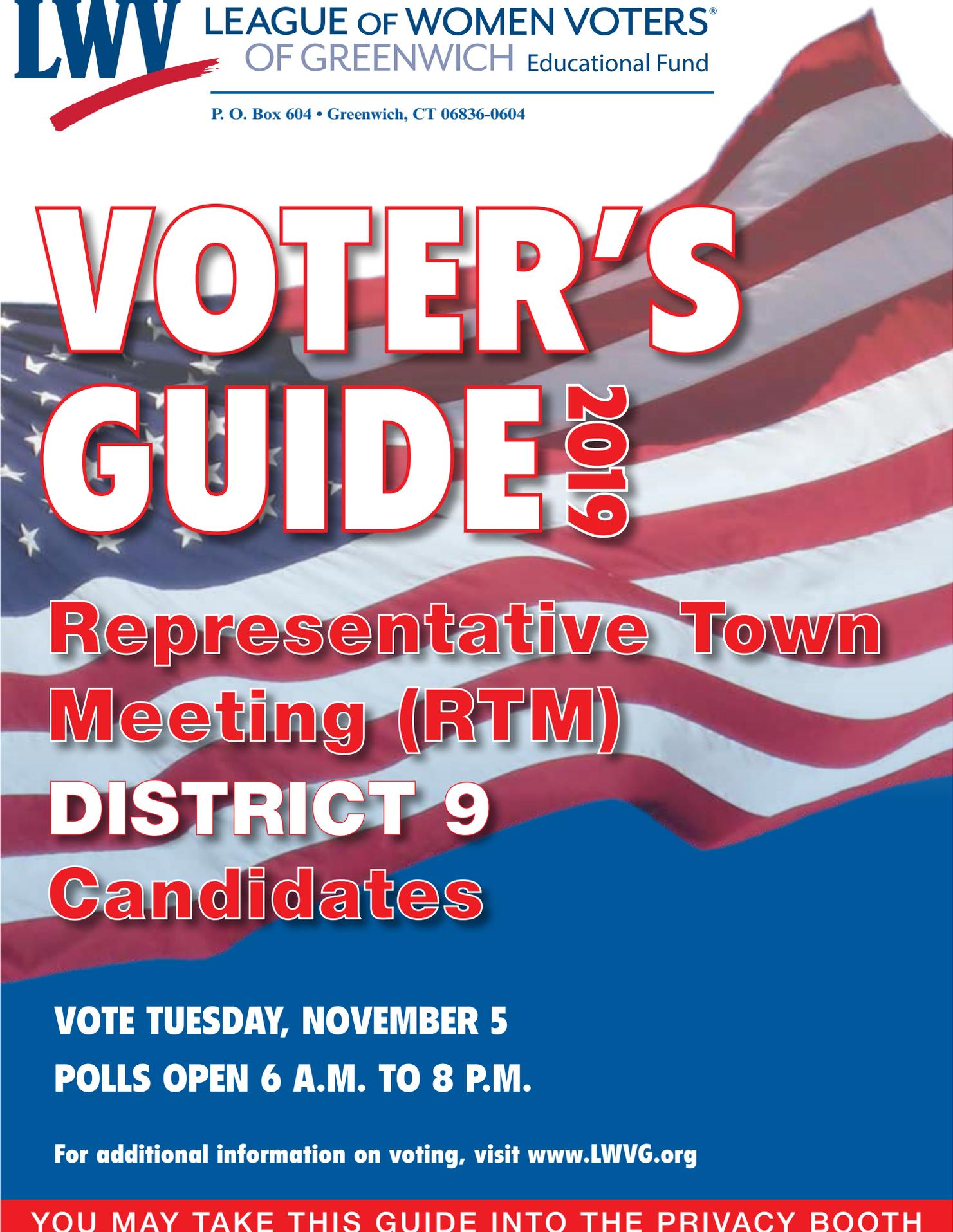




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**Representative Town
Meeting (RTM)**

DISTRICT 9

Candidates

VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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Representative Town Meeting

2-YEAR TERM (UNSALARIED)

