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Marasco would make an 'excellent mayor'

I first meant Claudia Marasco 10 years ago while walking Center Street. She was tending the Peace Garden, picking weeds and cleaning up. As I continued to do my daily walks on Center Street, I would always run into her. I would always stop and talk to her about the village. When she ran for village trustee, I thought that seemed like a good fit for the vil-

lage, because she always seemed concerned about her community. After the election, Claudia won and has served as a village trustee for the last four years. During this period, she has been the liaison between the village and VFW Post 7487. She was one of the first people to endorse our moving and rebuilding the veterans monument in Academy Park.

As many know, Claudia can be found almost every day walking Center Street, visiting businesses and talking to individuals on the street. She usually has her leaf blower and notebook, cleaning weeds and debris as she goes, all the while taking notes about concerns in the village. I have found Claudia to be a person who is deeply involved in what happens

in her community. She is always willing to help; she listens to individuals' concerns; and is not afraid to take action to find a solution. I believe that Claudia would make an excellent mayor, one who is committed to promoting the village, while maintaining the beauty of the Village of Lewiston. Vince Canosa Lewiston

Says Bevacqua will make Lewiston better

I am writing in support of Savana Bevacqua for Village of Lewiston trustee. I know Savana as an experienced and consensus-seeking problem-solver. If elected to this position, she will be a tireless advocate for the residents and business owners of Lewiston.

in urban planning. She has the knowledge to offer a fresh perspective on key issues related to planning and making the municipality more efficient, lowering the burden on taxpayers.

and always willing to cross party lines to fully understand both sides of every issue and then make the best decision for the community.

Dents. In addition, she is a strong proponent of local, small businesses, and believes in providing more village support, especially during slow winter months.

Savana not only grew up locally, attending St. Peter's School, but has settled in the village with her husband of 10 years, Alex, and their two children, Guy and Margaux. As a mom, wife and homeowner, she has a vested interest in ensuring the Village of Lewiston is a thriving, safe and fiscally responsible community.

Savana is also a U.S. Navy veteran. She has a great love of her country and passion for her community. It's why she went back to school, currently attending the University at Buffalo for a master's degree in urban planning. She is focusing specifically on historic preservation, which lends itself to such a special place, like Lewiston.

During her time on the board, she has already worked on a range of village planning projects, including those related to parking and neighborhood rental properties. Thanks to her background in planning, she also has a real-world understanding of other relevant matters, from historic preservation to ecological impacts of large-scale projects.

Many municipalities across the country face the same challenges the village faces. Yet, they do not have the same incredible assets, from a vibrant community to unsurpassed natural beauty. Savana will work diligently toward common-sense solutions that will help the village further leverage these, and flourish in new and exciting ways. Laura Balcom Lewiston

If elected as trustee, Savana can bring a unique level of experience thanks to her Bachelor of Science

Since 2019, Savana has served on the Village of Lewiston Planning Board, collaborating with the Historic Planning Commission and Mayor Welch. She is a moderate

I am confident that Savana will work toward putting the village on a strong path forward. She sees potential in areas, like our growing tourism industry, and also aims to preserve quality of life for resi-

Firefighters Association of the State of New York offers lifesaving BBQ & grilling tips for warmer months

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As New Yorkers look toward nicer weather and Memorial Day weekend, many will be firing up their grills for the first time in months. The Firefighters Association of the State of New York (FASNY) recommends all New Yorkers follow some basic rules and tips to avoid accidents and injuries. We also urge everyone to never hesitate to call for help when needed.

age of 8,900 home fires per year, including 3,900 structure fires and 4,900 outdoor fires.

or fell on the grill, grill parts or hot coals. It is also extremely important to keep your grill away from your house, flammable objects and in a location with low foot traffic to limit the risk of contact with the grill's hot surfaces.

becue grills should only be used outdoors.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), an average of 19,700 patients per year (2014-18) went to emergency rooms because of injuries involving grills. Nearly half of the injuries were thermal burns, including burns from both fire and contact with hot objects. Grills alone were involved in an aver-

"We want all New Yorkers to enjoy the warm weather outdoors, but we also want them to be safe. Keep an eye on your grill, your kids, and stay aware of your surroundings," FASNY President John P. Farrell said. "We are here to help - no matter how big or small an incident seems. Don't

You can keep everyone safe by following the important tips below.

√ The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

√ Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from the grill area.

√ Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.

√ Never leave your grill unattended.

Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

Founded in 1872, the Firefighters Association of the State of New York represents the interests of the approximately 90,000 volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel in New York state. For more information, visit www.fasny.com.

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