to maintain a quality water and sewer system, roadways and public safety within our village. The utility lines are 55 years old and many were not originally installed with proper sizing for fire protection flows nor either lines installed with proper bedding or backfill materials. We need to continue to pursue grants, low interest loans and research the possibility of regionalization. We need to plan for the future by implementing five, ten and twenty year plans to prepare for continued growth and upgrades within our village.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**  
A: I want to continue serving our community in maintaining and improving the quality of life for our village residents through solid financial management, working with the Rome Rock Association, obtaining grants and listening to our residents' concerns. It has been a privilege serving on council these past nine years. I was appointed to council in 2012, elected in 2013 and re-elected in 2017, and ask for your support in November 2021 that I be allowed to continue to make a difference working for the citizens in our village.

**Q: How long have you lived in Roaming Shores Village?**  
A: I have been a resident in Roaming Shores for 40 years. Married to Pam 37 years. Daughter Jodi, son in law Vito and two granddaughters are also residents in our village. Our village is a great place to live, raise a family and retire.

Candidate: HOLLY SUE MAYERNICK

**Education:** B.S. in Sociology  
**Qualifications for Office:** Village Planning Commission Chair; Personnel Committee Member; Former Councilperson. Human Resource professional, former real estate agent. Employed: Infinity Resources as an HR consultant.  
**Age:** 66  
**Campaign Email:** hollymayernick@yahoo.com

**Q: What is the biggest challenge to Roaming Shores Village and how would you address it?**

A: Infrastructure! Aging water/sewer lines, a deteriorating water tower and lift stations in a variety of stages of needed maintenance are critical. How do you ask? Inventory all lines, stations, treatment plant and water tower; carefully design/catalogue and develop a financial report that outlines available funds, loans, levies and expirations of sources, along with individual expected costs. Make a timeline of urgent; 3-5 year plan; and, projections for the next 10-15 years. Then, plan for funding (grants, loans etc.) and timing repairs/replacement. Then, review the roads, dam, and compost site in the same way. At every council meeting/work session, until the plan is crystal clear and useable, review it to plan priorities and budgeting.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**  
A: Because I have watched council get sidetracked and misinformed. Council members must respect each other and the constituency and do research. Council represents all village residents and weekenders when it comes to legislation or rules as to property management and conduct. We need clear plans. Council needs to define the role of government and help distinguish the Association's role. During 2009-12, as councilperson, I developed and secured space in The Shores News for a box that explains who to call. More tools need developed. We are one lake and one community! Sharing information/resources/ideas makes our community better. My skills/experience can assist administration in hiring qualified, well-intended, willing-to-learn employees.

**Q: How long have you lived in Roaming Shores Village?**  
A: In November, I will celebrate 28 years of living in The Shores. The first 2 years were on Lake Crest, 25 years on Morning Star and the last year renting on Lake Crest. By October 1st, I will be moved into the fixer upper I purchased on South Park Lane this past April. This is my home! I enjoy the amenities, the off-the-beaten path location, and the sounds of nature and recreation here.

ABSENTEE BALLOT

You may request an Absentee Ballot by:

- Completing an Absentee Ballot Application (found on <https://www.boe.ohio.gov/ashtabula/absentee-information/absentee-voting/>) and mailing it to the Board of Elections, 8 West Walnut Street, Jefferson, Ohio 44047
- Calling the Board of Elections and requesting an Absentee Ballot Application to be mailed to you
- Mailing a letter to the Board of Elections with the following information:
  - Your name and home address.
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  - Your date of birth.
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    - The last four digits of your social security number; or
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  - If the election is a primary, your party choice, or that you want to vote an issues-only ballot.
  - The mailing address to which you want your ballot sent.
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  - Your signature. (May not be signed by Power of Attorney)

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- Mailing it to the Board of Elections for your county
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### 1) Absentee Voting by Mail

You must first submit an Absentee Ballot Application form. The form is available at the county board of elections, the Ohio Secretary of State's office, online at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov) or can be requested by mail.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot is three days before the election in which you want to vote, but voters can submit their application any time. Absentee voting begins October 5th.

