

VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION
TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY

Tuesday, August 4, 2020
POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OAKLAND AREA

Website: www.lwvoa.org **E-mail:** contact@lwvoa.org **Phone:** 248-594-6602

You may VOTE in ONLY ONE PARTY'S PRIMARY - either Democratic or Republican – for ALL partisan offices on ballot.

Note: Candidates are ordered within each office by party with Democrats preceding Republicans.

2 Candidates for TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR for ONE 4-year term

CANDIDATES for SUPERVISOR	Question 1 (150 Words or less): Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.	Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?
ONE 4-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i>		
<i>Democrat</i> SHERLYNN EVERLY 314 Hadley St. Holly, MI 48442	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	
<i>Republican</i> GEORGE A. KULLIS 601 E. Maple St. Holly, MI 48442	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	

HOLLY TOWNSHIP PRIMARY (Continued)

2 Candidates for TOWNSHIP CLERK for ONE 4-year term

CANDIDATES for CLERK ONE 4-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i>	Question 1 (150 Words or less): Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.	Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?
<p><i>Republican</i> KATY GOLDEN 521 Dockside Cir. Holly, MI 48442</p>	<p>Hello, my name is Katy Golden and I am a candidate for Holly Township Clerk. I am a lifelong resident of the Holly area, having graduated from Holly High School in 1996. I earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication from Saginaw Valley State University in 2000.</p> <p>I am currently employed by the Village of Holly, having served as the DDA Director / Assistant Village Manager for the last 3+ years. Before coming to work for the Village of Holly, I spent five years employed by the Michigan Department of State as a Special Projects Coordinator and Department Analyst. Previous to that, I was employed by Enterprise Rent-A-Car for 11+ years in positions of progressive responsibility.</p> <p>I have a passion for public service. My family and I are very visible in the Holly community, volunteering many hours to assist with projects and events. If elected, I will provide an exceptional experience for the residents of Holly Township. I will enhance communication within Holly Township while improving efficiency and updating processes in the office.</p>	<p>Enhanced Communication - As taxpayers, I feel that the residents should know exactly how their money is being spent. Updating the website to create a more user-friendly experience, creating an official Holly Township Facebook page, and sending regular e-mail updates about projects, meeting notices, community enhancements, etc. will help the Holly Township residents to feel informed about what is happening in our community.</p> <p>Protecting Our Quality of Life - We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful community with abundant natural resources. Residents enjoy our charming, historic Downtown and the overall timeless appeal and hometown feel. Our quality of life is something I have worked to improve and will fight to protect, ensuring that residents feel comfortable, welcome, and safe.</p> <p>Smart Growth and Development - The Dixie Byway Corridor has become a topic of interest lately. This stretch of road spans Dixie Highway from I-75's exits 93 through 106. I feel that there is immense potential in smartly developing this stretch of road. I will use my background in economic development to connect with investors and encourage new businesses to develop throughout that area.</p>

HOLLY TOWNSHIP PRIMARY (Continued)

<p>CANDIDATES for CLERK</p> <p>ONE 4-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i></p>	<p>Question 1 (150 Words or less): Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</p>	<p>Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?</p>
<p>Republican KARIN S. WINCHESTER 14004 E. Laneden Dr. Holly, MI 48442</p>	<p>I have a 21 year proven track record and the experience necessary for the administration of the Clerk's Office and business of the township. I am a Certified Master Municipal Clerk, hard working, honest and dedicated.</p> <p>I serve our community with, integrity, transparency and professionalism. It has been a true honor to serve our wonderful community and would love the opportunity to serve again.</p> <p>I manage the day-to-day office operations, accounting functions including financial statements, general ledger, accounts payable, payroll, maintain all township records, including official documents; official minutes, contracts, policies and procedures, resolutions, ordinances, legal publications, licenses and permits, voter registration and administrate and facilitate all elections.</p> <p>IN ADDITION TO BEING THE CLERK: I am the Chair and Secretary of the North Oakland County Fire Authority, Freedom of Information Coordinator, Building Department Supervisor and Zoning Administrator. I am in charge of Oakhill Cemetery, Community Development Block Grants, township website administration, purchasing, employee benefits, pension, human resources liability/workers compensation insurance, etc.</p>	<p>First, and most importantly, is to help lead our community back into the safe, healthy and prospering community it was before the virus crisis. The effects of the economic shutdown will have a significant impact on us as a township and how we will provide necessary services to our residents. We are going to have many challenges to face.</p> <p>Secondly, it is very important that we continue to provide services to our residents at a very low rate of 1 Mil. That will always be a very important trend to continue.</p> <p>Thirdly, is to continue to provide community where we are able to walk, ride bikes, hunt and fish and enjoy outdoor recreation. Working on new pathways and planning improvements to Dixie Hwy Byway Corridor will help bring that quality of life to our community.</p> <p>All 3 of these will guarantee that the quality of life and keep Holly, the outstanding place we all share called home.</p>

