



Voter Guide 2021

Bay Village General Election

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**Request an absentee ballot at www.443vote.us or by calling 216-443-8683;
or vote in person on Election Day: Tuesday, Nov. 2, 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.**

PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENTS

The Bay Village ballot will include two zoning amendments proposed by City Council: Issue 1 to rezone the property immediately south of Heinen's for a parking lot extension; and Issue 2 to change the codified ordinance to allow for mixed-use development in the city's commercial districts on Dover Center Road and Clague Parkway.

Bay Village League member Susan Murnane prepared an overview of the proposed ballot issues.

ISSUE 1: HEINEN'S PARKING LOT REZONING

Proposes changing the zoning classification of the lot directly south of Heinen's current parking lot from residential to retail/business district. Passage requires an affirmative vote citywide and in Ward 2.

League explanation: Heinen's has purchased the lot at 452 Dover Center Road in order to expand its parking lot to accommodate changing shopping patterns. The neighbors do not object.

ISSUE 2: MIXED-USE OVERLAY DISTRICT

Proposes amending the zoning code to establish a mixed-use overlay district. Passage requires an affirmative vote citywide and in Wards 1 and 2.

League explanation: The mixed-use overlay district only applies to those areas of the city already zoned for commercial, retail/business, office, apartment or parking uses, excluding a retail business district located at 630 Columbia Road and 25513 Eaton Road that encompasses the Speedway gas station and adjacent shopping area and restaurant. Areas zoned for single-family residential purposes will not be directly affected by the ordinance.

The three districts covered by the ordinance are: 1) the southwest corner of Wolf and Dover Center that includes Bay Square and Heinen's; 2) both sides of Dover Center south of the Post Office to the railroad tracks; and 3) the Clague Parkway Plaza at the east end of Bay Village. Maps showing the included districts can be found on the city's website.

The mixed-use overlay ordinance allows development under either the existing (base) zoning standards, or the new mixed-use standards, at the discretion of the property developer.

Mixed-use projects would be subject to the same permitting procedures as projects under the base zoning, including a public hearing before the planning commission. Mixed use allows residential and non-residential uses to co-exist in one project. It also expands residential uses to include assisted living facilities, townhouses, dwelling units in the same building as office or retail units, and single-family attached and detached residences.

The same business and commercial uses are allowed as under the base zoning but limited to 5,000 square feet of gross floor area. In general, maximum building heights increase from 35 feet to 45 feet, 65 feet for the Clague Parkway district, and front yard setbacks are 5 feet for residential uses and may be zero for non-residential uses.

The ordinance includes detailed provisions to ensure that development promotes pedestrian and bicycle traffic, community circulation, public meeting space, and small scale locally owned businesses.

Visit the city's website to see Frequently Asked Questions, maps, and more information: www.cityofbayvillage.com/459.

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES

The mayor and three members of City Council are incumbents running unopposed to retain their seats. They were asked to share their priorities for their upcoming terms in office. (The candidates in the contested races for Wards 2 and 3 are on page 4 of this guide.)

PAUL A. KOOMAR, MAYOR



I will continue implementation of the 2016 Bay Village Master Plan and the recently completed Cahoon Park Lakefront Master Plan. Master Plans are a guide for a city's future development. Several visions identified are diversifying housing options, creating a more pedestrian and bicycle-friendly community, improving access to Lake Erie and developing a more vibrant village center while maintaining Bay Village's character. The focus will be on smaller and locally owned stores like Old Detroit

Road in Rocky River. Issue 2 on the November 2nd ballot would provide the Planning Commission with additional detailed guidelines and definitions to shape future projects.

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DAVID L. TADYCH, WARD 1



Priorities in Bay are multifaceted. We are, indeed, a safe community of churches, homes, and schools wrapped within parks and businesses. This must remain. Our character and spirit are strong. Future priorities must include improved infrastructure, new stream and lake erosion efforts, constant monitoring and improvement of community programs, sewers, facilities, roads, and services with what should include a new residential board ensuring that future homes blend with their surroundings and lot sizes. As

Ward Councilman and Finance Chairman, I will continue to ensure that projects implemented now will be affordable today and for residents who come after us.

