



## NON-PARTISAN VOTER GUIDE

# CITY OF GARDEN CITY

**Election: Tuesday, November 7, 2017**

**POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 am – 8:00 pm**

### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTHWEST WAYNE COUNTY

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In Garden City, there are 3 races and 2 proposals on the Ballot.

- Mayor: one candidate running for one position.
- City Council: seven candidates running for four positions
- Library Board Director: two candidates running for two positions

Candidates are listed in each race by alphabetical order.

**GARDEN CITY MAYOR: Vote for One**

One candidate is on the ballot.	What qualifies you to hold this position and why are you running?	What are the priority issues facing your City and what actions would you take to address them if elected?
<b>Randy E. Walker</b>	Response not received.	

**GARDEN CITY CITY COUNCIL: Vote for Four**

Seven candidates on the ballot are listed in alphabetical order	What qualifies you to hold this position and why are you running?	What are the priority issues facing your City and what actions would you take to address them if elected?
<b>Melissa M. DiMichele</b>	Response not received.	
<b>Brian Earle</b>	Response not received.	
<p><b>Mark Jacobs</b></p> <p><b>Campaign Email:</b> gardencitymi.org</p> <p><b>Education:</b> high school graduate</p>	<p>I am a graduate of Bishop Borgess H.S. and have been a resident of GC for appx. 53 of my 55 years. I am currently an employee of Ford Motor Co. where I am a millwright. I have also been a councilmember in Garden City for the past 2 yrs. I am seeking reelection because I think I bring experience to the position from (a) living in the city so long &amp; (b) being on council the past 2 yrs. I believe the city is going in the right direction and would like to continue the progress we've achieved so far. I was part of the committee that brought in GFL, which also brought in curbside recycling, I also helped get the new restrooms at moeller field. I also helped in trying to protect our retirees pensions. I believe in the residents and the city and would like to continue in making Garden City a great place to live</p>	<p>ROADS. I think they are one of the biggest issues we have right now. Everyone wants better streets, but with the state continually cutting our funding and people wanting a long term solution, I think a millage is the best answer. I know it's not a perfect plan, but I think for the majority of residents it's a good solution. The other big problem we have are empty buildings. There is no easy solution here either since the city does not own the property and cannot force owners to take a certain price. Possibly reaching out to owners even more would help, or maybe bringing in a professional to get companies to locate here. Where appropriate offer some incentives ( ie.. some tax breaks or something similiar).</p>
<b>Michael P. Jones</b>	Response not received.	
<b>Pam King</b>	Response not received.	
<b>Jaylee Lynch</b>	Response not received.	
<b>Patricia McKarge</b>	Response not received.	

## LIBRARY BOARD DIRECTOR: Vote for Two

Two candidates on the ballot are listed in alphabetical order	What qualifies you to hold this position and why are you running?	What are the priority issues facing the Library and what actions would you take to address them if elected?
<b>Lynn Cox</b>	Response not received.	
<p><b>Janet R. Smith</b></p> <p><b>Address:</b>6888 Helen Garden City,48135</p> <p><b>Campaign Email:</b> 2012jrsmith@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Education:</b> Bachelor of Arts Degree MSU</p>	<p>I am uniquely qualified to serve in this position because I have witnessed, first hand, the need for the services that this library provides. Garden City has been my home for 45 years. I was an employee of this Library for over 30 years. I served as Automation Manager, Children’s Librarian and retired as the Assistant Director. I am a member of the Friends of the Library. I have served on the Garden City Library Board since August 2011.</p>	<p>Being mindful of the budget will ensure access to good books for our community and great service from our library staff. In order to provide optimum service the Library should be housed in a building that enhances it’s function. Our current location is overcrowded. It lacks adequate space for community programming, study rooms, class tours and technology instruction. A new building would require a library building grant or a bond . As a member of the Library Building Fund Committee I continue working with concerned citizens to achieve this goal. I want our library to continue to achieve QSAC (Quality Service Audit Checklist) Certification from the Michigan Library Association. We must make the library relevant to the needs of this community. We should offer classes on the newest technologies and continue to provide instruction on the use of smart phones, e-books and tablets.</p>

### Garden City Street Improvement Bond Proposal

*Description:*

Shall the City of Garden City, County of Wayne, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, payable in not to exceed fifteen (15) years from the date of issuance of each series, for the purpose of paying the cost to improve, replace, resurface, and reconstruct streets in the City, including sidewalk improvements, drainage improvements, and water and sewer improvements, together with necessary rights-of-way, appurtenances and attachments thereto? The estimated millage to be levied in 2018 is 0.7495 mills (\$0.7495 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 6.2266 mills (\$6.2266 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

VOTE YES or NO

### Garden City Public Schools Operating Millage Renewal Proposal

*Description:*

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2018 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 19.8320 mills (\$19.8320 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Garden City Public Schools, Wayne County, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 5 years, 2019 to 2023, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2019 is approximately \$2,944,272 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2018 tax levy)?

VOTE YES or NO