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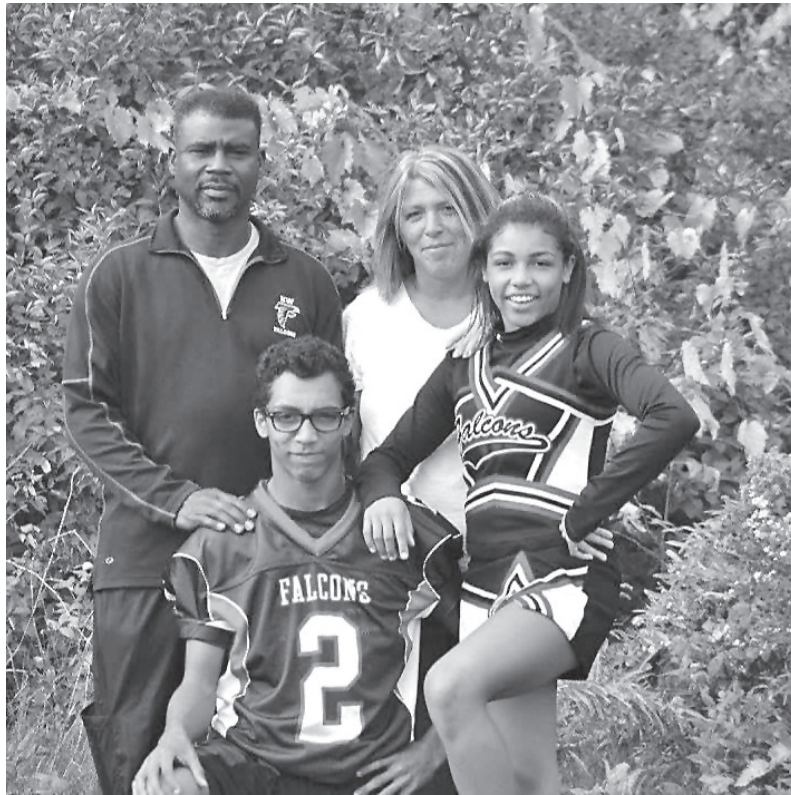
Parks announces candidacy for Town of Niagara Town Board

Submitted on behalf of Johnny C. Parks

Recently, Johnny C. Parks, resident of the Town of Niagara, announced his candidacy for the Town of Niagara Town Board. Parks is seeking endorsement from the Democratic, Conservative and Working Families parties.

"I want to bring a new voice to the Town of the Niagara," Parks said. "Seeing that things have been the same for years, I believe it is time for a new voice and new ideas to help the town grow and prosper."

Parks has lived in the Town of Niagara for 11 years with his wife, Jennifer; son, Jordan; and daughter, Jazlyn. He has served on the Town of Niagara Advisory Committee and the Town of Niagara Police Reform Committee. Additionally, Parks currently works at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. in Niagara Falls as a production manager, where he's been employed for over 25 years. He also held jobs at local town businesses, such as Valu Home Center, as store manager for six years; and Kmart, as an assistant manager for five years. In all of his positions and experiences, Parks has shown the leadership abilities it



Johnny C. Parks is running for Town of Niagara Town Board. (Submitted photo)

John Street Park, keeping it clean and safe for area children. He has also provided, drinks, snacks and sporting equipment for park attendees.

"I have been vocal about the upkeep of John Street Park," Parks said. "There have been instances where people have sprayed vulgar graffiti on the park equipment. I assisted the neighborhood by interacting with the neighborhood kids that frequent the park, and I instill a sense of pride in the park."

In Parks' spare time, he has devoted his efforts to the local youth, coaching football and baseball within the town. On top of that, Parks is also a high school referee in basketball and football. Parks coached football with the Niagara Wheatfield Amateur Athletes for over 25 years. Additionally, Parks was the head coach of the Niagara Wheatfield Falcons modified football team for two years. The resident has also spent time at the local Town of Niagara Veterans Memorial Community Park, coaching little

league baseball teams for three years. In his endeavors as coach, Parks instilled sportsmanship, team building, character and hard work amongst all his players.

Parks' experiences professionally and voluntarily, along with his leadership, work ethic and devotion within the town, label him as a bright candidate for the Town of Niagara Town Board.

"Together, I believe, we can build community pride and bring the community together to create an even better sense of togetherness," Parks said. "A vote for Parks is a vote for change. When you vote for me, you will get a hard-working and devoted candidate who loves his town and has its best interests at heart."

"My favorite part of being a town resident is how the community really embraces my beliefs of coaching kids and watching them grow, which is exactly what I want to see this town do - grow. With a vote for myself, we can continue to expand the growth of the Town of Niagara."

