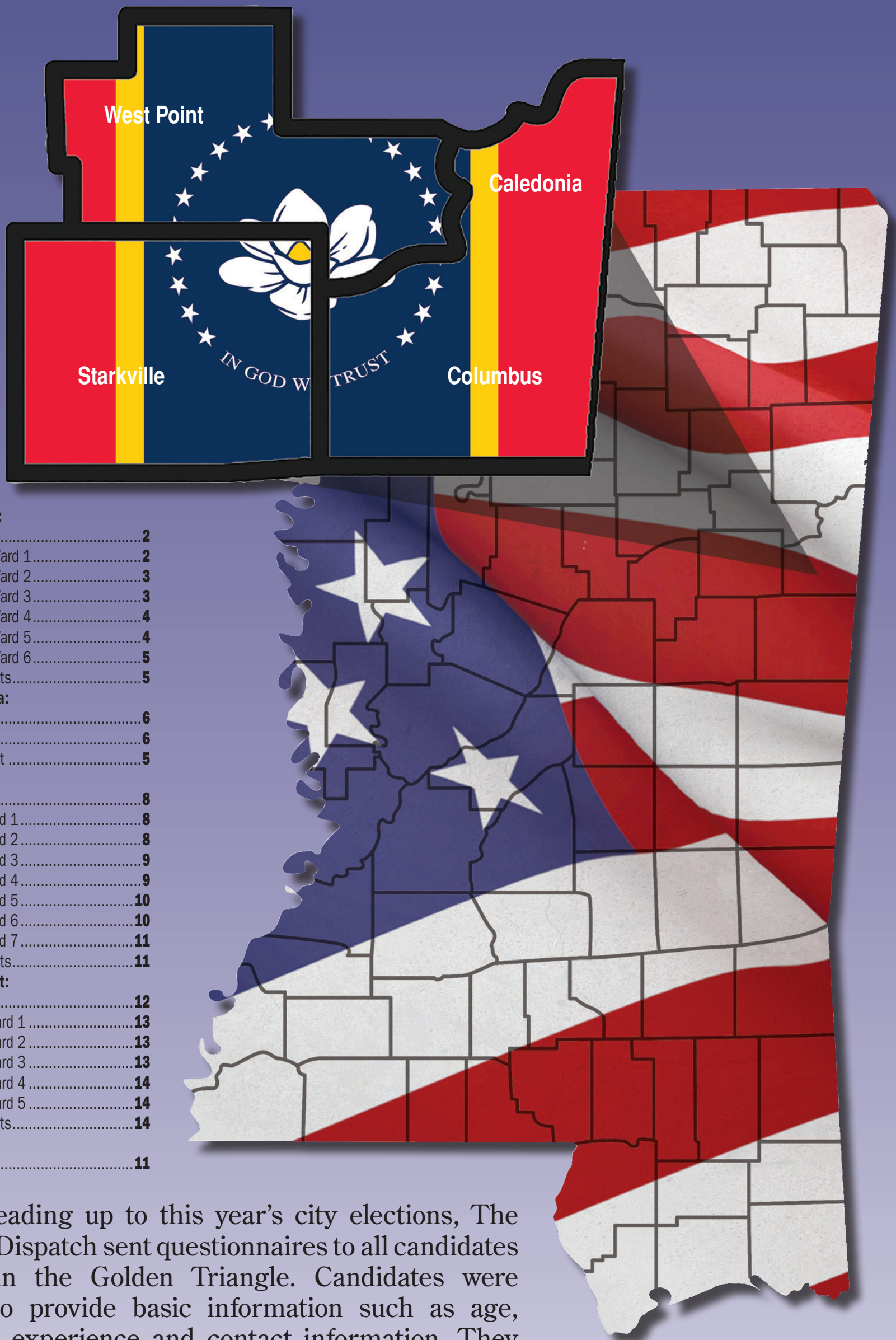


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GOLDEN TRIANGLE

A GUIDE TO AREA MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

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Leading up to this year's city elections, The Dispatch sent questionnaires to all candidates in the Golden Triangle. Candidates were asked to provide basic information such as age, political experience and contact information. They were also asked to answer three questions, limiting their responses to a set word count.

The answers provided to us are printed in this guide. We only edited the answers for length; we didn't make any grammatical corrections.

Questionnaires were sent to all candidates, and our staff followed up with phone calls and emails in an effort to get responses from every candidate.

Sample ballots for Lowndes, Oktibbeha, Clay and Noxubee counties are included in this special section.

THE DISPATCH

Sunday, March 21, 2021

CITY OF COLUMBUS

Mayor

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$81,161



1. What is the biggest challenge facing Columbus and how would you address it?

2. How can city government work to help citizens and businesses emerge from the pandemic?

3. What is the importance of a healthy city/county relationship and what actions could be taken to improve that relationship?

Democrat

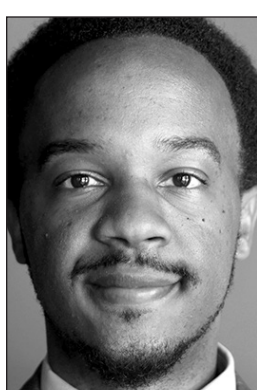
Robert Smith (I)
Occupation:
Education:
Political experience:
Residence:
Family:
Email:
Phone:



Did not submit answers to the questionnaire.

Independent

Montrell Coburn
Occupation: Security (MSU)
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Family: Single
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To get citizens to think outside of the norm and not resort to whats known to make them feel comfortable.

We have to be able to paint/ show a vision so simple and clear to the citizens thats fool proof that they can follow; (Strength in numbers) allowing businesses to bounce back as if nothing happened.

Look throughout history and every great nation crumbled from the inside. Its vital that the city & council move and behave like one: to the point that citizens don't know who's who (pertaining to titles or who's over a certain ward).

Keith Gaskin

Occupation: Executive
Director Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science Foundation
Education: Ph.D. and Master of Public Policy Administration, Mississippi; State University; Bachelor of Science, University of Southern Mississippi
Political experience: First time candidate
Residence: 216 3rd Ave. S., Columbus
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Columbus faces a multitude of challenges now and in the days ahead from gun violence and pandemic to potholes and population decline. At the root of all of them, like most things, is money. Our city's finances are not where they should be. Many of you have asked serious questions concerning our financial stability that you feel have not been completely answered. If elected, I will commission a city-wide review of all government systems, including a state-led audit in segments by department, as well as overall, to identify precisely the areas of concern and peculiarity. I guarantee total transparency in this process, with public briefings scheduled for each segment upon completion. Once we've addressed the source of the problems at hand, we can begin the hard work of overcoming the challenges it has wrought. We'll meet them head-on, together, with clear eyes toward the future.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been uniquely destructive to all our lives and livelihoods in ways most of us never imagined. Open communication, fact based policies, and clear messaging are key. Once we've reached the CDC's and Dr. Dobbs benchmarks for immunization, we should continue our reopening with commonsense guidelines in place. We should use infrastructure grants and creative solutions to make opening a small business or staying open more feasible and allow business owners to use their own creativity and ingenuity to do business the best they can. As the weather warms up, we should utilize our outdoor spaces, sidewalks, parks, and venues to hold small business shopping days and encourage outdoor dining. It will take mutual cooperation and patience, kindness and communication, and it will require us to continue to be the best of neighbors. We can do this, Columbus, and I'm confident that our future is bright.

The City and County leadership have a responsibility to the people to work together as partners, not competitors. As mayor, I will focus on building open communication lines and a professional relationship with all county elected officials and administrators. Both bodies should collaborate with each other at every opportunity. Some actions we can take to improve and foster the relationship obviously concern law enforcement. Jurisdictions aside, the Sheriff's department and CPD must work together in meaningful and effective ways to help curb the growing issues of gang violence and drug trafficking. In my opinion, the City and County are obligated by interest, ethics, economy, and neighborly values to help and strengthen the other for the benefit of all of us.

City Councilman Ward 1

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$17,500



1. What is the biggest challenge facing your ward?

2. How would you promote future industrial/commercial development in Columbus?

3. How would you work to improve Columbus' infrastructure?

Democrat

Tommy Jackson
Occupation:
Education:
Political experience:
Residence:
Family:
Email:
Phone:



Did not submit answers to the questionnaire.

CITY OF COLUMBUS

City Councilman Ward 1 (continued)

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$17,500



1. What is the biggest challenge facing your ward?

2. How would you promote future industrial/commercial development in Columbus?

3. How would you work to improve Columbus' infrastructure?

Democrat

Ethel Taylor Stewart (I)
 Occupation:
 Education:
 Political experience:
 Residence:
 Family:
 Email:
 Phone:



Did not submit answers to the questionnaire.