The Board of Elections will mail your Absentee Ballot to you with a return envelope. Fill in all required information on the envelope and check it twice.

**You may return your absentee ballot to the Board of Elections by:**

- **Mailing your ballot** to the Ashtabula County Board of Elections, 8 West Walnut Street, Jefferson, OH 44047. If mailed, absentee ballots must be postmarked by the day before the election in order to be counted. If you are returning your voted ballot by mail during the week before Election Day, you should take it to USPS no later than the day before Election Day and ensure it receives a postmark as follows:

If you use a postage label purchased at a USPS customer service window or vending machine, the date on the label is the postmark. This is the USPS-recommended way to postmark your ballot.

If you use postage stamps, ask that it be postmarked.

- **Hand-delivering** by you or a relative to the Board of Elections office before the close of the polls at 7:30 p.m. on Election Day

- **Placing it in the secure Drop off Box** outside of the Board of Elections before the close of the polls at 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

### 2) Early In-Person Absentee Voting

You can cast your absentee ballot in person at your county board of elections or voting center as designated by the county. The deadline to vote in person at the Board of Elections is Monday, Nov. 1, 2021, at 2 p.m.

### 3) In Person in Election Day

- Polls are open on Election Day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- You must cast your ballot at your designated polling location.
- Visit [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov) to find your designated Election Day voting location.
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## PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

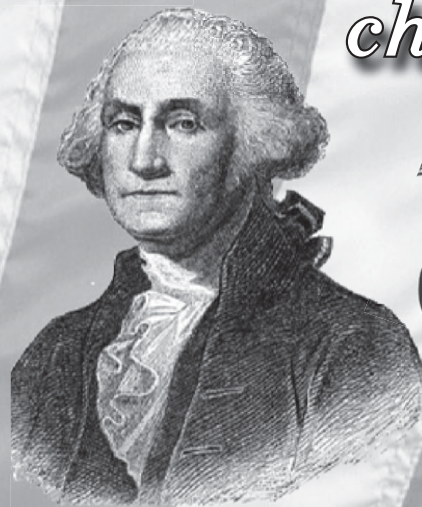
A provisional ballot is used to record a vote if a voter's eligibility is in question and the voter would otherwise not be permitted to vote at his or her polling place. The content of a provisional ballot is no different from a regular ballot, but it is cast "provisionally" until election officials can verify the voter's eligibility to vote in the particular precinct at that election.

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## KINGSVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE 2 RACES - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2

**Candidate: JIM BRANCH**

**Education:** Kent State University MA, Anthropology - Archaeology (2000). BS, Anthropology - Archaeology (1997).  
**Qualifications for Office:** Kingsville Township Trustee 2018-2021. Kingsville Zoning Inspector, 2006-2017. I have been a public servant for over 23 years and am very familiar with the operation of local governments.  
**Age:** 48

**Q: What is the biggest challenge to Kingsville Township and how would you address it?**

A: Smart development of the I-90 interchange within the township and maintaining and possibly expanding our part-time Fire & EMS service are two important priorities for me as a trustee. Doing this within our budget will be a big challenge but grants and partnerships can help make these things possible.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: I am running for trustee to continue the work my fellow trustees and I have been doing the last 4 years. I believe we have been very successful in providing increased services (recycling and yard waste drop off, road maintenance and upgrades, timely and improved snowplowing, more skilled Fire & EMS service, parks & trails, employee health insurance) and would like to build on this further. I feel that the current trustees and our employees make an excellent team and want to work to retain and support our staff.

**Q: How long have you lived in Kingsville Township?**

A: Over 40 years.


