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PRESS RELEASE

Hampstead Town Election Candidates Announced

Hampstead closed its Election Nomination process after the Monday, April 14th 4:30 p.m. deadline. The Town Election will be held at Town Hall on Tuesday, May 13th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Three (3) Town Council seats are open. Incumbent Council Members Wayne H. Thomas, Diane Barrett, and Benjamin Zolman are running to retain their seats for Town Council.

Wayne H. Thomas has served on the Town Council since 1993. He graduated from the University of Maryland College Park in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science. He is employed by Constellation Energy LLC and works at their Baltimore Headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland as a SCADA Engineer. Wayne first moved to Hampstead in 1991 and now lives on Main Street with his wife Nora Ward. He has served on the Hampstead Planning Commission, as Vice President of the Town Council, liaison to the Hampstead Business Association, and as a representative to the Carroll County Economic Development Commission. Wayne is the President of the Hampstead Train Station Committee, Inc. and served for ten years on the Board of the Hampstead Business Association, six of those years as President. He co-chaired the Hampstead Main Street Comprehensive Plan and Advisory Committee, which created the Main Street Revitalization Plan. Wayne has served on the Farmers Market Advisory Board for 16 years and hosts the Hampstead Train Station's Music in the Park events. Wayne continues to work for the economic development of Hampstead, Main Street revitalization, expansion of Hampstead's recreational facilities, sustainability, and to keep Hampstead a great place to live. Wayne's areas of Council oversight responsibility are the Hampstead Train Station and the Tree Commission. He is the current Vice President of the Council.

Diane Barrett is honored to represent the Hampstead community as a Town Council member and is running for reelection. She has been a resident of Hampstead since 1992, after growing up in a small town on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Her children grew up here and are proud alumni of North Carroll High School. Diane earned her accounting degree from Towson State University and has nearly 35 years of experience in the accounting profession. She began serving the Town of Hampstead as a volunteer advocate, speaking in opposition of the county's decision to close North Carroll High School during the 2015-16 school year. She was a member of Hampstead's Board of Zoning Appeals for two years and served one year on the town's Planning and Zoning Commission before being elected to the Town Council in 2021. Her area of oversight is the Hampstead Farmers' Market, for which she serves as treasurer and a member of the market advisory team. Hampstead's small-town atmosphere is very important to her; accordingly, she also wants to focus on planning additional events to bring our community together and increase foot traffic to our businesses. In addition, Diane supports keeping our police and public works departments fully funded to ensure the continued safety and high quality of small-town living that exemplifies Hampstead. Hampstead is a great place to live, and Diane is dedicated to serving the community and enhancing the quality of life for our residents.

Ben Zolman is seeking re-election to the Hampstead Town Council to continue his commitment to the town he and his family proudly call home. Elected in May 2021, Ben has spent the past four years bringing his strong family values, unique experience, and fresh perspective to local governance. His passion for Hampstead began in 2015 when he and his wife, Jenny, first attended church in the community. Drawn to the town's charm and welcoming spirit, the couple moved to Hampstead in the fall of 2019 with their three daughters, Lilly, Ruby, and Amy. Beyond his role on the Town Council, Ben serves in both his church and as a Navy Reserve officer. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Construction Engineering and Management (2012) and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering (2014) from Virginia Tech. Professionally, he serves as the lead estimator of Tenant Improvements for St. John Properties in Windsor Mill, MD. During his tenure, Ben has had the privilege of overseeing Hampstead's water system, a responsibility he has greatly valued. He appreciates the hard work and dedication of the Town's exceptional staff, who went above and beyond to support his family while he was deployed for nearly a year. That experience reinforced his belief that taking care of Hampstead's families is at the

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heart of everything the town staff and council do. Looking ahead, he is excited to be part of the team guiding the Water System Centralization and Modernization Project, ensuring the town's infrastructure remains reliable and sustainable for future generations. As he seeks another term, Ben remains committed to working for the people of Hampstead, ensuring the town continues to thrive.

Information voters should know about the Town Elections: Three (3) members of the Town Council will be elected. The terms are for 4 years.

Voter Registration: If you are a registered voter in the county (registered by April 14, 2025) and a resident within the incorporated Town limits, you are eligible to vote in Town elections.

Qualifications of Voters:

1. You must be a citizen of the U.S.
2. You must be at least 18 years of age on or before Election Day.
3. You must have resided within the corporate limits of the Town of Hampstead for at least 30 days prior to the Election.
4. You must be a registered voter (registered by April 14, 2025).

**** Please contact the Town Office as soon as possible if you need an absentee ballot. ****