Independent

Kallie Stacy Phillips
 Occupation: Certified Public Accountant
 Education: Bachelor of Accountancy – University of Mississippi; Master of Taxation – Mississippi State University
 Political experience: Refreshingly new to politics
 Residence: Ward 1
 Family: Husband Stuart Phillips; 3 children Arthur, Axel and Senah
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 Phone: 662.769.8854



What Ward 1 residents tell me is they worry about crime. They are frustrated with all the shootings and lack of police presence. Some are scared to be outside of their homes after dark. Residences no longer believe it's safe for their children and grandchildren to paly outside at times. Abandoned and dilapidated property, blight, and trash are challenges as well.
 Many feel that Ward 1 has been the forgotten ward. They don't see the city spending resources in their neighborhoods. They don't think their voices are heard, many have complained that they never receive a call back when they try to reach out. I hope to change that feeling by hosting quarterly town halls, and allow citizens to engage with the person who represents them in city hall.

First impressions matter. Our gateways must be attractive to those potential investors, with appropriate signage, lighting, and landscaping. Ensuring that our gateways are attractive increases our city's marketability. Columbus is a family-oriented city with a diversity of resources-nature, cultural, and historic assets that are not being promoted to their full potential.
 Ward 1 would especially benefit from the revitalization of industry in Columbus. Several former industrial sites are in the city limits that could be marketed to bring re-development and jobs. Some of those sites include the former Seminole Manufacturing, Johnston Tombigbee, General Tire, and Kior. Because the tax millage in the city is so high, enticing redevelopment of these industrial sites will likely only be achieved through tax incentives. Bringing jobs to the neighborhoods will help with the lack of public transportation issue while also putting vacant buildings back in use.

Assess, plan, and implement are the steps needed to address the City's infrastructure of streets, drainage, sewer, water, and electricity. Crumbling infrastructure is a challenge in a city with scarce fiscal resources.
 The city should keep its focus on maintaining the current infrastructure before it uses the scarce funds to add more things that require more maintenance, e.g. roundabouts and amphitheatres. Paving a street only to tear it up to make repairs to the infrastructure below the street makes no sense. A bottom-up approach would ensure the under-street utilities were addressed and allow the new paving to last longer. I don't support borrowing for a longer period than the paving will last. I think the city should be in such a good financial condition as to afford the annual maintenance of the streets without borrowing.

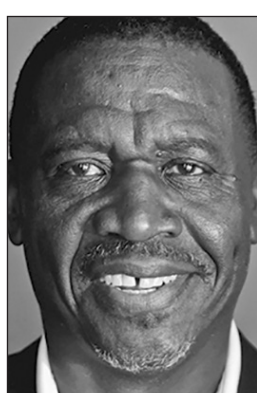
City Councilman Ward 2

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$17,500

Democrat

Candidate is running unopposed

Joseph Mickens (I)
 Occupation:
 Education:
 Political experience:
 Residence:
 Family:
 Email:
 Phone:



Did not submit answers to the questionnaire.

City Councilman Ward 3

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$17,500

Democrat

Sally Brown Tate
 Occupation: Owner of Sal's Creation, co-owner of Tate's Ministries
 Education: B.S. in Educational Psychology (MSU); M.S. in Counseling Psychology (U.W.A.)
 Political experience: Assisted in voter's registration; Social Action Committee with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
 Residence: 537 Cypress St., Columbus
 Family: Married for 23 years to Michael Tate, children, Michael and Jana Tate
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Excessive speeding and/or racing through the neighborhoods.
 Excessive pot holes.
 Debris being picked up in a timely manner.
 Illegal dumping.

I will work with other city and county officials and support economic developments that will provide job opportunities with competitive pay and good benefits as well as will increase city revenues. I will support family fun attractions, shopping stores and restaurants that will promote spending within the city.

I will work with the other city officials, city engineer and department heads to make sound decisions that are financially feasible with maintain and/or improving the city infrastructure.

Republican

Rusty Greene
 Occupation:
 Education:
 Political experience:
 Residence:
 Family:
 Email:
 Phone:



One of the major concerns I hear when talking with the residents of Ward 3 is that our tax dollars are not being spent wisely. Many people feel that there is too much waste and commitment to unnecessary projects. Ward 3, as in other wards in the city, has many ditches that have not been maintained on a frequent basis which leads to premature road erosion. Currently, the City Works Department provides services among each ward on a rotating schedule which means they will work in our ward every 6 weeks. Implementing a revised ward system in which each ward had a dedicated smaller group of workers would allow for more accountability and production. Crime and all-too-frequent shootings are always a concern not only in Ward 3 but in all of Columbus.

Columbus would benefit greatly from additional commercial/industrial development. Attracting in new business would increase tax revenue while improving the quality of life for our citizens. Many of our current vacant buildings are in highly visible areas which gives the appearance of our city being unable to support businesses. The city should explore hiring a retail developer who has an expertise in recruiting companies to move into our region. Tax incentives have also proven to promote attracting new businesses. The Revitalization Authority offers Columbus the unique opportunity to transform under-utilized areas into thriving spaces. There are several projects the Authority has in process that will not only improve blighted areas but also increase needed revenue for the city. That is a win-win situation for Columbus and Lowndes County.

Infrastructure and road conditions are a big concern for many residents of Columbus. With the sheer number of roads to be maintained, we need to budget for paving and repairs yearly. We cannot delay maintenance for years and expect to keep ahead. The addition of the internet sales tax and lottery funds, which will be available for improving infrastructure, will certainly help with future planning. The most frequently traveled streets will obviously need to be repaired more often than less-used thoroughfares. Currently equal monies are allocated to each ward for street repairs. The problem with this is that some wards have more heavily traveled streets and will need more frequent repair. I feel when it comes to repairs, we should think of Columbus as one town instead of individual wards.

CITY OF COLUMBUS

City Councilman Ward 3 (continued)

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$17,500



1. What is the biggest challenge facing your ward?

2. How would you promote future industrial/commercial development in Columbus?

3. How would you work to improve Columbus' infrastructure?

Independent

Kori Bridges
 Occupation:
 Education:
 Political experience:
 Residence:
 Family:
 Email:
 Phone:



Did not submit answers to the questionnaire.

City Councilman Ward 4

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$17,500

Democrat

Patricia Ann Douglas
 Occupation: Retired secular educator; presently Christian educator
 Education: Graduate Columbus city schools; attended MUW, Olive Harvey
 Political experience: Politically educating classes in progress; political science classes
 Residence: 2409 21st Ave. N., Columbus
 Family: Mother, grandmother, great-grandmother
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1. The biggest challenge facing Ward 4 is illegal sell of drugs, gangs and gambling.
 2. Youths without discipline, young mothers leaving children unsupervised.
 3. Teenagers with guns and shooting of Black teenagers by Black teenagers.
 4. No mental health outreach.

Make Columbus safe. Education of demographics; work with council members on proper strategies to write grants to fund needed improvements for advancement of roads, hiways, air and river transportation of goods for our economy, wear and tear on our vehicles due to pot holes. Make sure educate, train and test our youth so they won't leave Columbus looking for jobs.

Work with council members, mayor and community involvement. Write grants to get needed funds that don't have to be repaid. Channel money properly and don't misuse taxpayers money. God keep us honest and make us trustworthy as leaders.

Marty Turner
 Occupation: Consultant
 Education: Associates of business
 Political experience: Former councilman
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 Family: Tiffany Turner wife, Coco Turner dog
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 Phone: 662-242-8682



The biggest challenge of Ward 4 is neglect which lead to distrust in the local government to solve public problems. I will work hard to restore hope in our community by being tangible, accessible and transparent.

I will promote industry by making sure the city partnership with the LINK stays strong and make sure the our neighbors be prepared for the the jobs by highlighting workforce training programs at EMCC.

Improving our infrastructure will be challenging because our city is old so we have to try and find grants and work with CL&W to make this happen. The good news is the covid relief bill past and there are monies allocates for infrastructure so it all won't come from local taxpayers.

Independent

Pierre D. Beard Sr. (I)
 Occupation: City Councilman Ward 4
 Education: Business Administration
 Political experience: Current Councilman since 2019
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 Family: Wife Lasaundra Beard Myah (15) Pierre Jr (5) Nala and Simba
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The biggest problem facing my ward is believing we have opportunity. Often times, Ward 4 seems to be viewed as the forgotten ward. The virus derailed some of the community action items I had planned but not that we're getting close to beating the virus, people will start seeing a lot more events geared towards Unity and Action. We need more workshops and forums so people will have basic knowledge and resources to help them accomplish basic goals. I also feel we have to start taking advantage of the local talent we have in Columbus so that we can become more progressive and become more proactive to issues that have been plaguing for years.

I think that we need to strengthen our relationship with our county government, chamber of commerce, Columbus AFB, and also the Link. To bring more jobs into this area is going to take a unified approach and that's what I attend to spearhead. Its important for everyone to know that the council runs the city, and we as a whole need to be out front working alongside our partners to bring in more industrial jobs. One factor that impacts us is the amount of land most large businesses would require to come here, and we just don't have an abundance of that available in the city.

Infrastructure and code enforcement in regards to dilapidated building have been the majority of the calls I've received in my two years as councilman. We recently just awarded a contract for some road paving that should start within the next weeks. However, going forward, I think we eed to have a complete and impartial audit of our finances, and then work towards balancing the budget. -I think painting a clearer picture of where we were, where we are now, and what the future looks like would go a long way with the citizens of Columbus.

