

Welch recaps 4 years of accomplishments

BY ANNE WELCH



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Dear friends and neighbors, I am writing to ask for your vote in the village election on June 21. It is my hope that you will again show your confidence in my 38 years of service to our community as village clerk, Planning Commission member and, for the past four years, mayor. As mayor, I have worked diligently to secure nearly \$5 million in grants that are allocated for projects to update our village, while preserving its historic roots and integrity. These projects include:

- The completed restoration of Lewiston's beautiful waterfront where the community and visitors can enjoy activities such as boating, fishing and picnicking in a safe and attractive environment.
- The Center Street reconstruction project includes road paving, with an eye to correcting safety hazards presented by the old brick crosswalks. The installation of LED lights in the antique streetlamps, coupled with new vintage-looking street signs, preserves our lovely village's historic roots.
- In Academy Park, the removal of the old bleachers and relocation of the newly renovated bandshell have been completed. The next steps include a pavilion with rest rooms, to house the farmers' market and Peach Festival tent as well as being available to the public for family reunions and picnics.
- The Marilyn Toohey all-inclu-

sive playground and splash pad, funded by a mix of grant money and private donations and located behind the Red Brick Municipal Building at 145 N. Fourth St., provides a safe place for children to play.

- Richard Soluri Park – new home to the Lew-Port Youth Football League.
- New metal art poem sign at the Peace Garden

These improvements to the village have not been funded with taxpayer money but by grants that I, as mayor, applied for and secured.

During the pandemic, Lewiston has proven once again that, as a tightknit and caring community, we take care of our own. By allowing restaurants and businesses to have curbside pick-up, they continued to thrive. Private investors continue to have faith in Lewiston, and our new businesses are doing well.

During my tenure as mayor, I have helped to implement such projects as:

- Sale of the Frontier House to a private developer who is in the process of restoring it to its former glory
 - Paladino plaza at Eighth and Center
 - New Fairchild apartments
 - AJ Bax Law Office and shops at 444 Center St.
 - The redevelopment of Gallo Restaurant at Fourth, and Gather Restaurant on Center Street
 - The addition of new apartments above Como Restaurant on Center Street and renovation of the existing building
- Keep in mind that new projects and redevelopment of existing businesses add more tax base, which helps to keep our taxes down.
- I have lived here my whole life. I love Lewiston. If you reelect me on June 21, I will keep working hard to ensure that our village continues to grow and thrive.
- Your vote counts! Please vote! June 21 at the Village of Lewiston Municipal Building, 145 N. Fourth St., between noon and 9 p.m.

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