

# WHATCOM COUNTY OFFICIAL LOCAL VOTERS' PAMPHLET

## Primary Election - August 18, 2009



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Dear Whatcom County Voter:

I've heard the question, "Why should I vote in a Primary Election?" The answer is simple. You, the voter, have the power to nominate the most qualified candidate to move on to the General Election. The Local Voters' Pamphlet provides information supplied by candidates to help you make this important decision. If you don't vote, you may not prefer the choice of candidates that do move on to the General Election. Don't leave your vote in someone else's hands!

The 2009 Local Voters' Pamphlet brings a change to the candidate statement. For the first time Whatcom County candidates have been asked to provide their biography in addition to their statement. I believe this will provide you with a clearer understanding of the candidates that will be representing you in office.

Exercise your power and vote in the Primary Election.

Sincerely,

Shirley Forslof  
Whatcom County Auditor

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Participating Jurisdictions:

Port of Bellingham Commissioner District Nos. 1 and 2, Whatcom County Council At-Large, City of Bellingham Council Ward 6, City of Blaine Council Ward 2 Position 4, City of Ferndale Council Position 5, and City of Lynden Council Position 4.

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## To Vote Your Ballot

**Step 1: To Vote Your Ballot.** Use blue or black ink. Do NOT use a felt tip pen or pencil. Draw a single line to connect the arrow. Do not cut or deface your ballot.

- More than one vote for an office or ballot measure will be an overvote and no votes for that office or ballot measure will be counted, unless specifically allowed by law.

**Step 2: Remove Stub.** Remove the stub at the top of the ballot at the perforation and discard the stub.

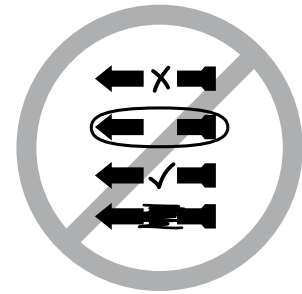
### CORRECT



Use blue or black ink to connect the arrow by your choice with a single line.

Do NOT use a felt tip pen or pencil.

### INCORRECT



**Step 3: Keep It Secret.** Place the voted ballot in the white secrecy envelope and seal it.

**Step 4: Mailing Envelope.** Place the white secrecy envelope inside the return envelope.

**Step 5: Sign the Voter Affidavit.** Read and sign the voter affidavit on the back of the return envelope.

- The return envelope must be signed by you in order for your ballot to be counted. If you are unable to sign your name, have two people witness your mark on your ballot envelope.
- Ballot signatures are matched with your voter registration.

**Step 6: Protect Your Privacy.** Seal the envelope so the privacy flap covers your signature as indicated on the envelope.

**Step 7: Mail Your Ballot.** Affix first-class postage before you deposit your ballot in the mail.

- In order for your vote to be counted, your ballot envelope needs to be postmarked **no later** than Election Day or deposited in the Curbside Ballot Drop Box located at 311 Grand Ave., by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

**IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE:** Draw a line through the entire candidate's name like this: **John Doe** ←— then have the option of making another choice, if you wish. Do not erase!

To write-in a name not on the ballot, connect the arrow and write in the name of the candidate in the space provided.

## Accessible Voting Unit

### **What is an Accessible Voting Unit?**

An accessible voting unit (AVU) is federally required. It is equipped with visual and audio technology that allows voters with impaired vision and/or physical disabilities to vote a secret ballot. The AVU is an accurate and secure way to vote.

### **Where will the AVU be located?**

The AVU will be located at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Whatcom County Courthouse, 311 Grand Ave., Suite 103, Bellingham, WA.

### **When can I vote using the AVU?**

You may vote beginning Wednesday, July 29, 2009. The AVU will be available to vote in the Auditor's Office Mon. – Fri., 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The AVU will be available on Election Day, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.



### **Is the AVU secure?**

Yes. The AVU stands alone and is not connected to the Internet or an intranet. When a vote is cast the ballot selections are encrypted and stored within the voting unit. The ballot order is scrambled to ensure the voter's anonymity and leaves no connection between the voter and his or her recorded vote.

### **How can I be sure my vote will be counted?**

The AVU displays a paper record of your selections before you cast your ballot. Your secret ballot is electronically stored and it cannot be traced back to you.