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SARA BYRNES MAIER, COUNCIL-AT-LARGE



During the upcoming term I will continue to work with my fellow Council members and city administration to advance key components of the city's Master Plan with specific work on implementing the Cahoon Park Master Plan and its shoreline improvements, enhancements to our parks and trails, and needed upgrades to our sewer system. During the next term Council will guide major investments in the city's sewer infrastructure and will work collaboratively with the cities of Westlake, Fairview Park, and Rocky River to plan and fund required upgrades to the Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant, which serves all four communities.

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PETER J. WINZIG, WARD 4



For my next term, along with my Council and Ward 4 leadership and legislative duties, I will focus on continued sound fiscal management, IT security, scheduled and upcoming infrastructure investments, and public space improvements through open and transparent communications with my colleagues and residents. Projects include street and sewer repairs, tree protection and plantings, park enhancements, Cahoon Park bathroom/shed completion and Lakefront redevelopment, Bradley Park Playground, opening of the new Library and adjoining City Center greenspace, proper reuse of existing Library, Cahoon Park trails/bridge connections while remaining an advocate for City support of mental health and addiction treatment and recovery.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

Questions:

1. On Aug. 10, 2020, the Bay Village Board of Education passed a resolution to commit to equity and excellence in education. Do you support or oppose this resolution and why?

2. Would you change anything about the district's response to the pandemic?
 3. What do you see as the school district's most pressing priorities for the next 5 years?
 4. What do you see as the most important

qualities in a district superintendent?
 5. What are your top two priorities for improving the school district over the next 5 years?
 6. What do you believe the school district is doing well?

Responses to the first three questions are printed below; responses to the remaining questions are available at vote411.org.



CASEY AULT

Human Resource Manager. Married for 22 years. Moved to Bay in 2004. Two kids are Bay grads and three are at Bay High. My past community experience; Co-Leader of Women's Discipleship at BPC, Head Parent of Bay High Women's Soccer Team Parent Committee, Youth Group Volunteer at BPC, Committee Member of non-profit Scion Tree, Partner Volunteer with Children's Hope Chest.

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1. Equity: My family actively stands against racism. We love people from all walks of life and are proud that we surround ourselves with people that are different from us. We celebrate all ethnicities and keep our kids' heritage alive in our home. In saying that, equity does the direct opposite. Equity is equal outcomes, a dismantling of the foundations of a free society. Equity has replaced color blind equal opportunity with race based discrimination. I believe in equal opportunity for all Bay Village School students and staff. My children have been championed

as equal and excelled in the Bay Schools.

2. Pandemic: When the pandemic arrived, districts across the country were faced with the task of protecting the lives of students while continuing to offer a quality education. The Bay School District imposed measures to achieve those goals and quickly adapted to a new learning environment where students were educated remotely. However, after learning more about the coronavirus, many states and countries have lifted restrictions in an effort to return to normalcy and to put students in an optimal position to succeed. It is imperative that the Bay Village School District adjust restrictions in a measured way that allows students to excel.

3. Priorities: The district's priorities over the next five years are: educational excellence, a new superintendent, and budgeting. Educational excellence will continue to be the most important. We have yet to realize the full scope of the pandemic's educational implications. Continuing to utilize a curriculum that focuses on foundational and measurable skills allows us to identify and remedy learning gaps. It is imperative the proper superintendent is in place to promote this mission. Although Bay is operating in the red we must do our due diligence to confirm that we are as fiscally responsible as possible before seeking a levy.



SCOTT DWYER

I have lived in Bay Village for over 50 years and am a graduate of Bay schools. My wife has been a teacher in the district and my children are products of Bay schools. I have an MBA and a Master's in Engineering and am the Senior Vice President of Product and Strategic Planning at Hyland Software.

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1. Equity: It is important for us to acknowledge that racism exists, and that we can no longer tolerate it anywhere. It is also important that we don't teach our kids that they are racist simply because of the color of their skin. The school district, along with public and private organizations throughout the United States, have developed similar resolutions, worded in different ways, to acknowledge this. We

must continue to provide equal opportunity for all students while still ensuring schools are not teaching to the lowest common denominator. This needs to include options for gifted and remedial students.

2. Pandemic: I believe the best place for our students to learn is in school. It is important that we do not require masks longer than necessary, but without an online learning option for students, masking allows for students to stay in school and not to have to quarantine.

