

League of Women Voters Information – Fall 2021

Biographical Info

Occupation: Retired IT Executive/Community Advocate

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Education

- BS / Business Administration University of Akron
Akron, Ohio
- Continuing Education Case Western Reserve Weatherhead School Management
Cleveland, Ohio
- Certified / Computer Management Control Data Institute
Cleveland, Ohio
- Certified / Project Management University of Akron
Akron, Ohio

Training/Experience

An accomplished IT executive and former CIO, RJ has been a leader in Information Technology, Project Management, and Senior Management roles at such firms as Republic Storage, PolyOne, National City Bank and Progressive Insurance. He has served as an independent consultant who guides projects, improves processes and reduces cost in various firms; having achieved over \$60MM worth of hard savings. RJ is a 40+ year Bath resident and St. Hilary parishioner who serves as Chairman of the Bath Township Zoning Commission. He has served as President of Michigan-Ohio Telecommunications Association, was a Voting Member of the ICA, and on the Ohio University Advisory Board for the School of Communications Management. RJ was a founding Member of the MCI Users Group and served on the Bath Township Historic Committee. He Leads the St. Hilary Men's Group since 1996 and heads the Card Party Ministry with his wife. He volunteers as a Minister of the Word, Eucharistic Minister and Sacristan both at St. Hilary and Cleveland Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Richard has been involved with Catholic Men's Fellowship of Northeast Ohio since the 90's.

Current Occupation

As a retired IT Executive/Consultant, he is currently running for Bath Township Trustee in Bath Township Ohio. He is a longtime Bath Resident who has been active in local affairs since 1980 with a focus on Environmental Advocacy, Superb Police & Fire Services, Fiscal Conservancy and High Quality of Life. Current duties include Bath Township Zoning Committee Chairman, Men's Leadership Director in Fairlawn, OH since 1996, Card Party Wednesdays Ministry and other assorted Volunteer leadership roles. He recently completed work Chairing the North Fork Preserve Historic Committee for Bath's newest park at the headwaters of the North Fork Creek.

Website: <http://BradnerforBath.com>

Campaign Questions

1. Why are you the best candidate for the office?

Answer: I Love Bath. It's a Great Place to call Home! I said it in 1980 when transferred here to BFGoodrich HQ. Some 40 years later, I still say "I Love Bath". When one cares for something Important in their life, they take care of it. Bath is a Blessing. The success I've worked for and enjoyed during my entire Corporate & Professional Career has prepared me for this role as Bath Trustee. It has been a growth process that includes relevant training, education and experience.

More so, the Community Work such as Zoning, Historic Byways, Memorial Day Committee, and most recently North Fork Historic Committee has afforded me a superb opportunity to get to know Bath Residents and the Community as a whole in a very personal and special way.

It's important to retain & enhance decades old Open/Rural Character, Curb Commercial Development and fulfil the Bath Comprehensive Plan. Let's Keep Bath the Beautiful Green Gem it is and sustain a healthy environment.

Bath is a Great Place to Call Home!

2. What is your vision for economic development for your community over the next ten years?

Answer: I strongly believe the most effective, responsible and responsive government is government that is closest to the taxpaying constituent. I promote government that is fiscally responsible while preserving & sustaining the Core Value of Environmental Advocacy that encourages and stimulates a High Quality of Life for residents. Maintaining/Improving Property Values is Job#1.

That said, any Development should be contained, limited, controlled and restricted to the predefined districts and areas in the Bath Township Comprehensive Plan and codified in the Bath Township Zoning Resolution pursuant to State Statutory Authorization per the Ohio Revised Code. Any changes to such districting should be rigorously tested against the greater needs & benefits of the residents of Bath Township.

Township Leadership must be committed to sustaining the High Quality of Life that we Bath residents enjoy. Therefore, it is essential to Keep Bath Beautiful, Green, Rural and Bucolic in Nature and Practice.

3. What are the most significant issues facing your community and what ideas do you have to address these issues?

Answer: Bath holds an enviable position in historically providing superior township services for the Community. Each township department provides vital services to the Community using Continuous Process Improvement to deliver such services. Note: Long-term sustainability requires us to evolve and adapt sound fiscal policies to ensure the most efficient and effective utilization of resources. Recruitment/Development of quality employees will be vital to maintaining the services important to the community.

Several of the most significant issues facing Bath include, but are not limited to, Commercial/urban development pressures, Maintaining home values, Storm Water Erosion impacts, Sustaining High Quality of Life, Environmental Advocacy and Keeping the interest of Bath Township and its residents at the forefront when dealing with neighboring communities.

Includes Police and Fire Protection, Road Maintenance/Repair, Land Use/Development, and Fiscal Responsibility to achieve long-term goals.