City Councilman Ward 5

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$17,500

Democrat

Candidate is running unopposed

Stephen Jones (I)
 Occupation:
 Education:
 Political experience:
 Residence:
 Family:
 Email:
 Phone:



Did not submit answers to the questionnaire.

CITY OF COLUMBUS

City Councilman Ward 6

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$17,500



1. What is the biggest challenge facing your ward?

2. How would you promote future industrial/commercial development in Columbus?

3. How would you work to improve Columbus' infrastructure?

Republican

Jacqueline DiCicco
Occupation: Business owner-Skin Care Center; clinical esthetician
Education: Caledonia High School; MUW-B.S. General Business; MSU-Master's Technology Ed.; Regent University-Advanced Graduate Studies Certification Organizational Leadership
Political experience: No prior
Residence: Timber Cove, Columbus
Family: Husband was Paul DiCicco (died in 2006, married 39 years), son Phillip DiCicco, grandchildren, great-grandchildren
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Phone: 662-240-0001 office 662-386-4888 campaign

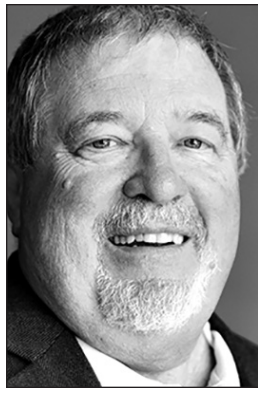


It could be argued that my ward is the cash register of the City of Columbus. City wide benefit will happen if we develop and maintain a clean, safe area for families to shop, eat and play. This will help Columbus reverse decades of population loss and put us back in our rightful place of leadership in the Golden Triangle Region.

We have to develop a plan for the re-development of Leigh Mall. That 30-acre site is the most valuable and the most visible piece of real estate in not only the city, but the entire county. As for industrial, the Lowndes county port owns almost 100 acres of developed industrial land, it has water access, development there is our first and easiest location. Then we should focus on the empty older industrial properties and their re-development.

We need a comprehensive plan to pay as we go and focus on the areas of highest need, that are prioritized by professionals, not politicians. What I would not do is continue to borrow money for 10 to 20 years for street paving that will last 5 years.

Bill Gavin (I)
Occupation: Retired/ Columbus City Councilman
Education: Masters Degree
Political experience: 12 years Columbus City Councilman - 8 years Vice Mayor
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Crime is the largest issue for ward 6. We must reduce crime such as thief. Other issues are speeding, drainage, ditch cleaning, trash pick-up and street paving.

I believe Columbus industrial growth must come by retail rather than manufacturing. Lowndes County has done a great job with the industrial park and recruiting industry. I would be difficult for the city to try and recruit that type of industry. The city should concentrate on smaller manufacturing companies and work too recruit new retail for our city. Retail would add valuable sales tax and enhance our city from many standpoints. I have worked over the years recruiting many retail outlets to our city and making visual changes in the Highway 45 corridor to help attract these business to Columbus.

A main problem for all of Columbus is drainage. When the city receives a major hard rain, ditches overflow and the overflow water block the streets. The water runs into citizens yards and houses. The city must do a better job of keeping the ditches clean and free of debris. We must also keep the storm drains clean, this would mean the purchase of additional equipment.

I = incumbent

April 6, 2021 Primary Sample ballot

CITY OF COLUMBUS

(Composite sample ballot for the April 6 primary election - actual listings will vary by districts and precincts.)

CITY COUNCIL WARD 1 (Vote for one)

- Tommy "TJ" Jackson
- Ethel Taylor Stewart
- _____

CITY COUNCIL WARD 4 (Vote for one)

- Patricia A. Douglas
- Marty Turner
- _____

CITY COUNCIL WARD 6 (Vote for one)

- Jacqueline DiCicco
- Bill E. Gavin
- _____

Columbus Precinct Polling Places

Ward 1 Southside Church
 Southside MBC Life Center, 100 Nashville Ferry Road E., Columbus

Townsend Park
 Recreation Building, 826 15th St. S., Columbus

William Washington Terrace
 2201 Eighth Ave. S., Columbus

Ward 4 Fire Station No. 1
 205 Seventh St. S., Columbus

Propst Park Community Hut
 2535 Main St., Columbus

Stephen Chapel Church
 Life Center, 2008 Seventh Ave. N., Columbus

Ward 6 Brandon
 Brandon Central School Office/Cafetorium, 2630 McArthur Dr., Columbus

June 8, 2021 - General Election Sample ballot

TOWN OF CALEDONIA

(Composite sample ballot for the June 8 general election - actual listings will vary by districts and precincts.)

MAYOR (Vote for one)

- Betty Darnell
- Quinn Parham
- _____

ALDERMAN AT LARGE (Vote for one)

- Amanda Boltwood
- Jason Chrest
- William Darnell
- Matt Furnari
- Robert Linn Jacobs
- Tammy McCool
- Joey Pounders
- Mitchel D. Wiggins
- _____

Caledonia Precinct Polling Place

Caledonia
 Community Center, 205 South St., Caledonia

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 Columbus, MS 39701

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TOWN OF CALEDONIA

Mayor

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$12,000



1. What is the biggest challenge facing Caledonia?

2. How can the town continue to enhance its relationship with the county?

3. In what ways should Caledonia manage its growth?

Independent

Betty Darnell

Occupation: Retired / Credit Manager in the Manufacturing Industry

Education: John C. Calhoun, Associates Degree, Accounting and Finance; Multiple Continuing Education Units in Finance, Management, and Human Resources

Political experience: This is my first time to pursue an elected position.

Residence: I have been a resident of Lowndes County since 1977 and Caledonia since 1984.

Family: Married to Bill Darnell with two adult daughters, grandchildren

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Phone: 662-402-7901



Caledonia has grown faster than the infrastructure. Facilities require continuous upgrades to manage growth. Grants are available in varying degrees to provide necessary improvements and expansions. It takes time to apply and receive grants. We must pursue funding to stay ahead of projected growth. It is also necessary to be cognizant of budgeting and spending in preparation for unexpected expenditures and emergencies.

It is imperative to keep lines of communication open with our Supervisors and County Government. Having a transparent, honest relationship allows for cooperation and proactive measures instead of reactive. The Caledonia Schools are a tremendous asset. Many facets of county government provide services for our town. We depend on their expertise in many areas and specifically the function of the Road Department. A town of our size does not readily have funds available for road equipment and other high dollar inventory items to provide services for our citizens.

It is necessary to have a vision for our town. Where do we want to be in specific time frames of one, two, and three years? It takes planning, evaluating, and being honest with ourselves. What are the strengths and weaknesses of Caledonia? To provide services, we must have income sources. How do we structure those sources to provide services? We take action once the plans are made. Keeping retail spaces filled creates an atmosphere where other businesses want to locate. We showcase what we have and build on it. What land does the town own that is underutilized? Do we annex, do we zone, do we strive to be a destination for specialty items, niche restaurants, enhance our Main Street area? Answers to these questions provide a roadmap going forward.

Quinn Parham

Occupation:

Education:

Political experience:

Residence:

Family:

Email:

Phone:



Did not submit answers to the questionnaire.

Alderman

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$4,800



1. What is the biggest challenge facing Caledonia?

2. How can the town continue to enhance its relationship with the county?

3. In what ways should Caledonia manage its growth?

Independent

Amanda Boltwood

Occupation: Graphic Designer

Education: Class of 2009

Caledonia High School

Political experience:

Appointed to the Caledonia Park Commission by the Board of Alderman (Oct. 2019-Present)

Residence: 150 Ora Lane, Caledonia

Family: Married to Brandon Boltwood for 5-1/2 years, daughter to Ronnie and Debra Jones

Email: mrandmrsboltwood@icloud.com

Phone: 662-251-2875



Infrastructure is the current biggest challenge that Caledonia is facing. If I were elected, I would love nothing more than to work with my fellow board members on creating a vision for projects that need the most attention for each department. Concentrating on developing an infrastructure plan that continuously looks at improving our streets & sidewalks, water & sewage, and an overall better quality of life is vital. After attending board meetings regularly over the past four years, I've seen how easy it can be to push a topic/project off to another meeting and then another and before you know it the clock has run out. Setting goals right from the start that the board wants to accomplish during their term is key. I'm a true believer in setting my sights high to get things done as well as setting a sound budget to stay on task.

When I read this question the first thing that came to mind was the old saying "don't fix what's not broken". The Town of Caledonia has been truly blessed with the support we receive from The Board of Supervisors & County Road Department. Both are always willing to help us in any way that they can. From working with Ronnie Burns when I was the Caledonia Days Chairman to currently working with Harry Sanders as I serve on The Park Commission; I think I can truly say that the relationship that these departments hold with the town is stronger than ever.

On the matters of growth, I am 100% pro annexation. I truly believe that annexation is vital to broadening our town budget and is a project that is way overdue. With a larger budget the possibilities are endless, and I would say cosmetic updates is a topic that stands out to me the most. Making these appealing adjustments in our town will set the tone for our community and in turn have businesses willing to invest here.

