

Tax collector — Boice, Gwilliam square off in Lake mayoral race

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complaints. They have told me I've done a superb job."

According to Latosek, her tax collection rate of 96 percent is above the county norm of 92 percent. Latosek narrowly won her first term, winning by just 15 votes, but then went on to post a landslide win in 1989, receiving more than 700 votes.

Latosek resides on Mountain Road and has six children, Tammy, Robin, Joseph, Monica, Stephanie and Nicholas.

Wright is a graduate of Wyoming Area High School and attended Luzerne County Community College where she majored in Business Administration. Although this is the first time she has tossed her hat into the political ring, Wright has done work for the township, serving as recording secretary for the planning commission, zoning hearing board and recreation commission.

Wright feels the significant salary of the office should demand the office holder's undivided attention.

"I elected, I plan to make a full-time commitment to the position," said Wright, who has resided in the township for more than 12 years. "The residents in the township are paying enough (\$15,000 annually) for someone to give it their full commitment. When the pay is that high, the person should make it their full-time job."

"I want to serve the residents of Jackson Township to my fullest capacity," said Wright, when asked of her reason for entering the political field. "They are very good people. I've done some work for the township but I wanted to do something more permanent. I've always gotten along with the people of the township."

Elected, Wright plans to have office hours at her home on Chase Road and plans on petitioning the township's board of supervisors to allow the municipal building to be opened at certain times so the residents can pay their tax bills.

Wright resides with her husband, Donald, and son, Brian.

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a week at \$20 per hour.

- Approve a list of substitute teachers and non-professional staff, student teachers and elementary school volunteers.

- Accept the resignations of professional employee Kathleen Dunleavy and housekeeper Donna Kozak.

- Approve a sabbatical leave for the second semester of the 1993-94 school year and the first semester of the 1994-95 school year for Donald Hopkins for education and travel.

- Appoint housekeepers Christine Zambo and Charles Dulsky and secretary to the supervisor of buildings and grounds Beth Spaciano.

- Appoint winter sports coaches and approve bids for winter sports supplies and equipment.

By GRACE R. DOVE
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The November 2 municipal election will see Republican George Gwilliam up against Democrat Richard Boice in the race for mayor of Harveys Lake Borough.

Because the borough operates under the strong council form of government, the mayor's main jobs are to supervise the operation of the police department and to serve as a tie-breaker if the council is deadlocked on a vote.

The mayor earns \$50 per month for the four-year term.

Richard Boice

(Democrat)

"Make sure that the general public knows that it is well-protected"

The Democratic candidate, 46, has served on council for 10 years and is the executive director of the Harveys Lake Municipal Authority.

A high school graduate, Boice has earned certificates from the Department of Community Affairs for having completed seminars in municipal purchasing and finance and basic budget preparation.

"I want to make the Harveys Lake police department into a reliable, responsible, dependable force that people can be proud of," he said.

Boice said that he wants to capitalize on the department's strengths — the officers' community involvement and volunteer service in civic projects.

Police officers presently visit local schools on their own as part of a program run through the District Attorney's office to discuss drug and alcohol abuse, Boice said. Police are also members of the Harveys Lake Protective Association.

"With the council's cooperation, I would like to make our police officers all full-time, using only one part-timer to fill in on shifts as needed," he said. "I would also like to make sure that the officers know and enforce all of the latest laws."

Presently the borough employs three full-time officers: chief Lionel Bulford, assistant chief Ronald Spock and patrolman Mark Karlonis.

If the officers work full-time, they'll have a tendency to stay longer, Boice said. "They'll have something to look forward to each year with their contract."

He believes that working full-time will help to instill a caring and concern for others in the officers because they'll be spending more time with the people in the community.

George Gwilliam

(Republican)

"This is an issue-oriented campaign."

A borough resident for the past 19 years, Gwilliam, 40, is a Mack truck salesman at



GEORGE GWILLIAM



RICHARD BOICE

Simpson Motors. He and his wife, Theresa, have two children.

He served on council for six years and on the zoning board for three years.

As mayor, Gwilliam said that he will not accept any free amphitheater tickets or other gratuities. "When I was on council, someone dropped a turkey off at my home at Thanksgiving, I gave it to the soup kitchen," he said. "These things can affect your judgement."

He also wants to be sure that all police officers are treated fairly.

"For the first time in Harveys Lake's history, the police department has become unionized," he said. "When I asked one of the officers why, he said it was to insure that everyone got a fair shake."

"We need to establish a chain of command, from the council to the mayor to the police chief," Gwilliam continued. "The council shouldn't be able to issue directives to the chief — they must come through the mayor."

Gwilliam would also like to improve safety at the lake by:

- Establishing a free annual bicycle inspection, to be done by the police, to make sure that all cyclists have reflectors, working lights and brakes on their bikes.

- Encouraging council to pass ordinances for cyclists and walkers, requiring them to wear reflective clothing after dusk and to ride or walk no more than two abreast. Cyclists would also be required to wear helmets.

"With the guardrails around Lakeside Drive, it can be very dangerous for bikers and walkers," he said. "I want to make sure that they are protected and that traffic is able to move freely."

- Have more police on duty at the police station to help the public in case of an emergency during a concert.

because the minimum amount of full-timers needed for unionization was three. We need at least one more full-timer."

- Monthly confidential, individual conferences with police officers, to make sure that everything is being handled properly.

- Confer with other Back Mountain police departments to see why they don't want to send officers to assist Harveys Lake.

"I want to find out what I can do to rectify the situation, so that Harveys Lake has a better working relationship with other local police forces," Gwilliam said.

- Encourage council to "pass ordinances that can be enforced."

"We can't enforce the no wake speed limit ordinance for boaters unless the Fish Commission asks us to. We can arrest people on land and on docks connected to the land, but not on the open water," he said. "The borough should also strengthen the noise ordinance — it's very weak the way it's written now."

Although he isn't allowed to vote on ordinances and issues, Gwilliam wants to be more outspoken on issues at council meetings, using Plymouth Borough's Mayor Burns as an example.

"As mayor, I can only recommend," he said. "But I certainly may speak up at meetings, which I intend to do."

Sobriety checkpoint this weekend on Route 309

The Kingston Township Police Department will conduct a sobriety checkpoint on Route 309 in the township during the weekend of October 15-17.

The purpose of the checkpoint is to provide increased police coverage to deter driving under the influence and to decrease deaths, injuries and property damage caused by DUI offenders.

Police will also be checking for seat belt use, and persons passing through the checkpoint will be minimally detained while an interviewing officer checks for signs of impairment.

The checkpoint project is funded through a grant from the Department of Transportation and is administered by the court advocate program of Wilkes-Barre.

For further information, contact chief Jim Balavage of the Kingston Township Police Department at 675-4650, or Lt. Bill Barrett, Wilkes-Barre Police Department at 826-8111.

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