**Candidate: MICHAEL CLIFF – NO RESPONSE**

## KINGSVILLE TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1

**Candidate: Michael DeFazio – NO RESPONSE**

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## JEFFERSON VILLAGE COUNCIL - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 4

**Candidate: KATY DREIER – NO RESPONSE**

**Candidate: JACOB A. MORGAN – NO RESPONSE**

**Candidate: KEVIN ORVOS – NO RESPONSE**

**Candidate: KAREN RODERICK**

**Age:** 39

**Campaign Email:** Roderick-4council@gmail.com

**Q: What is the biggest challenge to the Village of Jefferson and how would you address it?**

A: Public Awareness is the biggest challenge in the Village of Jefferson. Oftentimes residents are not aware of the many opportunities the Village has to offer. I would like the opportunity to help residents become more informed so they can also get involved.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: I have a willingness to learn and drive to serve in the community that I love. I

**Q: How long have you lived in the Village of Jefferson?**

A: My family and I have lived in the Village for 15 years.



**Candidate: STEVEN MICHAEL SEKANINA**

**Education:** Graduate of Kent State University Majoring in Business

**Qualifications for Office:** 25 years in business & volunteer roles, Officer 8 years in the Surface Mount Technology Association, Two term board member in the Grand River Trail Riders, Member Jefferson Area Chamber of Commerce  
**Age:** 50  
**Campaign Email:** ssekanina@hotmail.com



**Q: What is the biggest challenge to the Village of Jefferson and how would you address it?**

A: The biggest challenge to Jefferson Village is making sure we maintain the safe small town feel so many love while cultivating a vibrant business environment. We not only need to retain the business base we currently have but we need to attract new businesses to replace ones that have left over time. In some cases manufacturing companies have closed and left taking with them many jobs and the tax revenue associated with those businesses. The Village also has the unique position of being the county seat for Ashtabula County which attracts out of town guests for business, administrative issues and leisure. We need businesses that support these guests to make them feel welcome and interested in returning again.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: In January of 2021 when a council seat became open due to the departure of April Mariotti, who was elected to be the Ashtabula County Clerk of Courts I was unanimously voted by the remaining council members to replace Mariotti. Before being sworn in it was determined that I had not lived inside the village boundaries long enough to serve in this role so I was unable to take the seat at that

time. For the upcoming election I now meet the residency requirements and I am just as committed today as I was in January to serve the residents and businesses in the village. I believe my extensive combination of business experience and volunteer experience uniquely positions me to be a valuable member of village council.

**Q: How long have you lived in the Village of Jefferson?**

A: My wife and I purchased a lot in the village in March of 2020 and we completed construction in September of 2020 so we have now been here a year. We came to the village from Denmark Township just a few miles outside the village so we have been involved in the local community for many years and our two children who live in our home have always attended Jefferson Schools.

## ANDOVER VILLAGE COUNCIL VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 4

**Candidate: RAYMOND FRENCH – NO RESPONSE**

**Candidate: MARGO HORNYAK – NO RESPONSE**

**Candidate: RICHARD K. ORAHOOD – NO RESPONSE**

**Candidate: DORIS L. SIMON – NO RESPONSE**

**Candidate: E. CURT WILLIAMS**

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering.

**Qualifications for Office:** As a retired military member, I have leadership skills and the ability to forge ahead and get things done.  
**Age:** 73  
**Campaign Email:** cathyw73@gmail.com



**Q: What is the biggest challenge to Andover Village and how would you address it?**

A: Andover is a great little community that is coming back to life! We have a summer tourist population because of Pymatuning Lake and its great camping sites. We have businesses opening up within the village and the surrounding areas, as well as the Ashtabula County MetroParks Greenway Trail which will be scheduled for opening by summer of 2022. Andover is a very active village with many people enjoying all it has to offer. The main challenge, in my opinion, is the lack of emergency health care services available for the needs of those who live here, work here, or visit here. As a member of council, reaching a solution with other area leaders and combining our resources is my primary goal.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: I want Andover Village to be the best place to live that it can be. My grandchildren are growing up here and I want this to be a home they are proud to live in.

**Q: How long have you lived in Andover Village?**

A: 19 years. After many years of traveling and moving, my wife and I chose this area to live because of its central location and charm.



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## ASHTABULA AREA CITY SCHOOLS SCHOOL BOARD - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 3

### Candidate: DEBRA BARRICKMAN

**Education:** Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from KSU (With a concentration in gifted and talented education.)