Jason Chrest

Occupation: Energy Management Supervisor at CAFB

Education: Bachelors in Business Management

Political experience: Yes - Appointed to Caledonia Park Commission for 2 years

Residence: Caledonia, MS

Family: Gail Chrest (Wife), Jakob (19), Brandon (18), and Eliza (5)

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Phone: 662-251-9312



Infrastructure! Caledonia is nearing a critical juncture with infrastructure issues. One of the most well known issues continues to be the sewage lagoon, but other infrastructure concerns are looming on the horizon. Residents are concerned with the state of our sidewalks and street lights. Additionally our aging water and sewage lines through town have to be addressed in the coming years.

The new management at the water department has helped to identify and address some of those concerns that have been perpetuated by poor planning and spending in the past. Residents have been hurt and are greatly concerned with the recent rate increases. As a board we need to be able to ensure we are focused on "appropriate spending" to limit future burdens on the residents of Caledonia.

Having been to several town meetings and being a member of the park commission, I understand the importance of this relationship. We worked with the County to help fund various projects at the park. Some of those included the lights for the soccer complex, capitol improvement funds that helped to renovate the concession stand at the park that was in disrepair, and at recent board meetings I heard the county is helping to fund an effort for a splash pad at the park.

Right now there is an enormous amount of support from the County and a great relationship between these two entities. The best way to commit to continuing to enhance the relationship with the County is ensuring the newcomers on the Town Board, such as myself, understand how essential this amazing relationship between us and the County is to the residents of Caledonia.

I'm a big fan of the term "appropriate spending." With that I mean doing due diligence when looking at spending needs and determining the best approach. There are times when spending should be increased to ensure we provide the best to the residents of the town and other times when spending should be decreased. I work in a field focused on efficiency. Sometimes a cheap valve actuator helps with the budget during install but ends up costing more in the long run between energy waste and labor to maintain it.

This appropriate spending approach also translates to physical growth as well. As the surrounding community grows there are opportunities for annexation that should be considered and a determination made to expand our town limits to be more inclusive of the growing Caledonia community or to retain our town limits to preserve the town we all know and love.

William Darnell

Occupation:

Education:

Political experience:

Residence:

Family:

Email:

Phone:



Did not submit answers to the questionnaire.

TOWN OF CALEDONIA

Alderman (continued)

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$4,800



Independent

Matt Furnari
Occupation: Owner of Integrated Waste Services and Rabbit Track Development
Education: Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Mississippi State (1999)
Political experience: 4 years, 1 Term as Alderman for the Town of Caledonia
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Family: Wife - Jacque Furnari, Son - Mark Furnari, Son - Jack Furnari
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1. What is the biggest challenge facing Caledonia?

Caledonia is a wonderful town and has several great quality's that can ensure it stays that way. Our biggest challenge is maintaining the assets that attract people to Caledonia, while at the same time improving upon them. Our park is a wonderful facility that has gone through many improvements over the last few years. In conjunction with the park board Caledonia needs to continue to find funding opportunities to improve and with change comes unforeseen obstacles. We all know that most individuals cringe when they hear of change. With the growth that we have already seen, we notice that we have become outdated and our infrastructure cannot keep up with the supply and demand. All I ask is to keep an open mindset as we talk about or bring forth ideas of change or growth. If elected, all I want is what is best for the town as a whole for the years to come.

2. How can the town continue to enhance its relationship with the county?

Caledonia has a great relationship with Lowndes County and its Board of Supervisors. That has happened through mutual respect and working together to improve not only Caledonia, but giving support to our neighbors in surrounding areas. Open communication and staying informed on the decisions the Board of Supervisors make and how they affect Caledonia is important as well. Also keeping it a two way street, not just how the county can help us, but what Caledonia can do to help them.

3. In what ways should Caledonia manage its growth?

This is always a hot topic, I love Caledonia the way it is. That being said nothing stays the same, if you are not progressing forward you are moving backwards. So growth is vital for the future of Caledonia, but it has to be good growth, sustainable growth. At the top of the list to manage this growth is zoning, this must get accomplished in the next boards term. Adopting building codes were a first step, but although zoning is an in depth process, it must get completed. With growth also comes management of a different kind as well. We must continue to develop our Marshall presence which will help ensure safety for our residents as we grow. Many positive strides have been made in regards to our Marshall operations and coverage, and efforts must be made to build on this including full time Marshall presence.

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In my opinion, the biggest challenge that Caledonia faces is the lack of infrastructure. We have a great town and a safe community with a highly rated school system. Here in Caledonia, we have an easy commute to great jobs located within the Golden Triangle. People are seeing how amazing this community is and are wanting to call it home. With growth comes change and with change comes unforeseen obstacles. We all know that most individuals cringe when they hear of change. With the growth that we have already seen, we notice that we have become outdated and our infrastructure cannot keep up with the supply and demand. All I ask is to keep an open mindset as we talk about or bring forth ideas of change or growth. If elected, all I want is what is best for the town as a whole for the years to come.

Caledonia currently has a good working relationship with the Board of Supervisors and the Lowndes County School District. They both have been very supportive of Caledonia and its growth. If elected as Alderman, I would like to continue to build on the relationships that are already in place. I look forward to continuing the dialogue for upcoming projects that will benefit the residents and businesses of Caledonia for years to come. We owe the safety of our town and community to the Caledonia Marshal Department, Lowndes County Sheriff's Department, and the Lowndes County District One Fire and Rescue Department. I would like to see us continue to work with and support them to ensure a safe community.

Caledonia should have open eyes, ears and minds. The peoples' voices need to be heard. Everyone has different opinions and one's opinion could be changed by hearing someone else's point of view. In the end, what matters is what is best for the greater good of the town and the residents. We live in a society now where people want convenience and quick solutions. With so much growth, a "quick fix" may not always be the answer. Changes that will affect the entire town will take much consideration. We as a town need to utilize the resources that we have available to us to bring jobs and better infrastructure into the town that will allow us to prosper.

Tammy McCool
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Infrastructure is our biggest challenge. Improvements needs to continue on the water/sewer system, sidewalks and streets. Also, Town Hall needs roof repairs to stop current leaking and exterior repairs.

The Town of Caledonia has always had a wonderful working relationship with the Lowndes County Board of Supervisors and Lowndes County Road Department. It is important to keep all lines of communications open with all of Lowndes County. The Town has been fortunate to have received extra funding for our Park and Recreation over the years from the Lowndes County Board of Supervisors. Lowndes County Road Department has always graciously helped us maintain our streets and sidewalks. This help has been greatly appreciated by our Town and citizens. Caledonia Schools is very important to the Town of Caledonia and would like to continue to support Caledonia Schools and Lowndes County School Board.

Caledonia can manage growth by annexation and zoning. These changes would be important to help our town grow and be more successful. This would help new businesses come to town and would provide more tax base for our town budget.

Joey Pounders
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I believe it's capitalizing on the growth around Caledonia. There is a lot of houses being built in a five mile radius of this town. We need to figure out how to keep these potential spenders in Caledonia instead of somewhere else. This could not only help retain our current businesses but also attract new businesses as well. We have plenty of vacant buildings so this would certainly be the goal.

Coordinating future plans with the county goes hand and hand with our growth. Caledonia has done a good job helping maintain the facilities and other projects that the county has donated or helped with. Hopefully that shows we appreciate any help their willing to give.

I love the "small town feel" here. That's what most of our area loves about this place. I believe it's important to keep Caledonia busy but I wouldn't want to see it get to busy with industrial traffic. It's no secret that the school and the park are huge attractions to our town. How can we utilize that? Managing the growth could mean bringing in new businesses, potentially expanding town limits, or just how to manage avoiding that 3 mile drop off loop in the morning. Regardless growth for our town is inevitable and I just want to make sure we go in the right direction.

Mitchell "Mitch" Wiggins
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Caledonia's biggest challenge, like many other Mississippi towns our size, is our aging infrastructure. The challenge going forward is looking outside the box for creative new ways to finance these needed upgrades to our water and sewer system. We cannot continue our current rate of growth without addressing these issues with a long term plan.

Lowndes County and the Town of Caledonia enjoy a mutually beneficial working relationship. Caledonia relies heavily on the County Road Department for maintenance and repairs of our city streets and assistance with work in our park. As Mayor, I am deeply appreciative of all our county officials, in all of the different offices and departments for their assistance to Caledonia.

As Caledonia continues to grow we must plan ahead to make sure that we can continue to provide all our citizens with exceptional utilities and services to include high speed internet access. We must also take a serious look at annexation, zoning and planning.

CITY OF STARKVILLE

Mayor

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$75,000



1. What is the biggest challenge facing Starkville?

2. How can city government work to help citizens and businesses emerge from the pandemic?

3. What does Starkville need to do to attract future economic development?

Democrat

Candidate is running unopposed

Lynn Spruill (I)

Occupation:
Education:
Political experience:
Residence:
Family:
Email:
Phone:



Continuing the forward progress that I believe we have made over the past 4 years. The first 2 years of this term we spent much time agreeing to move forward with multiple large and transformational initiatives. Cornerstone Park, annexation, street improvement projects, infrastructure improvement projects, TAP grants and the BUILD grant. Those projects are in process and must be seen through to completion in the next 2-3 years. There have been a number of smaller initiatives that are impactful as well that need to be continued to see the city as a well-rounded place to live, work, play and learn. Those need to be considered and built upon for our current progress to be sustained and our growth to continue. This is not the time to stop and rest. We need to continue to innovate and foster growth and development.

