

VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MILFORD

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

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OAKLAND AREA

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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 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?
Republican DON GREEN 1700 Coogan Dr. Milford, MI 48381	I am the Milford township supervisor for 19 years. I am a member of numerous organizations in the community, county and state. These include: Knights of Columbus, AMVETS, American Legion, Milford Men’s Club, Milford Senior Center, Red Cross volunteer, St. Vincent de Paul, cable board, Township Supervisors, Michigan Twp County Chapter, Citizen Advisory Council (Home improvement), Federal Aid Committee (road funding), Michigan Twp Assoc., South East Mich Council of Gov’t representing all townships in all counties.	I am running for re-election to maintain the townships quality of life. I have worked hard to accomplish this with the assistance of the board. There are projects I am involved with that I would like to complete. I have a strong working knowledge of the day to day activities, and the history of these are important. This position requires a lot more than is outlined in the Authority and Responsibilities of Township Officials. I have had a balanced budget for 19 years and each year added money to the reserve fund. This allows projects to be done without requesting an increase in taxes.

MILFORD TOWNSHIP PRIMARY (Continued)

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<p>Republican BRIEN R. WORRELL 278 Napa Valley Dr. Milford, MI 48381</p>	<p>I am running to be the Township Supervisor for Milford after serving as a Trustee since 1992. I feel I can make a stronger and more meaningful impact for our community than I can as a trustee.</p> <p>My point of difference is that I will be more transparent to our citizens. I have a degree in Economics from Grand Valley State University and have 38 years of experience on the Milford Township Board.</p> <p>I will ask and listen to citizens on important matters that affect our community. I believe in town hall meetings, better technology, better leadership during board meetings, and being proactive regarding the growth of our community, rather than reactive.</p> <p>I have called Milford my home as I grew up in Milford since I was 7 years old (1976). I take pride in the improvements I have seen since then. I personally have contributed to many improvements either through financial donations, in kinds donations, or in person volunteering.</p> <p>Please see my website for more information and important links. www.worrellforsupervisor.com</p>	<p>Improve our roads - Since day one as being a trustee I have worked to improve our roads. I lobbied for a railroad warning signs at E. Buno Rd. and a left turn signal at Milford Rd. I would work better with our surrounding communities, road commission, and lobby the state for improved road conditions. I will improve our secondary roads, they will be maintained better and with lower speed limits. Be more proactive and looking to the future rather than reactive.</p> <p>End the current lawsuits to protect our citizens. Work directly with our township board and the plaintiffs in resolution to the lawsuits. We are primarily in these lawsuits because of the past actions by our current leadership. As a trustee, I requested direct meetings to solve the issues, but was told no by the current administration.</p> <p>Better communication with our citizens - Weekly coffee meetings with all citizens, emails, facebook post and social media post to involve all in political decisions affecting our community. I want to hear from all sides and have everyone involved. I want to work with all age groups in our community, not just a select few.</p>

MILFORD TOWNSHIP PRIMARY (Continued)

2 Candidates for TOWNSHIP CLERK for ONE 4-year term

<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 HOLLY BRANDT 124 S. Houghton St., Milford, MI 48381</p>	<p>I am a Milford native currently serving as Milford Township's Clerk. I have held the position for ten years and served as Deputy Clerk for ten years prior to winning my elective seat. I earned my International Certified Municipal Clerk's designation in 2004 after participating in the three year training program.</p> <p>The Township Clerk's statutory duty is to perform the community's elections. I've successfully managed seventeen elections in the past ten years and have experience running over 35 elections in the past twenty years. I have trained my staff and our Election Inspectors on the logistics of handling an election day and created training material, which covers all aspects of conducting the election.</p> <p>I am experienced in all aspects of the Milford Township Clerk's role - managing the general ledger/accounting, office operations/staff, and decision making for the township. I am an effective leader and knowledgeable about my community's history and goals to follow our Master Land Use Plan.</p>	<p>Priority One: Following our Master Plan and only allowing growth as prescribed in our zoning districts. The township has a joint master plan with Milford Village, which designates larger parcels and acreage residential sites in the township and higher density in the village. Our community's popularity has grown and developers seek to cash in on this by pushing for higher density than what is allowed. I will continue to support the plan that we've got in place to keep the township's large acreage home sites intact, which enhance the rural, park-like quality entire community which we all call home.</p> <p>Priority 2: Continue being a wise steward of our financial resources through judicious budgeting and decision making.</p> <p>Priority 3: Milford Township is a great place for our residents to make their home and live their lives. We are known throughout our state as a desirable, safe community with beautiful country roads and passive recreational resources. I am passionate about our friendly, small town, feel and I will always do all that I can to keep and enhance this standard for new as well as longtime residents to enjoy.</p>