HOLLY TOWNSHIP PRIMARY (Continued)

3 Candidates for TREASURER for ONE 4-year term

CANDIDATES for TREASURER ONE 4-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i>	Question 1 (150 Words or less): Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.	Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?
<p><i>Republican</i> DAVID CRUICKSHANK 3439 Hilltop Dr. Holly, MI 48442</p>	<p>I am running for Township Treasurer because there has not been any significant change in decades. The current Treasurer does the bare minimum with no measures in place or accountability other than its yearly required audit. It's time to have someone who is involved with the community with a track record of results and accountability. I bring years of experience whether through work or community involvement with a proactive mindset to make meaningful changes that benefit the lives of township residents while saving money and improving efficiency.</p>	<p>I have 5 goals for the Township:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 - Monthly updates from the Treasurers office, 2 - Township Treasurer Certified in 2 years, 3 - Full-Time Office Hours, 4 - GovDelivery - Township-wide communications; email or text messages, 5 - Website other general data security
<p><i>Republican</i> MARK C. FREEMAN 4041 Deer Run Trl. Holly, MI 48442</p>	<p>I attended Holly Area Schools, K-12 and received a bachelor of science degree from Central Michigan University in Education. I was the owner operator of Freeman's Inc. for over 20 years and have currently served as the Holly Township Treasurer for the past 12 years.</p> <p>I am married and my wife and I have four children and three grandchildren. My experience as a business owner gave me the financial experince necessary to serve as the Treasurer. As a fiscal conservative, I am running for reelection so that I can continue to serve the taxpayers of Holly Township. Having served as Treasurer for 12 years, I have the full, on the job experince needed. I am the most qualified person to continue serving in this postion. I can say with all certainty that the Holly Township Treasurer's position is not a job for beginners.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implementing the orderly reengagement of our township government and communtiy to "normal life" as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic. 2. Continue to serve as a fiscal conservative. The Holly Township government is on solid financial ground and the millage rate has been one mill since 1965. 3. Making sure that the repaving project on North Holly Road this summer is completed on time for school to begin.
<p><i>Republican</i> RICHARD KINNAMON 4151 Stonebridge Holly, MI 48442</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

HOLLY TOWNSHIP PRIMARY (Continued)

