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One way the BBLA serves the community is by providing information on candidates for Town Council and on voting procedures. The BBLA encourages citizens to be knowledgeable and to vote. This year there are four candidates for three open Town Council seats. The candidates are Patrick Sheplee, Jerry Morris, Joe Healy and Lee Bunting.

The BBLA sends the same questions to each candidate and sends the candidates' responses to all households in a print newsletter. The candidates' responses are published in a BBLA Newsletter exactly as provided by the candidate with a full page allocated to each candidate for their responses. This newsletter is mailed to all 2,500 households in Bethany Beach, which contain approximately 4,500 eligible voters. In addition, the Newsletter and the candidates' responses are available on our website - [www.bbla.us](http://www.bbla.us).

The BBLA, founded in 1969 - 50 years ago, has been providing this valuable service to our more than 1,300 members and the overall community for many elections.

**Below are the 2019 Questions Covering Topics of Importance to our Board and Membership:**

1. Background and experience. Please provide a short summary of your background and experience relevant to serving on the Bethany Beach Town Council.
2. Given that sound council decisions of the past often need reexamination due to evolving/current situations, what policy directions would you like the Council to take during your two year term?
3. Please provide comments on one or more of these issues of interest:
  - A. How do you suggest addressing the issues with both storm-induced and nuisance flooding after storms or routine rainfalls? Please include your opinion on flood minimization approaches, such as acquisition of wetland areas by the Town, protection and preservation of extant wetland areas, requiring/incentivizing installation of pervious driveway/parking lot/street surfaces as they wear out, and private storm water drainage ditch maintenance.
  - B. How do you see Bethany Beach collaborating and providing leadership in working with the other coastal towns regarding environmental and flooding issues and the negative impact due to overdevelopment of neighboring areas of Sussex County?
  - C. Given the increased popularity of Bethany Beach, the peak months of July and August have created beach overcrowding, safety, and environmental concerns. Please provide your ideas and opinions on the following:
    - a. Improvement on pedestrian and vehicle (including cycles) traffic management
    - b. Improvement on trash management, including collection strategies and recycling

## VOTING PROCEDURES AND OPTIONS

### Registration

Bethany Beach property owners (for at least 90 days prior to the election) who are listed on the Town's property list are not required to register to vote in Town elections.

Permanent, full-time residents of Bethany Beach for at least six months prior to the election (who do not own property or whose property is held in an LLC) must register to vote at least thirty days prior to the election. (Deadline for 2019 has passed.)

Residents may register at Town Hall, or request a mailed registration form by telephone, mail or email. (All contact information below.)

### Voting Options

You may vote in person at Town Hall on Saturday, September 7, 2018, from 12:00 noon until 6:00 PM.

If you cannot appear to vote in person on election day, you may vote by absentee ballot. You must first request and file a supportive Affidavit. You may request an Affidavit form at Town Hall or by phone. Affidavits are also available on the Town website at:

<http://www.townofbethanybeach.com/DocumentCenter/View/4890/Affidavit2019PDF>

The written Affidavit must be filed in person no later than 12:00 Noon on Friday, September 6, 2019 in order to receive a ballot. After approval of the Affidavit, an absentee ballot will be provided to you. If mailing an Affidavit to the Town, remember to allow sufficient time to have the Town mail a ballot to you and for you to return it by mail to the Town. Absentee ballots must be received before the polls close on the day of the election.

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