3. Priorities: The district has several issues that are important in the long-term: prudent fiscal management, hiring of a superintendent, and maintaining small class size and continued academic excellence. The last levy was passed in 2016 and was intended to provide for 4 years of funding. While a levy will most likely be proposed in the near future, prudent management of expenses needs to continue. We must also hire a permanent superintendent. Making the right long-term hire is imperative, and we must also continue to focus on, and empower the administration to continue to support, students' mental health.



AMY HUNTLEY

I'm a Bay graduate and mother of 6 children. My husband is a retired Bay teacher. I'm a Certified Public Accountant with 34 years of experience advising businesses and individuals. Integrity and honesty are essential in my job. I have 17+ years on the Bay School Board, treasurer of all 5 PTA units, Music Boosters and the levy committee.

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1. Equity: I support the concept of the resolution. ALL students should have access to an excellent education. We must continue to strive to meet the needs of ALL students and provide the best education possible. It is important we do not have barriers (intentional or unintentional) for any student's access to education and a safe environment in which to learn. As the world changes around us, it is important we continuously review and update our program to ensure access is not blocked. I would like to incorporate the community to establish a plan to

ensure we are meeting this objective.

2. Pandemic: The district's primary goal was to have students safely in school as much as possible. I support the goal and the steps taken to reach it. The district also provided an online learning option for families that were more comfortable keeping their children at home. This split approach provided options for families to balance their individual family needs while educating their children. It is easy to make decisions with hindsight, it's tough to make them in the moment. The information related to Covid changed quickly and frequently. The district remained student focused as it handled the pandemic.

3. Priorities: The main overall priority is to stabilize the district. Covid, turnover in the central office and the chaos in the world around us has caused a variety of challenges. The first priority is to determine a permanent superintendent. The superintendent is responsible for the leadership and guidance of the district. The second priority is to review district finances and determine future funding needs. The financial health of the district impacts the ability to continue the academic excellence. A third priority would be to bring unity within the school community and map a path to move forward.



DAVE "RICK" JONES

I am a Institutional Financial Advisor who specializes in managing portfolios for Midwestern Community Banks, typically \$2billion and less in assets. In dealing with these smaller banks typically in rural or suburban areas, I understand how important the local school districts are to success of these areas. In my free time, I enjoy coaching my sons in their sports.

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1. Equity: I consider myself lucky to be a third-generation graduate of Bay High School and never in my mind did I consider another city to raise my children. The tradition of excellence that Bay Schools has and continues to offers is Bay Village's largest asset. While I understand the state of the Country when the resolution was passed, I think it was ill advised and rushed. The board should have focused on the diverse number of programs it already has offered: music, journalism,

advanced placement, special needs, athletics and how successful those programs are.

2. Pandemic: I give credit to the board and administrators for navigating this unprecedented pandemic, however the one area I feel like they have failed in is open communication with the public. A large reason for the success of Bay Schools is how much the parents are invested in their children. In the past year, there were times when communication from the board was lacking. Parents wanted some guidance and often times emails, questions at board meetings, phone calls went unanswered, and that is unacceptable. The board, even at meetings should be willing to openly discuss school business.

3. Priorities: The most pressing issue facing the Bay Schools is the hiring of a qualified Superintendent by the start of 2022-23 school year. The board needs to find someone who is open to working with the board, teachers, and public to keep the tradition of excellence going in Bay Schools and is also invested for the long term, so we will not be repeating the process for the third time in the recent past. The board CANNOT fail to hire the correct candidate a second time. Once a long-term qualified Superintendent is in place, other priorities can be addressed.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES



PATRICK E. MOSIER

Community has been a part of me and my family since we moved back to Bay Village 25 years ago. As a Ph.D. Chemist, I have always been very focused on the importance of a strong education. Through PTA and as Kiwanis President, I have been involved with the Bay schools for over 15 years.

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1. Equity: Excellence in education and equality are important to the community and I am committed to these principles. Much of this resolution reflects years of existing Bay Village School policy and in many cases existing legal requirements of the district. There is always room for improvement at all levels, but it is important

to stay focused on the main objective of the schools, excellence in education.

2. Pandemic: The pandemic has been a challenge for all of us, including our work situations and our family health. The schools have been large focus of seemingly endless shifts in public policy regarding response to the pandemic. Not being on the inside of the administration, it would be irresponsible of me to second guess district decisions. However, the key focus of any pandemic response is to maintain the educational standards for our children, with a primary objective of keeping them in the classroom.

