

# Welch 'continues to offer experience, leadership & commitment that have helped make Lewiston one of WNY's most desirable communities'

To the residents of the Village of Lewiston,

I am a resident of the village and have worked alongside Anne as a volunteer. I have served on the Historic Preservation Commission and have enjoyed her friendship as a neighbor. She is extremely hardworking and can relate to the residents of Lewiston.

For more than 42 years, Anne has devoted herself to serving our community. After spending over three decades as village clerk and now serving as mayor, she continues to offer the experience, leadership and commitment that have helped make Lewiston one of Western New York's most desirable communities.

Anne does not need to continue serving. She chooses to do so because of her deep love for this village and the people who call it home.

As a lifelong resident, mother and grandmother, Anne understands the importance of preserving our village's character while planning for its future. She is honest, loyal, approachable, and a thoughtful listener. She welcomes ideas from residents and works tirelessly to turn those ideas into meaningful improvements for our community.

Under Anne's leadership, Lewiston has seen significant progress. She has supported the redevelopment of older plazas and historic buildings, helping attract new restaurants, shops, and residential opportunities that strengthen our local economy while preserving the charm of our historic village.

Her dedication to families is evident in her leadership in creating an all-inclusive playground, ensuring that children of all abilities have a place to play, learn and grow together. She has

also implemented energy-saving LED street lighting throughout the village, reducing costs while improving public safety.

Anne has made certain that our Department of Public Works has the facilities, equipment and resources necessary to continue providing the outstanding services residents depend upon every day.

She has been a strong advocate for Lewiston's waterfront and fishing community, overseeing improvements including new stairways, renovation of the fish-cleaning station, and reconstruction of waterfront facilities. Through her efforts, the village secured \$1.2 million in funding from New York state's REDI Commission to support critical waterfront improvements.

Anne has also worked collaboratively with community leaders and generous partners whose contributions have helped pro-

vide a new stage and pavilion at Academy Park. Under her leadership, Academy Park bathrooms are being restored, and the beautiful mural by artist Maureen Kelleck became another point of pride for our community.

She successfully worked with the New York State Department of Transportation to resurface Center Street and install historically appropriate black-and-white street signs that complement the character of our village.

Anne has been a dedicated partner to organizations such as the Lewiston Garden Club and Lewiston Beautification Commission, helping enhance village gardens, install new fencing, picnic tables, swings, trash receptacles at Lewiston Landing, and replace many of the white fences that contribute to the beauty of our community.

Most importantly, Anne continues to look forward. She

remains committed to listening to residents, pursuing new opportunities, and completing projects that will benefit future generations. Anne knows how to secure important funding for our village from grants, government sources and generous benefactors, allowing for important and beautiful improvements to Lewiston without cost increases to village residents.

Some elections are about change. This election is about continuing the proven leadership of someone who has consistently demonstrated her ability to get things done while always putting Lewiston first.

Anne Welch has the experience, dedication, vision and heart to continue leading our village. I respectfully encourage my fellow residents to support her reelection as mayor of the Village of Lewiston.

*Susan Hofert*

## Conde: Nichols is the right choice for Village of Lewiston

I'm very happy to see Rob Nichols running for trustee for the Village of Lewiston. I truly believe he is the right choice for our community.

Rob may be a first-time candidate, but he's been serving Lewiston for years. He's coached his daughters' softball teams and his son's youth baseball and football teams, volunteered his time, and has been active in both the Lewiston Kiwanis and Lewiston Community Lions clubs.

He's the kind of person who rolls up his sleeves, shows up when help is needed, and follows through. For the past five years, Rob has organized the Village of Lewiston Earth Day Clean-Up and Community Picnic, bringing the event back after COVID and helping turn it once again into a great community tradition supported by local organizations and volunteers.

Rob also understands how important it is to make the most of every dollar for

taxpayers. Last year, he secured a New York State Lions grant to install benches and plant a dozen trees throughout the village. He'll bring that same effort and experience to village government by working to secure public and private funding that benefits residents and improves our community.