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<p>Republican JENNIFER L. FRANKFORD 360 Cabinet, Milford, MI 48381-1808</p>	<p>I have been a resident of the Village of Milford for 32 years and have contributed my service as a Council Member for the Village 11 years (September 2009) as well as several community non-profit organizations such as Girl Scout, Boy Scouts, DAR and Zonta. I have been in retail management for the last 33 years and currently lead the Service department at the Flagship Meijer store in Auburn Hills.</p> <p>This position has a large salary and a healthy benefit package with zero accountability to the residents of Milford. I would provide accountability with consistent attendance to this position that is not currently adhered to. I have the ability to adapt well to new learning environments and I feel I am qualified and competent given my skills from my previous job history which includes a brief knowledge of elections. Although elections may be my only weakness, I am a quick learner and not intimidated to learn and understand this challenging task from the full staff that is currently running the show. I would be proud to humble myself to them and respectfully learn from them while working as a Team player</p>	<p>The bottom line is that the Township needs a change. It may be that the Clerk has held a longstanding position, but it needs a breath of fresh air, accountability and transparency. Milford needs consistent attendance, attention and respect for your co-workers and community from the Elected Officials we trust to be exemplary in their jobs. Not recklessness at the tax payer's expense. I know that I can deliver these qualities if elected to the Milford Township Clerk position.</p>

MILFORD TOWNSHIP PRIMARY (Continued)

1 Candidate for TREASURER for ONE 4-year term

CYNTHIA DAGENHARDT 814 Panorama Dr., Milford, MI 48381

5 Candidates for TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE for FOUR 4-year terms

CANDIDATES for <u>TRUSTEE</u> FOUR 4-year terms <i>Vote for no more than FOUR</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> RANDAL BUSICK 2262 S. Hill Rd. Milford, MI 48381</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President and CEO – Vehicle Science Corporation: an international Tier 1 automotive engineering services supplier • Milford Township Trustee (35 years, 1985-to-present). The most experienced candidate for Trustee • Milford Township Planning Commission (3 years, 1982-1985) • Testified (by invitation) before the Congress of the United States on U.S. Energy Policy • President of the United State’s Survey on Improving Federal Government Efficiency • Invitee/Participant in the United Nations Conference on Global Climate Change • Endorsed by the Spinal Column Newsweekly (“most thoughtful trustee over the years on issues ranging from the budget to controlled development and minimizing government”, “seasoned and reasoned”, “Tight with the Township’s money”). • Endorsed by the Milford Times (“Dean of Milford Trustees”, “seasoned and knowledgeable”, “Keep[ing] the Township’s purse strings tight”) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quality of Life Issues 2. Controlling Growth and Sprawl 3. Minimizing Government Costs and Taxes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of Life Issues: I am concerned about such issues as drinking water quality, improved traffic flow, improved road conditions, environmental quality, developing a walkable community, enhancing the sense of community, and continued improvement in Police, Fire, and Senior Citizen services. • Controlling Growth and Sprawl: I will stand up to out-of-control developers. I will emphasize orderly and controlled growth, preserving and maximizing homeowner value, maintaining the rural character of the Township and adherence to the Zoning Master Plan. • Minimizing Government Costs and Taxes: I will emphasize the need to minimize the costs of delivering necessary services to residents of the Township. Lower costs directly translate to controlling tax rates.
<p><i>Republican</i> RICHARD GEORGE 2471 Meadowood Ln. Milford, MI 48380</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	
<p><i>Republican</i> WILLIAM E. MAZZARA 1060 Adams Rd. Milford, MI 48381</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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<i>Republican</i> TONI VULAJ 2965 Stone Meadow Dr. Milford, MI 48380	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	
<i>Republican</i> DALE R. WILTSE 4177 Rob Ct. Milford, MI 48381	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	

THERE IS 1 PROPOSAL ON THE BALLOT.

LIBRARY MILLAGE PROPOSAL	Shall the tax limitation on all taxable property within the Charter Township of Milford, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased and the Township be authorized to levy a millage in an amount not to exceed 0.70 mill (\$0.70 per \$1,000 of taxable value), of which 0.3675 mill is a renewal of the millage that expired in 2019 and 0.3325 mill is new additional millage, for a period of ten (10) years, 2020 through 2029 inclusive, to provide funds for operating, maintaining and equipping the Milford Public Library and for all other library purposes authorized by law? It is estimated that 0.70 mill would raise approximately \$699,000 when first levied in 2020.
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