3. Priorities: The Bay Village Schools are at a key transition point, unique in the last generation. As we continue to contend with pandemic response, the district is also in need of new leadership, starting with Superintendent. The next five years will bring a lot of challenges to our school stability; fiscal responsibility will be the center of attention as we wrestle with the challenges of maintaining a top tier educational experience for our children.



SCOTT SCHULZ

Scott Schulz has been a higher education professional since 2007 and is the vice president for enrollment management at Baldwin Wallace University. He volunteers as a mentor for veterans and was appointed to the Bay Village Board of Education in 2020. Scott holds a B.A. in communication and a Ph.D. in higher education from the University of Arizona.

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1. Equity: At the heart of Bay Schools is a commitment to helping all children become their best selves. Equality of opportunity is important, but equity is the vehicle through which the district ensures every child receives the respect and support needed to thrive. For high-achieving students, this requires the creation of gifted programs and Advanced Placement courses needed for a more challenging academic environment. For some students, it means access to special education, mental health counseling or speech-language programs. Bay's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion is designed to provide excellence for all,

encouraging every child to maximize their potential.

2. Pandemic: Despite herculean efforts by teachers and staff, there were missed opportunities during the height of the pandemic. In addition to notifying parents about individual COVID cases, the district might have presented the data necessary to evaluate quarantine and isolation trends among staff and students. This could have alleviated confusion around decisions to teach remotely or in building. Likewise, there were times when we operated remotely for instruction but offered in-person athletic programs. Data related to teacher/staff absence trends or spread rates within schools or teams, rather than relying exclusively on community spread rates or CCBH figures, would have been informative.

3. Priorities: Although challenges related to COVID remain, the district must continue to plan for and shape a robust future. In the coming months, Bay Schools will coordinate the search for a superintendent, establish tangible goals for the next five years and a roadmap for their achievement within the framework of the new strategic plan, and, with the district reaching the end of its current levy cycle, begin the crucial work of proposing and passing a funding levy. Bay Schools must also strengthen its relationship with the community by enhancing communication, transparency and opportunities for engagement while upholding its mission and values.



ANDREY STOJIC

As Associate Director of General Neurology for the Cleveland Clinic, I develop neurologic care throughout our 8-county regional health system. I am a trained neurologist, with a PhD in neuroscience. For 18 years, I've taught medical students and resident physicians and have enjoyed providing learning experiences for students in Bay Village who are interested in a career in healthcare.

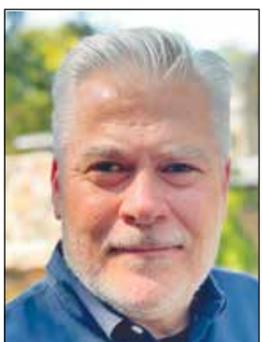
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1. Equity: I support the resolution. Equity in education means creating opportunities and reducing barriers for students to achieve their full academic potential. Academic excellence has - and will always be - a shared value in our community. This resolution reaffirms the district's commitment to ensuring that all students have the opportunity to achieve academic excellence. Our district already does this through providing intervention to students who may need help in developing the skills necessary to reach their full academic potential. This

resolution is a continued commitment to continue to build upon and improve efforts to remove any other barriers to success.

2. Pandemic: Generally, no. As a medical professional, I was proud of the district's response, which kept our children and school district employees safe. While not perfect, the district's plan kept our children in the classroom ~ 80% of the school year, one of the highest in the region. The district continues to take reasonable and appropriate measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, relying on a proactive, versus reactive approach. What has improved more recently, is communication from the district. Communication via email and in townhalls offer families a clear explanation and rationale for ongoing masking and mitigation steps.

3. Priorities: First, the search and hire of a permanent superintendent is critical to ensure excellent leadership for our district. Second, the district must remain fiscally responsible, and it is critical that the next school levy is supported by voters. Third, the draft Strategic Plan should undergo a review and approval by the board. This review will ensure that it meets the needs of our students, schools, and community, while offering a realistic mechanism for accountability in its implementation. The Strategic Plan offers a vision for our district that prepares our students - academically and emotionally - for the future of work.



