



2017 LUCAS COUNTY VOTERS' GUIDE

Whitehouse Village Council

Term of Office: 4 Years

To be elected: 3

- Q1. In the position you seek, what do you consider are the most important issues to be addressed, and what would you do about them?*
- Q2. What do you bring to the position that another candidate cannot?*

Louann Artiaga

Current occupation: Owner of Spring Valley Business Solutions doing tax preparation, bookkeeping, and payroll

Qualifications: I have served on council for the past 6 years.

Questions:

1) I think the most important issue the Village is faced with today is managing and balancing the growth of the Village. A friend of mine has a saying - "Change is inevitable, smart change is not" We need to be smart in the decisions we make in trying to balance economic development against the strength and sustainability of our tax base and public services. In moving forward towards becoming a city we need to make decisions that build a strong foundation for future managed growth. I would encourage the Village to work with and be actively involved with the Area Chambers to search out those types of business that compliment our existing business. I would also be an advocate for encouraging greater citizen participation in Village issues. The knowledge and expertise of our Village residence is a great untapped resource.

2) As a former board member of the Aw Area Chamber, the Waterville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Anthony Wayne Area Community Improvement Corporation I understand what it takes for effective economic development. As a local business owner with over 30 years experience in finance, personnel issues, tax, and budgets I bring an extensive background that makes me the right candidate for Village Council.

Frank D. Billings

Education: attended OSU & University of Toledo, received BS in Management & Masters in education

Current Occupation: pre-retirement, been Council member past 8 yrs

Qualifications: 19 yrs at MCO as a director in Rehab services, along with college instructor at UT, Owens & Davis college.

Questions:

1) Important issues, the process of changing to a city & new business development & bring the knowledge of the past 8 yrs experience working towards it.

2) been on Council for 8 yrs working for the residents on important issues & bring as excellent background of professional experience

Richard E. Bingham

Education: Anthony Wayne High School; Northwest State Community College Associates Degree in Criminal Justice Management; The Ohio Police Executive Leadership College

Current Occupation: Chief of Police

Qualifications: Over 31 years of public service work at the village, city and state level with experience managing personnel in both union and non-union organizations. Responsible for developing and monitoring annual budgets exceeding \$1 million. Have worked collaboratively with county, state and federal agencies to promote safe communities. Volunteer service to Anthony Area AWAKE Community Coalition and Lourdes University's Criminal Justice Advisory Council.

Questions:

1) The most important issues facing Whitehouse deal with quality of life, infrastructure, and growth opportunities. Planning to ensure that residents continue to have the lifestyle they chose includes locally sponsored events which bring residents and area visitors to Whitehouse. These events not only provide an opportunity for neighbors to come together, but they also provide a platform for local businesses to attract new customers. As our village grows, we need to promote recreational activities that encourage healthy lifestyles, jobs for our youth, and venues to further the Whitehouse sense of community. Providing stewardship for responsible use of taxpayer dollars to support and maintain adequate police and fire resources through staffing, equipment, and training.

We need to think about the impact of growing neighborhoods and their affect on infrastructure needs. We should welcome new residential and business construction, but also need to consider their impacts on traffic patterns, property values, and public utility needs through smart planning. While the current water, supplied by the City of Toledo, is meeting our community needs, the threat of ecological contaminants (i.e. algal blooms) should warrant discussion and investigation of other reliable water sources to ensure citizens continue to have access to safe drinking water.

2) What do you bring to the position that another candidate cannot?

Through my work experience, I have learned the importance of working with diverse groups, as well as listening to people's problems and concerns. I understand and appreciate the importance of working with others to solve problems, while minimizing expense to taxpayers. I bring this experience, along with my personal integrity, love of Whitehouse, and desire to serve the residents through a position on Village Council.

Madisyn Curry

Education: As a lifelong resident of the Village, I am a proud graduate of Anthony Wayne High School and will soon graduate with my second degree from Bowling Green State University, being a Bachelor of Science in Education with specialization in Workforce Education and Development.

Current Occupation(s): I currently work for a local university, specifically focusing on Family and Consumer Sciences. Outside of work at the university, I am a high school athletic coach for a school within the community.

