

MEET THE CANDIDATES

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I am deeply committed to the Town and am excited to be seeking re-election to the Town Council. As the election gets underway, I want you to know what I believe is important in our community and how my leadership on the Council has made a difference:

- Open and fair government. When I was Mayor, one of the first things I did was to make our Town government more accessible and responsive by expanding public hearings. Now we hear directly from you on everything from street signs to charitable contributions.
- Communications. With the Community Relations Committee, we expanded ways to keep you informed and up-to-date. I am proud of our current, user-friendly website, our Town Crier email notices (with 900 recipients), and our monthly newsletter. We are also looking to use new technologies to make our communications even better.
- Safety. As Council Liaison, I have helped build a solid Neighborhood Watch Program. The Town now provides off-duty police coverage so an officer is in the Town at all times.
- Community. Movie nights. Bake-Offs. Drum Circles. Progressive Dinners. Art Shows. These are just a few of the Town events I helped start that bring together neighbors of all ages, interests and talents.
- Protecting our environment. I have supported new environmentally sound practices such as voluntary composting and singlestream recycling.
- Fiscal responsibility. I believe we need adequate rainy day funds for emergencies, as well as funds available for new initiatives supported by the community.

It has been an honor to serve you on the Town Council. In asking for your support for another term, I promise to continue to listen to you and work hard to accomplish our community's goals. I will work to expand our parks (and yes, spend some of our reserves for this), protect our buffer areas from overzealous Bethesda development and continue to support services and programs that make our Town an even better place for residents.

Twenty-three years ago, my husband, David, and I moved to the Town to raise our three children, Mark, Helen and Jacob. We are now empty-nesters and I can't imagine leaving the Town to live elsewhere. When the kids were young, I worked part-time as an attorney so that I could volunteer in their schools and in the community. Today, I continue to work as a lawyer in private practice.