



NON-PARTISAN VOTER GUIDE TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Tuesday, August 5, 2008
POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 am - 8:00 pm

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTHWEST WAYNE COUNTY

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PARTISAN BALLOT: In the Primary Election, you must vote either on the Republican Ballot or the Democratic Ballot. Only the candidates running in the contested races were invited to participate in this Voter Guide. The ballot will feature these contests:

- Township Supervisor: 1 Republicans, 1 Democrat, running for 1 position
- Township Trustee: 7 Republicans*, 1 Democrat running for 4 positions
- Township Clerk: 1 Republican, no Democrats. running for 1 position
- Township Treasurer: 2 Republicans*, no Democrats, running for 1 position

To view the Voter Guides for the contested Township races, please scroll down.

Also appearing on the ballot: (all running for 1 position)

- U.S. Senator: 1 Republican, 1 Democrat
- U.S. Representative, 11th District: 1 Republican, 2 Democrats*
- State Representative, 20th District: 3 Republicans, 1 Democrat (view the Voter Guide for the 3 Republican candidates prepared by the LWV of Michigan: www.lwvmi.org)
- State Representative: 21st District: 1 Republican, 1 Democrat
- Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney: No Republicans, 1 Democrat
- Wayne County Sheriff: 1 Republican, 2 Democrats
- Wayne County Clerk: 1 Republican, 5 Democrats
- Wayne County Treasurer: 2 Republicans, 11 Democrats
- Wayne County Register of Deeds: No Republicans, 2 Democrats
- Wayne County Commissioner, 11th District: 1 Republican, 1 Democrat

To view a list of all the candidates, go to www.waynecounty.com/clerk/

NON-PARTISAN BALLOT:

- 35th District Court: Non-Incumbent 6 year term: 6 candidates* running for 1 position
- 3rd Circuit Court: Non-Incumbent 6 year term: 11 candidates* running for 3 positions

*Voter Guides prepared by LWV Northwest Wayne County are available on this site. Return to Home page to click on particular races.

BALLOT PROPOSAL: WAYNE COUNTY ZOOLOGICAL AUTHORITY

The Wayne County Zoological Authority was established pursuant to Public Act 49 of 2008, and formed to allow for continuing zoological services for the students, residents and visitors of the County of Wayne. The law allows the Authority to seek authorization from the electors to levy a tax of not more than 0.1 mill (10 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) on real property and personal property to provide revenue for this purpose. Accordingly, to continue providing zoological services to benefit the residents of the County, shall a 0.1 mill on all taxable property located within the County of Wayne be imposed for a period of ten (10) years, being years 2008 through 2017. It is estimated that if approved and levied, this new millage will generate approximately \$5,299,640.48 in 2008.

Shall this proposal be adopted? YES or NO

Republican Ballot: CANTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

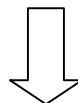
There are 7 candidates – vote for no more than 4. Candidates are listed in alphabetical order.