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DISTRICT 9 - Pemberwick/Glenville

Polling Place:
Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic Center
449 Pemberwick Road
Greenwich

Vote for 21 or Less

Phyllis R. Alexander
Seth W. Bacon
Michael P. Brescia
Claudia A. Carthaus **P-NEW**
Barbara T. Darula
Melissa Evans
Betsey S. Frumin
Donna F. Gaudioso-Zeale
Anne N. Jones
Mark R. Kordick **P-NEW**
Deborah R. Krautheim
Abbe F. Large **Petition**
Brian J. Malin
Lauren B. O'Keefe
Brian R. Raney
Ferdinando G. Schiro
Jonathan R. Shankman
Lillian S. "Sharon" Shisler
Joanne I. Steinhart **P-NEW**
Patricia "Patti" Strazza
Jane C. Weisbecker **Petition**
Carol A. Zarrilli

See detailed candidate information on following pages.



Alexander, Phyllis R.
8 Bailiwick Woods Circle
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Realtor

Biography: Born and raised in Buffalo, NY. Attended Cornell University. Graduated with BA. Also, completed MA in Counseling from Rochester University. Was a successful Realtor

in the Washington, DC for 35 years. Moved to Greenwich to be with children and grand children who are Greenwich Public School students.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

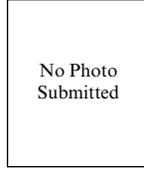
I believe I can provide needed new perspectives and fresh energy to the RTM. Too often, I believe, the Western area of Greenwich has been overlooked in municipal planning and services. I am concerned about the sad state and safety of our infrastructure, especially our roads, schools and playing fields.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

1. The need for economic development to attract more businesses and diversify our tax base.
2. The need to systematically address the physical plant of our Middle and High schools.
3. Traffic safety and systems in Glenville.

Current RTM committee assignment: Education

Number of terms served on RTM: 1



Bacon, Seth W.
Moshier Street
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: SVP, Media - Major League Soccer

Biography: Greenwich resident since 2013; live in Glenville. Worked in the sports media industry for 18+ years. Joined the RTM midway through the 2017 - 2019 term, filling a vacancy in

District 9.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

Greenwich has so much to offer; it is important to me to find ways to give back to this great community that we call home - especially with young children in the public school system. I believe the RTM is one of the best ways to help support the town and its public services (schools, parks, etc.).

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

1. Positioning our schools for continued excellence.
2. Investing in our infrastructure to prepare for the future.
3. Affordability of housing and the impact it has on long-term growth/sustainability.

Current RTM committee assignment: Legislative and Rules (alternate)

Number of terms served on RTM: 0.5



Brescia, Michael P.
31 Hawthorne St. S
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: financial services industry

Biography: I am a resident of Greenwich for the past 13 years. My two children attend Glenville Elementry and Western Middle School. I am active in the community as a volunteer coach.

Having over 20 years in the Financial Services Industry has helped me in my role as a Finance delegate.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

1. Keep Greenwich in good fiscal standing. As a member of the Finance Committee our responsibility is to make sure we are good stewards of tax payer dollars and insure all projects are funded wisely.
2. Having two children in our public schools I have a vested interest that our schools do well and are provided with the necessary resources for both students & teachers.
3. Upgrading our playing fields. Conditions of facilities and fields need to be improved for the safety & betterment of all the participants regardless of age.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

1. Fiscal responsibility. Keeping taxes low and not taking on historical amounts of debt.
2. Education. Continuing to invest in our students, technology and infrastructure.
3. Conservation and development. Keeping Greenwich, Greenwich while making it appealing to families to relocate here and keep families from relocating.

