

Reynolds working for Youngstown

BY RALEIGH REYNOLDS

My name is Raleigh Reynolds and I am currently serving as the Village of Youngstown mayor, and am seeking reelection on May 17. I also serve as a fireman with the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Co., and am a Vietnam veteran.

My wife and I have been residents of the village for the past 50 years and raised our two sons here. We love our quaint little village and the people who live here and help make it the welcoming place that it is. I will do all that I can to preserve and improve the quality of life that we all enjoy here.

I have always been open and honest with everyone, and I am always available to everyone. I strive to ensure that every decision made is in the best interest of the taxpayers and the village,

both in the short term and long term. For example, we had to replace the very old waterline coming into the village down Lockport Street because it was continually breaking. In order to finance the project, we had to take out a bond anticipation note. To pay the BAN back, we had to institute a \$13 charge on everyone's water bill. We were able to pay the BAN off early and, as soon as we paid it off, we dropped the \$13 charge from everyone's bill.

In addition, we have kept the streets paved, maintained and plowed. We replaced the old street lighting with new LED lighting for energy and cost savings. And we also updated the computers and programs in the office for increased efficiency and productivity.

The village is financially sound.



We have had modest tax increases, but have managed to stay below the tax cap each year while still maintaining services.

To improve transparency, in my first year as mayor, we instituted a yearly independent financial audit with the results readily available to the public. To improve communication between the board and the public, we installed the electronic sign and have improved our website and added a Facebook page. To improve con-

venience, we installed a drop-box on the outside of the building for payments, etc., and we instituted a program for online payments via credit card.

We are currently working with the state on a REDI grant to protect our infrastructure along the waterfront from future flooding as we experienced in 2017 and again in 2019. We are also working with Niagara County to update our portion of the County Hazard Mitigation Plan, which identifies potential hazards (snow/ice storms, windstorms, chemical spills, terrorism, etc.), and a plan to address them should they occur.

We are working with the Lions Club on regenerating Lions Park, and working with the businesses on the Labor Day parade, as well as looking into possible grants

for our businesses to improve our business district and make it more appealing and inviting.

Looking forward, we are working with the Greenway Commission on a bike path that would connect to bike paths along the water from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario and eventually connect with the bike path across New York state, and we are also working with our neighboring towns and villages to promote our region and bring more visitors to our region where they can stay longer and enjoy the variety of things that each of our towns and villages has to offer.

It's been my honor to serve as your mayor, and I would sincerely ask for your vote on May 17 so that I can continue in this work for all of us.

Stephens has heartfelt interest in the community

BY KRISTEL (SHIPSTON) STEVENS

I am a fourth-generation Village of Youngstown resident. I was born and raised here. My husband and I have raised three young men, two of which graduated from the Great Lakes Training Center.

Kody is a now a Navy veteran, working as a military contractor in cyber security. Hunter is on

active duty, currently serving on the USS Oscar Austin DDG 79. While our youngest, Marshall, will be completing seventh grade in June. My husband, John, is a local contractor and serves as code enforcement officer for the Village of Youngstown.

I am a primary care provider/physician assistant at a Mount St. Mary's underserved clinic, and have been practicing for the past

17 years in various capacities. I am a graduate of Lewiston-Porter, Niagara County Community College, Niagara University and Daemen College with a master's degree. My volunteer experience includes the Boys and Girls Club, Aquarium of Niagara, and multiple Hospice events. In my free time, I enjoy long-distance biking, family road trips, and skeet and trap at the Fin, Feather and Fur Conservation Society Inc.

For the past several years, I have been attending the monthly, sometimes bimonthly village meetings. I advocated for the return of small poultry management/conservation. Initially, I proposed this for children's education in combination with a Niagara County 4-H project. Youngstown now has an allowance of five chickens/hens per residence with a permit.

I am interested in becoming



more involved with the community that I know and love. This is one of the reasons why I have volunteered and have been accepted

as a member of the Youngstown board of directors Recreation Department.

Why am I running? I am a resident with a heartfelt interest in the community activities to which I live. I am not a politician. Nor do I favor the idea of dissolving our village.

Creating a resolution to the cold storage building, either repurposing or demolishing, should be a top priority. I look forward to working with the village police to resolve the recent juvenile vandalism. I would truly like to be more involved in enhancing the quality of life for this village, and yet maintaining the safety and stability of our small community. I am hopeful for the opportunity to serve my neighbors.

Thank you for your consideration. Please get out and vote on Tuesday, May 17.

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Quinn active in business, government

SUBMITTED BY LARRY QUINN

Larry Quinn has a diverse resume after having played key roles in various real estate development projects, in sports with the National Hockey League Buffalo Sabres and Pittsburgh Penguins, and government.

Quinn started his career working for Mayor Jim Griffin and eventually became the youngest commissioner in Buffalo's history at age 24.

Immediately following his six-year service in city government, Quinn moved to Manhattan to work for the late Arthur Emil in his various real estate. Larry oversaw work the construction of the Brinks building in Brooklyn, the conversion of the old police headquarters to Coops, the conversion of the former Zaloom pistachio building in Tribeca, and assisted on the redevelopment of Palmer Square in Princeton, New Jersey.



The Buffalo Sabres enticed Quinn to return to Buffalo to develop and construct their proposed new arena in 1993. The arena opened in the fall of 1996 on schedule and slightly under budget. Shortly after the opening, the Sabres appointed Quinn president of the team. During his tenure as president, the Sabres won the Northeast Division title and advanced to the conference finals in the Stanley Cup playoffs. Quinn left the Sabres after the

1998 season and the team was sold to the Rigas family and Adelphia Communications. Shortly after leaving the Sabres, Quinn went to work as a consultant to the Pittsburgh Penguins assisting on the pre-planning for their new arena - PPG Paints arena.

In 2003, Quinn teamed up with B. Thomas Golisano, founder of the Paychex Co., to purchase the Buffalo Sabres out of the Adelphia bankruptcy. During their ownership, the Buffalo Sabres won the Presidents Trophy for first place in the regular season, advanced to the conference finals two times and won two Northeast Division titles. They sold the team in 2011 to Terrence and Kim Pegula.

Since the sale of the team, Quinn was elected to a five-year term on the Buffalo School Board and has consulted on various construction projects, including the Gene Polisseni Center on the RIT campus.

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