

# BEDFORD TOWNSHIP

## SUPERVISOR

### Greg W. Stewart

Party: Republican

Age, date and place of birth: 62;

May 28, 1950, Detroit

Address: 7350 Ke-  
nilworth, Lambertville

Spouse: Marti

Children: Nicole  
Baltatzis



Occupation, employer: City  
Administrator, The City of Luna Pier,  
Michigan

Education: bachelor of business  
administration, Kent State University  
(72)

#### Why I chose to run for Bedford Township supervisor

My candidacy is the outcome  
of a long and meaningful process.  
Twenty-three years ago our family  
moved to Bedford for one reason, our  
daughter's education, and we made  
the right choice.

As a resident of Green Hills subdivi-  
sion, I assisted in resolving issues  
that threatened our neighborhood,  
soon becoming president of the as-  
sociation. Shortly after that, I joined  
the Bedford Township Roads Task  
Force, and then ran for Township  
Trustee with the goal of improving our  
roads. In 1997 I was appointed to the  
Bedford Planning Commission for five  
years, leaving as Chairperson after  
revitalizing the master plan.

My growing passion for Bedford and  
my experience working in economic  
development with local governments  
led me to this inevitable decision: I  
want to serve my community with  
the talents, experience and vision I  
have developed. I owe this community  
greatly for the wonderful life we have  
found here in Bedford.

### Walt Wilburn

Party: Running as a write-in candi-  
date. He is a Republican.

Age, date and place of birth: 65;

April 19, 1947, Ten-  
nessee

Address: 51 E. Erie  
Rd., Temperance

Spouse: Susan

Children: Julie and  
Stacie



Occupation, employer: Bedford  
Township supervisor

Education: High school graduate,  
college courses

#### Campaign statement:

I chose to run as a write-in candi-  
date because I feel the primary  
was not a true reflection of what the  
voters of Bedford wanted. Plus, an  
overwhelming number of citizens  
feel that eight years of experience  
and forward movement should be  
continued. More projects have been  
completed in the last two terms than  
in the four terms before my tenure,  
but that's past. It's the future that we  
need to focus on now. Experience,  
dedication, hard work and what's  
best for Bedford has always been at  
the forefront of all decisions and will  
continue to be the direction taken.  
There are several projects in place for  
2013 and beyond. I would like to see  
these projects completed and keep  
the momentum going.

Is Bedford Township better off now  
than eight years ago? I firmly believe  
it is. Better roads, more businesses,  
water contract set for the next 20  
years, Downtown Development  
Authority extended for 20 years, ad-  
ditional deputies, better health facili-  
ties, and a library, YMCA and township  
hall that is set to serve the citizens  
for the next 50 years. It's about the  
people -- not the politics.



## CLERK

### Trudy L. Hershberger

Party: Republican

Age, and place of birth: 44,  
date of birth not provided.

Address: 3640 Knepper Rd.,  
Lambertville

Spouse: Todd

Children: Jessica, Ashlynn,  
Ceara & Larissa

Occupation: Bedford Township  
clerk

Education: Bedford High  
School

#### **Campaign statement:**

I am running to retain my position as township clerk. I believe the residents of Bedford Township deserve someone who has the qualifications and experience to keep the department running as smoothly as it has for the last 12 years.

With 15 years of experience in township business and 11 years as deputy clerk for former clerk Bob Schockman, I possess the knowledge it takes to run the clerk's department with the highest standards in finances, residential services, and communication between township and community. Since my unanimous appointment to the position of clerk, I have streamlined voting by introducing computerized poll books and established a new Web site to improve communication with the residents of Bedford, which will be completed within the next 6 weeks.

I don't consider myself a politician but a resident of Bedford who loves what they do and wants the best for my community.

## TREASURER

### Paul R. Francis

Party: Republican

Age, date, and place of birth:

67, May 28, 1945, Santa Rosa,  
Calif.

