

FROM THE DESK OF . . .

Emmitsburg Commissioner Candidate Dr. Wayne Slaughter

Hello, my name is Wayne A. Slaughter, I am a candidate running for the office of Commissioner with the Town of Emmitsburg. I have over 34 years of experience in federal, state, and non-profit organizations in the fields of health care, vocational rehabilitation, employment and training, and post-secondary education.

Throughout my professional career, I have been responsible for managing public funds and developing new initiatives to improve services while maintaining and protecting the core values and mission of the organization. As a result, I have learned to work closely with people, to listen to the stakeholders, to help people work together to solve complex problems, all while keeping a careful eye on the budget to make sure that public funds were spent appropriately.

I have a Ph.D. in Public Policy

Analysis from the University of Illinois/Chicago, my dissertation was on Suburban Economic Development so I am very familiar with many of the issues Emmitsburg is facing. During my professional career with the federal government, I was responsible for managing millions of dollars in federal funds, making payments to health care providers, managing contracts and staff, and developing new initiatives to reduce fraud, waste, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. I also worked for the State of Illinois and several non-profit organizations creating employment and training programs for the disabled population; and, in addition, I was a part-time Instructor/Assistant Professor at Gettysburg College from 1999 to 2007 teaching Political Science classes in American Government and Public Policy.

Since I moved from the Chicago

Illinois metropolitan area to work for the federal government in Baltimore over 17 years ago, I have lived in the same house that I originally bought in Silo Hill back in 1999. I chose to live in Emmitsburg and make the daily 120 mile round-trip commute to work in Baltimore because, of all the towns I visited after relocating to Maryland, Emmitsburg had the most ideal mix of location, amenities, and access.

Emmitsburg is a special place with a genuine charm and a unique small town civic spirit that comes from its rich history and the residents that choose to live here. I am running for office because I want to help make sure that Emmitsburg preserves and nurtures this spirit for many years to come.

When I retired last December 31, 2015, I made a personal commitment to become more locally involved and active within the Town of Emmitsburg in order to

help address the many challenging issues the community is facing. I feel very confident that Emmitsburg can have a bright and prosperous future as long as it is a safe and desirable place to live and raise families, therefore, continually enhancing the quality of life in Emmitsburg is an absolute priority.

In order to help make this possible, I will devote my work as Commissioner to improving education, implementing infrastructure and beautification projects, expanding social services, aggressively addressing the drug problems, and promoting new public safety and community awareness programs.

Finally, as residents, we need to decide whether we want to attract new businesses to create sustainable opportunities to work and earn a living wage nearby. Many of these problems involve promoting effective cooperative relations with other local communities, counties,



and state government and confronting these problems requires having the most qualified people governing the community. As you all know, nothing happens quickly with government, but the solutions begin with our elected officials and they need to begin now.

I strongly believe that I can help Emmitsburg confront these challenges and I am asking for your vote on September 27 to make that a reality.

Emmitsburg Commissioner Candidate Glenn Blanchard

I have been an Emmitsburg resident for 25 years. My wife Maggie and I know we are raising our children Grace and Will in a compassionate community of residents who really care about one another. Our daughter Grace just graduated from Mother Seton School and I am proud of the education she received there. I am honored that Grace continued the legacy of attending Mother Seton School. My mother in law, Mary Louise Jordan is a St. Euphenia's grade school and St. Josephs High School and College graduate.

My family are parishioners of St. Josephs church, where I serve as a lector and my daughter volunteers as an alter server. I am a member of the local Sons of the American Le-

gion Post 121 in town, and have proudly represented Emmitsburg at the Doughboy re-dedication, Flag Day ceremony, and the dedication of the footbridge over rt. 15. I serve as the treasurer of the Emmitsburg Food Bank, and assist at the different food drops during the summer. I have been a member of the food bank for a number of years and believe strongly in the service the organization brings to the town. During the winter months, I have served as a volunteer docent for the shrine of St. Elizabeth Anne Seton.