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<p style="text-align: center;">MIKE ANDRO</p> <p>I am a life long Michigan resident who has long been dedicated to community service. It all started with being elected President of my elementary class and continues today as President of the Royal Pointe sub. Sprinkle in my involvement on a county board, citizens groups, company committees and charity work to round out my public service experience. I'm motivated by the opportunity to make a positive change. I quickly learned that it's the little things that add up to big improvements in our quality of life. For two decades as a TV producer I asked the tough questions in search of real answers. As a Realtor I pride myself in client satisfaction while pledging fairness to all parties involved. As Trustee I know I can be a great advocate for the people of Canton. I am not a politician seeking office, but rather a citizen of Canton ready to serve!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MIKE ANDRO</p> <p>Quality of life is what we all strive for and the quest to keep improving our standard of living is coming under increased pressure. First, it is essential that our Public Safety Department remains one of the best in the country. There must be no shortcuts to the well being of our community. Second, the county and state must not simply walk away for their responsibility of maintaining the roads under their jurisdiction. While repairs are delayed our streets are falling apart before our eyes. I will explore all options to keep Canton roads, our foundation, in the best possible condition. Third, we must keep Canton an attractive option for new businesses to thrive and new residents to call home. With Canton's excellent administrative staff and award winning Leisure Services the newly elected Board of Trustees will be primed to make the decisions that will make our community all it can be.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">JOHN ANTHONY</p> <p>In 1968, I received my JD Degree from the University of Baltimore Law School. I joined the FBI as a Special Agent (1968-1993) and served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve (1962-1968). After retiring from the FBI, I was the Security Director for the Detroit Newspapers (1994-2004). Currently, I am the president of my own private security consulting company. For the past eight years, I have served as president and treasurer of my homeowners association, and I am on the Canton Township Homeowners Advisory Council and the Intersection Action Committee.</p> <p>Since becoming involved in community activities, I have been able to develop a working relationship with township officials to solve homeowner concerns. I have lived in Canton for 35 years, and I enjoy being able to serve my community. All of my past experiences have required me to work cooperatively with a variety of people to identify and resolve issues.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JOHN ANTHONY</p> <p>The top three priorities facing Canton Township are maintaining public safety, managing the budget, and sustaining the quality of life in the community. As a trustee, I would ensure that the Public Safety Department current millage is maintained. Also, it is important that the police and fire departments have the necessary funding to respond to any emergency situation. The Canton Public Safety Department is among the finest and best trained departments in Michigan, and it is important that this status be maintained. The Canton budget will be the greatest challenge facing the Board for the foreseeable future. The Board must exert fiscal restraint and work within the existing funding levels, without a millage increase. Every requested expenditure must be carefully reviewed. Finally, it is necessary to maintain the current level of funding for existing programs and recreational activities that provide opportunities for families and develop a sense of community involvement.</p>

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<p align="center">FRED A. BOLDEN</p> <p>Experience: Extensive research on community and legislative issues Regularly attend Legislative forms in Lansing and local community town hall meetings Have written extensive journals on county issues and Republican issues</p> <p>Community involvement: Canton’s Performing Art’s Development Committee, 2000 Diversity Leadership Commission, 2001-2003 Member and Catechism teacher at St. John Neumann, 1996-2006 Canton Republican Club - Vice President, 2004-2008 Canton Township Liberty Festival Parade - Chairman, 2002 - present Leadership Canton, 2004 graduate Plymouth Canton Band Booster, 2008-present Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association, Coach 2004-present GCYBSA, Elected Officer 2005-2008 Michigan Youth Flag Football league Coach 2008 - present Canton Lions Club Member, 2004-present Miller Elementary PTO Member, 1999-present</p> <p>I have a complete understanding of township government including general laws and charter township laws. I also have the leadership abilities of possessing vision, especially relative to township’s needs or potential as well as creating effective systems for establishing rapport with constituents ...</p>	<p align="center">FRED A. BOLDEN</p> <p>I will work to make sure our property values stay high while keeping our tax rate at a level where we're not hurting ourselves. I would like to see those who came to Canton as a first time homeowner continue to stay in the community and work to make it better each and every day. I would continue to work with homeowners to ensure that we keep our residential tax base as the primary focus of our community.</p> <p>Second: That the residence of the township has a voice that is heard loud and clear on all major decisions. In addition, I would continue to propose important activities that will continue to attract residence to our community and that would also attract businesses to Canton. I would like to see us develop Canton’s land fills into a ski slope, improve the old bike trail along I-275, add additional walking trails, winter activities such as a winter carnival and possibly ...</p>

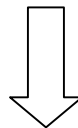
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<p align="center">TODD CACCAMO</p> <p>I am passionate about safeguarding our freedoms and believe in community service. I believe I have made, and will continue to make, improvements to our community in a number of ways. My unique combination of advanced business and engineering education, successful small business ownership, corporate experience and service as a US Marine has proven to help me be successful as your Township Trustee. It has given me the ability to accurately predict key economic trends (such as current economy and housing slump) and to take necessary action. It has given me the courage to stand up and fight for the middle class, while many in Washington have forgotten about us. Most importantly, my track record as your Township Trustee is the best test: I successfully fought to lower taxes, to lower politicians' salaries, to keep government open and accountable, and continued to fight for frugality with the taxpayers' dollars.</p>	<p align="center">TODD CACCAMO</p> <p>Local economy, spending and roads.</p> <p>Without a strong local economy, the government doesn't function. One of the surest ways to kill the economy, housing values and subsequent tax revenues, is to make a hostile environment for jobs. I know that our local economy is heavily dependant upon the automotive industry. Things like greed in the boardroom or stupidity in Washington are beyond our immediate control, therefore we must continue to benchmark communities who have attracted and retained industries with high-wage jobs, and implement similar plans.</p> <p>On spending, first we prioritize government spending to include essential services (e.g. police, fire and roads) and what the private sector cannot supply (senior and community services). Next, streamline processes. Third, focus on procuring locally produced goods and services rather than from overseas.</p> <p>Roads. Let's fix the potholes. We have a street sweeper. Let's use it and encourage community involvement to keep our community (and run off water) clean!</p>