5 Candidates for TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE for TWO 4-year terms

CANDIDATES for TRUSTEE TWO 4-year terms <i>Vote for no more than TWO</i>	Question 1 (150 Words or less): Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.	Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?
<p><i>Democrat</i> ROBERT MASK 355 Otter Run Rd. Holly, MI 48442</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	
<p><i>Republican</i> DEREK D. BURTON 14016 Fish Lk. Rd. Holly, MI 48442</p>	<p>I am running for Township Trustee because I love Holly Township, everything about this place makes it enjoyable from the outdoor activities, shops, restaurants and mainly the people of Holly. I have enjoyed living in Holly Township for the past five years with my wife and my three year old son. I decided to run to assist with the financial conservatism for the Township. With the recent events going on in regards to the Coronavirus I feel Holly Township needs someone who is involved and knowledgeable about the process to recoup costs from all of the resources currently available.</p> <p>I am currently the Director of Finance and Administrative Services at a neighboring counties health department and am responsible with decreasing expenses when applicable and to ensure that I am finding any grant available to assist us in our operation as well as continuing to add new services. I am a Marine Corps veteran where I served as a machine gunner. I learned many invaluable skills that I still use to this day like honesty and integrity and use these traits as my guiding light. If elected you can always count on me to work hard on behalf of the township.</p>	<p>The top priority for me as I alluded to earlier is to be fiscally conservative. During the pandemic I was activated as the Finance Chief for the county wide emergency operations center. In this role I am responsible for researching and recovering all expenses spent on Coronavirus. If elected I will take much of the same role for Holly Township and ensure we cover all expenses related to the pandemic through grants and the other sources that exist without having to transfer the cost to the taxpayer. I will also look to review all of the vendors to ensure we are using the most cost efficient vendors while not decreasing the service we are being provided.</p> <p>Another item I would like to improve on is transparency. I believe that every individual needs to have the tools available to know what is going on in their town. It is for this reason I will hold quarterly meetings to let each citizen know what is going on in the township as well as using this as an opportunity to learn of anyone concerns or ideas they may have.</p> <p>There are also a lot of questions related to the farmstead. I will ensure the taxpayer is aware of what is going on as well as being transparent through the process.</p>
<p><i>Republican</i> PATRICK FRANCIS FEENEY 210 Franklin St. Holly, MI 48442</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

HOLLY TOWNSHIP PRIMARY (Continued)

CANDIDATES for TRUSTEE TWO 4-year terms <i>Vote for no more than TWO</i>	Question 1 (150 Words or less): Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.	Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?
<i>Republican</i> STEVE RUTH 14034 E. Laneden Dr. Holly, MI 48442	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	
<i>Republican</i> TIM TERPENING 704 E. Maple St. Holly, MI 48442	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	

5 Candidates for TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSIONER for SEVEN 4-year terms

COURTNEY M. COSTER 3458 Quick Rd., Holly, MI 48442
DONNA MCBRIDE 710 E. Maple St., Holly, MI 48442
KARRIGAN E. ROCHE 3458 Quick Rd., Holly, MI 48442
JOE HUTCHINS 419 Thomas St., Holly, MI 48442
KATHLEEN KENDALL MARTIN 109 Park Ave., Holly, MI 48442

THERE ARE 2 PROPOSALS ON THE BALLOT.

RENEWAL OF ONE (1) MILL FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE HOLLY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	Shall the previously vote in the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all real and personal property in the Township of Holly, Oakland County, Michigan which resulted in a levy of 1.000 mill (\$1.00 per \$1000 taxable value) and reduced to .9557 (\$.9557 per \$1000 taxable value) as a result of Headlee Amendment millage reductions, be renewed and restored back to one (1) mill (\$1.00 per \$1000 taxable value) for a period of 5 years beginning in 2021, for all library purposes permitted by law for the support and maintenance of a free public library in Holly Township, Oakland Township, Oakland County, Michigan; and shall the Township levy such a millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$317,815.85.
RENEWAL OF ONE HALF (.5) MILL FOR SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF HOLLY TOWNSHIP PARKS	Shall the previously voted increase in the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all real and personal property in the Township of Holly, Oakland County, Michigan; which resulted in a levy of .4777 mill (\$0.4777 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in 2019, be renewed and increased back to .5 mill (\$0.50 per one thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of 5 years, starting in 2022, for the purpose of acquiring, developing, operating, and maintaining of parks and recreation areas in Holly Township, Oakland County, Michigan; and shall the Township levy such renewal in millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$145,695.22. The revenue from this millage shall be disbursed to Holly Township.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan national organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League never supports or opposes any candidate or political party. Candidate responses are included as submitted and have not been edited except in cases where the replies have exceeded the stated word limitations. **Spelling and Grammar were not corrected.** The inclusion of candidates' statements and opinions is solely in the interest of public service and in no way is to be construed as an endorsement by the League of Women Voters which takes no responsibility for any views or facts stated by the candidates.