# Sample Ballot

## SAMPLE BALLOT WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON PRIMARY ELECTION - AUGUST 18, 2009

Not all districts on this sample will appear on your ballot. Only the district that you're entitled to vote on will appear.

To Vote: Use either blue or black ink. Do not use a felt tip pen or pencil.

Connect The Head and Tail of the arrow that points to your choice with a Single Line as shown.



- **IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE:** Draw a line through the entire candidate's name like this: ~~John Doe~~ ← → You then have the option of making another choice if you wish.
- **Write-In:** To vote for a person not on the ballot, connect the arrow and write in the name of the person on the line provided.
- **Overvote:** More than one vote for an office or ballot measure will be an overvote and no votes for that office or measure will be counted.
- **More Instructions:** See enclosed instruction insert.

PORT OF BELLINGHAM	
<b>Commissioner Dist No. 1</b>	
Nonpartisan 4 Year Term	Vote For One
John Blethen	← →
Ham Hayes	← →
Scott L.Walker	← →
Write-In	← →
PORT OF BELLINGHAM	
<b>Commissioner Dist No. 2</b>	
Nonpartisan 4 Year Term	Vote For One
Mike McAuley	← →
Doug Karlberg	← →
Douglas G. Smith	← →
Write-In	← →
WHATCOM COUNTY	
<b>County Council At-Large</b>	
Nonpartisan 4 Year Term	Vote For One
Bill Knutzen	← →
Dave Pros	← →
Laurie Caskey-Schreiber	← →
Write-In	← →
CITY OF BELLINGHAM	
<b>Council Ward 6</b>	
Nonpartisan 4 Year Term	Vote For One
Catherine Chambers	← →
Christopher Morrison	← →
Michael Lilliquist	← →
Write-In	← →

CITY OF BLAINE	
<b>Council Ward 2 Position 4</b>	
Nonpartisan 4 Year Term	Vote For One
John George	← →
Charlie Hawkins	← →
David Gallion	← →
Write-In	← →
CITY OF FERNDALE	
<b>Council Position 5</b>	
Nonpartisan 4 Year Term	Vote For One
Jeff Stover	← →
Ken Downey	← →
David Lee Wilson	← →
Jon Mutchler	← →
Write-In	← →
CITY OF LYNDEN	
<b>Council Position 4</b>	
Nonpartisan 2 Yr Unexpired Term	Vote For One
Brent Lenssen	← →
Bob Johnson	← →
Rodney VanderWerff	← →
Greg Penner	← →
Write-In	← →

## Where Can I Deposit My Ballot?

*If you do not wish to return your ballot by mail, the following ballot drop box locations will be available:*

### **Ballot Drop Box Locations Open 20 Days Prior To Election Day**

#### **Whatcom County Auditor's Office**

Whatcom County Courthouse  
311 Grand Ave., Suite 103  
Bellingham, WA

HOURS: Monday – Friday  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Election Day Only: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**OR**

#### **Curbside Ballot Drop Box**

311 Grand Avenue  
(near Courthouse Rotunda)  
Bellingham, WA

OPEN: 20 Days Prior to Election  
**Election Day: Closes at 8:00 p.m.**



### **Election Day Only - Ballot Drop Box Locations**

#### **Drop Box Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Blaine City Hall:	344 H Street, Blaine, WA
Everson Library:	104 Kirsch Dr., Everson, WA
Ferndale Library:	2222 Main St., Ferndale, WA
Lynden Public Library:	216 4th St., Lynden, WA

### **If You Have Not Received Your Ballot**

If you have not received your ballot by August 3, 2009, please contact the Whatcom County Elections Division at (360) 676-6742 or TTY (360) 738-4555, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Washington State Law Prohibits Ballots Deposited  
After 8:00 p.m. on Election Day From Being Counted.**

## **How Can I Register?**

A citizen may register to vote by: (1) completing the registration form online at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov) *only* if you have a Washington State Driver's License or a Washington State I.D. card; (2) completing the Mail-In Voter Registration Form and mailing it to the preprinted return address on the form, or (3) by completing the form in person at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Elections Division.

## **Last Day to Register to Vote**

Citizens may register to vote at any time. However, the registration must be postmarked or received at least 29 days before an election in order to vote in that election.

A citizen that is not currently registered to vote in the State of Washington may register in person at the Auditor's Office, Elections Division up to 8 days before an election.