**Qualifications for Office:** An educator with 46+ years of experience. I have the skills needed to incorporate the consensus, needs, and priorities of the community into strong policies. Understand federal and state mandates.

**Age:** 71

**Campaign Email:** barrickmandebra@gmail.com



#### Q: What is the biggest challenge to the Ashtabula Area City Schools and how would you address it?

A: AACCS needs to put its mission statement into action: Together preparing EVERY student for future success. This success can be achieved by addressing the mental and physical health and safety of our students and staff and ensuring equity in access to curriculum and instruction. With the uncertainty of the funding that will be received from the state, this mission needs to be advanced in a manner that respects the taxpayers trust in the district. Also, I strongly believe that making standardized test scores the measure of our effectiveness as educators was a misguided idea insofar as it reduced the realities of our students into data points. We need to honor each learner and be able to respond to individual students based on their needs.

#### Q: Why are you running for this position?

A: I am committed to listening first and to leading thoughtfully and respectfully. My desire to retain my seat on the Board is an extension of my desire to serve this community. I am committed to improving the quality of AACCS and realize that serving as a policy maker is one of the most direct ways to make a difference. I believe that my background experiences in varied roles in education make me uniquely qualified to serve as a member of the Board of Education. If honored with your vote, I will do my part to assure that we as a Board continue to work with the singular objective of addressing issues that will help to strengthen a positive learning environment for all the stakeholders in the district.

#### Q: How long have you lived in the Ashtabula Area City School District?

A: I have lived here for almost my entire life. After my Dad retired from the U.S. Navy, he brought the family back to the town where he grew up, Ashtabula. I attended Washington Elementary, Thomas Jefferson, and the Jackson Building. Then I went to Columbus Jr. High School and Harbor High School. After college, I was a teacher at Station, McKinsey and Windermere Elementary Schools. My AACCS education served me well, as it did my father and my two sons. If I am re-elected to this school board, I will work to provide a great education for the next generation coming through the AACCS District.

### Candidate: MARY (PEACHIE) CHATMAN

**Education:** I attended Kent State, workshops, and professional development about providing wrap around services to students and adults.

**Qualifications for Office:** My qualifications are my real-world experience and interactions with diverse groups. I've dedicated 40 years to empowering my community through social services platforms.

**Age:** I have lived in the Ashtabula Area City Schools for 67 years.

**Campaign Email:** peachiechatman@yahoo.com



#### Q: What is the biggest challenge to the Ashtabula Area City Schools and how would you address it?

A: Like Ashtabula Area City Schools, districts across the United States recognize the traumatic times our students are enduring as they navigate an evolving impact of the COVID-19 global pandemic. Social Emotional Learning for our students is more important now than ever. The most obvious challenge teachers and principals' task will most likely face will be the gravity of overcoming the trauma endured by Ashtabula's

youth. As AACCS anticipate the numbers of students needing additional support will increase, Social Emotional Learning must become a priority and must lead to a well communicated plan that bridges between the central office and building level teachers.

#### Q: Why are you running for this position?

A: I am vested in the future of our children and our community. I have spent the past 40 years giving back to the place I call home. My philosophy is that the greatest impact we can have on the course of our lives is being actively involved at the local level. It is for this reason that I am running for AACCS school board. I have been involved with United Way, Suicide Prevention, Hospice, Homesafe, APMC Pastoral Member, Ashtabula Leadership Graduate, Community Action, Ashtabula High School Hall of Fame recipient, career coaching, mentoring, and a Celebrate with Ducro Funeral Services. My desire to help ensure our children have access to the highest quality education led me to run in this important race.

#### Q: How long have you lived in the Ashtabula Area City School District?

A: I have lived in the Ashtabula Area City School District for 67 years.

### Candidate: JASON A KEELER – NO RESPONSE

### Candidate: WILLIAM A. NIEMI

**Education:** Associates Degree - Accounting (Kent), BBA- Accounting (Lake Erie College), Human Resources (Cleveland State University)

**Qualifications for Office:** I have over 43 years of business experience (accounting and human resources) and a passion to serve both our district and community.