Address: 3266 Chanson Valley  
Drive, Lambertville

Spouse: Garnet Francis

Children: Lynette (Mike) Fisher,  
Patrick, Julie (Herb) Morelock

Occupation, employer:  
Self-employed Certified Public  
Accountant, 43 years experience,  
licensed in MI and OH; Member,  
Michigan Association of CPA's,  
American Institute of CPA's

Education: Bedford Public  
Schools (1963), Eastern Michigan  
University (1968) Bachelor  
of Business Administration degree,  
Certified Public Accountant  
Certificate (1973)

#### **Campaign statement:**

My record of commitment to Bedford Township includes the following: eight years service as Bedford Public Schools Trustee; eight years service as Bedford Township Trustee; Member, Bedford Township Fire Commission; Member, Bedford Township Finance and Road Committees; Member, Francis Family YMCA Financial Assistance Committee, Trustee, Bedford Township Lions Club, Inc.; Trustee, Bedford Township Lions Club Charities, Inc. I am now a candidate for Bedford Township Treasurer because I have the qualifications, and a record of experience and commitment necessary to serve all Bedford Township residents with integrity as treasurer – the job where experience and integrity definitely matter. I have the personal integrity, maturity and sound judgement necessary to make difficult decisions which can affect all 32,000 township residents. I have professional expertise in all facets of governmental accounting and financial reporting matters, and intend to maximize the efficiency of all township business operations, continue to maximize excellent customer service in tax admin-



istration and collections, water and sewer operations, etc. and strengthen accountability and transparency in all Bedford Township financial matters. I intend to implement a convenient online credit card payment system for payment of taxes, permits, water and sewer fees.

## TRUSTEE

There are six candidates for four Bedford Township Trustee seats:

### R Mark Ellsworth

Party: Democratic

Age, date and place of birth:

55; Sept. 6, 1957, Saginaw

Address: 1421 Winding Way.

Temperance

Spouse: D Ellsworth

Children: Alexander, Zachary, Austin Cole

Occupation, employer: Retired, Primerica Financial Services; Contract employee at Toledo GM Powertrain; President of the Brookwood Swim and Tennis Club; pastry chef and cake designer

Education: Associate of Applied Science from Schoolcraft College, graduate of Carrollton

#### Campaign statement:

I chose to run as a Trustee for Bedford Township to protect the rights of its citizens and to help repair and renew the identity of our community. It is time for a fresh set of ideas to move our community forward and Bedford needs change that leaves a mark.

### Larry O'Dell

Party: Democratic

Age, date and place of birth: 67,

Nov. 23, 1944; Monroe

Address: 7264 Ciden Rd.,

Temperance

Children: Kristen, Megan, Patrick

Occupation: Retired admin-

istrator for Bedford Public Schools; Bedford Township trustee

Education: Bachelor of science, Eastern Michigan University; master's degree, University of Toledo

#### Campaign statement:

I believe the experiences I have gained over the last eight years as a Bedford Township trustee will help me in making good decision on issues that come before the board.

Areas of concern: We have resurfaced over 28 miles of road in the last eight years. State and federal grants have helped in this endeavor and we are constantly trying to obtain more grants. This seems to be a never-ending problem we must find new ways to address.

Fire and police: We have added a fire department station on Lewis Ave. to help that section of the township and a new police facility to help with the four new contracted officers that have been added. I feel we must continue to support these fine departments of safety.

### Paul Pirrone

Party: Republican

Running for: Bedford Township Trustee

Age, date and place of birth: 30, Dec. 2, 1981; Toledo

Address: 402 Oak Creek Dr., Temperance

Spouse: Stephanie Pirrone

Children: Vinnie, Tessa.

Occupation: Bedford Township Park Commissioner; Iron Workers Local #55 apprenticeship coordinator/instructor

Education: Bedford High School; Completed four-year apprenticeship program iron workers Local 55.

#### Campaign statement:

I chose to run for Trustee

because it's time for a fresh perspective and sound leadership. This is what I intend to bring to this position. As a citizen born and raised in Bedford, I truly care about the people of this community and will be attentive to their concerns and ensure they are fairly represented in local government. I am a man of action. As Trustee I will work hard to get things done; being proactive and a good steward of your hard earned tax dollars. Specifically, instead of merely repairing our roads, I want to see them protected. I will work to establish a motor carrier division to deter overloaded trucks from using Bedford roads to bypass weigh stations. I also desire to add a public safety enforcement patrol to improve the current ordinance department and protect our property and citizens.

