

LETTERS

A vote for change

By Tina Coppins

As a resident here in the Village of Lewiston, I believed I've had my finger on the pulse of what goes on day-to-day; however, my recent experiences have taught me otherwise. In the past month, while campaigning door-to-door, it has opened my eyes to the concerns and grievances being articulated by village residents regarding the current state and direction the village is heading.

I have heard comments such as, "What has happened to the 'overall make-up of our village?'" Another remark often heard is referencing the numerous retail spaces available for rent, which appear to be catering to "large businesses," while small businesses are "fading away."

Buildings are being torn down and replaced with new builds/structures, which do not fit in with the overall landscape of what helped put us on the map as the most historic one-square-mile in America. Both residents and small business owners are concerned about the direction their village is heading and want to see change, before it is too late.

I have personally attended several Village of Lewiston Planning, Zoning, and Historic Preservation board meetings and have observed one thing that is consistent is the overall inconsistency with which the rules are applied. There appears to be a disconnect between the boards, which I will venture to guess is partly due to a lack of communication and leadership. Leadership begins at the top and, in our case, with the position of mayor, followed by Village of Lewiston trustees.

"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way" - John Maxwell.

I have been working as a property manager for 22 years. My experience can be an asset to the Village of Lewiston. I oversee all the operations, personnel, bidding, awarding, and writing contracts. I also budget/manage construction and capital projects. I have a great working relationship with our town building, plumbing and fire inspectors. Relationships are the key to getting important projects done. That is why I always get the job done and on time.

During COVID, I put \$1.6 million into a current tenant space. We were able to get everything done in one year. COVID didn't stop any of my progress. This is what I can bring to the village board. Let's make the village great again.

As election day approaches, I encourage all of you to put party lines aside, and vote based on what you know to be right, and what is best for the overall integrity of the village. Myself, Tina Coppins (trustee), along with my running mates Savana Bevacqua (trustee) and Claudia Marasco (mayor), are ready to take a leadership role, beginning day one in office, and be the change the village so greatly needs.

Election day is June 21 at the Red Brick School, from noon till 9 p.m. Your opinion matters; your voices need to be heard; and Coppins, Bevacqua and Marasco will be there to get it done. A vote for three is a vote for change.

Winkley: Welch has shown 'superior leadership qualities in her term as mayor of Lewiston'

It is with great enthusiasm that I endorse Anne Welch for reelection for mayor of Lewiston. Anne is beyond a doubt the best, most qualified candidate for this position. I have known Anne for over 40 years - working with her in many capacities, as retired chief of Lewiston Police, Village of Lewiston trustee, Town of Lewiston councilman, and Town of Lewiston supervisor, but most importantly as a resident and friend of the Village of Lewiston.

Anne has shown her leadership and competency in all the aspects of her service to the Village of Lewiston. She served as village clerk to four different mayors over the course of her career. She is flexible as well as confident and efficient in her skills and knowledge of village code and regulations, and provided effective leadership to all four mayors. Anne has carried her superior leadership qualities in her term as mayor of Lewiston.

Anne has accomplished a great deal during her term as mayor. Just to name a few: All-Inclusive Playground, private ownership and restoration of the Frontier House, securing grants for new waterline and water front, working with NYS on bike path in the village, and the paving and improvements of Center Street. Considering what we all have been through with pandemic and economic issues, this speaks volumes of Anne Welch's leadership abilities.

I ask that you come out to vote for Anne Welch for mayor of Lewiston on June 21 at the Red Brick Village Hall. Anne Welch, Victor Eydt and James Fittante are the team we need for the continued success here in the Village of Lewiston. All three candidates have a proven record not only for the excellent development of our village but these candidates have demonstrated their commitment to our village and the residents that live here.

Ron Winkley

Multiple-time elected Lewiston leader
Retired Lewiston Police Department Chief

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MAKE A MILLION
THINK...



- Lord Byron

Coppins brings a fresh approach

On Tuesday June 21, the residents of the Village of Lewiston have some choices to make. This election will decide who will be mayor and who will fill two trustee openings on the village board.

If you are looking for a trustee candidate that is bright, ambitious and clearly qualified, look no further than Tina Coppins. Coppins has the knowledge and experience needed for the position of trustee, because on a day to day basis she uses the skills and knowledge a trustee should possess.

Tina has lived in the Village of Lewiston for several years with her husband and children. She enjoys her personal life in the village and has a vested interest in seeing our village prosper. Tina loves to contribute and has volunteered her time for the Village of Lewiston Bicentennial, Lions Club, Garden Club and Our Lady of Peace.

She recognizes that tougher times are in our future and we need to protect our village fiscally and preserve our values as caring neighbors. If you ask her the tough questions she is not afraid to give you straight answers and offer you her approach on addressing any changes or problems. She will not avoid the unpopular issues and will deal with them head on.

Tina feels that any complicated items that come up, must be thoroughly investigated, questioned and put through the proper channels. Transparency, honesty and passion are traits that Coppins feels are absolutely required to sit on this board. She will give you 110% of these traits to produce a dynamic and productive interaction to the board.

Coppins has 20 years of experience in property and construction management. She oversees multiple concurrent projects while supervising several hundred people. Further experience is in the bidding process, contracts and budgeting multi million dollar accounts. She is excited to bring that experience with her to the village board.

This extensive managerial experience will bring a fresh and professional approach to dealing with the public, other board members, village employees and any other matters that arise. Her goal is to create a viable connection between the entire village board and every member of our community.

If you truly want to improve the Village of Lewiston, put your faith in Tina Coppins and vote for her on June 21.

Christopher Salada

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