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<p align="center">JALDHAR PRASAD</p> <p>Family-Married, 3 children (Doctor, Diplomat, & Attorney) Education/Degrees- Bachelor of Science (India), Bachelor of Civil Engineering (U of D), Graduate work in Civil Engineering (WSU) Occupation-Professional Engineer, presently working for Detroit Water and Sewerage Department as an Engineer Experience-45 Years Community Involvement-Service club professional organization, religious affiliations.</p> <p>I have always believed in serving the community this is why I have chosen to run for this position and this also supports my conviction of service above self.</p> <p>I feel I will bring my professional skills and relevant qualities of dealing with persons of different backgrounds and interaction with elected officials, which I've acquired by running my consulting firm of Prasad & Associates for 26 years.</p>	<p align="center">JALDHAR PRASAD</p> <p>My prime goal is to maintain Canton Township a bedroom community, which may need top class developments with recreational facilities and also encourage relocation of Hi-tech industries, such as energy research facilities, which is devoid of pollution.</p> <p>Environmental and ecological problems directly affecting Canton Township. (Encourage the friends or Rouge to define the specific problems, possible solutions and recommendation to federal and/or state funding for correction of problems.</p> <p>Relieve the traffic congestion in the vicinity of the Ford Rd. and Haggerty intersection; improve the traffic flow on Palmer and Lotz and Palmer and Seldon. (Expose these problems to Wayne County and Michigan Department of Transportation-MDOT and seek their professional and financial support.)</p>
<p align="center">PAT WILLIAMS</p> <p>Happily married to Nancy for 26 years 3 Children - Erin, Sean and Joseph Canton Township resident for 23 Years Parishioner at St. John Newman Parish Education: Material Science Degree – Schoolcraft College, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Master of Business Administration M.B.A. - Lawrence Technological University.</p> <p>Please review my website for more detailed information regarding my dedication to the Canton Community and my qualifications to be your representative as a Canton Township Trustee. www.patrickjohnwilliams.com.</p> <p>I am a business professional dedicated to our community, having served as a leader in both private and public sectors. I have a long history of bringing diverse groups of individuals together to create positive outcomes. I am currently an automotive account manager and a Partner in EZ Groom, a Michigan manufacturing company.</p>	<p align="center">PAT WILLIAMS</p> <p>Due to the economic conditions throughout Michigan, Canton Township for the first time in its current history will face declining taxable values which will require very difficult decisions to be made. I am uniquely qualified to help guide the Township through budgets and policies that will enable the Board and its Executive Team to maintain Canton Township as a safe and vibrant community. – Prudent and transparent use of Taxpayer money.</p> <p>Roads – I will encourage an improved level of cooperation between Canton Township and Wayne County based on a sharing of resources and maximization of collaborative efforts to improve traffic flow and maintenance of the Wayne County owned roads.</p> <p>Green Spaces – I will encourage private investment to differentiate Canton from its neighboring communities for the enhancement of property values, improved quality of life and to bring high end jobs to Canton Township.</p>

