

Boiling Springs Lakes Voters Will Elect Mayor, Two Commissioners

Road paving, whether to hire a city manager and other issues are part of the debate leading to Tuesday's election of a mayor and two commissioners of Boiling Spring Lakes.

The mayor is elected every two years, while commissioners serve staggered, four-year terms.

Voters will choose Tuesday from three candidates for mayor—Herbert Buntzen, Charles Schneiders and Mark Stewart; and seven candidates for commissioner—Bert Buckbee, Martha Bullard, Gregory P. Holley, George Henry Lanier Jr., Warren Plowden, L.K. "Randy" Randolph and Phyllis Vaughan.

All candidates except Holley returned the *Beacon's* questionnaire.

HERBERT BUNTZEN

Herbert Buntzen, a former commissioner (1985-1989), says he is seeking the mayor's office because he believes he can improve the lifestyle in Boiling Spring Lakes without raising taxes. "No improvements have been made in this city during the present administration."



BUNTZEN

During his tenure as commissioner, Buntzen served two years as head of the public safety department and two years as head of the personnel and finance department and mayor pro-tem.

Improving roads using funds allocated for that purpose tops his list of issues to be addressed during the coming term, followed by improving street lighting using city tax money and construction of a community center so that service organizations within the city would not have to pay rent to use existing facilities, and to be available for use by other community residents.

A former criminal investigator with the U.S. Immigration Service, Buntzen says that as a retiree he has time to participate in educational seminars where incumbent leaders can learn the problems of and solutions found by other communities of like size. Also, he says, his 37 years in government service has improved his administrative ability for the good of the position for which he is a candidate.

In addition to the U.S. Immigration Service (1969-1979) Buntzen served 20 years in the U.S. Armed Forces and worked seven years with the U.S. Public Health Service. Buntzen has also served as president of the Boiling Spring Lakes Property Owners Association (1984), Brunswick Chapter No. 1894 of NARFE, National Association of Retired Federal Employees (1985), and the Brunswick County Shrine Club (1987); and has served on the Brunswick County Emergency Service Advisory Council since 1989.

Buntzen has taken coursework equaling two years of college education.

He and his wife, Kate, have one child, who is grown.

CHARLES SCHNEIDERS

After serving nearly two years on the Boiling Spring Lakes Planning Board, mayoral candidate Charles A. Schneiders says he believes the

city can use his organizational ability.

Schneiders is retired after having taught industrial arts for 34 years. He earned a bachelor of science from Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, in 1951, and a master's degree in industrial arts education in 1965. He presently holds North Carolina teacher certification.

While employed in the Buckeye Schools, Ashtabula, Ohio, he served as president, vice president and treasurer of the teachers association and served as chairman of various systemwide committees. He also was chairman of the industrial arts department 1976 through 1981.

Schneiders says the mayor's top priority during the next term of office should be uniting the residents of Boiling Spring Lakes, thus making the community a more enjoyable place to reside.

Also, he says, when a citizen has a question, "do not ignore it—find the answer."

Schneiders says that his 34 years experience teaching industrial arts classes without accidents while students were free to roam as they worked on projects means he "will most certainly be able to keep track of four commissioners and the city employees."

He has a wife, Nancy.

MARK STEWART

Mark Stewart, a city commissioner since 1987, says he is seeking the mayor's office because he believes the most important role as mayor is to help ensure and assist in laying the groundwork so that the City of Boiling Spring Lakes "would maintain its present posture in the future."

He says this would allow young families such as his own and retirees to have the best quality of life any city could provide.

Stewart served two years as public safety commissioner and is ending his second year as public works commissioner. He has missed only one meeting and that was because of a job-related requirement.

He said he believes that fair and impartial cooperation with city residents, volunteer organizations and employees should be a top issue for the mayor during the coming term.

He also wants to see the present mayor/commissioner system continue, rather than the hiring of a city manager. "We cannot afford to pay a manager that we don't need \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year. We are one of the very few cities in the state operating in the black, as we have every year since we were chartered 30 years ago."

Stewart also wants programs for continuing improvements of the street system and the public protection necessary for residents "to enjoy the very best we can provide without unnecessary tax increases".

A high school graduate and a mechanic, Stewart has been employed with Carolina Power & Light since December 1982. He has served as lead man on several jobs and projects and was chosen by maintenance management supervisors to participate in a maintenance management leadership development

program, as of March of this year.

A U.S. Army veteran, he was an honor graduate of an engineer equipment mechanics and earned the rank of sergeant. He has a diploma as a security systems specialist.

Stewart served six years as a volunteer with the Boiling Spring Lakes Volunteer Fire Department, and was elected treasurer twice and chief in 1987, in addition to several appointed offices.

