

# Quarantillo announces candidacy for Youngstown trustee

**BY NICOLE QUARANTILLO**  
Hello community members of the Village of Youngstown. My name is Nicole Quarantillo and I am running to be your next Youngstown trustee.

I have lived in the village for 11 years with my husband, Greg Quarantillo, and our son, Gregory. I serve the community as a member of the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary where I have held multiple positions and am currently the president. My husband, Greg, also is a strong advocate of community service as he also belongs to the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Co. and is currently the chief.

Our community service goes beyond Youngstown though. We were the celebrity family in 2015 for the Variety Kids Telethon, where we shared our story of our son's premature birth and helped raised money for what is now Oishei Children's Hospital. In 2018, my family created a satellite to support the Variety Kids Telethon where we raised \$17,000 to give back and help families who need it. Serving and helping others is what my family does, and I am excited to expand my community support out further.

I have worked in the business field and business management field for the past 13 years. I have learned and always stress to others that customer service and people always come first. You must be able to put your own opinions aside to be able to listen and to learn from others. This is a skill I know will be most useful as a trustee. I will always make sure to listen to community members and use the people-first mental-

ity that I have to help solve issues that may come up.

This people-first mentality is a passion; this is a strength that I know the Village Board will benefit from. I listen to community members and what they need. Though I may not be able to promise an immediate change, I will listen to each concern and idea for improvements in the village. The board is here to serve the community and put the community's needs first, and I look forward to helping the village in its continued growth.

Youngstown is a beautiful village with a deep and rich history. We have Fort Niagara and the Niagara River right in our own backyard – something that most people do not have. With the beauty of the village and how quiet and peaceful it is, the village is starting to attract new young families. Having a young son myself, this is the perfect place to raise your child in.

In order to continue to grow and attract young families, their opinions and voices must be heard. I plan on working with the board and the community to create events, expand on the Recreation Department and update our beautiful parks to help the growth of young families in the community.

There is much to be learned from our current community residents. I want to hear and learn about what the community wants and needs and, yes, I know, a grocery store is one of them! My goal is to help the current residents be heard and understand and work together to accomplish goals. As for our wonderful businesses in

the village, I want to continue to work on building strong relationships between the board and the businesses. I want to learn from them what they need from the village to stay successful, even during these trying times. This village has so much to offer our current businesses and new ones.

Lastly, it is time to create a stronger bond with the Town of Porter Town Board. The town does, in fact, surround parts of the village and it is time to work together and act in unity. I would like to see the two boards meet and work together to help solve issues and work on new ideas for the community members. It is time to show unity within the boards and work together.

As trustee, I can promise you that I will lead with both my heart and my head. I will make sure I listen to the members of the community and help make changes that will benefit everyone. It is time to bring fresh, new ideas to help build the community in a positive light. I will work with anyone who wants to see a change in the village for the good of all, and who want to see the continued growth of young new families.

I am running with the people-first mentality that has helped me succeed in both my work and personal life. If elected as your new Youngstown village trustee, I will continue to have that mindset and keep the communities wants and needs first. On Sept. 15, I encourage all members to get out and vote. It is time for fresh, new, and young ideas. I welcome your vote and look forward to serving you as your next Youngstown village trustee.

# Ceretto seeks vote for DA

**BY JOHN D. CERETTO II ESQ.**

I am writing this letter to introduce myself. My name is John D. Ceretto II and I am running for Niagara County district attorney. On Nov. 3, a general election will take place and I humbly ask for your consideration.

I decided to run for office because I realize our wonderful community has come to a critical crossroad. We are in the midst of the opioid epidemic, violent crime still plagues our cities, and newly signed legislation has changed the face of criminal prosecution. Never has it been more important to elect a district attorney who can represent your voice – someone who will act only in the best interest of our community and its bright future. I know I am capable of meeting that challenge and look forward to the work ahead.

To those of you who don't know me, I was born in Lewiston, at St. Mary's Hospital. I attended Lewiston-Porter High School, and during my time there went to BOCES for electrical. After graduating high school, I attended Buffalo State College and worked on an assembly line at Oneida China.

After finishing college, I attended Western Michigan Law School and graduated with my Juris Doctorate. In 2013, I passed

the New York state bar exam. After, I joined the Niagara County District Attorney's Office as an assistant district attorney. During my time as an assistant district attorney, I prosecuted thousands of cases involving violent, nonviolent, and traffic offenses. I know what it takes to be tough on crime.

After the District Attorney's Office, I went into private practice and have represented hundreds of clients in both criminal and family court. To date, I am currently a licensed attorney for the child, real estate broker, and appointee to Part 36.

In my spare time, I love running with my rescue dog, Rupert; taking rides on my motorcycle; and spending time by the water.

From working on the assembly line to serving as assistant district attorney and forging my own private practice, I know what hard work looks like. It would be an honor to be your voice as Niagara County district attorney, and continue to serve the community that has given me so much. I humbly ask to please consider me on Nov. 3 in the general election. Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself. I hope one day soon we can be introduced in person. Please reach out to me. I am here for you.

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# Solar is great, just not here

Solar is being presented (pushed?) as an alternate and clean form of energy production that will help reduce our carbon footprint and be less dependent of fossil fuels. Who is not for that?!

However, the article "Lewiston hears about community solar benefits" in the recent issue of the Niagara County Tribune/Sentinel (Aug. 28) concerned me. Especially the part that said a current solar farm in our area is, and I quote: "actually part of a state-run program called 'community distributed generation'. What it is designed to do is incentivize solar developers to build large solar farms and then offer some of the benefits of those solar farms to members of the community."

Certain terms leap out at me: State-run program. Community distributed generation. Incentivize developers. Offer some benefits (to the community). Large solar farms.

•State-run program: Just that phrase should raise eyebrows. Anyone remember when Niagara Mohawk was a private company that sold power the way it was produced – cheaper closer to where it was produced (here) and more expensive the further it had to be transmitted? Niagara Falls and Western New York was bustling. When the state took it over, they socialized it (similar

rates for all) and our low rates skyrocketed while those further away had their rates reduced. Niagara Falls became a ghost town and is still in the process of recovering.

•Community distributed generation: If the "state-run program" included water (hydro) with their solar (sun), then we would have greatly reduced rates from our local water power generation. Also, if our power wasn't socialized, there would be more incentive to put solar where the cost of power was greater. We need more "community distributed generation" here and from hydro.

•Incentivize developers: We know what this means – give money or other breaks to the developers so they can "build large solar farms" and make more money.

•Offer some benefits (to the community): This translates to "bribe" the community to let us make money with a large solar farm (that is not needed here, as we have ample power). I have not studied the monetary aspects of this (and hope someone will), but assume it will be chump change compared to what the developers will get.

•Large solar farms: Solar should never be placed over any area that can be green naturally. Why should we destroy a natural process for carbon removal

(plants/trees) and cover it with glass, plastic and metal? Doing that helps destroy what we are trying to create. Solar belongs where plants don't grow; such as: deserts, rocky outcroppings, other barren areas, and with recent technology, roofs, walls, roads, sidewalks, parking lots, etc. They even have solar paint.

We are very fortunate that in our area we have green energy production by means of hydro-electric power. No coal, oil, or gas for us. Maybe we don't need solar here also.

Scott F. McKay  
Lewiston

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