## **Name Change**

If your name has changed, complete a new registration form. Information indicating the former name, address, and signature plus the new name and signature must be provided.

## **If Your Mailing or Residence Address Has Changed:**

Now that you have a new mailing address and/or new residential address, your voter record needs to be updated. Updating your record is easy! (Choose one of the following options)

Address Change *Within* Whatcom County:

- Online at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov)
- Call the Elections Division at the Auditor's Office at (360) 676-6742 or TTY (360) 738-4555
- Complete and mail a new voter registration form

Address Change *Outside* Whatcom County:

- Online at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov)
- Complete and mail a new voter registration form

A new voter registration card will be mailed after your address change is processed.

## **When to Cancel Registrations**

- If you have moved out of Whatcom County, your signature is required to cancel your voter registration.
- If a family member has passed away, contact the Elections Division and a form will be mailed for you to complete.

## **Questions?**

If you have questions, please feel free to call the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Elections Division at (360) 676-6742 or TTY (360) 738-4555, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



## John Blethen

Non-Partisan

**Current Occupation/Employer:** John owns and operates New Whatcom Interiors, a successful cabinetmaking business started in 1979. In the past, he has worked in shipyards, schools, and construction.

**Significant Career Experience:** John has been a community leader for 40 years. He has served on The Waterfront Futures and Waterfront Advisory Groups. He currently chairs the Greenways Committee and is co-architect of the Blethen Plan for waterfront redevelopment. He has won the Dietrich Award, a ReSources Environmental Hero award, and was the Bellingham Business Journal's Mover and Shaker of 2008.

**Education:** BA, Antioch College; MED, Western Washington University.

**Family:** Father of four wonderful daughters, five grandchildren

**Candidate Statement:** Our county faces many crucial economic issues and our waterfront redevelopment is at a critical stage. It is vital that our government organizations understand their responsibility to provide family wage jobs for long-term economic benefit rather than short-term profits for the Port. The Port should expand support for existing agriculture and maritime businesses, and create opportunities for new business development. It should not be competing with the private sector. Environmental protection/restoration and a stable economic base will enhance our quality of life. I will change the culture of the Port to reflect these values.

Endorsed by the Whatcom County Democrats.

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## Ham Hayes

Non-Partisan

**Current Occupation/Employer:** Co-founder/Director, Collective Intelligence Solutions.

**Significant Career Experience:** Twenty-five years of management and consulting experience in business, government and industry. Duties

have included: large project management, strategic planning, organizational development and economic analysis. Community service: Vice-chair of Port of Bellingham Marina Advisory Committee; Candidate for Bellingham City Council in 2007; Past President of Puget Neighborhood Association; Treasurer and board member for a local non-profit organization; Member, Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism Marketing Committee; Board member, Marketing Committee Chair, Old Fairhaven Association.

**Education:** BS in Geology and Geophysics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Family:** Married to Gloria Harrison, three children, six grand-children

**Candidate Statement:** Ham brings 25 years of business management experience to the Port's prime mission: creating jobs and promoting responsible economic development for Whatcom County. Because of his past service as Marina Advisory Committee Vice-chair, he understands the need for the Port to communicate meaningfully with the public and stay in touch with what is important to the community. Today, the Port acts more like a landlord than an engine for economic success. Ham will provide a fresh attitude and ideas to support our existing marine and aviation businesses. He will encourage new business and respect the value of genuine public process.

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## Scott L. Walker

Non-Partisan

**Current Occupation/Employer:** Retired Arco/BP environmental engineer and public affairs manager

**Significant Career Experience:** Combat medic, 1st Marine Division, Vietnam;

30 years experience in management of environmental, safety, industrial health and community/ governmental relations in Montana, Alaska and Washington; numerous community boards (Red Cross, Rotary, EDC, YWCA, WWU etc.)

**Elected Experience:** Elected to the Bellingham Port Commission 1991, 1997, 2001, 2005

**Education:** BA, University of Oregon (1969); MS, Environmental Science, University of Cincinnati (1972)

**Family:** Married to Cherie Walker, 5 children, 4 grandchildren

**Candidate Statement:** The mission of your Port is to efficiently manage transportation facilities and create jobs and opportunities for our citizens. A recent study found that there are over 4,000 jobs on port property, with a payroll of \$168 million. Indirect jobs number another 3,300. We continue to look for ways to strengthen our economy, in marine trades, technology, NOAA home porting, niche manufacturing and others.

