

2018 TOWN ELECTION — CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Five (5) Town resident candidates have submitted their letters of intent to run for the office of Town Commissioner. Below, are their campaign statements.

Wanda M. Leonard

I believe in service to the community. Our Town needs visionary leadership and fresh perspectives. I am a 12 year resident of the Town residing in Spring Branch Estates. I have thoroughly enjoyed living here taking daily walks around town. I have built my professional career in



Healthcare Finance. I served 8 years in the United States Army as a Logistics Specialist. I hold a BA in Business Administration.

My volunteer community involvement:

1.) President/Greater Upper Marlboro Emergency Response Team (CERT); 2.) Active Member/Prince George's County Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association; 3.) Active Associate Member/Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 89; 4.) Active Board Member/Donor Family and Community Advisor Council for Washington Regional Transplant Community; 5.) Sworn Court Appointed Advocate for Abused and Neglected Children in the District of Columbia partnering with a Guardian ad Litem.

I am determined to be the voice of your concerns. As such, I will listen for those concerns that matter to you and implement change designed to enhance your living experience. I will partner with other commissioners to work hard and focus on changes truly important to our community.

Let us together, put the Town of Upper Marlboro first. Be excited! Get involved! Together we can build the town we desire. I would be honored to earn your trust and ask for your vote.

Linda Pennoyer

It has been my Honor to have served as your Commissioner for the last 2 years. My last candidate statement spoke of the Town Triangle, Town leaders/ services, residents and businesses working together to achieve a balance with a free exchange of ideas and goals. I still believe that this Triangle will work best for the Town.



Economic Development, fiscal responsibility and community outreach are key.

More residents are becoming involved and want to be heard. We need to be open to listening. We cannot grant everyone's wish list but can and should listen to what they have to say and work together to look for solutions to make ideas work instead of finding reasons for them not to.

I have made it my priority to be better informed by attending conferences, workshops and seminars that would give me a better understanding of Municipal Government and public service. I attend meetings for several Community Groups in the area as well. All have given me insight into the many ways we can move forward.

Again, it would be my Honor to serve as your Commissioner once again.

Evelyn H. Stephens

My immediate family ties are rooted in Upper Marlboro, covering more than five generations. My grandfather's mother, my grandmother, my mother, I and my children were all raised in this town. In fact, I can confirm that three generations alone graduated from Frederick Douglass High



School. Those ties and my devotion have for the town has compelled me to run for the office of town commissioner.

I have more than 35 years in Human Resources Administration and more than 5 years in the banking industry. I have worked for fortune 500 companies, local and federal government. I have created, developed and managed programs that are still in use today. I feel that my "people first" attitude will go far in keeping Upper Marlboro a place where people love to call home, a unique and quaint place that no other municipality can make claim.

My professional skills will prove to be an asset for the betterment of the Community. I look to continuing with the vision of a Community that is forward thinking and visionary in economic growth while using fiscal responsibility; a Community that provides opportunity, inclusion and safety, for all residents.

James Storey

As current President and 36-year Town resident, I will be a part of a new "candidate platform" offering continued Community Service. Candidate Wanda Leonard/ CERT Team Leader shares my views emphasizing "Continued Progress" in serving Upper Marlboro.



We've had a flurry of Capital Improvements: completion of the New Town Hall Addition, the Elm St. Repaving & Sidewalk project, completing water/sewer availability for the Public Works Facility, and final completion of the *continuous ADA sidewalks* from West-to-East in Town. Future efforts will include a Pedestrian/Bike Trail linking Water Street to the Community Center.

Safety: We'll continue to build on the improved Safety/ Speed signage, improved downtown crosswalks, and safer (ADA) pedestrian sidewalks along Water & Main St.

"Sustainable Community" Efforts : continue the current Façade Improvement Program. Additional "Redevelopment Enhancements" through CIP Grant funding, available from the County for "shovel-ready" projects in FY-19/20/21.

Code Enforcement: Completed legislation for Vehicular, Traffic Safety, Property & Building Ordinances will be supplemented for greater safety/service to our residents.

Much has been accomplished in the past two years. Our **Team** stands ready to offer "Continued Progress" while improving outreach to the community.

Tonga Y. Turner

My passion for public service and my deep dedication to the Town of Upper Marlboro have led me to the decision to run for office.



There are three major areas my campaign will be focused on:

- 1.) Continued public safety for town residents and business owners
- 2.) Increasing economic development in the downtown district while maintaining our small-town charm.
- 3.) Preserving the towns history for the next generation

I realize and appreciate that ALL our Town residents play a critical role in the success of our Town; therefore, my goal is not to be an exclusive leader but an inclusive leader. My job as your Commissioner will be listen, hear and echo your concerns to our public officials and develop actionable steps to address them, WITH YOU!

It is important to note that if elected, I will be the first African American elected official since the Town was established in 1695. Election day is near, and my team and I will be aggressively campaigning between now and then to get your vote!

Although small, the Town has a rich history and a bright future. I am looking to each of you to support me in shaping our Town's future. With your time, talent, thoughts and ideas we can do it together.

VOTE for Turner, January 8th, 2018


I look forward to serving you!



**Every two years, on the even numbered years,
qualified voters in the Town
elect 3 Town residents as Commissioners
to serve a two-year term.**

Voter Name _____
Voter Number _____ Judge's Initials _____

The Town of Upper Marlboro
Official Ballot
General Election
January 8, 2018
to elect 3 Town residents as the
Board of Town Commissioners



Board of Supervisors of Elections
Yvonne Tucker/Chief Election Judge
John E. T. McCauley
Joseph [unclear]

Official Ballot
to elect 3 Town residents as the
Board of Town Commissioners

Write an "X" in box to the right of selection
(vote for NOT MORE than three)

Wanda M. Leonard	<input type="checkbox"/>
Linda Pennoyer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evelyn H. Stephens	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Storey	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tonga Y. Turner	<input type="checkbox"/>
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The 2018 Town election will be held on **Monday, January 8, 2018**. The polls will be open from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 14211 School Lane, Upper Marlboro. If you are already registered to vote with the County, then you are automatically registered to vote in the Town of Upper Marlboro.

If you are a registered voter of the Town and will not be present on January 8 from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. or are unable to physically come to the Town Hall, you can request an absentee ballot. An absentee voter application will be mailed to you, or, drop it off at Town Hall.

You may request an absentee ballot application starting on Friday, December 8, 2017 by 5:00 p.m. The last day you can request an absentee voter application is Friday, December 29, 2017 by noon. The deadline to return your absentee ballot is before the polls close on January 8, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. Please mail your written request with your name and return address to the Board of Supervisors of Elections, 14211 School Lane, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 Questions? call:(301) 627-6905.