JOHN D. TAYLOR

A businessman, educator, parent, and volunteer, John brings a range of skills to serve the Board of Education. John has successfully provided IT consulting services for 30 years with a distinctive record of developing people, financial acumen and process improvement capabilities to maximize team performance. Currently an adjunct professor at CWRU, John's degrees include Ohio State University (BSEE) and University of Maryland (MBA).

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1. Equity: The exceptional performance of the Bay Village schools was a primary reason that my family and I moved to Bay Village seventeen years ago. In addition to our experience at Bay Village schools, we learned our new community was a wonderful, caring, generous and supportive community for all citizens. As the results of the Equity Audit confirmed, there are no systemic inequities or institutional barriers established in the school system. The implied accusation

of the school system was unfair and the funding of the grant could have been provided to assist a less affluent school system.

2. Pandemic: Due to the uncertainty of the causes and spread of the virus, the BOE navigated a very challenging situation. While I would prefer masking to be optional, we have made great progress compared to last year when the students were in cubes of plexiglass, no lockers, no cafeteria or team activities. The two-week reassessment is a small price to pay at this time. The one area of improvement would be to incorporate a data driven approach based on target levels to address the mask mandate. This approach would removed the uncertainty from the decision making process.

3. Priorities: The focus of my campaign is academic excellence and fiscal responsibility. The primary driver to building on our tradition of academic excellence is the hiring of a new superintendent during the first quarter of 2022. This selection will set up the future decisions related to the direction of the school district. Regarding fiscal responsibility, there are two priorities which are passage of an operating levy and the renewal of the teacher's contract in June 2022.

This Voter Guide was assembled by members of the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland, Bay Village Chapter.

- We selected the questions and placed word limits on the responses.
- Candidates' responses are printed verbatim.
- Candidates in contested races are listed in alphabetical order.

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CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Questions:

1. In order to balance the city's budget, council members may be required to raise taxes/fees and/or cut services. What specific policies would you target to raise funds or reduce costs?
2. What measures would you propose to

- enhance Bay's best characteristics for future generations?
3. What improvements would you recommend in your ward, given its unique characteristics, that would benefit the city overall?
4. What do you see as the most pressing concern facing the city, and how would you

- propose to address it?
5. Do you favor or oppose expanding the Architectural Board of Review to include residential housing?
6. What role should environmental considerations play in the city's policies and actions?

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WARD 2



LYDIA DEGEORGE

As a 34-year resident, I am honored to serve you. My Council record is the experience necessary to retain my seat. I know our community, collaboratively legislate effective policies and have proven fiscal responsibility with our \$34 million operating budget. I represent residents and Bay Village with integrity. Ward 2 deserves fair representation and has my full dedication and interest.

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1. Budget: The foundation of our fiscal practices is maintaining a balanced budget. The last municipal income tax increase occurred in 1983. To establish a paramedic unit Bay Village last raised property taxes in 1986 by voter approval. To provide resident comfort and preserve Bay's desirability we maintain a high level of safety and departmental standards. I support infrastructure improvements, emergency services and investing in personnel. In order to responsibly reduce expenditures if required, I recommend we extend the time between capital purchases, postpone capital projects, not incur additional or overdevelop existing municipal buildings, and focus on needs instead of wants.

2. Characteristics: In the Master Plan survey residents ranked Lake Erie, safety and being a residential community among Bay's best characteristics. To enhance these attributes for generations to come I propose we: adopt lakeshore and creek erosion control measures; phase in Lakefront Master Plan amenities; continue Council support for proposed Fire Station renovations and first responder needs; and implement measures aimed at securing housing stock compatible with neighborhood individuality. Nothing enhances Bay like the uniqueness surrounding Cahoon Memorial Park. As a Park Trustee, I remain committed to preserving Cahoon Park and appropriating funds to maintain the historic buildings and archives housed within.

3. Improvements: Ward 2, the center of Bay has it all! A mix of housing, offices, retail, restaurants, schools, a church, a library and Cahoon history. I recommend: traffic light arrows at Dover and Oviatt to facilitate vehicular flow; efficient and safer school traffic organization around Normandy and the Middle School; shuttles to and from July 4th's fireworks to alleviate gridlock; merchants' consistent removal of sidewalk snow/ice to improve customer safety; and creation of a Chamber of Commerce. The improvements Council recently adopted in the Lakefront Master Plan offer all residents greater opportunities to enjoy Cahoon Park, Lake Erie and Ward 2.