I believe that we have been working to do that by balancing our efforts at a safety protocol with an openness for our businesses without extraordinary mandates from the city. We have held with the requirements of the governor throughout the majority of the days of this pandemic and have only retained the requirement for a mask for indoor activities since he has dropped all the other directives. It has also been our policy to work with local businesses by temporarily relaxing our signage requirements during this and assisting those located downtown by putting up special parking for curbside pickup options. We have not stopped in our planning so that when we are completely on the other side of the pandemic nature of this we will be able to engage in the events and activities that have become our signature for being a great place to visit.

The importance of what businesses need is multifaceted and we need to be able to span the spectrum of accommodating business and also accommodating the needs of their employees. We need to be a place where people want to live, work, play and learn. By that I mean a city that accommodates the hierarchy of needs. We need to first and foremost be a safe city. Our nationally accredited police department and fire rating of 3 puts us in the top tier of all cities in the state of Mississippi. After that we need to be a great place for education for our children, a place that recognizes the need for the softer services of parks and recreation. We need to be a place where people feel proud to be residents and to call Starkville home. We need to be a place that is growing and looking to the future.

Alderman Ward 1

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$20,000



1. What is the biggest challenge facing your ward?

2. How would you promote future industrial/commercial development in Starkville?

3. How would you work to improve Starkville's infrastructure?

Democrat

L. Christine Williams

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Education: Bachelor of Arts - Criminal Justice and Sociology from the University of Georgia earned 1996. Master of Public Policy and Administration from MSU earned 2012. Doctoral Candidate in Public Policy and Administration at MSU (dissertation in progress)
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While Ward 1 has several areas that need attention and improvement, I would focus on the current lack of representation. Inadequate representation is no better than no representation. We need someone to represent all the people in Ward 1 and throughout the Starkville community. Elected officials must listen to and respond on behalf of ALL the people in the community. Once we have a someone in place who can actively represent the members of Ward 1 in an active and legitimate fashion, we can focus on the other large issues facing the ward, such as sewer and drainage problems, brown water coming into the houses, pedestrian safety via sidewalks, roads in need of repair, and safety and security within the neighborhoods.

As I stated on my website, www.williamsforward1.com, "We must continue to work with the Greater Starkville Development Partnership, the Starkville Chamber of Commerce, Starkville Main Street Association, Starkville Convention and Visitors Bureau, Oktibbeha County Economic Development Authority, and Mississippi State University. While many cities and towns in Mississippi have seen declining population numbers, our city is growing. As that continues, we must focus on job creation and growth, a well-educated and highly employable workforce, and revitalization of areas currently not being used in our city as well as new construction and developments." Revitalization efforts are key. I am reminded of the efforts of former Mayor Dan Camp, who decades ago, began pursuing his vision for a better Starkville. He re-energized dilapidated buildings in a then no longer thriving area of the city which over time resulted in the Cotton District that we enjoy so much today.

Flooding is a problem, and we need to address the source and tackle that head on, rather than simply continuing to repair the damaged areas. We must be proactive rather than reactive with regards to our streets and roadways. I will work to ensure that we set up and maintain a regular schedule to improve our streets so we can avoid major issues and repairs. Preventative maintenance is critical for long term program success. Looking ahead can minimize getting caught behind. We need an alderman who has the foresight to see how all these issues are interconnected. Crumbling sewer and water lines lead to road and street issues. Refusing to support measures that pay for those repairs while not offering concrete alternative funding mechanisms is simply kicking the can down the road, which will cost all of us more money in the long run.

Republican

Ben Carver (I)

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Did not submit answers to the questionnaire.

Alderman Ward 2

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$20,000

Democrat

Jimmy Joe Buckley

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Education:
Political experience:
Residence:
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Phone:



Did not submit answers to the questionnaire.

CITY OF STARKVILLE

Alderman Ward 2 (continued)

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$20,000



Democrat

Sandra Sistruck (I)

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1. What is the biggest challenge facing your ward?

There are several big challenges facing my ward and Starkville right now: economic and community development, balancing the city's financial needs, repairing our aging infrastructure, and ensuring we have a comprehensive COVID recovery plan. I have been instrumental in prioritizing needs and ensuring funding was in place to meet our current needs and to take on future projects. I want to work with small business owners and the community to develop a COVID recovery plan that will help Starkville rebuild while we continue to prioritize the health of each of our citizens.

2. How would you promote future industrial/commercial development in Starkville?

I would continue to work with our professional partners, the LINK and Retail Strategies, to ensure we have the infrastructure, e.g., Northstar Industrial Park, and also the kind of community that they can promote to potential business partners. I would encourage working even more closely with MSU and our other partners to identify ways like incubator spaces or coworking spaces to keep their graduates and other entrepreneurs in town to start businesses and hire people. The Glo success story is an example of growing our own businesses. Lastly, I would focus on how Covid has changed how businesses operate and ensure we have infrastructure (particularly broadband), policies, and public-private partnerships in place to maximize our support of those new business models.

3. How would you work to improve Starkville's infrastructure?

The current Board made a significant commitment to improving infrastructure. We implemented a plan to repave about 5 miles of streets each year, and we constructed 4 miles of sidewalks. We built a new electric substation in southwest Starkville, began a 5-year plan to replace aging water and sewer lines, and built a sustainable wastewater treatment facility that should serve Starkville for the next 75 years. We identified revenue streams to continue those improvements. If re-elected, I will continue those plans and advocate for a 10-year infrastructure plan to implement the findings of the joint Starkville, MSU, Oktibbeha County, and MDOT transportation study that is underway. We would need to make funding that 10-year plan a priority in budgeting.

Republican

Brice Stubbs

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The biggest problem facing Ward 2 is lack of general maintenance. We also have large empty industrial buildings in our ward competing with the new industrial park.

I look forward to joining existing efforts to utilize the empty spaces we have. We have empty factories ready to be utilized by companies that will hire our unemployed people. Our community has proven time and time again that we can create and educate the necessary workforce these facilities need. With regard to commercial development, we need to accommodate the utility and infrastructure needs of future growth and market trends by using our tax dollars as they were intended and not give those dollars back to developers in the form of tax incentives.

Let's create a plan that repairs known issues before they become long-term problems. Some neighborhoods have flooding, brown water, and sewage issues, many of these problems lasting over a decade. These situations are unacceptable. We need to return to the quality of life that caused us to choose Starkville as our home. I will support a plan that prioritizes the greatest needs and enables future growth. As it is amended, this plan should be shared so our citizens can hold Alderman accountable for the services they have paid for. I would also steer our focus onto maintaining our current infrastructure ahead of any annexation plans.

Alderman Ward 3

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$20,000

Republican

Candidate is running unopposed

Jeffrey Rupp

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Probably the biggest challenge facing Ward 3 is drainage and infrastructure. There has been tremendous growth down South Montgomery and that has created growing pains in the areas of roads and drainage. Alleviating drainage problems can only be done with the help of the county and I look forward to being a part of what I understand is already a good working relationship between the city and county leadership.

As mayor of Columbus I was directly involved in several economic development projects and have completed the program of study at the Economic Development Institute at Oklahoma University. I recognize it's a team sport and would use my experience to help create an environment that's attractive for industrial/commercial developers. From my work in the MSU Center for Entrepreneurship and Outreach we have created several million dollar student start-up companies that have stayed in Starkville. I plan on continuing to use the center as a pipeline in creating tech jobs that compliment the manufacturing and service jobs in the Golden Triangle.

Infrastructure is just as important but not nearly as attractive as paving to taxpayers. That said, passing along failing infrastructure to future boards is just kicking the can down the road. Fortunately, Starkville has in place a plan to improve infrastructure in neighborhoods in the city. I will work with my fellow aldermen to make sure the improvements are done to benefit all Starkville residents equitably. I hope my experience working with grants from the Economic Development Administration, which has several infrastructure programs, will enhance the city's current efforts.

Alderman Ward 4

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$20,000

Democrat

Mike Brooks

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Political experience: First Time Candidate. However, 8 year member of Planning and Zoning Commission.
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Ward 4 encompasses almost all that Starkville offers with traditional subdivisions, Dan Camp's vision of new urbanism and a segment of the Hwy 12 commercial corridor. With such diversity, Ward 4 faces numerous traffic, infrastructure and development challenges. For instance, during my term as Planning and Zoning Commission Chair, over 500 lots have been approved along S Montgomery St. While daily trip generation projections vary, conservative estimates are that traffic along this street will increase by 1,500 cars per day since the 2011 traffic study was commissioned. With development of 20 acres in progress and another 24 acres in the planning stage, adequately controlling storm water runoff is a major challenge. The Cotton District is home to the highest priced per acre land sale in Starkville's history. It is incumbent upon the City to ensure that this property is developed in a manner that enhances the character of the neighborhood.