This success of the Port during my tenure reflects my business experience, judgment, vision and leadership. Experience matters in dealing with a changing economy, and the results prove it.

I value your vote.

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**Mike McAuley**

Non-Partisan

**Current Occupation/Employer:** Green Builder and Owner, McAuley Building Conservation

**Significant Career Experience:** Former US Marine and Desert Storm Veteran; served the Bellingham Lettered Streets Neighborhood Association

since 2002, first as Representative to Mayor’s Neighborhood Advisory Commission and currently as Vice Chairman; small business owner of two companies since 1998; Chairman of the Board for Fourth Corner Productions; Neighborhood representative on Bellingham’s Planning Academy

**Education:** Western Washington University, MS in Geography, emphasis on resource management and policy with a thesis on Whatcom County Growth Management; Evergreen State College, BS in Environmental Studies, emphasis on urban ecology and environmental policy

**Family:** Candidate did not respond

**Candidate Statement:** This year is one of the most important in the Port of Bellingham’s history, as critical decisions will be made affecting the future of Whatcom County forever. Currently, the Port operates in a manner that fails to reflect contemporary local values. Recent waterfront planning has responded poorly to public concerns compromising the project’s incredible potential. It’s not too late to set the right mechanisms in motion.

As Port Commissioner I will: modernize Port leadership by improving collaboration, access, and accountability, position the Port to embrace emerging economies, and implement a renewed focus on the Port’s core obligations to Whatcom County.

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**Doug Karlberg**

Non-Partisan

**Current Occupation/Employer:** Self -Employed Commercial fisherman.

**Significant Career Experience:** Fishing industry representative. Patent holder. International import/export experience. (Japan, China, Turkey, Russia)

**Education:** Graduated BHS, continuing adult education credits WWU, WCC, Texas A&M. Hazardous Materials Certification and Incident Command.

**Family:** Divorced father of three girls.

**Candidate Statement:** Property taxes are a slush fund, adding fuel to the spending fire. Most ports operate fine without taxes; They have a monopoly!

Local wages have declined for decades. Our young are moving out. These must be reversed. Durable family wage jobs and a strong middle class, matters.

An impartial, third party review of pollution cleanup, and financial obligations, before spending. A mountain of your money deserves a careful plan. My Waterfront plan; is to not lose your money.

Serve all citizens at a low-cost port, and hide nothing; It’s your money, and your trust, which are precious. I get it.

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**Douglas G. Smith**

Non-Partisan

**Current Occupation/Employer:** DSJ properties manager/self & Commissioner/Port of Bellingham 1994 to present

**Significant Career Experience:** Army electronic warfare instructor; Coast Guard engineering officer; aircraft manufacturing safety advisor; oil refinery facilities project engineer; licensed consulting engineering manager; Commercial-Industrial land and improvements developer, engineer and owner; commercial farming and fishing; FD 4 station chief; County boundary review board (3 years), Port commissioner (16 years)

**Education:** Ferndale High 1954; WWU 1959 B.A. Industrial arts, physics, math; UW 1964 B.S. Mechanical Engineering

**Family:** Has been living Whatcom County since 1890. Married to Maralee (Larson) for 49 years. Three daughters (Diana Rauch, Sara Brown & Janel Black). Four grandchildren .

**Candidate Statement:** Actions related to transportation and economic development, are the primary statute requirements for public ports. I’ve represented Whatcom County citizens to control Port District assets, operations and staff, assuring all Commission issues are discussed and decision votes are only made in public meetings. I encourage public comment and contribution on all Port issues. The Port’s exemplary financial and operational performance has resulted in sustained positive economic development and employment while continuing to enhance the community’s access to salt water. Cooperative partnerships between the Port, County, city governments and tribes will continue to improve citizen access, opportunity and sustainability.

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**Bill Knutzen**

Non-Partisan

**Current Occupation/Employer:** Owner, Communication 2000, a provider of cell phones, service and accessories with 14 employees

**Significant Career Experience:** Successful small business owner since 1997 with stores in

Lynden, Ferndale and Burlington. 16 years with Edaleen Dairy milking cows and delivering milk. Worked as a finish carpenter and plumber at different times.