Current RTM committee assignment: Finance

Number of terms served on RTM: 1



Carthaus, Claudia A.
4 Gard Court
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Office Services/Withers Bergman, Greenwich

Biography: Raised in Detroit, educated in NYC, and resident for 20 years. Worked in communications and nonprofit development. My husband and I are grateful to live and work

in Greenwich. My education about our town government was earned as a League of Women Voters Greenwich member and serving on its Board.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

It would be an honor to represent the interests of District 9 on the RTM. It is a meaningful volunteer opportunity in the Glenville community and I look forward to learning about other districts. I am passionate about public policy and service and admit to watching RTM meetings on access TV. As a volunteer at the nonpartisan LWVG I was able to participate in delivering programs, voter services (Voters Guide) and advocacy efforts aimed at educating the community about town government without partisan bias. It has prepared me well to join the nonpartisan members of the RTM.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

One important issue is the updating of the Plan of Conservation and Development that will articulate the vision for maintaining Greenwich as a premier residential town. I support the recommendation that it be revisited every two years rather than 10. Planning and Zoning must be held accountable for its implementation. Second, transportation issues such as traffic, parking, tolls and commuter infrastructure. Finally, public private partnerships will be a key economic component necessary to meet the present needs for economic development, delivering services to residents, educating our children, and protecting the environment and landscape for current residents and future generations.

Current RTM committee assignment:

Number of terms served on RTM: 0

Darula, Barbara T.
Did not reply

Evans, Melissa
Did not reply



Frumin, Betsey S.
53 Shady Lane
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Business Owner

Biography: I have lived in Greenwich for over 50 years. My children went to Greenwich public and private schools. I have served as an officer on the parent organizations of those schools as well as volunteered for not for profits in Greenwich. We currently have a family business in Town.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

The RTM is the heart of Greenwich government. I want to be part of the decisions that keep Greenwich the town I have loved for many years. District 9 is a diverse group of talented people who work together in the best interest of our area and the Town as a whole. I want to continue working with these people to better Greenwich.

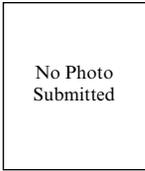
Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

1. How do we pay for the upgrades needed in our schools and public buildings.? Should we depart from our modified pay-as-you-go tradition?
2. How can Greenwich work with the State to the benefit of all?
3. How do we maintain the services that make Greenwich great while keeping the mill rate low?

Current RTM committee assignment: Chair of District 9 and served on the Governance Committee

Number of terms served on RTM: 8

Gaudioso-Zeale, Donna F.
Did not reply



Jones, Anne N.
15 Benders Drive
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Homemaker and volunteer for local and international organizations

Biography: A Greenwich resident for 23 years, I and my husband, a lifelong resident of Greenwich, have raised our two

children, 18 and 20, here. I have a BA from Williams College, and an MA from Johns Hopkins. I worked for international organizations and local schools on research, events and fundraising.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I believe that, especially with all the issues we face today, people need to stay engaged, and being part of the RTM has allowed me to do this. As I run for my second term, I have found that learning about how the town operates and makes decisions as well as getting to know my colleagues in District 9 and across town is critical to how we work together to address the issues facing the town. I hope to build upon my experience and engagement to have a positive impact on my town and district.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

1. Balancing the needs and desires of diverse populations and neighborhoods in town to provide required services and spaces while maintaining the many strengths and charm of our town.
2. Working to maintain green space while managing appropriate growth and changing demands on our town resources, including efforts to support an aging population and to attract young families to the community.
3. And underlying these challenges is the need to maintain a balanced budget while addressing these concerns, all under pressure from a state that is looking to Greenwich and Fairfield county to fund its shortfalls.

Current RTM committee assignment: Land Use Committee

Number of terms served on RTM: 1



Kordick, Mark R.
12 Rockland Place
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Police Captain

Biography: Father (& step-dad); husband and thirty-year veteran of the Greenwich Police Department - in that order. College graduate. Technology leader. Demolition Derby driver

(honest!) If you lived in town for Hurricane Sandy I was the Police Captain who called you twice a day for ten days straight. See more: www.MarkKordick.com.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

These are extraordinary political times and many challenges lie ahead for our community and our nation. I am running for the RTM because now, more than ever, we all have an obligation to each other to make sure our community is run in a way that is fair, just, tolerant, inclusive, economically viable, environmentally sustainable, transparent and livable. Greenwich is our home - the place we live our lives - with our families and alongside our neighbors. Don't we want it to be the very best it can be? I do. And I want to help deliver on that idea.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

Decreasing livability threatens our status as a premier community. Our biggest threats are: (1) Economic stagnation in our retail and commercial areas (how many more snobby restaurants that working people can't afford and that fail after two years do we really need?); (2) Sprawl and poor development (not over development, but the wrong kind of development in the wrong kinds of places); and (3) A provincial local political environment and an inefficient and arcane government bureaucracy that discourages innovation, rewards ineptitude and which manifest themselves in a lack of resources and attention directed at parks, maintenance, streetscapes, schools and traffic.