**Age:** 65

**Campaign Email:** william.niemi56@gmail.com



#### Q: What is the biggest challenge to the Ashtabula Area City Schools and how would you address it?

A: I believe that the biggest challenge for our district is the uncertainty of the federal and state funding that we receive. On-going fiscal management and oversight will be needed if we are to maintain a balanced budget. Another challenge is improving our high school graduation rate- so many of our students have fallen behind and are not on track to graduate on-time. Programs are currently being set to improve this and on-going oversight will be required for the next several years. We need to prepare our students for life - college, entry in the workforce or military.

#### Q: Why are you running for this position?

A: I am running for re-election this November. I hope to retain my board seat and continue my service to the district and community. Our district has made significant strides over the last four years in the areas of student achievement, curriculum development, fiscal responsibility, leadership and operations. I believe that my business experience is needed on the AACCS Board. I would like to be a part of the continued improvement that we will see in our district.

#### Q: How long have you lived in the Ashtabula Area City School District?

A: I am a life-long resident of the Ashtabula Area City School District. I graduated from Harbor High School in 1975 and have remained a lifelong resident of Ashtabula.

### Candidate: CHRISTINE SEUFFERT

**Education:** 1967 Charles F. Brush High School Graduate - 1972 Kent State University- BS in Education - Ongoing professional development

**Qualifications for Office:** I have 49 years as a dedicated champion of the AACCS. As a teacher, coach, volunteer, union member, A-Tech Board 2020-21, AACCS Board 2008-2013 and 2017-present, I am honored to serve.

**Age:** 72 | **Campaign Email:** cseuffert3@gmail.com



#### Q: What is the biggest challenge to the Ashtabula Area City Schools and how would you address it?

A: The Ashtabula Area City Schools must continue to actuate citizens regarding school funding and its constant uncertainty. It plays havoc with staffing beyond the 2-year budget windows. This is possible by actively involving our community and demonstrating how their dollars are making a difference educationally, socially, economically and physically, in the lives of our students and thus our community. An educated community will rally around their district and also become effective communicators, striving to not only support, but to constructively challenge elected officials and decision makers. Draining dollars from public schools and forcing them to seek levies is not in the best interest of our students or community.

#### Q: Why are you running for this position?

A: I am running for re-election to ensure the continued forward momentum of the district based upon experience, dedication, proven leadership and integrity. My vision and efforts have been to join together citizens, government, business and public education to enact positive change for the betterment of our future. Public Schools are an irreplaceable component of the infrastructure that will stimulate community growth in Ashtabula.

I have walked the talk by:

Supporting with my vote & time, meeting the basic health and social/emotional needs of the students via community partnerships.

Voting to support & educating myself concerning student centered initiatives.

Demonstrating fiscal responsibility, via active committee work & education.

#### Q: How long have you lived in the Ashtabula Area City School District?

A: I have lived in and served the Ashtabula Area City Schools/Community for 49 years. I was a 36 year AACCS educator, coach, club advisor, and union president (1972-2008). I am currently serving on the AACCS Board of Education (2008-2013, 2017-present), A-Tech Board (2020-present), Ashtabula City Board of Health (10 yrs.), Ashtabula County Lights on the Lake Board (16 years), and United Way Allocation Committee (9 years). I was honored to receive the Master Board Member award from the Ohio School Board Association (2013) and the Community Service Award from the Ashtabula College Committee (2017-18). I am a proven leader with the drive and desire to actively serve, champion and celebrate the AACCS and Ashtabula Community.

### Candidate: DARIUS D. WILLIAMS

**Education:** High School Diploma with some college education

**Qualifications for Office:** Lifelong resident of the state and AACCS district. Military Veteran.

**Age:** 28

**Campaign Email:** Dariuswilliams908@gmail.com



#### Q: What is the biggest challenge to the Ashtabula Area City Schools and how would you address it?

A: I believe the biggest issue in our school district is our school's grade. Best way to address this situation is to get our kids engaged in their education. Giving them more tools to decide their future plans either college, military, joint the workforce, or taking the path of entrepreneur. With the help from our community parents and Ashtabula residents. I believe we can turn this around and prepare our kids for a successful life after high school.