Qualifications:

I have shown strong dedication to Whitehouse through my extensive community involvement. I have a history of involvement with the American Legion Post 384 Women's Auxiliary, volunteering on the Cherry Fest Committee, serving on the Tree Commission, and aiding in several community service projects. I have displayed excellence in leadership with my involvement with the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), where I was elected to an organization exceeding 5,000 members. In addition, I work extensively with the Ohio Department of Education, have advocated for Career Technical Education and Perkins Funding on Capitol Hill with legislators, increasing young adult involvement at the local, state, and national level. As well, I have worked on numerous grants with Bowling Green State University and the Ohio Department of Education with students at the heart of all work. I further display community involvement through my efforts directing a large community project which raised money for local families in need, partnering with Lead2Feed, No Kid Hungry, and Food for Thought. Through my current and former endeavors, I have and continues to show a connection to the community and display essential qualities of a public servant.

Questions:

1) Currently, the implementation of a cell tower and outsourcing the refuse collection are important issues in the Village. Due to the overwhelming impact these two issues have, I would connect and speak with Villager's to identify their desires and wants. At the time being, with conversations I have had, I would vote NO to the implementation of a cell tower. There is inconclusive data about the effects associated with this. Since this would

greatly impact Whitehouse, it is necessary to do what the majority of Villager's want. In regards to outsourcing the refuse collection, I would vote NO. The service continues to be done effectively in the Village. In addition, the refuse collection is personable and done in house, with Village control. With outsourcing, these traits would diminish. Not to mention, after reviewing the numbers, I feel outsourcing is not a cost effective practice. When making any decision, it is essential to be a voice for Villager's and not a personal political agenda.

2) I am the youngest candidate running for office in this election. My age and diverse background allows me to connect with all voters, especially younger generations. My ability to connect with so many in the Village differs from my opponents. I have a background in environmental sustainability, watershed restoration, and green energy. This is an area that none of the other candidates are well versed in. If elected, this background will be vital to future water discussions in the Village. As well, I have extensive training in strength based leadership, which I feel will play an important part in the functionality of council, if elected. Lastly, I have a lifelong connection with the Village. With this connection, I have relationships with several Villager's, frequent local businesses, and understand new and old traditions that hold true to our home. I think differences are essential in this setting, allowing for individual viewpoints and ideas to emerge.

Katrina Huebner

I am Katrina Huebner and I am running for my first term on Village Council. I am a lifelong Whitehouse resident and, with my husband, Eric, am raising two children, Montana and Henry, who attend the Anthony Wayne School District.

Current Occupation(s): I currently work as a Team Leader of a Visitors' Services and Engagement department. I am also the founder and current Leadership Team Chair of the Northwest Ohio Emerging Museum Professionals, the Northwest Ohio representative to and ex-officio member of the Ohio Museums Association Board of Trustees, and serve on the Ohio Museums Association's Membership and Outreach Committee. I attended Lial Catholic School, Anthony Wayne Junior High, and Cardinal Stritch High School. I hold a Bachelors of Arts from the University of Toledo and a Masters of Arts from Johns Hopkins University.

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Questions:

1) I, personally, feel that citizen input and involvement is one of the most important issues to be addressed by the Village. Currently, only a small group of citizens attend Council meetings or Village events. I understand that many factors prevent citizens from attending Council meetings and I hope to implement ways that Council can interact with citizens on a more personal level, including informal meetings at area restaurants, similar to the Police Department's "Coffee with a Cop". By adding variety and fresh ideas to the community events schedule, I believe more people will attend, as well as give the Village new ways to highlight the many talents of our residents.

2) I believe that both my career and personal backgrounds have given me high standards in customer, or in this case citizen, service and satisfaction. I have a strong ability to listen to people, problem solve quickly, and provide quality experiences. As a Council member, I will do my best to provide a positive quality of living to all citizens through dedicated service and personal interactions.

Bill May

Education: High School Graduate

Current occupation: Assistant Fire Chief

Qualifications: Councilman for 6 terms - 24 years of experience in Village of Whitehouse government

Questions:

1) My number 1 priority is to keep the quality of life for all citizens.

2) Experience / Knowledge of government