

# VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION VILLAGE OF WOLVERINE LAKE

**Tuesday, November 3, 2020**  
POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OAKLAND AREA

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### 8 Candidates for VILLAGE COUNCIL

**THREE 4-year terms (three highest vote totals) and ONE 2-year term (fourth highest vote total)**

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<b>BRUCE D. BUNTIN</b> 525 Laguna Ct., Wolverine Lake, MI 48390	<p>Hello, I am a retired Employer Services/Human Resources Sales Executive. I have lived in Wolverine Lake Village for the past 8 years and am thankful that I've had the opportunity to live in such a wonderful community. We are truly fortunate to have a special village and this is why I believe it is time for me to give back to our community. Throughout my professional career I've recruited, hired, trained, mentored and inspired a diverse group of associates, many whom have gone on to enjoy successful families and careers. My past experience makes me uniquely qualified to "listen" and "comprehend" the challenges and opportunities that our community faces and to facilitate positive consensus that meets the needs of all Village Residents. I've been active in many volunteer organizations, most recently Winning Futures empowering high school students to succeed and Brilliant Detroit which builds kid success neighborhoods. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Providing Fiscally Responsible Community Services for the Village Residents. Which starts with having a fully staffed village administration to provide the needed services.</li> <li>2. Our Lake, Wolverine Lake is our most valuable natural resources and if not for Wolverine Lake we would have no Village here. With this in mind I believe it is essential to our future growth and stability that we recognize the needs of both non-lakefront residents and lakefront residents.</li> <li>3. Safety, including supporting our Village Police force and focusing on how we manage the current and on-going Covid-19 crisis.</li> </ol> <p>I firmly believe that by listening to all views, collaborating and debating varying positions with integrity and respect we can find agreement to resolve any issue. Once a decision is reached we must take action as a council and execute decisively. I made a career of doing just this and am confident I can do the same for our Village.</p>

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<b>MARK GIROMINI</b> 2459 Oakview Dr. Wolverine Lake, MI 48390	<p>I have lived in the Village for 14 years and greatly appreciate how unique and special this place is. For the last two years, I have served as Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Board, while also serving as secretary on the Veterans Memorial Subcommittee and Beautification Subcommittee. In these positions, there has been the opportunity to meet and work with great people from all over the Village who care deeply about its well-being. They have given me an understanding of the needs and desires of Villagers beyond just my street. I will bring experience in helping our community, and a drive to do so. I work with numbers, and am comfortable reading budgets, audits and other financial documents that are presented to Council. I am very proud of what has been accomplished in improving our parks and the building of the Veterans Memorial, and hope to do more great things for the Village as a Council member. My decision to run is driven by a desire to see our community excel.</p>	<p>Dealing with the financial uncertainty created by the pandemic will be critical. We can manage this by assessing the budget, and being willing to make appropriate cuts where necessary. Also, by enhancing the long term planning process for large ticket items, we can more effectively pursue and allocate funds for these projects.</p> <p>Honest and effective communication with residents is a priority. The Village needs to be more active in using social media as an additional form of communication. Also, residents need to be made aware of all the information available on the Village website, so that they can know where to go to learn about what their government is doing.</p> <p>Maintaining our lake and parks is very important. We can do this by further empowering the members of our Water and Parks and Recreation Boards. This means providing them with the resources they need, and respecting the work they are willing to do for our community.</p>
<b>MICHAEL MCNUTT</b> 689 Laguna Dr. Wolverine Lake, MI 48390	<b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b>	