Current RTM committee assignment:

Number of terms served on RTM: 0



Krautheim, Deborah R.
40 Ettl Lane Uni #13
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Retired corporate executive

Biography: Highly effective and versatile business leader with broad corporate experience leading teams and strategic projects. Managed administrative operations across diverse

business functions, and designed and implemented global programs with C-suite accountability. Proven expertise in human resources, finance, marketing communications, technology, customer experience, records management and meeting/event management.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

In order to serve my community.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

- 1) Preserving the charm and suburban appeal of Greenwich as a community young families want to relocate to.
- 2) The protection of open lands and preservation of historic structures.
- 3) Operating our town efficiently by keeping taxes low and the services offered by our town high.

Current RTM committee assignment: Parks & Recreation Alternate

Number of terms served on RTM: 4



Large, Abbe F.
11 Blanchard Road
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Wealth Advisory / Lenox Advisors, Inc.

Biography: 18yr Greenwich resident. Three children; all educated in Greenwich Public Schools.

25/Year Career as a Wealth Advisor; Creator/Project Manager

District Allergy Awareness Program; Past Co-Chair PTA Council Health/Wellness Committee, Past Executive Board Member; PTA Council overseeing Digital Learning, Green Schools and Health/Wellness Committee's; RTM Education Committee, School Lunch Fund Committee

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

Like my professional career, I take a holistic approach to solving issues by respecting, understanding and appreciating the position of policy, process and people. Reaching for data/facts and listening to other perspectives before making decisions to solve issues. The RTM gives a deeper dive into putting pieces together for more efficient/effective understanding of how Greenwich works to accomplish tasks. The spirit of volunteerism is certainly a motivating factor, but I love the community of Greenwich and work hard to attract future generations to raise their children here too. We need to collaborate together to make that happen.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

1. Engagement, education and transparency as well as accountability and project management are key components to accomplishing goals. 2. A better understanding of our town services operating, capital and educational budgets, which are direct reflections of our property values and the future of Greenwich. 3. Maintaining a non-partisan collaboration within the RTM and focusing on the matter at hand while keeping divisive ideology out.

Current RTM committee assignment: Education Committee

Number of terms served on RTM: 2



Malin, Brian J.
55 Almira Drive
Greenwich 06831
Occupation: Information Technology
Biography: I grew up in Rye, attended Greenwich Catholic and The University of Notre Dame. My wife Laura and I moved to Pemberwick in 2012 where we live with our dog Lollipop.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I believe in maintaining the RTM's long-standing commitment to fiscally prudent and prioritized spending. Careful planning and thoughtful budget oversight are very important to making sure Greenwich stays ahead of our peer communities as a choice for a diverse and vibrant group of residents and businesses to call home.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

Affordability. Given the economic conditions in the State, maintaining our low local tax rate is more important than ever for attracting young families and allowing our current residents to age in place. Spending and budget oversight. There is no question we need to make capital improvements in our town, particularly our schools. However, we need better management of that spending to make sure we're getting a maximum return on that investment. Community character. We need to work hard to maintain premier schools, parks and our "New England Feel" while encouraging sustainable development and investment in the town.

Current RTM committee assignment: Budget Overview, alternate

Number of terms served on RTM: 1



O'Keefe, Lauren B.
33 Angelus Dr
GREENWICH 06831
Occupation: Oncology Nurse Practitioner
Biography: I was born and raised in Greenwich. I have been married for 26 years. I have 2 daughters, both at UCONN. I have been an Oncology Nurse Practitioner for 17 years.