The City, partnered with Oktibbeha County, The Greater Starkville Development Partnership and the Oktibbeha County Economic Development Association, have a \$350,000 annual contract with The Link for industrial development. In addition, a \$30,000 annual contract is in place with Retail Strategies. Led by Joe Max Higgins and Jenn Gregory, respectively, these entities have an established track record and I support continuing these relationships. However, for them to be successful, the City must have policies that encourage development. As Planning and Zoning Chair, I was involved with the adoption of the new Comprehensive Plan, Uniform Development Code and Zoning Map. From these efforts, North Star Industrial Park is being developed. Optional Zoning Districts have also been created along the "Bypass". As an Alderman, I plan to use my familiarity with the Code and promote changes to this document in an effort to make Starkville an attractive and friendly destination for development.

We should continue to fund the water and sewer infrastructure based on the data that captures the maintenance frequency and cost through the water and sewer rate structure. Starkville has over 175 miles of city streets that are classified according to traffic counts. In November 2020, a Street Maintenance Policy was adopted with a goal of repaving roughly 5 to 6 miles per year at a cost of ~\$1,795,000. Currently, maintenance costs range from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 funded through general funds and/or bonds. Based upon the information available at that time, the City instituted a 2-mil tax increase last year. As we exit the effects of the Pandemic, I propose we consider dedicating this 2-mil tax increase to street improvements. However, given the controversial nature of the tax increase, I support filling the vacant Transportation Commission positions and full disclosure to the citizens of the use of this revenue stream.

Republican

Austin Check

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Political experience: 19 years of public service. First time seeking election
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Ward 4 currently suffers from a lack of city planning, investment, and services.

Many residents struggle with flooding and drainage issues that have been haphazardly addressed. Others suffer from streets that aren't routinely swept and are literally falling apart. Brown water continually plagues several neighborhoods, despite repeated attempts to address the issue.

The South Montgomery area suffers from a lack of planning for increased traffic and pedestrian activity, despite the large amount of growth that has occurred in the last few years. Recreation opportunities do not exist in Ward 4, south of Highway 12 and the only park in the Ward (George Evers Park), has been poorly maintained, despite improvements in other parts of Starkville.

Unfortunately, Starkville has become a difficult community for a small business to survive, due to complicated permit processes; and overzealous code requirements that make most projects uneconomical. The new Highway 12 development requires taxpayers to provide a \$4.2 million dollar investment, (over 20% of the total cost to build the development), to make the project economically viable. Many businesses have relocated or are looking to relocate outside of Starkville.

We need to reverse the approach to regulation, by taking serious input from our business community, to identify and remove the barriers that are preventing small businesses from succeeding.

Education and taxation are another consideration. That is why I advocate for a stronger relationship between the City of Starkville, Oktibbeha County, SOCS, MSU and EMCC, to improve and train our available workforce. I am also the only candidate to publicly advocate for minimum 1 mill tax reduction in the FY'22 budget.

Our infrastructure is inadequate in areas, mostly due to a lack of planning and maintenance. The city tends to address these failures by blaming property owners (residential and commercial) and asking them to pick up the slack; sometimes even preventing them from developing and growing.

I advocate for Starkville to make the basic functions of government a priority. Start with a regular street sweeping schedule, cleaning out ditches and clearing storm drains before they cause flooding. We should immediately begin repairing and overlaying existing streets; before building new ones or annexing others.

When it comes to water / sewer, have a continuous fire hydrant flushing program, to prevent brown water and extend system life. When reconstruction is required, stay within budget, (The Pleasant Acres project went 67% over budget, with subpar results.)

Starkville already has the resources to combat many of these issues, its just a matter of priority.

CITY OF STARKVILLE

Alderman Ward 4 (continued)

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$20,000



1. What is the biggest challenge facing your ward?

2. How would you promote future industrial/commercial development in Starkville?

3. How would you work to improve Starkville's infrastructure?

Republican

Kevin Daniels

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Ward 4 in Starkville is a diverse area filled with residents from many different stages of life. The district includes several single-family homes that house young families up to members of the retirement community, condos and apartments that serve as housing for students as well as second homes for out-of-town visitors, and upcoming commercial and entertainment areas in the Cotton District, and Russell Street. With such an assorted collection of residents with different needs and wants, I feel like the ward faces a challenge in selecting an Alderman that has a clear understanding of area's constraints and concerns and can implement a plan in order to resolve issues. As a 10-year resident of Timbercove subdivision, I understand the concerns of neighborhood residents regarding good roads, proper drainage, and utilities, and as a lifelong resident of Starkville I can identify opportunities for improvement in the Ward 4 commercial districts.

Promoting industrial and commercial development is an issue that is personally important to me and will be a focal point if I am elected to the Starkville Board of Aldermen. Over the last several years, the Golden Triangle has seen tremendous growth in the industrial sector. Both Lowndes and Clay Counties have welcomed several world-class industries to the area while Oktibbeha County and Starkville have been somewhat left behind. With several vacant facilities in town and construction of the North Star Industrial Park, Starkville should be working with excellent local resources, and aggressively seeking to attract new industry to the area. New industry will boost the local economy while establishing new opportunities for commercial business creation in the city. Lastly, high paying sustainable jobs brought by new industry will attract new residents to the city and create an opportunity to retain graduates from Mississippi State.

The city must first understand where problems exist, and then formulate a plan to fix them. The best way to identify where problem areas exist is to listen to feedback from the community. It is extremely helpful to have the eyes and ears of residents to identify faulty infrastructure. Improvements in communication have made this task much easier. When someone encounters a problem and decides to voice a concern, it is as easy as snapping a photo and sharing that concern with a city official via their smart phone. Dangerous intersections, drainage issues, and a variety of other issues can quickly be identified and corrected with this approach. It might even make sense to have an application built for Starkville residents to voice concerns that would go directly to their respective ward's Alderman. I also would like the city to develop possible solutions to improve parking in the Cotton District.

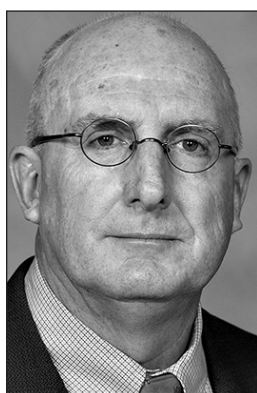
Alderman Ward 5

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$20,000

Democrat

Hamp Beatty (I)

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Water and Sewer Infrastructure: I will work to continue to replace water and sewer lines in Ward 5 that are in poor condition as evidenced by brown water problems and service interruptions that have become more frequent. Access to clean drinking water is a right and becomes a health issue when water systems fail. Sewer lines are in equally bad condition as raw sewage gets into drainage ditches because of old sewer mains. Ward 5 infrastructure is 85+ years old and past usable life. This is expensive to replace but I am committed to getting this done. Failing water lines also affect the quality of fire protection. The Utility Department will begin constructing a new water line on North Montgomery Street to Critz Street including new sidewalks. This project should extend to Garrard Rd. in the next 2-3 years. It will improve water quality and will increase volume and pressure for better fire protection.

As a city official, I would continue to work with Oktibbeha County, The Golden Triangle LINK, and the Mississippi Development Authority to recruit new manufacturing and high technology jobs to the Golden Triangle region. Starkville and Oktibbeha County have made substantial investments in the new North Star Industrial Park that is fully developed and ready to attract new industries to our city. I support a regional approach to industrial development with Oktibbeha, Lowndes, and Clay, counties pooling their resources in a common effort that benefits the entire region. I would continue to support the Starkville Partnership and its efforts through Retail Strategies, Inc., to recruit new retail businesses to our city that will expand the size of the market trade area and produce additional sales tax and ad valorem tax revenue for the city. I will not support tax incentives (TIFs) for retail development in a growing, SEC college town.

I will continue to prioritize the replacement of old water and sewer lines, improvement of storm water drainage systems, and the repaving of streets in Starkville. I will work with the utilities department to identify and begin the replacement of water and sewer lines like the project that will soon begin on North Montgomery Street. Many of Starkville's streets are substandard and need to be resurfaced. Our streets should be completely resurfaced on a 15 year rotating basis. Lack of proper storm water retention/mitigation design in new developments has contributed to flooding in several areas of Starkville. I will continue to support regulations requiring developers to adhere to our 100 year storm water requirement, without exception. I proposed the resurfacing of Highway 389/Jackson St. which will be completed in 2021 and paid for by MOOT. Other projects will be funded by leveraging MIMA funds and with existing utility fees.

Republican

Anna Chaney

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Phone:



Critz is currently very dangerous for pedestrians due to how fast vehicles drive through. Specifically crossing over Critz is daunting. This area hosts many families with children, not to mention the active population that enjoy walking the surrounding neighborhoods. Attempts have been made in the past to resolve this issue by way of stop sign, talk of speed bumps, etc. but all attempts failed. This issue needs to be taken care of for everyone's safety. Our ward would like the opportunity to be more involved and "in the know" of what will take place in their neighborhoods before they take place. This will be accomplished by a monthly email chain to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of things taking place in our ward and in Starkville. Once elected, this will serve as a great way of communication for our ward. Consistent communication is key for transparency to be achieved.