Stewart says he has acquired leadership experience and budget knowledge that are vital to being an effective mayor, along with the ability to delegate responsibility and to cooperate with city services and volunteer organizations and board.

"I have the necessary experience and knowledge as well as a sincere desire to function effectively in these and other responsibilities..." he said.

Stewart and his wife, Arlene, have three daughters ranging in age from 3 to 11.

BERT BUCKBEE

Bert Buckbee says he is running for commissioner because Boiling Spring Lakes needs a consistent plan to provide services for the community, rather than reacting to problems as they arise.

A retired college professor who has served as chairman of the city's board of adjustment, he lists roads as an immediate issue facing the mayor during the coming term. "We need a published schedule of road improvements, whether repairing existing roads or surfacing additional streets," he said. "I believe the people should know what to expect in this area."

Also he sees the need for a definite schedule of erecting street lights, though he knows some people do not want them, because they make it easier for emergency vehicles to locate homes. For the same reason, he would like the house number ordinance enforced.

Buckbee also wants to see general improvement of the environment, with litter pickups encouraged by individuals as well as the Adopt-A-Highway program and enforcement of the littering ordinances.

Buckbee earned a bachelor of science degree in 1956 and a master of science in printing plant management in 1964 from South Dakota State University. He was chairman of the Department of Printing Plant Management for 23 years at West Virginia Institute of Technology, serving also as vice chairman of the faculty assembly.

He is a past president of the Kanawha Falls Public Service District; past executive director of Valley Emergency Medical Service (1983-85); past president of the Montgomery Rotary Club, Montgomery, W.Va.; and has served as an elder in the Presbyterian church.

Buckbee says his department chairmanship and service district presidency gave him valuable experience in budget preparation and implementation and in long-term planning.

A third need facing the board is the ongoing major problem of erosion for which, she says, "there is no inexpensive, permanent solution".

"We should keep our beach clean, our accessways repaired and our remaining dunes grassed."

Mrs. Moore said Yaupon has a tradition of providing good town services with reasonable taxes and utility rates. "As a board member," she adds, "I feel I have contributed to both in the past and hope to continue to in the future."

A seventh grade math teacher employed by the Brunswick County Board of Education, she graduated from Duke University in 1963 with a bachelor of arts degree and earned a master of arts degree in 1980 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

She has served on the Yaupon Beach Board of Commissioners since 1982 and as its mayor since 1987. She served on the Brunswick County Board of Education from 1970 to 1974.

Mrs. Moore has served as local and district vice president and president of the North Carolina Association for Educators, as president and vice president of the District School Board Association and is involved in church activities.

She is seeking office because, she said, "I want to work for the best quality of life and the best town government possible" in the community she hope will continue to be her hometown "for life".

She is married to Jimmy Moore, a commercial fisherman, and has three children, all of whom are grown.



SCHNEIDERS



BUCKBEE

GEORGE H. LANIER JR.

George Henry Lanier Jr. says he is running for commissioner again because he is interested in the city not only because he lives there but because he believes he can be an asset to the board. "I believe in the people who live here and am willing to listen to anyone who has a problem," he says. "I think everyone should be treated equally in their requests to the city council."

As for top issues facing the board, Lanier said he believes taxes could be lowered and that streets could be improved.

Lanier, who owns his own construction company, served 2 1/2 years as a town commissioner (1984-1987). He has been a member of the Brunswick County Airport Commission for five years and St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 1.

He is married to Martha Greer Lanier and has four children ranging in age from 14 through 37.

L.K. "RANDY" RANDOLPH

L.K. (Randy) Randolph says he wants to help direct the growth of Boiling Spring Lakes to get the maximum value for the tax dollar. To that end he pledges to work hard for the hiring of a city manager if elected.

He says residents have been "short changed" in street repairs and other areas. He also thinks the city needs to look at recreation for its young people.

"Running a city is much like running a business," said Randolph, a self-employed mini-mart owner. "I'm good at what I do and that is running a business."

He believes that some commissioners have wasted the city's taxes on projects that were ill advised and "plain dumb" from the beginning. He said he doubts "if they would waste or use it the same way if it was their personal funds."

Randolph cites in his educational background high school, business college, real estate broker and notary public.

He and his wife, Carla, have three grown children.

PHYLLIS VAUGHAN

Phyllis O. Vaughan believes her 12 years of experience dealing with

budgets, payroll, labor relations, record- and book-keeping as manager of a Family Dollar Store would be assets as a city commissioner.

She says as a resident she has a vested interest in the future of Boiling Spring Lakes. "I believe I would be remiss if I did not want to be a part of its future," she adds.