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<p><b>BRIAN NEDROW</b> 515 Laguna Ct. Wolverine Lake, MI 48390</p>	<p>I am 59 years old, married, and have 2 children. I am a lifelong Michigan resident and a Village of Wolverine Lake resident since 1991. I was born in Detroit and graduated from North Farmington High (1979), Michigan Tech (1983), Schoolcraft College (1990), and I run an industrial construction company in Wixom. I served on the Planning since 1998, Planning chairmen (2000- 2008), Planning Liaison to the Water Management Board (2001-2008) and was appointed to council in May 2008. I continue to serve on council, being elected to Council Pro-Tem 2016-2018 and current Council President since 2018. I also continue to serve on Planning. I have served on numerous committees including Administration and Negotiations. I have been involved in many Village activities including the Village Corn Roast, Tiki candle sales, Goose Roundups, many water board activities, and the Packing Party for the Troops. I enjoy giving back to my community.</p>	<p>We are at a unique point in the Village in that we will hire a new Administrator, and Treasurer. This election brings 8 candidates running for 4 council seats. 3 are incumbents and we will have a new council. The pandemic has brought a lot of change to our daily lives. It is comforting to come home and have a sense of community. We need to maintain the friendly quality of life we have come accustomed to. Financial security is especially important in the current difficult economic climate. We must be fiscally responsible and be innovative with how we handle village finances. To maintain safety, we need to continue to have a viable local police department. The lake and recreational atmospheres are major reasons we moved into the village, so we need to maintain this. I have the experience in actively serving to help in the direction of this community.</p>

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<p><b>AARON NEWMAN</b> 2105 Newport Ct. Wolverine Lake, MI 48390</p>	<p>My family moved to Wolverine Lake when I was a young teenager. I graduated from Walled Lake Central in 2008. After I attended Central Michigan University to study business management and logistics. In 2008 I enlisted in the Michigan Army National Guard. I studied and graduated from Fort Sam Houston Texas as a Medic with my EMT certification. Later I deploy to Afghanistan in the years of 2012-2013 in support of O.E.F. While deployed I oversaw the health care for a company of men and women. Here I learned that Time and Resource management is key to success of a community. I was honorably Discharged in 2016 as a corporal. When not working with the national guard, I was an Automotive Technician. Here I learned how to apply abstract thinking and perform complicated tasks. I now own my own retail business that has taught me how to be fiscally responsible. I believe that my abilities to manage time, resources, and allocate funding responsibly could benefit the community that I call home.</p>	<p>The 3 areas that I would focus on would be</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1, the continued improvement of the quality and safety of the Lake that we all chose to build a community around.</li> <li>2, Our parks are a very important staple of our village. I would like to see that they remain a clean and safe place for our family members and guest to gather.</li> <li>3, The one thing that we all use on almost a daily basis, the roads. From walking through the neighborhoods to commuting to and from work, the conditions of our roads is and ever going issue that will require continued attention.</li> </ol>

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<b>WILLIAM D. O'BRIEN</b> 1840 Shankin Dr. Wolverine Lake, MI 48390	I have lived in Wolverine Lake for 33 years and my beautiful wife and I have two children in Michigan colleges. I have a BBA degree with majors in finance and accounting and a master's degree in taxation. Since 1995 I have been employed as Controller of a multistate service and construction company and have 38 years of accounting and finance management experience. I was also treasurer of my church for 10 years and a board member for 8 years from 2007 to 2017. My experience involves day to day operations as well as high level banking, insurance, finance, and personnel management which I believe would translate well to a council position. My family and I regularly use all the wonderful amenities that Wolverine Lake has to offer and I look forward to helping maintain and improve our beautiful village.	First priority is mitigating the current and future costs of Covid-19 to the Village. I have been on the Covid-19 response team for my employer and am well versed in guidelines and safe practices as well as being directly responsible for all FFCRA, SBA loan application, and Government reporting. I will be an asset to the Village in the ongoing fight against this virus. Second priority is taking care of our lake and parks. From weed control to boater safety we must find cost effective methods, where possible, to improve and care for our biggest asset – Wolverine Lake. We also need to maintain and improve our parks and pathways which are used heavily by the vast majority of our Village for walking, jogging, and biking. My third priority would be to make sure that our police department and marine division remains appropriately funded. Safety is not a place to cut corners. Keeping our Village police department up to date and with the necessary equipment can and will save lives.
<b>ED SIENKIEWICZ</b> 2510 Oakview Dr. Wolverine Lake, MI 48390	<b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b>	
<b>WALTER YOURKE</b> 1901 Shankin Dr. Wolverine Lake, MI 48390	<b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b>	

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