

Fittante has special love for Lewiston

BY JIM FITTANTE

I am writing to introduce myself to you as your candidate for trustee of the Village of Lewiston. My name is Jim Fittante, and I would appreciate it if you would consider me in the June 21 village election for 2022.

I was born and raised in this village and that gives me a great appreciation of the village's past while also having a vision of what I see as its future potential. I have experienced this "little slice of Heaven," and I want it to continue to be that place. My earliest memories are of brown bag lunches during summer recreations at the Red Brick, Kiwanis Park, and while exploring every inch of Artpark. I think it is special to be able to live, work and contribute to a special place full of my childhood memories and adventures. I have many friends in this village, and I consider both these friends and their families as my family. My heart is full of Lewiston love, and I know I would be a dedicated trustee ready to support this



village, protect it and allow it to prosper. It is the community I have always known and loved.

I think it is very important to contribute both your time and your ideas. This is a village of volunteers, and I'm one of those guys. I have always tried to help from my time as a Boy Scout and on a Kiwanis cleanup crew as a boy. Currently, I'm a member of the Historical Planning Commission, a volunteer village board that seeks to preserve and enhance Lewiston's historic heritage. I sit on the executive board of the Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce and help out with many village events throughout the year. Recently, I have been deeply involved in the restoration of the Historic Niagara Post Theater at Fort Niagara. As an architect, I

am able to donate my time and skills to design and build "Habitat for Humanity" homes throughout Erie and Niagara counties.

How pleased I was to see the restoration work begin on the Frontier House. Four years ago, there was a plan for our village to purchase and restore the building ourselves. I became involved with the Historic Planning Commission specifically to help preserve that historic gem. I knew then what most of our citizens knew - that is, our village could not afford either the purchase or the restoration costs. Thanks to Mayor Welch, who found a buyer from the private sector within eight months of taking office, we will soon see a restored Frontier House that everyone in Lewiston will be proud of.

I started Fittante Architecture over 12 years ago. My work includes the Frontier House, the Brickyard Pub, the BBC, the Stone House, the Lewiston Event Center, Brewed and Bottled, Battle Flag Tavern, many homes and remodel

ed homes, the Como building on Sixth and Center, the River's Edge condo at First and Tuscarora, and the Niagara Falls Country Club banquet hall and member area. My heart and love for the village is my prime consideration in how these projects will shape our village and help it to prosper for my children and their future.

My vision for this Village of Lewiston is to retain its small-town character and our way of life that is reflected in our quaint little village, helping it grow for the future. Along with my background in multiple large-scale projects of \$6 million to over \$12 million. My work experience has taken me from Aspen, Colorado to Portland, Maine. I have the working knowledge to help support this village in infrastructure improvements, green energy, park and village planning. Along with experience working with agencies at both the county and state level on grants and greenway incentives to assist the village in cost effective budgets and maintain our

solid fiscal standing.

It has long been my wish to represent the citizens of the Village of Lewiston as an elected official. I have attended literally hundreds of Village Board, Planning Board and HPC board hearings, and I feel I am ready by education and experience to participate as a trustee. I have witnessed the hard work of local government and hope, with your vote, to continue my contributions as a trustee. I would be honored to be selected. My friends and colleagues know me as honest, hardworking, dedicated family man, and that I always make myself available to help out.

I will be making phone calls and walking door to door to meet as many of you as possible in the next few weeks leading up to the election. The village election will take place on June 21 at the Red Brick Village Hall. Voting is from noon to 9 p.m. Please consider me and Trustee Victor Eydtt for your two votes for these trustee positions. Thank you!

Residents in favor of Marasco's style

Support for Claudia Marasco

Claudia Marasco has been a dear friend and confidant for years. I know her well and can attest to her determination to do her best to make a positive difference in every cause she is associated with.

She has an undeniable passion for the Village of Lewiston and its residents. Her ability to listen to people and solve their problems is not just reserved for her friends, but all who seek her assistance.

Claudia is caring, giving and relentless in her pursuit to maintain and improve, where needed,

the integrity of the village. She will, without a doubt, make a wonderful mayor.

Claudia Marasco is a leader with integrity and I support her for the next mayor of the Village of Lewiston.

Linda Radford
Lewiston

Marasco works hard

Actions speak louder than words. In my daily walks through the village, I have seen Claudia weeding around the Chamber of Commerce and cleaning up around the Veterans Memorial.

She sees something that needs to be done, and she does it, without any recognition or reward.

She will bring this attitude of service and commitment to the village as mayor.

She wants to have a Village Board that is inclusive and transparent and serves the entire community. Please vote for Claudia Marasco for mayor.

Millie Gibbs
Lewiston

IN THE NEWS

Vote in 'Savory Summer'
Niagara Frontier Publications is once again looking for Western

New York's top warm-weather places to eat - and their very best foodstuffs.

From May 27 through Aug. 1, tell us:

- ✓ Which restaurant is "The Best Summer Dining Spot"?
- ✓ Which restaurant has "The Best Frozen Treat"?
- ✓ Which restaurant has "The Best Beef on Weck"?
- ✓ Which restaurant has "The Best Hot Dog"?

- ✓ Which restaurant has "The Best Hamburger"?
- ✓ Which restaurant has "The Best BBQ (Ribs, Chicken, Pork)"?
- ✓ Which restaurant has "The Best Fries"?
- ✓ Which restaurant has "The Best Savory Summer"?

contest is open to all restaurants, bars, street vendors and social clubs headquartered in Western New York. The place(s) with the most votes will be prominently featured in the Island Dispatch and the Niagara County Tribune/Sentinel, with additional photos and stories at wnypapers.com.

The added bonus: When you cast a vote for your favorite "Savory Summer" contenders, you'll be entered to win a monthly prize from an area business. Winners will be chosen by random draw and notified by phone or email.

42 North to host 'Brews, Blues, & BBQ' events in Niagara Falls

42 North Brewing Co. will bring its popular "Brews, Blues, & BBQ" events to Old Falls Street in Niagara Falls for three consecutive Friday nights in June. The events, which are free to the public, will feature 42 North craft beer, Fat Bob's BBQ, and live music on Old Falls Street in downtown Niagara Falls, USA.

"Brews, Blues & BBQ" will take place from 4-8 p.m., with live music hitting the stage at 5 p.m. The schedule and lineup are as follows:

- ✓ Friday, June 10 - The Restless Soles
- ✓ Friday, June 17 - Jr. Stoll & The Union
- ✓ Friday, June 24 - The Tim Britt Band

For more information on the 42 North summer event schedule, log onto www.42northbrewing.com or follow the brewery on Facebook.

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Sept. 27-Oct 3 - Great Smoky Mts/Nashville
Oct. 12-14 - Trains & Trolleys of Pennsylvania
Oct. 19 - Spragues Maple Farm /Casino
Oct. 21 - Lucy Tour - Museums/Nat.Comedy Ctr/ Lunch - Jamestown
Nov. 7-9 - Amish-Lancaster, PA - "DAVID" & Christmas Show
Nov. 16-18 - Fest. of Lights/Oglebay Park - Wheeling, WV
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