If we want more industry and commercial development in Starkville we need to show our interest by offering a friendlier business climate. I've personally heard of too many examples of businesses choosing to not be a part of Starkville because of how they were treated, ordinances that do not make sense for their area of business, or other various obstacles. While ordinances are important to ensure we grow in a desirable way we should consider making exceptions when prudent. We need to ask ourselves how we can get more businesses here instead of how we can keep them out.

Currently, we have some great people in place to lead the improvement of Starkville's infrastructure like our city engineer and the leadership of Starkville Utilities. I would like to hear their recommendations and formulate a plan together to improve it. However, the answer to improve our infrastructure is not through the raising of taxes. Unfortunately, we have some tough decisions to make concerning the allocation of funds. When a house is built the foundation comes first, not the landscaping. While beautification is important, we have to prioritize our infrastructure, our foundation, first. Personally, in my household, when money is tight, we look for ways to save. We should adapt these same analogies for Starkville instead of constantly looking to increase taxes.

Brady Hindman

Occupation:
Education:
Political experience:
Residence:
Family:
Email:
Phone:



Did not submit answers to the questionnaire.

Alderman Ward 6

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$20,000

Democrat

Santee Ezell

Occupation: Assistant Director of Health Promotion & Wellness
Education: Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Master of Science in Community Development
Political experience: Volunteering, advocacy for multiple political groups
Residence: 35 Choctaw Road, Starkville
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Ward 6 needs structures and services that improve the quality of life by leveraging municipal resources. This means directly addressing COVID-19 recovery, facilitating access to healthy and sustainable food options, safety regulations, and promoting the role and resources of neighborhood associations already actively engaged in the community. I believe in improving the quality of life by fostering policies that promote economic and community development, increased youth mentoring programs, continued improvements for parks and re creation, and above all making sure we have healthier communities that are walkable, bikeable, and livable." So it is my sincere hope to help Ward 6 and the Starkville community recover from COVID-19 through economic development, strengthening partnerships, and continue to build a town and gown relationship to help the community thrive. Through a public health infrastructure, we can enhance Ward 6 residents' safety, security, and quality of life.

As a rural town, we need policies to protect the landscape, provide resources that are accessible and affordable to make investments, and incentivize those who redevelop in their communities. In order to promote commercial and industrial development in a city with a university and communiversity, we need a strong town and gown relationship. We can invest together and develop relationships with the Golden Triangle Development Link to help generate manufacturing jobs for working families and even college students. Industry is the lifeline of our local economies and communities to provide economic relief. With a background in community development, we can also create shared land use agreements to develop a master plan for redevelopment. Industrial and commercial development provides the community with job security, economic growth, and future opportunities for new families and college students.

CITY OF STARKVILLE

Alderman Ward 6 (continued)

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$20,000



1. What is the biggest challenge facing your ward?

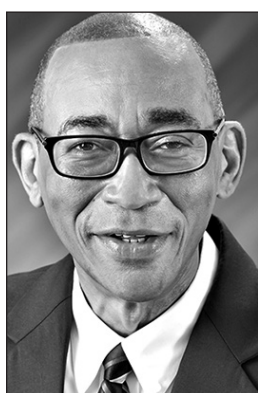
2. How would you promote future industrial/commercial development in Starkville?

3. How would you work to improve Starkville's infrastructure?

Democrat

Roy A. Perkins (I)

Occupation:
Education:
Political experience:
Residence:
Family:
Email:
Phone:



Did not submit answers to the questionnaire.

Alderman Ward 7

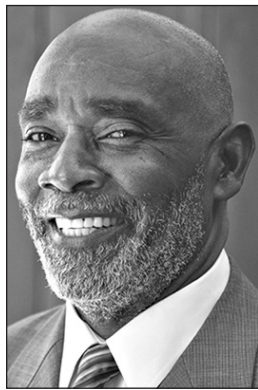
Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$20,000

Democrat

Candidate is running unopposed

Henry Vaughn (I)

Occupation:
Education:
Political experience:
Residence:
Family:
Email:
Phone:



Did not submit answers to the questionnaire.

I = incumbent

**April 6, 2021
Primary Sample ballot**

CITY OF MACON
(Composite sample ballot for the April 6 primary election – actual listings will vary by districts and precincts.)

MAYOR
(Vote for one)

Yolanda Welch Atkins
 LJ (Lafeyounda) Brooks
 James Curtis Harlan
 Phillips O. (Buzz) McGuire
 Write-in

ALDERMAN AT LARGE
(Vote for one)

Beverly (Tina) Jones Hunter
 Nakii (Nicky) Kincaid
 Write-in

ALDERMAN WARD 1
(Vote for one)

Miranda White Carter
 Earnest James Harmon
 Write-in

ALDERMAN WARD 2
(Vote for one)

Patrick Hopkins
 Velda Chandler Skinner
 Write-in

ALDERMAN WARD 3
(Vote for one)

Fredrick Brown
 Thomas C. Campbell, Jr.
 Write-in

ALDERMAN WARD 4
(Vote for one)

L.C. Clemons, Jr.
 Dr. Travonder (Von) Dixon
 Earnest Eichelberger
 Gloria Patterson
 Write-in

MUNICIPAL DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(Vote for one)

Sharon Story Gowan
 Write-in

**April 6, 2021
Primary Sample ballot**

CITY OF STARKVILLE
(Composite sample ballot for the April 6 primary election – actual listings will vary by districts and precincts.)

ALDERMAN WARD 2
(Vote for one)

Jimmy Joe Buckley
 Sandra Sistrunk
 Write-in

ALDERMAN WARD 4
(Vote for one)

Austin Check
 Kevin Daniels
 Write-in

ALDERMAN WARD 5
(Vote for one)

Anna Chaney
 Brady Hindman
 Write-in

ALDERMAN WARD 6
(Vote for one)

Santee Ezell
 Roy A. Perkins
 Write-in

Starkville Precinct Polling Places

- Ward 1**
National Guard Armory
Hwy. 12 and Industrial Park Drive, Starkville
- Ward 2**
Starkville Sportsplex
Administration Building, 405 Lynn Lane, Starkville
- Ward 3**
Starkville Sportsplex
Administration Building, 405 Lynn Lane, Starkville
- Ward 4**
Needmore Center
610 E. Gillespie St., Starkville
- Ward 5**
Fire Station No. 3
Hwy. 389 and Garrard Road, Starkville
- Ward 6**
Mt. Pelier Missionary Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall, 840 N. Jackson St., Starkville
- Ward 7**
Oktibbeha County Courthouse Annex
108 W. Main St., Starkville

Macon Precinct Polling Place

Ward 1
Macon Fire Station
5866 Pearl St., Macon

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CITY OF WEST POINT

Mayor

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$50,000



1. What's the biggest challenge facing West Point?

2. How can city government work to help citizens and businesses emerge from the pandemic?

3. What does West Point need to do to attract future economic development?

Democrat

Rod Bobo
Occupation: State Farm Insurance Agent
Education: Bachelor of Business Administration, Mississippi State University
Political experience: City of West Point Selectman Ward 1
Residence: West Point, MS
Family: 2 beautiful daughters
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In my estimation the biggest challenge facing West Point is it's diminishing population and tax base. We also have some socioeconomic challenges.

I feel that the best thing West Point can do to emerge from the pandemic is to follow the advice of the CDC and Dr. Thomas Dobbs. We can also use common sense tactics to protect ourselves and others.

West Point needs to continue with the agreement that's currently in place with the Link. We also need to make sure that we maintain a climate locally that's conducive to economic development and substantive growth.

Cole Bryan
Occupation: Addiction Recovery
Education: Hebron Christian, Mississippi State
Political experience: No elected office, active in organizations to serve people
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Enhancing the quality of life for all residents is our biggest challenge. Maintaining the quality of our schools, creating more things for kids to do, providing support for our police officers, improving our streets and public areas, and keeping West Point clean, safe, and attractive are focal. We will achieve all of this with budget controls and fiscal responsibility.

The Pandemic has only increased the existing problems our city has experienced since Bryan Foods and other industries closed or moved from West Point. We are fortunate to be a part of Joe Higgins organization, which has been successful creating good jobs in recent years by bringing Yokohama and Peco to West Point.

The joint efforts headed by Joe Higgins for West Point, Columbus and Starkville is doing a great job attracting industry to our area. We will continue to support their efforts and be a part of it. I spent 10 years working in larger cities and I recognize the quality of life in a smaller city.

Our absolute biggest challenge is to foster growth and prosperity in our local business. We must create more jobs for our young people because, unfortunately, many of them are moving away.

I will continue to strengthen West Point's image so that we are favorably viewed by visitors. Companies and new businesses will see the good quality of life available for their employees and want to relocate here. We will continue to encourage our residents to live safely as we emerge from the Pandemic. For two years now, I have worked with my grandfather, Reverend Dickie Bryan, at the Mission helping people in their time of need. This work at the Mission has helped me to learn how to respond to the needs of people.