#### Q: Why are you running for this position?

A: My main priority in running for Ashtabula BOE is to get involved with our school system's youth. Being a graduate of Lakeside High School only nine years removed. I have a close ideal to the challenges and issues our kids face on a day to day. With this I'm a believer that the glue that holds our schools together should be the residents of our community. It takes a village to raise a child and a tight knit community looking out for one another is another way we can assure our youth are prepared.

#### Q: How long have you lived in the Ashtabula Area City School District?

A: I am a life-long resident of Ashtabula County and all of my K-12 education was with AACCS

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GRAND VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BOARD - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 3

Candidate: AMANDA DOLAN – NO RESPONSE      Candidate: STEVEN M. GRIMM – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: TIMOTHY KEENEY – NO RESPONSE      Candidate: CHRISTA L. YUHASZ – NO RESPONSE

Candidate: DOUGLAS ZETLAW

**Education:** 1997 Graduate South Ridge Christian Academy, Con-neaut, Ohio. 2001 Honors graduate Lakeland Community College Police Academy

**Qualifications for Office:** 13 years’ experience as a Police Officer serving the citizens of Ashtabula County. Four years’ experience as Police Union president responsible for overseeing the negotiation of labor contracts.

**Age:** 41 | **Campaign Email:** officer522@hotmail.com



**Q: What is the biggest challenge to the Grand Valley Local School District and how would you address it?**

A: In these unique and uncertain times, some of the most complicated challenges we see relate to the heavily debated issues of mask requirements and vaccination mandates. Additionally, we’re faced with decisions relating to what our children are taught, such as the controversial curriculum known as Critical Race Theory. These matters need to be handled diplomatically, utilizing common sense and always recognizing that parents know what’s best for their own children.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: I, myself am the father of three children in the Grand Valley school system. I recognize the great responsibility that is placed upon our school and teachers when it comes to our children’s education and their future. I understand that there has to be a reasonable and appropriate give-and-take balance between wages/benefits offered to teachers/employees as they are tasked with an incredibly important, often thankless job. Most importantly, in these very uncertain, constantly evolving and challenging times in our country, I want to bring a sound, business minded, level-headed, conservative voice to the Grand Valley School Board

**Q: How long have you lived in the Grand Valley Local School District?**

A: My wife Katie and I have been residents of Hartsgrove Twp. for 6 years

JEFFERSON AREA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BOARD - VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 3

Candidate: SCOTT C. ARDARY – NO RESPONSE

Candidate: PHILIP E. PAWLOWSKI – NO RESPONSE

Candidate: HENDRIK WOLFERT – NO RESPONSE

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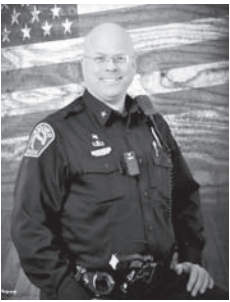
PYMATUNING VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BOARD - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 3

Candidate: CHRISTOPHER BAKER

**Education:** Public Safety related, prior EMT / Fire, basic police academy with several specialized continuing education related to my field.

**Qualifications for Office:** Experience in public relations, policy and supervision, had experience with home schooling.

**Age:** 57 | **Campaign Email:** cjb4pv@gmail.com



**Q: What is the biggest challenge to the Pymatuning Valley Local School District and how would you address it?**

A: Children today are faced with so much more influence from the Internet as well as today's society, I would like to encourage more education in all the grades about addiction, making good choices and life skills.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: 1982 graduate of Pymatuning Valley, longtime resident with a desire to be a part of our schools policy and decision making to continue with as well as improve upon the foundation that has been set.

