



Candidates running on Row A in the Bloomfield municipal election shared with BloomfieldCitizens information in their own words about themselves. **Listed below are the positions they are running for as shown on the ballot, some background and a personal statement.**

*denotes incumbent



RICKFORD KIRTON* Re-election Town Council

Bloomfield resident 15 years

Credentials:

- BS in Accounting
- 2017- 2019 Deputy Mayor serving on the following town committees: Admin & Education, Chair; Finance; Land Use; Golf; Community Services, chair

"I am running for re-election because I want to continue the work we started two years ago: keeping taxes stable, protecting the environment, finding the right balance for attracting new businesses, and having an educational system that we are all proud of. "



KEVIN GOUGH* Re-election Town Council

Bloomfield resident 27 years

Credentials:

- 2017-2019 Town Counselor serving on the following town committees: Finance, Land Use
- MA in mathematics from Indiana University
- Fellow in the Society of Actuaries (FSA)
- Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), prior to retirement in 2012
- VP & CFO, Financial Products Division MassMutual
- Served on Conservation, Energy & Environment Committee CEEC
- Town Rep Lower Farmington River Wild & Scenic Study Committee

"I want to apply my talents and expertise to Build a Better Bloomfield, i.e., actualize the abundant resources and potential of the town to enhance all citizens' quality of life."



DANIELLE DW WONG Town Council

Born and raised in Bloomfield, graduated Bloomfield High School

Credentials:

- BS Business Administration; Organizational Process Management, Project Management
- Professional in Human Resources PHR® Certification
- Certification Lean Six Sigma Certification
- Bloomfield Junior Soccer Association: Board of Directors; Secretary
- Coach, Tiny Hawks soccer team

"I am running for Bloomfield Town Council to serve my town and people and to be involved in the decision making process that directly impacts our quality of life."



SUZETTE DEBEATHAM-BROWN* Re-election Town Council

Credentials:

Bloomfield Resident 26 years

- MA Human Services
- 2017-2019 Mayor serving on the following town committees: Finance, Community Services, Committee on Committees, Public Safety
- Chaplain for the Bloomfield Police Department
- Past Chair of Community Awareness Taskforce

“I’m convinced that the best way to see your voice and your vote in action is to participate at the local level. I’m committed to making sure we all have a voice in what goes on in Bloomfield.”



DAVID MANN* Re-election Town Council

Bloomfield resident 50 years

Credentials:

- 2017- 2019 Town Counselor, serving on the following town committees, Admin & Education, Chair, Land Use, Public Safety, Chair, Committees on Committees
- MA, MIT in City & Regional planning, BA Political Science, Rutgers University
- Held a CT license as a Commercial Real Estate Broker and appraiser
- 18 yrs Deputy Planning & Redevelopment Director, City of Hartford
- 23 yrs’ co-owner garden design, installation & maintenance company
- 18 yrs Inland & Watercourses Commission
- 8 yrs Conservation, Energy & Environment Committee CEEC.
- Served on Community Awareness Task Force.

“I want to make our town a model for economic and environmental sustainability, as well as the best example of diversity that works for the benefit of all who have chosen to live here.”



STEPHANIE CALHOUN Town Council

Bloomfield resident 25 years

Credentials:

- 39 Year State of CT employee
- Interim Assistant Director of Information Media Technology, Capital Community College
- Member of Design Review Board

“I consider myself a grass roots community representative for my town. It will be my goal to have a better alliance between our youth and seniors. Let us completely utilize our new Human Services building for this opportunity.”



PATRICIA DAVIS* [Re-election to Board of Education](#)

Bloomfield resident: 21 years

Credentials:

- 2017-2019 Member Board of Education
- President of NP3 Bargaining Unit Local 318
- Chair, Equity Committee for the Alliance for Bloomfield's Children ABC
- Graduate of Parent Leadership Training Institute PLTI as well as Parents Supporting Educational Excellence SEE
- Employed full time with the State of CT Department of Correction Legal Affairs Unit

"I am running for the position on the Board of Education because it is imperative that there is a fair representation of families in our community. I feel with my experience and desire to strengthen our student potential, I can address and inform what is needed to do so, by holding a position on the Board. "



LYNETTE EASMON [Board of Education](#)

Bloomfield resident 13 years

Credentials:

- Former Parent Liaison for Laurel Elementary and Metacomet elementary schools' STEAM and Extended Day Programs
- Former PTO Chair, Co-Chair & Treasurer
- Democratic Town Committee/Executive Board
- Town Council Golf Sub Committee

"I am running for the Board of Ed to ensure Bloomfield students are equipped with the tools and resources needed to receive a quality education, enabling them to thrive, compete and succeed as future leaders."