JIM STRUNK

I am a proud resident and self-employed CPA for 32 years in Bay Village Ward 2. My wife and I have raised our three children in the City of Bay Village. I am a member, for 28 years, of the Westlake Bay Village Rotary Club. I am a two-time Past President and have been on the board for 20 years.

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1. Budget: The fiscal responsibility of the city lies with cooperation of the Mayor and City Council to manage and maintain a balance budget. I will apply my problem-solving skills, that I developed over the last 32 years of advising small (for profit and non-profit) business clients and individuals, to each issue. The first step in solving any issue would be to find the best solution for the residents without raising taxes and/or cutting services.

2. Characteristics: I believe one of the best characteristics of Bay Village is the view and access to Lake Erie that we have from parks located in the center of town. The Cahoon Park Lakefront Master Plan should be on our agenda over the next several years to further define and produce solutions on how to pay for this access to the lake. The improvement of the lakefront in the city of Bay Village will only enhance our livelihood, community, and property values.

3. Improvements: The primary business district and Cahoon Park are located in Ward 2. We need to continue the balance of these two assets to our city. Cahoon Park should be maintained and enhanced, specifically in exploring the possibilities of the Lakefront Master Plan. The primary business district needs to be encouraged continuously to maintain, update and upgrade their store fronts and facilities.

WARD 3



MIKE GRECO

Possess a Bachelor's in Political Science and History and a Master's in Public Administration. I'm the H.R. Director and Civil Service Secretary for the City of Rocky River. I am the Chief Policy Administrator for the city's various departments and the Chief Hiring Officer for the city's safety forces. Member of the Bay Village Historical Society.

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1. Budget: Here's three actions I would embrace first. One, place a freeze on city hiring unless it is considered a critical safety position. This will free up extra money from the department's salary budgets. Second, place a freeze on all equipment purchases for the fiscal year and ask the department to maintain the equipment they currently have. This will free up more funds for the General Budget. Finally, I would utilize the rainy day fund. Raising taxes and cutting services should be the ABSOLUTE last option before the city considers passing any financial burden onto its citizens.

2. Characteristics: I would enhance our safety forces, the tree canopy, and our green space. Our safety forces protect neighborhoods, patrol roads, and make Bay Village one of the safest communities in the county. I would enhance funding for personnel, equipment, and training so that our city is protected for years to come. Next, I would make sure that the natural environment of our neighborhoods is maintained and clean for future generations. I would like to see enhanced planning for tree plantings, maintenance of green space, and closer coordination with county and state park systems to make sure preservation is top priority.

3. Improvements: First would be improvements for Sewers. I will vote to make sure resources are available for upgrades to protect our great asset Lake Erie. The second improvement would be Streets. I will vote to make sure streets are maintained and money will be available for annual paving programs. Third, I will vote to improve the sidewalk program and make sure all are accessible to residents and annually maintained. Finally, I will vote to improve Safety. I will make sure our Police and Fire personnel are fully funded, fully staffed, and fully trained.



GARY S. SHARP

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1. Budget: I am not a fan of raising taxes or cutting services but when funding the operations of a city, the processes themselves must constantly be looked at to ensure we are maximizing the efficiency of people and government. Responsibilities at every level needs periodic evaluation to ensure we are approaching matters in the right manner. We also need to be evaluating capital expenditures of the past to understand why something came in over budget. The efficiency of government, the enforcement of our laws and the development of business zones will hopefully be addressed before any tax increase or services cut.

2. Characteristics: I believe one of the City's best characteristics is our tree canopy. This must be preserved at all costs. Limiting the time of year that trees can be pruned to curb the spread of Oak Wilt would be one initiative. Another would be to communicate with homeowners who remove trees from their personal property and work with them to plant a tree somewhere in the city with a donation plaque. We cannot slip into a community where we have neighborhoods with no trees as our neighboring cities have elected to do.

3. Improvements: Sidewalks need to be repaired and/or replaced to ensure a safe environment for all of us that enjoy walking our pets or exercising. We have too many sidewalks that are unlevel or cracked. Let's work directly with homeowners and make this a priority. Also, bike lanes should be added wherever possible. I would also like to have a Ward 3 Welcoming Committee made up of Ward residents to personally welcome new families that move into our section of Bay. Making that personal connection will give the new residents a place to start when questions arise.