

2020 SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION — CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

To elect **one** Town resident to fill a vacancy on the Board of Town Commissioners for the remainder of the current term of office ending January 2022.

Bryan A. Bontrager

Having lived here since 2007, I enjoy our small town security and friendly neighborhoods. Much has changed in those years, and I must define myself as a proponent for stability and maintaining the character of our small town.



We have the lowest tax rate of any town in PG County, yet we allow our council to spend beyond our needs. I'm a commercial construction superintendent; I spend my days building and managing budgets, and my evenings pinching pennies to support my 6 children.

I don't believe we need a town council to reinvent small town living. We need a town council that ensures we have police coverage, trash collection, storm cleanup, and allows us to enjoy our lives, families and neighbors.

My goals for your town council for the upcoming 17 month term:

- ★ End reserved parking for town commissioners at town hall.
- ★ Return 10% of my commissioner salary to the town
- ★ Eliminate dog waste cleanup stations.
- ★ Reduce \$791,000 administrative budget
- ★ Revise town charter so we elect our council on Election Day.
- ★ Investigate bringing natural gas to town.
- ★ End annexation without referendum.

I believe taxes and fees should be treated with respect for those who earn them, and returned if not needed. I appreciate your support.

Janice Duckett

My desire to see the community thrive and prosper has led me to run for the Board of Commissioners. My commitment to public service began as a military spouse with two



children becoming active members and continues by working for highly visible non-profit organizations whose primary focus is service.

My platform will focus on the following areas:

- ★ Economic development, cultivating beneficial partnerships with entities to drive and increase revenue.
- ★ Public safety of our residents is priority #1. Providing proper support to protect and respond to our needs is vital and helps to maintain a safe community which we can all enjoy.
- ★ Increase revitalization projects i.e., downtown core, streets, and recreation.

Fiscal responsibility, a healthy economy and growth is fundamental to a thriving community. It will be an honor to serve YOU, ensure your voice is heard, show up for those who cannot and be the commissioner you can count on. Together, we can move our town forward and build a prosperous future our families. If you would like to support positive initiatives in these critical areas, it starts with you. I need your VOTE Monday, July 27th, 2020! Come out and make a DIFFERENCE!

Sarah Franklin

I am excited to run for the Town Board of Commissioners. My family and I have lived in the Town for the past seven years, so I am invested in seeing this community thrive.



I have a Master's Degree in Community Planning. My job experience in town planning and accounting make me an excellent candidate for Commissioner. I have enjoyed serving as Secretary/Treasurer of the Town's Events Committee since 2018, assisting in planning events, such as Trunk-or-Treat on Main Street and movie nights. My ability to work with others to conceive and execute these events will make me an asset to the Board of Commissioners.

The next year will bring unique challenges as governments at all levels face lower incomes and a greater need for services. I am ready to meet those challenges. My goals for us are:

- ★ Maintain our financial stability.
- ★ Improve technology access for residents
- ★ Increase safety and access for pedestrians
- ★ Increase resident participation.

I ask you to vote for me so that I may continue to serve you in a new capacity, as your Town Commissioner. Learn more about or contact me via www.facebook.com/SarahLovesUM.