

# Election 2007: Kendall town council

## Donald L. Pritchard Kendall Town Council

**Office Sought:** Councilman, Town of Kendall. Endorsed by the Republican Committee. Incumbent, served in this position since December 2005. I seek re-election for a four-year term.

**Pertinent information:** Donald L. Pritchard, 1543 Norway Road, Kendall, 55. Education: Medina High School Graduate; Empire State College, AS, Major- Physical Science; business administration coursework at SUNY Brockport and Empire State College. Employment: Career in electronics manufacturing and electrostatics, holding positions in quality assurance, technical writing, engineering technology, marketing, and sales/applications engineering. Currently a department supervisor at Monroe Electronics, Inc. Member and former member of international committees that write standards related to electrostatics, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Electrostatic Discharge Association. I have authored and co-authored numerous academic papers and magazine articles related to electrostatics. Married 31 years. Wife (Susan) and two adult children. Previously held elected or appointed positions: Commissioner, Morton Fire District; Councilman, Town of Kendall. Volunteer and Community Service: Kendall Lions Club; Fire Commissioner, Morton Fire District

### Issues of primary importance in Kendall:

An important issue for Kendall residents is controlling taxes. As a fiscal conservative, I share their concern. Some expenses are extremely difficult to control. It is important to find ways to reduce costs and spending in all areas to offset cost increases that can't be controlled. Controlling costs and managing spending through the budgetary process is one method. Diligently examining spending plans and expenditures is an ongoing and successful activity. We are exploring ways to share services with other towns to manage costs in the future. Grants and member item monies are tools that can be pursued.

Residents have expressed unhappiness with the fact that some properties have been allowed to fall into disrepair, and have been condemned or violate zoning ordinances. Making Kendall an attractive community is important to many of us who live here and could help to expand the tax base. The board has identified several properties in violation or condemned and requiring cleanup. The owners of those properties were notified and they are responsive to the cleanup process. This work is in progress and additional improvement efforts can be made using the code enforcement process.

### Why am I seeking re-election:

We've worked very hard over the past two years to rectify serious financial issues dating back several years and to execute on prior campaign issues. I want to be involved in seeing those efforts go forward and not see those efforts go backward.

### What I wished you had asked:

No answer submitted.

## Daniel S. Gaesser Kendall Town Council

**Office Sought:** Councilman, Town of Kendall. Endorsed by the Republican Committee. Appointed to a town board vacancy in January 2007; seek election for a four-year term.

**Pertinent information:** Daniel S. Gaesser, 1766 Kendall Road, Kendall, 44. Education: Kendall High School graduate. Continuing secondary education at GCC and MCC in computer science, accounting, and business law. Employment: President of Lincor Transportation, Inc. since June of 1997. Successfully relocated business to Kendall in May of 2004, and at the same time became Vice President of Logistics at Hilton-Spencerport Express, Inc. Also has worked in father's accounting business as an income tax preparer for the past 15 years. Married 21 years. Wife (Sandra) and three children.

Previously held elected or appointed positions: Councilman, Town of Kendall. Volunteer and Community Service: Kendall Lions Club; Baseball coach for Kendall Recreation for 12 seasons; Morton Fire Department, former lieutenant, treasurer and president.

### Issues of primary importance in Kendall:

Inadequate water supply is a common concern among Kendall residents. Over the years, the town has expanded water mains to homes lacking adequate water, but many more neighborhoods would benefit by additional expansion. Expansion is not affordable without grants. The current board has recently secured a \$400,000 grant to extend water to 40 homes in the Town of Kendall. Our goal is to qualify for new grants to extend water to other neighborhoods in need. A further goal is to install new water lines utilizing Kendall highway department personnel and equipment to minimize or eliminate long-term indebtedness.

What is in the best interest of the community? The current board has enacted several policies to protect town resources, avoid unnecessary risks to employees and visitors, or to hold the Town and its taxpayers harmless from legal action. The board has pursued a course of avoiding exposure. These decisions have not always been popular because "that isn't the way we've always done things." However, these decisions have yielded financial benefits in the form of lower insurance premiums and reduced wear and tear on town property. The intangible benefits, such as lack of incidents, are difficult to measure, but I believe that it is prudent to continue this course.