**Q: How long have you lived in the Pymatuning Valley Local School District?**

A: 57 years

Candidate: JODIE HITCHCOCK

**Education:** BS in Accounting from Lake Erie College

**Qualifications for Office:** I have served on the board since May of 2020. Along with being a business owner, a degree in accounting is helpful on the financial side.

**Age:** 44



**Q: What is the biggest challenge to the Pymatuning Valley Local School District and how would you address it?**

A: Like other school districts, one challenge is continuing to provide the services and support needed to enable our students with a quality education in unprecedented times while remaining fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars. I will continue to work with and support the administration, staff, students, and community on maintaining high academic standards and positive carryovers in the general fund.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: I am running for this position because I strongly value quality education, and I would like to continue serving the community as a member of the board.

**Q: How long have you lived in the Pymatuning Valley Local School District?**

A: I have lived in the Pymatuning Valley School District for 18 years with my husband and our 3 children.

Candidate: DUANE MARCY – NO RESPONSE

Candidate: JOSH PEYTON – NO RESPONSE

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## CONNEAUT AREA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2

Candidate: PENNY L. ARMENI – NO RESPONSE

Candidate: JENNIFER BEST

**Education:** I have a BA in history from Thiel College. I have a BA in French and a minor in psychology from Ohio University.

**Qualifications for Office:** I worked in early childhood over 8 years at Head Start. I have taken several education courses in college and continue taking trainings in the fields of education and mental health.

**Age:** 36 | **Campaign Email:** jb967607@ohio.edu



Candidate: CHRIS BRECHT – NO RESPONSE

Candidate: TIMOTHY A. NEAL

**Education:** 2015 YSU Doctorate in Educational Leadership, 2008 YSU Secondary Principal/Superintendent Lic, 2005 YSU MS Educational Admin

**Qualifications for Office:** Veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Doctorate in Educational Leadership, Strong background in public education (Over 17 years).

**Age:** 43

**Campaign Email:** nealt80@hotmail.com



**Q: What is the biggest challenge to the Conneaut Area City Schools and how would you address it?**

A: Since my daughter isn't in the school system yet, I'm not sure what the biggest challenge is. My goal is to learn more about the school system. I'm eager to discover what's working well, and what's not. Let's keep doing what's working, and fix what's not. I believe that when the teachers, parents, students, board, and community collaborate towards offering the best education possible, we can overcome any challenges.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: I'm running for my daughter, Luna. I want to be active in ensuring that she'll have a strong educational foundation set by the time she's ready to enter kindergarten.

**Q: How long have you lived in the Conneaut Area City School District?**

A: I've cumulatively lived in the Conneaut Area City School District over 15 years. I moved to Conneaut when I was 4. I went to Lakeview and Rowe. When my mom remarried, we still had a Conneaut address but officially lived in the Buckeye district. After college, I stayed in Athens a few years before moving back home. Over the course of a few more years, I lived in a few rentals in Conneaut and Ashtabula. My boyfriend and I settled into our home in Conneaut about 3 years ago.

**Q: What is the biggest challenge to the Conneaut Area City Schools and how would you address it?**

A: I believe the biggest challenge in the Conneaut Area City School District is the shortcoming of transparent communication. I will encourage and promote increased, deeper, communication with parents and the community to strengthen education for ALL students.

**Q: Why are you running for this position?**

A: I grew up in Conneaut as a student who faced many challenges. It was through the support of the schools and the community that I was able to become the person I am today. As a life-long community member, educator, and father, I feel that I have had the opportunity to view education through many perspectives. I love my community and strive to continue to serve in order to improve it every day.

**Q: How long have you lived in the Conneaut Area City School District?**

A: I have lived in the Conneaut Area City School District for 39 years (my whole life except for the time served in the United States Marine Corps)

## League of Women Voters of Ashtabula County History

On October 21, 1968, Gail Graham, wife of the Episcopal minister in Jefferson and a member-at-large of the League of Women Voters and Esther Buchan Blevins, a 15-year member of the Geauga County League, met in Jefferson and agreed to start a League in Ashtabula County. The five Charter Members necessary to start the League were: Gail Graham, President; Matilda Obernyer, Julia Waters, Judith Weir and Esther Blevins.