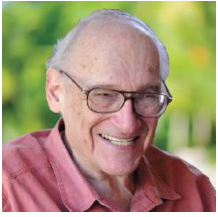
DONALD HARRIS, JR* [Re-election to the Board of Education](#)

Bloomfield resident 60 years

Credentials:

- Educator in Bloomfield System for 39 years as a teacher, coach and high school principal
- 8 years as a member of Board of Education
- Central Gov. Malloy appointee to State Board of Education of Directors
- Advisory Board of Education CABA Board of Directors
- 2007-2011 served as Deputy Mayor, Town Council

"I am running because of the ongoing work on behalf of ALL the children for not only the Town of Bloomfield but also for the State of Connecticut."



BARRY BERSON* Re-election to Town, Planning & Zoning



BYRON LESTER* Re-election to Town, Planning & Zoning

Bloomfield resident 45 years

Credentials:

- Information Technology Professional
 - Lifelong Democrat
 - Member of the DTC since 2000, District Co-Chair for 6 years
 - Served as the DTC Treasurer for 11 years
 - Served on the TPZ for 12 years
 - Served as Justice of the Peace for about 10 years
 - MDC Representative for Bloomfield for 5 years
- “I am seeking re-election to continue to contribute in helping make Bloomfield the best that it can be.”*



MICHELLE ADAMS Town Planning & Zoning

Bloomfield resident 5 years

Credentials:

- Retired Fire Training Lieutenant of the Hartford Fire Department
 - Local Business Owner
 - 2019 Interim-Chair of the Democratic Town Committee
 - Served as Zoning Board of Appeals, alternate
- “I am running for this position because I am interested in being an integral part of Bloomfield's future, assisting with the implementation of wise and orderly development of our City with the necessary attention to the comfort, convenience and welfare and health of our residents”*



BRENDA WATSON Zoning Board of Appeals alternate

Bloomfield resident 11 years

Credentials:

- BA Political Science
 - MA Public Policy
 - Democratic Town Committee, District 1 co-chair
- “I am running for the position to serve the residents of Bloomfield, and help advance equitable development in our community.”*



MARK MITCHELL* Re-election to Zoning Board of Appeals

Bloomfield resident 40 years

- Served on TP&Z

“I am running for this position because I feel that it is my civic responsibility to become involved in political decisions in Bloomfield. I work with various children in Bloomfield and I also want to be a positive example for them to become politically involved in the town, just as I was provided during my childhood in Bloomfield.”



SHIRLEY P. WILLIAMS* Re-election to Zoning Board of Appeals

Bloomfield resident 40 years

Credentials:

- BS, MS University of Hartford
- Member of Democratic Town Committee
- Served on Town Plan and Zoning Committee
- Served on Filley Park Committee
- Current Member Zoning Board of Appeals

“I will work for you to “Keep Bloomfield Moving Forward!”



JACQUELINE P. ISAACSON*: Re-election to Zoning Board of Appeals

Bloomfield resident 40 years

Credentials:

- Registered Nurse at Hartford Hospital since 1979
- President of Beth Hillel Synagogue
- Current Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals
- Bloomfield Democratic Town Committee since 1980
- DTC District Co-Chair and current Vice-Chair
- Building Committee for JP Vincent School

“I am running for this position to ensure that appeals brought before the ZBA are decided fairly and responsibly for all citizens of Bloomfield.”



TASHNA MORRIS-DALEY: Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate

Bloomfield resident 9 years

Credentials:

- BA Liberal Arts
- Community Service Chaplain

“Building a better Bloomfield requires our participation. My desire is to listen to the Bloomfield residents and help with zoning appeals in any way I can.”



KEITH L. MARTIN: Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate

Bloomfield resident 62 years

Credentials:

- Retired School Administrator/Principal

“I want to make a positive contribution to my town and community.”



LEAH FARRELL Library Board Trustee

Bloomfield resident 32 years

Credentials:

- Professional librarian with special skills in marketing and community engagement

“The Prosser Library was an important part of my childhood, now I want to use my professional experience and skills to give back to the organization that did so much for me.”



DANIELLE DW WONG Library Board Trustee

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