

I am honored by the opportunity I've had to serve as a Trustee for the Village of Williams Bay for the past two years. I seek your vote to serve for another term. I seek re-election for many of the same reasons I sought office initially: 1) local government is important, probably the most important to our day-to-day lives; 2) I deeply appreciate the small-town character, natural beauty and people of Williams Bay; 3) I have the temperament, skills, time and experience to both listen and lead in maintaining what we like and finding affordable solutions to our challenges. And now I have two years of experience with the complexity of Village government.

Some things about me:

- Our family has owned property here in the Bay for nearly 80 years. Ruth and I have been here seasonally for more than 40 years and lived here full time for six years. I have a good sense of what living here means.
- I've served as Trustee for nearly two years. I've been Chair of the Building, Zoning and Ordinance Committee. I also have served on the Finance and Personnel Committee and the Parks and Lakefront Committee. I know what it takes to build consensus and to move matters forward. I know the work it takes to be an effective Trustee.
- I'm a member of the Delavan Christian Reformed Church. My faith is an important part of who I am and how I act. I'm a member of Williams Bay Lions Club. I volunteer at Open Arms Free Clinic, at the Spirit of Hope Homeless Shelter and at Meals on Wheels.
- I'm married to Ruth. We have four children and eight grandchildren. Unfortunately, they are scattered across most all of the US.

Williams Bay has many, many positive attributes. At the same time, there are some issues that need to be addressed. For example, Emergency Medical Services are critical; our current all-volunteer model falls short. We must work with the current volunteer organization, find funding and consider creative solutions that may involve partnering with other municipalities.

While EMS is important, I suspect development projects are a top-of-mind concern for many voters. Many residents want to see development and re-development in the downtown business district as evidenced in responses to the recent WBBA survey. At the same time no one wants over-development. We will see development over the coming years. There are many safeguards to protect the character of the Bay and guide development such that residents will find the results appropriate. First, the Comprehensive Plan, now being updated, specifies intended land use: single family residential, multi-family, commercial, etc. Second, Village Ordinances set many detailed requirements that will guide any development. Finally, many public hearings before the Plan Commission and Village Board will provide opportunities for community input. As Chair of the Building Zoning and Ordinance Committee, I have insight into these protections and will ensure they are used.

Williams Bay is in a unique, enviable situation. We have a wonderful small-town feel, an engaged, educated community, all in a beautiful setting. People who live here (and visit here) like the Bay. It all adds up to an impressive quality of life. That quality of life may be difficult to define, but everyone seems to know it when they feel it. My obligation as your Trustee is to work with others to turn that feeling into tangible actions to preserve, protect and develop.

I would be honored by your vote on April 5. See also: [Facebook: LowellforWBTrustee 2022](#)