Previously, ICU nurse at Greenwich, Stamford Hospitals. Current member of the Medical Reserve Corps, Greenwich Board of Health.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I have enjoyed getting to know the working of the town I grew up in through different eyes. The RTM has allowed me to get more involved in my community and being a part of its growth.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

Budget and keeping costs in line while maintaining safety and the standard we expect
Education- keeping up the great work while keeping cost in line
Growth control

Current RTM committee assignment: Health and Human Services

Number of terms served on RTM: 3



Raney, Brian R.
6 Lucy St
Greenwich 06831
Occupation: Enterprise Data Architect
Biography: I was born and raised in the midwest and moved to Port Chester twenty-some years ago. I was blessed to meet an amazing woman from Cos Cob, and we moved to Pemberwick

just before our second daughter was born.

Recently, I've rediscovered the joy of riding a bike.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

This was my first term. Last time, I ran simply because our district did not have all its seats filled. I have "learned the ropes" well and believe that my effectiveness within the RTM and on committees can only improve. I work hard at this, especially when it comes to understanding the budget. It takes a large time commitment, and I'm blessed with a family that supports me in it. One of my concerns from the beginning has been the inefficiency of the processes. Small things that add up. I joined the Technology Advisory Group to help improve that.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

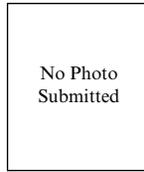
Capital Spending - understanding, vetting, planning, scheduling, monitoring, not to mention paying for it! We have a \$1B capital plan coming from BoE, plus other major projects. This will be a significant challenge given the impacts of the real estate on the Grand List and coming reassessment, concerns about our ability to track and manage capital projects, and how to finance it all.

Good Governance and Oversight-Transparency should be paramount, plus processes and practices that ensure it.

Civility and Collegiality - We need to remember that we're all neighbors. This applies to all of us, not just elected officials.

Current RTM committee assignment: Town Services, Finance, Technology Advisory Group

Number of terms served on RTM: 1



Schiro, Ferdinando G.
1 Benders Drive
Greenwich 06831
Occupation: Professional Assistant at North Street School
Biography: I am a life long resident who has lived only in Glenville. I am an Eagle Scout. I graduated college in 2016 with a Bachelors degree in History and a minor in music. Currently,

I am getting my Masters at Manhattanville College in Teaching English as a Second Language.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I am running for the RTM in order to help citizens in the western part of town, I feel that we need to create and define who we are as citizens of Greenwich and come up with a common culture. I am also running to continue helping my district and to see how municipal government is run. I offer a perspective as an educator, sports coach and life-long resident.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

- 1. Creating a Greenwich Culture
- 2. Equal attention for citizen needs in Western Greenwich
- 3. Improving Education

Current RTM committee assignment: Land Use Committee Alternate

Number of terms served on RTM: 0.5



Shankman, Jonathan R.
 11 Essex Road
 Greenwich 06831
Occupation: Construction Business Manager
Biography: Born and raised in Memphis, TN
 BA from Emory University, and MS from Georgetown University

I have worked in the elevator industry for over 35 years, and currently manage the new equipment business for Otis Elevator in Westchester County and parts of NYC Proud Greenwich resident since 2004

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I believe it is important to be involved in the community where I live, and to contribute to the welfare of that community.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

Retaining the character of the place that drew many of us to Greenwich.
 Ensuring that Greenwich is run in a fiscally responsible manner.
 Defining and supporting the capital improvement projects that are most important to Greenwich residents.