Mrs. Vaughan would like to see the city explore alternative funding of services because the city's growth will not increase the tax base sufficiently to keep up with inflation or increased needs for service. She wants to explore alternatives that include the possibility of state and federal grants and loans, lower property taxes and flat rate user fees for some services.

She says she would support a continuation of the street stabilization plan that began last year, combined with an accelerated paving program funded with Powell Bill monies, grants and low interest loans.

She says she has "no axe to grind, no bone to pick with any one," but is only concerned with seeing that the city gets the programs and services it needs and wants.

And, says Mrs. Vaughan, she thinks the board could benefit from a woman's point of view.

A graduate of Andrew Jackson High School, Queens, N.Y., she is married to James R. Vaughan Jr. They have two grown children.

MARTHA BULLARD

Martha Hammond Bullard says she is running for commissioner because she feels city commissioners should have experience in dealing with the public and that they need to understand the budget system.

She also feels that city employees need and deserve to be treated fairly, "not like second class citizens".

Because of her volunteer experience in the community she has called home for 27 years, Mrs.

Bullard feels she knows the needs of the city first hand and has watched it mature "under the leadership of some very dedicated professional people."

The commissioners need to make wise decisions when spending city money; continue to strive to upgrade the quality of the city such as streets, parks and condition of the dam and other city property while at the same time striving to hold the line on taxes; and to support volunteer organizations because they are a vital part of the city.

A certified nurse assistant II, she is employed by Well Care and Nursing Services of Wilmington. A charter member of the Boiling Spring Lakes Volunteer Rescue Squad and one of its first emergency medical technicians, she served as its sergeant for nine years. She has served as treasurer since 1990 and secretary since 1981.

She and her husband of 35 years, Leancier (Sparky), have three children and five grandchildren.

WARREN PLOWDEN

Warren Plowden says he is interested in and cares about the city and would like to help improve the quality of life for its residents. He says he has a high interest in city affairs and a willingness to spend time and effort to improve the city.

An inspector for General Electric in Wilmington, Plowden says city ordinances need to be reviewed, revised if necessary to make them more realistic, and then enforced.

Also, he says, commissioners need to make effective and responsible use of city tax money by establishing long-range goals. Contracts and manpower usage should be carefully reviewed as well.

Plowden is a 1966 graduate of New Hanover High School, Wilmington, and attended both N.C. State University and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

He and his wife, Cheryl, have a grown son.



PLOWDEN



BULLARD



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- good police protection is a necessity
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Three Of Seven To Win Yaupon Board Seats

Seven candidates, including three incumbents, are campaigning for the three seats open on the Yaupon Beach Board of Commissioners.

Commissioners are elected to staggered, four-year terms. In turn, they elect the mayor and mayor pro-tem from among the board members.

Challengers for the seats are Darrell D. Posey, Rhett Blackman, Michael E. (Mike) Keane and a former commissioner, J. M. Warren, who lost a 1987 re-election bid.

Seeking re-election are May W. Moore, currently mayor, and Joseph W. Broyles and James Laverne Poole Sr.

Broyles and Mrs. Moore were the only candidates to return the Beacon questionnaire. Both advocate continued pursuit of a town sewer system.

JOSEPH W. BROYLES

Broyles, who was elected to his first term as commissioner in 1987, says he wants the town to continue the type of progressive programs the current board has initiated. These include, he said, increased support of the Yaupon Beach Volunteer Fire Department in order to sustain an excellent fire insurance rating; increased police protection; initiation of sewer services; widening of Yaupon Drive to three lanes; and improved maintenance services.

During the coming term Broyles believes the top issue facing the

town will be budget management in the face of increasing state and federal program mandates.

In addition to maintaining the town's high level of fire and police protection, he would like to maintain Yaupon as a "family beach community" through controlled sewer development.

A retired program analyst, Broyles was employed by U.S. Army Material Command Headquarters. He served as chairman of the Yaupon Beach ABC Board from January 1985 through December 1987. He served as vice president of the county chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees in 1986.

Broyles graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso in 1965 with a bachelor of arts degree. In 1974-75 he was a fellow at the Center for Advanced Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He and his wife, Patricia, have two sons and a daughter, all of whom are grown.

MAY W. MOORE

The most pressing need facing the town is that of a sewer system to protect its environment, says May W. Moore, mayor and public school teacher.

"I have worked for an affordable sewer system for Yaupon for years and we are on the brink of achieving that goal," she says.

She also wants to see Yaupon maintain its "friendly, small town atmosphere," which she says she has worked to preserve through controlled development, good law enforcement and friendly efficient town employees.



BROYLES