Know Your County (required for full membership in the League of Women Voters) was the first local study completed by the group. After three years as a provisional League, the Ashtabula County League was fully recognized in January of 1972. Local President at the time was Jane Ailey.

The first League Candidates' Night in Ashtabula County was held in October 1972, at Kent State co-sponsored by AAUW and the Chamber of Commerce. The Directory of Health Services for Ashtabula County Residents was published in May 1974 as the result of a two-year study.

Some of the topics studied during the League's early days were: water pollution, the Electoral College, housing in Ashtabula County, the Ohio Constitution, U.S. policy towards China, public education finance, welfare reform and Congressional representation for the District of Columbia.

Early projects included a local study on juvenile justice that was instrumental in the building of the present facility. In 1990, the Ashtabula League received a \$7,500 grant from the LWVUS Education Fund to start an after school child care project in conjunction with the Ashtabula Area City Schools.

Today the League continues to be active in Ashtabula County, encouraging informed and active participation in government, working to increase understanding of major public policy issues through education and advocacy.



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GENEVA-ON-THE-LAKE VILLAGE COUNCIL - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 4

Candidate: MICHELLE BENCIC – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: MATTHEW CAUDILL – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: CYNTHIA DUDECK – NO RESPONSE  
Candidate: GARY M. HIMES – NO RESPONSE

Candidate: DONALD P. WOODWARD

Education: Graduated with BS in Business Administration from Thiel College.

Qualifications for Office: Lifetime resident of Geneva-on-the-Lake, and served the community on the planning commission, Asst. Fire Chief, and several terms on Village Council.

Age: 62 years  
Campaign Email: woodygotl@roadrunner.com



Q: What is the biggest challenge to the Geneva on the Lake Village and how would you address it?

A: Properly managing the rapid growth and interest in the Geneva-on-the-Lake resort area so the quality of life for residents and visitors continues on the current positive path. In order to have quality growth, proper and well thought zoning and planning updates to the current zone code must be done by professionals. The updated code must also include consistent enforcement of current codes and property maintenance ordinances. Additionally, the village must assure that the Geneva Lodge doesn't backslide with

the state take-over. The lodge is 80% responsible for the increase in property values in the village.

Q: Why are you running for this position?

A: I am running to make sure we keep the positive growth and improvements we've enjoyed and not slide backwards. I have been consistently a positive leader on council and a constant promoter of the village to county and state officials. I have helped bring village government to the point where the departments are fairly funded and professionally run. With a combination of grants, resident participation, and reasonable tax levies we have been able to address critical infrastructure needs. These include the new sewer plant, new waterlines, road improvements, new sidewalks, and erosion projects,

Q: How long have you lived in Geneva on the Lake Village?

A: I have lived in the village all my life since my birth in 1958. My grandparents came to Geneva-on-the-Lake in the fall of 1920.



SAYBROOK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE  
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2

Candidate: ROBERT J. BROBST

Education: I graduated from Ashtabula High School with many degrees in public service including but not limited to: Leadership of Ashtabula

Qualifications for Office: I previously worked as a Saybrook Township firefighter/EMT for 15 years then 40 years of service as a Township Trustee in Saybrook

Age: 76

Q: What is the biggest challenge to Saybrook Township and how would you address it?

A: A few of the challenges I see in Saybrook Township include? Keeping the finances very strong. Always keeping the cemetery, roads, and drainage systems in the best shape possible. Always keeping our safety forces stocked with the supplies and items necessary to serve our community to the highest degree. As well as, working with the zoning committee to write new rules to meet the needs of our township and the State Law Ohio Revised Code.

Q: Why are you running for this position?

A: I was born and raised in Saybrook and have always had a fond love for the community resulting in me striving to work for its betterment.

Q: How long have you lived in Saybrook Township?

A: I have lived in Saybrook township for 76 years.

Candidate: NORMAN JEPSON – NO RESPONSE

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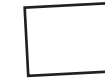
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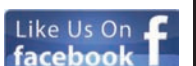
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