We are fortunate to have homegrown industries like Mossy Oak, and recreation like Old Waverly, Mossy Oak Golf, and Prairie Wildlife, all of which provide good jobs and are assets for our quality of life. I will promote these assets as well as recruit new business to provide jobs for all of our residents. We are also blessed to have EMCC, Mississippi State University and The W to educate our young people. We will continue to support these institutions so that our young people will be trained to support new jobs.

Tammy Parkerson
Occupation: Owner of Image Makers Hair Salon for 34 years
Education: West Point city schools, Vaughns Beauty College, EMCC
Political experience: None
Residence: West Point
Family: Husband Jamie Parkerson, sons Chris Freeman and Bailey Ross, three grandchildren
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Phone:



West Point needs economic growth, i.e. jobs, and nice sit down restaurants added to our community and a handle on crime. Our streets and roads need to be kept up along with drainage and flooding issues in areas.

I believe as more and more people are receiving their immunization for the preventive care against COVID we will be able to begin emerging from this pandemic.

I believe that in order to attract future economic growth we need to clean up our city and take pride in our area as a community, make sure our children are getting the best education as they are our future leaders, and that our police department has what it needs to serve and protect West Point keeping all of us safe and where everyone is treated equal and fair.

Independent

Homer Ryland Jr.
Occupation: Steel Dynamics
Education: West Point high school, Carson Newman University
Political experience: Campaign manager for his father Homer Ryland Sr.
Residence: West Point
Family: Wife Brandi Ryland, son Jaylin, daughters Jakarta and Jasmine
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Phone:



Did not fully complete the questionnaire.

Constitution

Jennifer Harper
Occupation: Human Resources
Education: Bachelor Degree
Political experience: None
Residence: West Point
Family:
Email:
Phone: 662-312-4341



One of the biggest challenges is that the citizens are not truly being heard on significant issues which impact them daily. At times the city will get a ditch cleaned out for someone after a couple of complaints, but where is the evidence of the efforts being made to listen respectfully and act accordingly toward the expressed needs of the citizens? West Point has been crying out for noticeable development, innovation, and change; but what they continue to receive instead is a lick and a promise. It is beyond time for leadership to steer our city towards substantial change. We need to be free to make our own future instead of the one Jackson has decided for us. We aren't Jackson's piggy bank.

As we emerge from this pandemic together, the city government must continue to step aside. The worst thing that could happen is for a Board and Mayor to be elected which operates out of fear, and then creates regulations that present unforeseen consequences. We know our controllables: Our citizens are intelligent and know what's right for them and their situation. Leadership in the city must continue to keep the decision making in the hands of the business owners and customers. Compared to surrounding cities, West Point has come out on top economically. Let's continue to be a shining example to the rest of the Golden Triangle. Also, efforts of organizations such as, and not limited to, the MS Crisis Foundation should be formally acknowledged when they serve those who are suffering due to the pandemic and other circumstances.

Our leadership must join with city and county boards from across this state to stand up to Jackson, demanding bottom-up governance: We decide how much revenue we will keep within our borders, and how much is taxed. In FY2020, because of the way the state sales tax was established in 1930, our city was 'allowed' to keep \$2.35 million of the \$13.8 million collected. When our city is in a position to decide how much money it will keep, will spend, and how much Jackson should be allowed to have, we will witness a spur of economic development; better roads, jobs created, and an increase in the quality of education. I will lead the fight to take back control of our cities. We live here, we know what is best for us, unlike the 172 officials who rarely, if ever, set foot in our city.

CITY OF WEST POINT

Selectman Ward 1

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$9,000



1. What's the biggest challenge facing West Point?

2. How can city government work to help citizens and businesses emerge from the pandemic?

3. What does West Point need to do to attract future economic development?

Democrat

Linda Hannah
 Occupation:
 Education:
 Political experience:
 Residence:
 Family:
 Email:
 Phone:



Did not submit answers to the questionnaire.

Leta Turner (I)

Occupation:
 Education:
 Political experience:
 Residence:
 Family:
 Email:
 Phone:



Did not submit answers to the questionnaire.

Selectman Ward 2

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$9,000

Democrat

Candidate is running unopposed

William Binder (I)

Occupation:
 Education:
 Political experience:
 Residence:
 Family:
 Email:
 Phone:



Did not submit answers to the questionnaire.

Selectman Ward 3

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$9,000

Democrat

Ken Poole (I)

Occupation:
 Education:
 Political experience:
 Residence:
 Family:
 Email:
 Phone:



Did not submit answers to the questionnaire.

Jonas Robinson

Occupation: Contractor, Project Manager
 Education: College 2 years
 Political experience: none
 Residence: West Point
 Family: Married with 3 children
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 Phone: 662-295-1194



West Point is a community with a wide age range of residents, and we must be sure we're reaching them where they are, whether that's the newspaper, social media or distributing communication in a more personal way. We need to continue to grow industries and jobs to improve economic conditions and the overall well-being of our residents. We also need to take advantage of opportunities nearby that could bring people to our community to stay, eat and shop. Our schools have seen a year of great change, and we need to support our teachers and students as they adjust to a more typical learning experience. Concern for the future generations of West Pointians is priority.

We need to keep communication flowing in regard to health guidelines and vaccinations. It's important to focus on the local community and how sickness is affecting us at a local level. We want the community to enjoy life and our great businesses in a way that they are comfortable, wearing masks, providing hand sanitizers and wipes, and options for the more vulnerable to get what they need to avoid exposure. We want people to be careful and comfortable but not unnecessarily fearful.

It begins with leadership and teamwork. The board of supervisors, mayor, and city selectman must work together to create a climate that produces new industry and existing industry expansion. The Prairie Belt Power site is a big piece to our growth. The city and the county need to work together to continue maximizing opportunities in that area to provide needed infrastructure to support industry. Our continued support of the Golden Triangle Development LINK for industry retention and growth and working with local industries to assist them wherever we can is vital. And beautification is certainly beneficial to making our community inviting for residents, visitors and new business.

CITY OF WEST POINT

Selectman Ward 4

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$9,000



1. What's the biggest challenge facing West Point?

2. How can city government work to help citizens and businesses emerge from the pandemic?

3. What does West Point need to do to attract future economic development?

Democrat

Candidate is running unopposed

Keith McBrayer (I)

Occupation:
Education:
Political experience:
Residence:
Family:
Email:
Phone:



Did not submit answers to the questionnaire.

Selectman Ward 5

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: \$9,000

Democrat

Colby Pennington

Occupation: Journeyman Lineman @ Mississippi State University
Education: West Point High School Class of 2008
Political experience: N/A
Residence: West Point
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Bringing new industry to West Point can be challenging. Although we have recently welcomed Yokohoma and Peco Foods to our community, we must continue to do all we can to attract new businesses to West Point. When competing with larger towns such as Columbus and Starkville, this can be challenging. We must give prospective businesses better reasons to plant their roots in West Point. This begins by offering desirable employees from our community trained through EMCC's workforce programs. The city of West Point can do a better job of showing community members how important it is to offer trained employees to perspective businesses in order to influence these businesses to come to West Point. Bringing these businesses to West Point will also help keep people working in their hometown and keep tax-payer dollars here in West Point.

We must allow citizens and businesses to start operating at a level they were at before the pandemic began. Government and city mandates through this pandemic have crippled and even closed some businesses. Re-opening the city parks was a good start to help citizens and businesses come out of this pandemic. To help businesses strive again, we have to bring in revenue. A good way of doing this is opening our baseball and softball facilities for rentals to host weekend-long tournaments. Even before the pandemic, these tournaments were not allowed to be hosted in West Point because of poor leadership in our Park & Rec program which in turn reflects the board of selectman that oversees this department. These tournaments attract people from all over Mississippi and other surrounding states and will help generate much needed revenue for all of West Point.

We must invest in members of our community and our youth to show potential businesses that our workforce is superior in comparison to other communities. This investment starts at the high school level. By working with city schools, I plan to help educate high school students about not just college, but about trade schools that can offer lucrative careers with different industries. With a prepared and knowledgeable workforce, we can give potential businesses better reasons to come to come to West Point. This helps keep our community members working in their hometown and keeping tax dollars in West Point.

Jasper "Peicy" Pittman (I)

Occupation:
Education:
Political experience:
Residence: X
Family:
Email:
Phone:



Did not submit answers to the questionnaire.

I = incumbent

April 6, 2021
Primary Sample ballot

West Point Precinct Polling Place

Civic Center
130 6th St., West Point



Every vote counts!

CITY OF WEST POINT

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MAYOR
(Vote for one)

Rod Bobo
 Cole Bryan
 Tammy Parkerson

Write-in

SELECTMAN WARD 1
(Vote for one)

Linda Hannah
 Leta Turner

Write-in

SELECTMAN WARD 2
(Vote for one)

William Binder

Write-in

SELECTMAN WARD 3
(Vote for one)

Ken Poole
 Jonas Robinson

Write-in

SELECTMAN WARD 4
(Vote for one)

Keith McBrayer

Write-in

SELECTMAN WARD 5
(Vote for one)

Colby Pennington
 Jasper "Piecy" Pittman

Write-in

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Primary Election - April 6, 2021

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