The Town of Niagara Town Board primary vote is Tuesday, June 27. A vote for Parks is a vote for change.

takes to be a part of the Town of Niagara Town Board.

Parks has also shown the love he has for his town by serving on the John Street Community Watch Group. In 2018, Parks was

honored for his service by the Town of Niagara Town Board, as he received the town's Helping Hands award. As the driving force of the community watch group, Parks keeps an eye on the

Spurback announces run for Town of Niagara Town Board

Submitted on behalf of Roger Spurback

Roger Spurback of Colonial Drive in Niagara Falls has announced his candidacy for the Town of Niagara Town Board. A former Niagara Falls Block Club chairman, Spurback is seeking the endorsement of the Democratic, Republican, Working Families and Conservative party lines.

A registered Democrat, Spurback feels he can work across all party lines in seeking a consensus driven compromising agenda.

"I wish to continue to advance the achievements of Supervisor Lee Wallace and the current

board of seven successful years," he said. "I desire to continue on their journey of transition to a future that we can all be proud of. With two excellent board members leaving to seek another path, I acknowledge that the time has arrived to get involved to ensure the continued growth and prosperity in the town's future."

As the town prepares for the future of Amazon and the addition of hundreds or perhaps thousands of jobs, Spurback said elected officials must ensure its residents that this direction is positive and sustainable.

"Important milestones and criteria must be met benefitting our residents and business community," he said. "The town has experienced numerous new businesses, bringing additional jobs and opportunity. Decisions must enable the town to dramatically increase our tax base, benefitting not only seniors, homeowners and youth, but Niagara County, as well. The horizon ahead looks promising, and I desire to be a part of it, utilizing the leadership and negotiating skills learned during my past 69 years."

Spurback is married to Re-

becca, his wife of 44 years. They have two children: a son, Nick, a Niagara Falls firefighter who is married with three children; and a daughter, Jennifer, who is married with two children.

"I look forward to hearing your

concerns, complaints regarding the past or the town's future," he said.

For more information, Spurback can be reached at 716-285-5426, 716-622-6432, or via email at Rspurblockclub@aol.com.

IN THE NEWS

First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown celebrates 200

The First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown invites residents to two programs taking place Saturday, Feb. 11, in celebration of the church's 200th anniversary.

Member Barbara J. Castilon said First Presbyterian will host an art show from noon to 7 p.m.,

followed by a talent show from 7-8 p.m. Events are free and open to the public, and will be held at the church, 100 Church St.

For more information, call 716-745-7067 or email office@youngstownpres.org.

NW Hall of Fame seeking nominations

The Niagara Wheatfield Hall of

Fame board of directors is seeking nominations for the following:

- 1) Niagara Wheatfield "Falcon" Wall of Fame Award
- 2) Niagara Wheatfield "Athletic" Hall of Fame Award

Information regarding eligibility and nomination forms can be found at www.niagarawheatfieldhof.org. Nominations for the 2022 induction must be submitted by May 1.

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
INDIVIDUAL \$40/YEAR
FAMILY \$75/YEAR
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www.oldfortniagara.org

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TUE 6AM-2PM* - Spaghetti and Meatballs, Chicken Parm, Eggplant Parm, Penne Parm
WED 6AM-2PM* - Shepherd's Pie or Fish
THURS 6AM-2PM* - Pork Schnitzel w/ Potato Pancake and Sauerkraut
FRI 6AM-2PM - Haddock, Fish Sandwiches, Tuna Melts & New England Clam Chowder
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REGISTER IN PERSON OR ONLINE AT
WWW.WHEATFIELD.NY.US/159/RECREATION

Coed T-Ball - Ages 4-6
Coed Coach Pitch - Ages 6-8
2 SESSIONS FOR T-BALL & COACH PITCH:
MAY - JUNE & AUG. - SEPT.
Baseball - Ages 9-10, 11-12, 13-15
Girls Softball - Ages 9-11, 12-14, 15-18
Jan. 1st birth date will determine age for all leagues

*** Proof of residency is required at the time of registration. A driver's license, tax receipt or utility bill is acceptable proof.**
*** To ensure the safety and fairness to all participants, a birth certificate must be shown for 1st time participants at the time of registration. If you have participated within the last 2 years and have shown proof of age, a birth certificate is not necessary.**
*** In-house baseball & softball fee for residents is \$80.00. (\$120 for non-residents.) T-Ball and coach pitch fee \$50.00. (\$90 for non-residents.) There is a 20% discount for each additional child when registering at the same time.**
*** Registration fee is non-refundable.**

*** Anyone signing up after March 24th will be charged a \$20.00 late fee per participant (\$40.00 for non-residents) and placed on a waiting list. Registrants after March 24th cannot be guaranteed a uniform due to manufacturer's availability.**