Current RTM committee assignment: Appointments

Number of terms served on RTM: 5

Shisler, Lillian S. "Sharon"
 Did not reply



Steinhart, Joanne I.
 4 Bailiwick Woods Circle
 Greenwich 06831
Occupation: Retired Magazine Editor
Biography: I moved to Greenwich 9 years ago, having grown up in Westchester County. My first employment was in elementary education before transitioning to publishing. I retired after

17 years at Microsoft as Editor-in-Chief of MSDN Magazine. I am currently an enthusiastic volunteer with the Greenwich United Way Reading Champions Program.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

Volunteering for Reading Champions has been an extremely rewarding experience and has inspired me to look beyond the school setting for other community service opportunities. I have the time and the desire to give back to the Greenwich community. The RTM provides an avenue to be fully engaged with District 9 neighborhoods as well as the wider town. As a former managing editor, I was often responsible for balancing issues between multiple constituencies. I welcome the opportunity to bring my skills and energy to the RTM and to the vibrant community that is Greenwich.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

Three issues facing us this election are maintaining strong public schools, protecting our natural resources and addressing infrastructure. These issues all impact the quality of life in Greenwich. Strong public schools attract new families and prepare our children for future success. The town is lucky to have beautiful beaches and open spaces we can all enjoy. Protecting these resources and caring for our environment is vital for our future. Maintaining infrastructure is a must for the business community to flourish and is equally important for attracting and keeping residents.

Current RTM committee assignment:

Number of terms served on RTM: 0



Strazza, Patricia "Patti"
 14 Cambridge Drive
 Greenwich 06831
Occupation: Business owner, Patty's Portico Outdoor Furniture Restorations, LLC
Biography: I am a Greenwich native and Greenwich High School graduate. BA in Psychology and Master's in Teaching

from Manhattanville College
 In 1975 I joined a Greenwich family business (Louis DeFelice & Daughter) established by my dad in 1932 operating for almost 75 years.

Current owner: Patty's Portico

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

Having been blessed in business with the loyalty of Greenwich residents, I believe in the value of giving back.

I offer a businesslike approach in solving issues and I have an understanding of community and people.

Motivating me is the spirit of volunteerism and being involved in our town and our future for generations to come.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

1. Connecticut budget crisis
2. Maintaining and improving our educational facilities and programs
3. Nurturing our private/public collaborations in improving town's infrastructure

Current RTM committee assignment: Alternate to Health and Human Services Committee

Number of terms served on RTM: 0



Weisbecker, Jane C.

14 Pemberwick Road
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Janeweisbecker@gmail.com

Biography: I am an attorney and long-time resident of Greenwich (since moving with my parents from NC in 1976). I attended public school in Greenwich and have raised my two

daughters here.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I have been a member of the RTM since 2006 and believe that it serves an important function for the benefit of the Town. Greenwich deserves the full participation of interested and engaged residents in its government, and I am running for another term on the RTM to continue my service in this capacity.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

Over-development, real estate values (which is a complex issue that involves the fiscal health of the state of CT as a whole), and the Town's budget.

Current RTM committee assignment: Claims Committee, Legislative & Rules Committee

Number of terms served on RTM: 7



Zarrilli, Carol A.

10 Brook Crossway
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Retired. Co-managed all aspects of a successful family business.

Biography: Co-managed a successful family business for 18+ years; Merrill Lynch-Real Estate Div; Prudential Ins. Cub

Scout Den Mother, coeditor PTA newsletter, taught Arts & Crafts at Greenwich Boys Club, support sports activities & community volunteer. Served on the 2009 POCD Downtown Committee for 2 years. Lifelong resident of Greenwich.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

The RTM is an opportunity to serve my community, fellow residents and stay informed on how our Town conducts business. Getting involved in how the Town is run from maintaining parks, beaches, infrastructure to participating in how tax dollars are spent, projects approved, budgets passed and contributing my time on various committees is rewarding, as well as, educational. Working with other civic minded people is also refreshing & I enjoy serving on the RTM. Most importantly, we work together as a "nonpartisan legislative body" leaving politics at the door!

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

Greenwich needs to stay vigilant of the State's deficits. How it continues to impact municipalities while understanding its effect on our Town's Budget.

Providing students (of all academic levels) the best of educational standards leading to a path of higher learning or an avenue of opportunity to learn a viable trade; without lowering graduating standards. More administrative accountability so learning standards are met not lowered. Being mindful that more than 50% of the town's budget is spent on education.

Support a budget that includes the care of Greenwich's elderly & maintaining affordable services for our senior citizens.

Current RTM committee assignment:

Number of terms served on RTM: 0