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<p align="center">KARL ZARBO</p> <p>I'm currently completing my sixth year as a Trustee. It is my goal to be a continued voice of reason and stability for the residents of Canton</p> <p>I have over 20 years of community involvement commencing with my Homeowners Association serving as Past President, Vice President and on the Board of Directors. I am the longest seated board member of the Homeowners Advisory Council. I'm a member/supporter of: Friends of the Library, Christmas in Action, Plymouth/Canton Band Boosters, Partnership of the Arts, and many other community groups.</p> <p>I'm a proud member of the Intersection Action Committee; accomplishing road improvements with NO new taxes.</p> <p>I served 9 years as a Canton Planning Commissioner; 5 years as Vice Chairman.</p> <p>With 25 years of business/management experience, a strong operations background, and a reputation for exceptional preparation/review, I believe I'm uniquely well-qualified.</p>	<p align="center">KARL ZARBO</p> <p>The three most important issues are fiscal responsibility/accountability, business and residential retention.</p> <p>I have supported forming partnerships and coalitions to extend the efficiency and effectiveness of every tax dollar. Canton's strong financial standing is routinely demonstrated in the financial markets with favorable bond ratings.</p> <p>I am a member of the award-winning Canton Marketing Partners team (Shop Canton) working to retain and attract businesses which in turn lowers residents' tax rates. Partnering with the Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority has yielded impressive results. Most importantly may be my on-going dialog with Canton businesses.</p> <p>Resident retention has been substantiated by providing quality services at an affordable rate. I will continue to support Canton's extremely desirable quality of life.</p>

(Winner will face one Democratic candidate, Syed S. Taj, in the November election)

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<p style="text-align: center;">MELISSA McLAUGHLIN</p> <p>I have lived in Canton since 1962. I obtained a BS from EMU in Education for the Emotionally Impaired. I have a broad range of experience in business, banking, constituent services and construction management.</p> <p>In 1991 I was inducted into the Canton Hall of Fame for volunteerism.</p> <p>Since 1992 I have been your Canton Trustee and Planning Commissioner. I am the current chair of the Canton Downtown Development Authority. I am very familiar with all aspects of Canton government, including budgets, legislation, ordinances and planning.</p> <p>I am dedicated to Canton, and have worked to make our community among the best. The future will be a challenge. I will work to ensure that Canton remains strong, through conservative use of our resources; I will go after new business investment for jobs and tax base, and use creative approaches to maintain a high level of service to our residents and businesses.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MELISSA McLAUGHLIN</p> <p>Budget will be number one priority. Canton will have to deal with a continuing decline of revenue from the State and now from property taxes. Canton will be challenged to ascertain priorities for funding, and seek additional revenue sources to ensure our Quality of Life, without raising taxes. I will seek new business development to provide jobs and broaden our tax base. I have voted to reduce taxes 3 times over the past 16 years.</p> <p>Customer service is important. Our Treasurer’s department is top notch. I want to expand accessibility and ease of transactions for our taxpayers through the implementation of our new budget and finance software and enhancements to the Treasurer’s web page, and accepting post marks as “paid on time.”</p> <p>Roads are a priority. I will support an annual allocation of funds for road improvement for intersections and in partnership with Wayne County to enhance safety and accessibility.</p>

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<p align="center">JOAN NORICKS</p> <p>I am a 28-year Canton resident with a BS in Business Management. The depth of the commitment to my hometown is evident in the broad spectrum of organizations that I have served: Canton Schools, Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle, St. Joseph Advisory Committee, Celebration Youth Orchestra, Canton Chamber and many more.</p> <p>Canton has had the same leadership for 20 years; I decided to run to offer a fresh perspective and a responsive voice for the regular Canton resident. I believe offering voters a choice in who will be their leaders is good.</p> <p>For the last 15 years, I have served as the President of the Canton Community Foundation. In that role, I also acted as the financial officer and provided the required oversight. I understand fiduciary responsibility and fiscal management. I understand the art of partnerships and collaboration. I have a proven track record of community involvement, leadership and engagement.</p>	<p align="center">JOAN NORICKS</p> <p>Canton faces reductions in revenue sharing and assessments which will reduce the amount of taxes available to spend on services. I will work with my fellow trustees and Canton residents to determine what services are essential and what is expendable.</p> <p>Canton government should be sensitive to the budget constraints of our residents. I will lead a review of the current millage rate to determine if it can be lowered. The government has a fiduciary obligation to the people; we need to listen to our citizens for direction of what services can be reduced or eliminated.</p> <p>Canton needs to remove obstacles for creating or expanding small businesses. I know of at least five local businesses that would like to expand, but are intimidated by local planning processes. Government should find a balance between economic development and zoning requirements. I would ask the Board to review the planning process and its fairness.</p>

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