**Why am I seeking election:** I appreciate the value and preparation for life that living and raising a family in Kendall has provided us. It gives me great pleasure to give back to this town what I feel has contributed to my success in raising a family and being able to operate a business.

### What I wished you had asked:

No answer submitted.

## Bart B. Joseph Kendall Town Council

**Office sought:** Kendall Town Board. Endorsed by: Kendall Democratic Committee.

**Pertinent information:** Bart B. Joseph, 1353 County Line Road, Kendall, Associate's degree in Fire Protection Technology from Monroe Community College. Employment: Captain and Paramedic with the Rochester Fire Department. Wife - Becky, two daughters, one son. Elected Office: Presently in second term as a Fire Commissioner with the Morton Fire District. Community Service: Firefighter/Paramedic with the Morton Fire Company, (33 years), Instructor for NYS-Department of Health EMS (25 years), American Heart Association CPR Instructor (27 years), and coached for the Kendall Summer Recreation Program

### Issues of primary importance

Communication between the town government and the citizens they represent. Recent issues such as the funding of the summer recreation program and limiting the use of the Town Hall has drawn criticism partly due to misinformation and partly due to not knowing the voice of the people. I believe the use of citizen action committees, email and just meeting with various civic groups in the community will help restore communication between the community and board.

### Reasons for seeking election

To help restore communication with the community. Andrew Jackson stated, "The people are the government, administering it by their agents; they are the government, the sovereign power." It is sometimes forgotten by elected officials that the people hold the power. Elected officials are the voice of the people, one voice representing many voices. As a member of the Kendall Town Board I will listen to the people of Kendall and be that voice.

## Margaret Lynn Szozda Kendall Town Council

**Office sought:** Democratic candidate seeking a four-year term to the Kendall Town Council.



**Pertinent information:** Margaret Lynn Szozda, 2183 Kendall Road, resident 29 years. Graduated from SUNY College at Buffalo. Employed by BOCES 2 and work with special need students. Previously co-owned a family business, Philbin Refrigeration Incorporated and before that was a licensed veterinary technician. Previously volunteered as a Girl Scout leader for five years and I currently volunteer at St. Mark's Church in Kendall. Husband, Ed, two children.

### Two issues of primary importance

Ensuring that our town recreation programs have adequate funding and to make sure the Town Hall can be used by community groups. The present Town Board members passed the budget for 2007 that reduced the funding for the Town Recreation programs. This particular meeting drew a large crowd. A long list of people got up to speak protesting the decreased funding for Town Recreation Programs. They also explained how vital these sport programs are to the town. The board made no attempt to try and reinstate more money for the recreation programs, even though a lot of the budgeted expenses seemed to be over inflated compared to the actual expenditures for 2006. Money was found to give the supervisor a raise and the accounting budget tripled. At a time when many towns and municipalities are embracing recreation programs for their residents, the Town of Kendall's Recreation Program had to raise its fees, creating a hardship for a number of families. The present Town Board passed a resolution that severely restricts the use of the Town Hall premises for any group unless they have liability insurance. Residents of Kendall support and pay for the town hall with tax dollars and yet neither you nor your child's organizations can use the building. Under the veil of being legal and proper the Town Board has closed its doors to most community organizations. Why? Doesn't the Town Hall have liability insurance? It should.

### Question I would most like to answer Why I am so motivated to run for Town Council.

I'm motivated to run for Town Council because I feel there is a better way. There's a better way to conduct the business of the town and there is a better way to treat the residents of Kendall. I have seen and heard in the last two years how the Town Board has systematically undermined the residents of Kendall. The work environment at the Town Hall has caused several competent and knowledgeable people to resign or be forced out. The latest being the Town Assessor who won commendations from NYS for his work, but for some reason was not reappointed. The present Town Board operates under secrecy and intimidation and they do not take into consideration what the people they are supposed to represent are saying. As councilwoman, I certainly would listen to you the Kendall residents and bring your concerns to the board to be reviewed and implemented when possible.