During my time as a Town Commissioner, I have been part of a team that works together well. I know that things get done in town because town commissioners, the mayor, and the especially the town

staff can find consensus on getting the job done. The work of local government is not always smooth, but I feel that outcome is positive for the town. A number of town improvements were accomplished during my tenure as a town commissioner. I want to make clear that I do not claim individual credit for any of these items. They were accomplished by collaborative effort. I think the community garden is a positive contribution to the town. Allowing people to grow some of their own vegetables is a good thing. The bike trails that have threaded their way over the mountain near Rainbow Lake have enhanced our community. I strongly support Commissioner Tim O'Donnell in his efforts to make these trails a re-

ality. Commissioner Mellor's efforts to make our parks and pool, Americans with Disabilities Act compliant is also another worthy contribution to our town. Lastly I support Mayor Briggs leadership in upgrading our water treatment plant, along with the square revitalization program. Our town is making progress moving forward. There have been set-backs over the years, but our town has weathered these set-backs and continues to make progress. If re-elected, I promise to work hard for the people of Emmitsburg and help our town continue to move forward.

My hopes for the future of Emmitsburg are the following:

- . A revitalized downtown square.
- . Upgraded parks and a pool that



serve the community.

. A sense of community that connects each and every citizen together.

Thank you, and I hope for your vote on September the 27th, 2016. Thank you for your support! A vote for me is a vote for you.

Emmitsburg Commissioner Candidate Elizabeth Buckman

Twelve years ago, as a resident of Arlington, Va., I scoured the entire east coast in search of the perfect place to raise my daughter, Hannah. I chose Emmitsburg. Many of you may remember Mamie Kelly. At a time when a single mother would have been an outcast, Emmitsburg embraced her. I believed that if Mamie could have a peaceful life here, then so could I. And sure enough, in the 12 years since I made my choice, this town and its

good people have embraced and integrated me and my children. Thank you. My daughters Hannah and Felicity thank you. The people of Emmitsburg adhere to a value system and enjoy community bonds and town spirit that are rare and wonderful. It is time for me to give back and show how grateful I am.

Who am I? First and foremost I am a loving mother who awakes each day trying to make the world better

through simply being kind to everyone. Though I am not a perfect mother, I encourage my children every day to give back to the world, our town, and its people.

Second, I am a teacher of students with special needs here in Frederick County, one of the best school systems with some of the best teachers and students you will find anywhere. We value the whole student, which means engaging with the family, coaches, and other teachers, and bringing in other support as needed, including doctors, occupational therapists, speech pathologists, and more. Day in and day out, we work as a team so that each student can achieve success.

Why am I running for commissioner? My goal is to keep giving back to you. I will be transparent and I will listen to you. Don Briggs and the town government already have a wonderful team of commissioners in place. It is my vision to work on that team and with the people of Emmitsburg to keep Emmitsburg safe and strong, to see the people of Emmitsburg open their doors again and live in peace and

safety. My vision is that together, as a united and dynamic community, we can take care of each other.

I believe in you, the people of Emmitsburg. United, we can raise the quality of life in our community.

Envision this for Emmitsburg:

- Landlords united in a supportive "Emmitsburg Landlord Association"
- Service outreach united because there is strength in numbers
- People united as neighbors and friends

One day this summer, Kathleen Walker, Libby Briggs, and I sat at my dining room table discussing what could be done to heal the wounds and scars created by heroin in our small town. We realized that the good citizens of Emmitsburg are not used to dealing with big-city crime on our streets. We knew that Mayor Briggs had a plan when he got elected but that he could not make change alone. It would take the whole community. Collectively we came up with a vision: "Emmitsburg Cares." This could be a self-propelling vision that would create



the unity and collective action needed for healing the pain that leads to, and results from, drug abuse.

We cannot forget about the efforts of Ted Brennan and Jack Deathridge to raise awareness and push for action on the heroin problem. Their efforts were valiant but we failed to hear their call.

I ask for your vote, not because I have a magic wand but because I care and I will work for united community action to improve our quality of life.

As Mother Theresa said, "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

**TOWN OF EMMITSBURG
ELECTION DAY**

Tuesday, September 27

22 East Main Street

7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Write-in deadline is September 20 at Noon

Two Commissioner Seats are open.