

Deer Park Neighbors 2009 Candidate Profile

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TODAY'S DATE

February 18, 2009

RUNNING FOR:

Trustee for Village of Deer Park

[PHOTO WILL BE INSERTED HERE]



NAME (additional background appears at the end of this profile)

Dale Sands

AGE (OPTIONAL)

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WHO OR WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO RUN FOR OFFICE IN 2009?

Several friends and neighbors have encouraged me to run for Village Trustee. I also attended several Village Meetings and believe my experience would be an asset to the community

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HOW HAVE YOU PREPARED TO RUN FOR THIS OFFICE?

I have attended Village meetings, reviewed materials on the Village web sites, and most importantly spoke with several Village residents about their issues of concern for the future of the Village. I couple these actions with over 35 years of experience in working for global engineering firms and high performance organizations and academic training in both technical fields and business management.

DO YOU ANTICIPATE ANY PROFESSIONAL OR PERSONAL POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES?

I do not anticipate any potential conflict of interest issues.

DO YOU ANTICIPATE ANY PROFESSIONAL OR PERSONAL POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH ANY CORPORATE OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF DEER PARK?

I do not anticipate any potential conflict of interest issues.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE TOP 3 CHALLENGES IN DEER PARK IN THE NEXT 4 YEARS?

Fiscal management – we need to do a better job at operating within our financial resources and get out of the pattern of deficit spending while making much needed investments in Village Roads as well as establishing our Village to become more sustainable in it's operation.

More transparency is needed in the governance of the Village – this encompasses both decision making as well as providing prompt, complete information to the community.

Restore/renew community focus – the Village Trustees and officers serve the community and I believe we need to be more community centered in our decision making. This includes holding periodic Forums for receiving input on important issues, as well as bringing the community more into the decision making process.

WHAT ARE YOUR TOP 3 GOALS FOR THE NEXT 4 YEARS?

To establish more focus and accountability on the above three items to the Village,
To build a better sense of collaboration/team work/mutual respect within the Village administration and leadership. We need to have disagreements without being disagreeable, and
Be a part of guiding the Village Board to further enhance the community experience for our residents by offering more community events to build pride and a sense of community.

WHAT ARE THE MOST POSITIVE THINGS YOU SEE IN DEER PARK?

Deer Park is a wonderful Village with terrific neighbors, beautiful neighborhoods, parks, shopping and entertainment options. The shopping and commercial options have greatly expanded in the last few

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years creating both a source of revenue for the Village but also less desirable consequences such as crime and traffic congestion. We need to balance future growth with necessary infrastructure improvements so as not to detract from the Village environment we all enjoy. I also sense a ‘can-do’ attitude among the residents in the volunteer projects we have taken on, and the great ideas being discussed such as Smart Gardening. We need to further develop these positive aspects to make our Village even better!

WHAT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO SEE TRANSFORMED?

I would like to see the Trustees and Village administration increasingly aligned with the community to focus on what is best for the whole community. We have a unique opportunity to build a sustainable community that is the envy of surrounding towns. But we must be a good neighbor to our surrounding communities, recognizing that we are all interconnected.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENT/INFORMATION.

Our family moved to Deer Park in 1993 and our three children have attended District 220 schools and then went on to receive their college educations. Our daughter and son-in-law now live in Colorado, and one of our sons lives in Maine while the other is completing graduate school at the University of Chicago. My wife works part time in the School District. My wife and I have been very active in volunteer activities both locally and globally. We share a sense of commitment to make our community even better.

IN WHAT WAYS ARE YOU ACCESSIBLE TO VOTERS?

I can be reached through email and on my cellular phone most easily.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (BEGINNING WITH MOST RECENT)

AECOM Inc. – Senior Vice President & Global Director, AECOM Environment Practices (AECOM acquired Earth Tech in July, 2008) with a total combined service of 12 years; prior to Earth Tech and AECOM, I have held senior officer positions with Environmental Resources Management, CH2M Hill, ABB Ltd, and McKesson Corporation.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Board member: Discovery, a marriage preparation program offered by Archdiocese of Chicago
Board member: Episcopal Marriage Encounter
Prior Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Vestry member: St. Mark’s Episcopal Church
Chair couple overseeing international licensees of Episcopal Marriage Encounter
Science Fair volunteer and United Way volunteer
Youth soccer coach for many years as well as coaching of basketball, baseball & softball teams while my children were actively involved.

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ADDITIONAL PERSONAL BACKGROUND

B.S. Chemistry & Biology, Central Michigan University
M.S. Environmental Health Science, University of Michigan
M.B.A. California State University at Hayward

YEARS IN DEER PARK

16+ years

PREVIOUS RESIDENCIES IN OTHER COMMUNITIES

Cape Elizabeth, Maine
Thousand Oaks, California
Montgomery, Alabama
Pleasanton, California
Corona, California
Middletown, Rhode Island

CURRENT MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE (PAID, ELECTED, VOLUNTEER)

Previous service has been as a volunteer

PREVIOUS MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE (PAID, ELECTED OR VOLUNTEER)

None

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS (MEMBERSHIPS, BOARDS, NETWORKINGS, ETC.)

See above

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS YOU WISH WE HAD ASKED?