### Rick Steiner

Party: Republican

Age, date and place of birth:

52; Jan. 26, 1960, Toledo

Address: 6963 Pheasant View Dr. Temperance



Spouse: Jennifer

Children: Eric

Occupation, employer: Global Logistics Leader, American Axle

and Manufacturing

Education: Bedford Public Schools

#### Campaign statement:

I am running for the trustee position to continue my dedication to serving our citizens and improving the quality of Bedford Township. Decisions must be made for the entire community based on the overall impact to the community. During the decision making process, factors including but not limited to the following should be used to



determine the best approach for Bedford — fiscal responsibility, tax implications, general fund expenses, revenues, long-term growth and development, environmental impact, infrastructure, fire and law enforcement requirements, etc. These items should be fully transparent to the community during the process.

One of my goals is to work with board members to run township government like a business that has fiduciary responsibility, profit and loss statements, full disclosure, shareholders (the tax payer), and pays dividends (benefits and services).

I am committed to plan town hall meetings keeping our citizens informed of issues and events that will affect Bedford.

## Nancy Tienvieri

Party: Republican

Age, date and place of birth: 63; date not provided, Toledo



Address: 3962 Coachman Dr., Lambertville

Spouse: Bob Tienvieri

Children: Marc Tienvieri, Nikki

(Tienvieri) Vanderbeek

Occupation, employer: Deputy clerk, Ida Township

Education: Bachelor's degree, University of Toledo

### Campaign statement:

I believe Bedford's revenue of \$4 million is sufficient for providing services for the public, even though we hear from the current board that "we have no money" when it comes to public services such as road improvement. I believe we have the money, but the priority on how it is spent is the problem. It is time to think "outside the box" and begin making our priority the public instead of government center. Bedford needs people in office who will

budget more money for roads, and supporting public services. We need to put everything on the table and see what can be trimmed in that budget. I am committed to being the voice to initiate this persistent discussion and seek to convince fellow Board members that this is the reason we elect representatives — to serve the public.

I am running also to provide leadership in government transparency. I commit to Bedford residents to bring about discussion of all items on a Board agenda and more. Too many "subcommittees" have been formed to discuss topics away from board meetings and then simply present their recommendations at the meeting for a vote. The public is entitled to, and has a right to know the entire background on a topic before the vote is taken. I would appreciate your vote, and when elected, please hold me accountable to my word.

## Jeffery Zink

Party: Republican

Age, date and place of birth: 1950, date not provided; Toledo



Address: 10445 Jackman Rd, Temperance

Spouse: Holly

Children: Brian, Brad, Jason and Angela

Occupation: Retired Pres. of Zink / Covell Excavating and V. Pres. of Intec Engineers. Currently Business Mgr of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Education: MCCC - Business

### Campaign statement:

I have considerable experience in land use, planning and zoning. I am also knowledgeable with municipal infrastructure, roads, water, sewer and drains.

My conventional management

skill of funds would permit a solid understanding of a true balanced budget providing more added value with less dollars.

The Village of Dundee, The City of Perrysburg and the City of Sylvania all come to mind as municipalities with a welcoming attitude, good planning and vision. Having done business with these communities and still maintaining close ties, I would strive to emulate what they have accomplished along with their reputation as a solid community to reside in, work in and enjoy recreation in.

In the next term I will be marketing Bedford and if an opportunity should present itself, I will be that welcoming face with the vision, understanding and knowledge to make it happen.

## PARK COMMISSION

Bedford park board has seven candidates for five seats:

## Sally Dunn

Party: Republican

Age, date and place of birth: 71, Oct. 20, 1940; Toledo

Address: 7365 Hidden Valley Dr., Lambertville

Occupation: Retired educator, 30 years — Waite High School, business teacher; taught all business subjects including three levels of accounting, business English, and cooperative business education. Nine years — Bowling Green (Ohio) State University assistant professor; taught graduate curriculum classes

Spouse: Dennis Earl Jr.

Children: Daniel Meade, Tyler Meade, Grant Meade and Morgan Meade

Occupation: Preschool teacher, Bedford Public Schools

Education: Master of arts, Eastern Michigan University