Because Rob retired early, he has the time to fully dedicate himself to serving the village. He plans to be accessible, responsive and available to residents,

including regular office hours so people can easily stop by, ask questions or share concerns.

Lewiston is a special place, and it deserves leaders who care deeply about the community and the people who live here. Rob Nichols is that kind of person, and he has my full support for village trustee.

*Nicholas Conde  
Village of Lewiston Trustee*

## Says Lewiston residents 'should never lose sight of how much has been accomplished and how fortunate we are to call this village home'

Dear residents of Lewiston, Lewiston has long been considered the crown jewel of Western New York not because we are perfect, but because of the people who care deeply about this community. And we continue working together to make it better every day.

Rather than focusing only on challenges, it is important to recognize the many accomplishments, investments, and improvements that have strengthened our village over the years and helped preserve the unique character that makes Lewiston such a special place to live, work, and visit.

Together, our community has seen tremendous progress, including:

- The sale and restoration of the historic Frontier House
- The creation of the all-inclusive playground at Marilyn Toohey Park
- Installation of new energy-efficient LED street lighting throughout the village
- Development of the Fairchild Apartments
- The 8th & Center Street Plaza development
- Redevelopment and revitalization of local restaurants including The Stone House, Gallo, Gather, and the Brickyard Brewing Com-

pany following the fire

- Development of the Rivers Edge Condos on Tuscarora and South First Street
- Improvements and redevelopment projects at 444 and 555 Center Street
- Reconstruction and continued enhancement of the waterfront, including securing \$1.2 million in NYS REDI Commission funding
- Improvements to Lewiston Landing, including new stairs, renovations to the fish cleaning station, and a new welcome sign created by artist Dan Buttery
- Major upgrades to Academy Park, including the new band-

shell location, pavilion, restroom restoration, public art mural, and removal of outdated grandstands

- Creation of Soluri Park
- None of these accomplishments happen on their own. They are the result of years of dedication, cooperation, and leadership from countless residents, volunteers, business owners, elected officials, and village employees who care deeply about Lewiston's future.

One person who deserves special recognition is Anne Welch, who began working for the Village in 1983 as Village Secretary and Secretary to the Planning Board. Ann worked on many of

the developments in the Village including the sale and restoration of the Frontier House and the Center Street streetscape.

Her commitment to collaboration with town, county, and state leaders has helped bring important services, funding, and millions of dollars in investment to the Village of Lewiston.

Lewiston's story is one of progress, pride, and community spirit. While every community faces challenges, we should never lose sight of how much has been accomplished and how fortunate we are to call this village home.

*Dick Portale*

## Reelect Village of Lewiston Mayor Anne Welch

Mayor Anne Welch is a proven leader with "know how" acquired from having vast experience in public service over three decades as the village's clerk and eight years as mayor. She knows what Lewiston is all about: community, safety and neighborly pride that Mayor Welch imparts within the village's one-mile radius by (MBWA) walking around and stopping to engage conversation and answer questions along the way. Mayor Anne can take great pride in her accessibility and follow-through to resolve

issues by selectively engaging village staff in areas where their expertise can be applied toward the betterment of efficiency, beautification of property and when living conditions can be positively impacted with safety being first. Building good neighborly outreach increases trust and appreciation when problem-solving results are implemented.

Due to increased severity of localized rain storms, rushing water down the village's Niagara Street can impact the safety and comfort of home basements and

properties between Cayuga and Seneca Streets. From discussions which ensued with Mayor Anne and one of her village department heads, very promising storm drainage solutions were discussed. I attribute that the positive dialogue with Mayor Anne Welch will continue to positively impact our lives and futures to this regard for resolve on account of the village mayor's caring ways and excellence in communications within the community where she lives and works – she is available and able to make positive change possible.

Mayor Anne Welch's focus is clearly seen as she "stays the course" as the Village of Lewiston mayor to do what is best for the Village of Lewiston community to be safe and sound with public safety "paramount."

Mayor Anne is accountable and trustworthy: 24/7.

I wholeheartedly urge you to cast your vote on June 16 to reelect Anne Welch for mayor of the Village of Lewiston.

*Kenneth J. Barnes Sr.*