**Elected Experience:** School Board, Ebenezer Christian School, 2001-2005

**Education:** Lynden High School, classes at Skagit Community College and Whatcom Community College, and school of hard knocks

**Family:** Sandy, wife of 20 years; children Darrell, 14, Elana, 16, Amanda, 20; Tucker, miniature schnauzer; cats Snickers, Kit Kat and Carmella

**Candidate Statement:** I'm just a regular guy working hard to provide for my family and run a business. I know what it's like to start with nothing and build it into something. Many people in our community are struggling to make ends meet, and I can relate to that. I believe the County Council needs someone like me who can bring a real-life perspective to decisions. My pledge if elected is to be the voice of reason and common sense. I'm ready and willing to serve you. I'd be very appreciative to receive your vote.

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**Dave Pros**

Non-Partisan

**Current Occupation/Employer:** semi-retired/self-employed

**Significant Career Experience:** Former Chairman, Whatcom County Planning Commission -8 years

Currently - Vice Chairman, Citizen Transportation Advisory Group, Whatcom Council of Governments

Small Business Owner - Dave's Fancy Foods, Realtor,

Public Skating Manager/Marketing Director, Bellingham Sportsplex

**Education:** BS in Secondary Education, Northern Ill University

**Family:** Wife - Charlotte Pros, Sons -Tony Pros, Dustin Pros, Marty Eastman

**Candidate Statement:** The overriding issue for this election is the value County Council places on public involvement.

If a councilperson doesn't seek voter's preferences, how can they represent you?

I believe, when making major policy decisions, public preference should be determined first and be the basis for those policy decisions.

I am running for County Council to ensure issues that effect our quality of life, our taxes, and our future are decided AFTER our political leaders have raised a county wide discussion on these issues, and to ensure that the preferences of our community become the goals of the council.

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**Laurie Caskey-Schreiber**

Non-Partisan

**Current Occupation/Employer:** Administrative Service Manager, Sociology Department, Western Washington University.

**Significant Career Experience:** Current member of the Whatcom County Council (two years as Council

Chair, six years on Planning Committee and current Chair), also serve as the Board chairperson of the Northwest Clean Air Agency, Boardmember of the Opportunity Council, and serve on the Marine Resources Committee.

**Elected Experience:** Whatcom County Council from 2001-present.

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Communications from WWU.

**Family:** Married to a law enforcement officer, Tom Schreiber, proud aunt of Peyton and Dane Caskey. I am a fourth generation native to Whatcom County.

**Candidate Statement:** I share your vision that Whatcom County is a wonderful place to live and work. I have fought hard to promote sustainable farming, conserve farmland, enacted legislation that promotes clean drinking water and protects our lakes and shorelines. We have enhanced our local job base through financial grants to the Small Business Development Center. I supported Ferndale's Riverwalk, Blaine's Boardwalk and other infrastructure improvements throughout the county. Together we have built a new temporary jail, a mental health triage center, and brought resources to support families in crisis. Endorsed by: Washington Conservation Voters, Bellingham/Whatcom County Firefighters #106, Whatcom Democrats.

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## Catherine Chambers

Non-Partisan

**Current Occupation/Employer:** Lengthy history of paid and volunteer work as a community facilitator, educator and resource specialist.

**Significant Career Experience:** Twenty years experience working in local service organizations to improve service delivery to local residents facing mental health, domestic violence, poverty/hunger, child abuse and neglect, immigration and youth development. Significant leadership and coordination experience on numerous committees and boards.

**Education:** BA from Western Washington University/Fairhaven College in "Community Development: Information Resources and Educational Planning." Additional training and education in Management and Consulting and Early Childhood Education.

**Family:** Single with three children; two adult daughters and one 16 year old son.

**Candidate Statement:** I have seen many changes since arriving in Bellingham and believe the decisions we make now will shape our community for the next 100 years. My priorities are to work collaboratively on waterfront development, listening to neighborhood concerns, protecting water quality, developing sustainable living wage jobs and making tough financial choices.

My experience working on tough issues and with at risk populations bring a unique perspective to the council. I will continue gender diversity on the council and as a single working mother bring experience and knowledge of healthcare, childcare, underemployment and affordable housing.

Catherine is asking for your vote!

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## Christopher Morrison

Non-Partisan

**Current Occupation/Employer:** Business Owner of Morrison Glass Art and Glass Sculptor.

**Significant Career Experience:** Assistant to Dale Chihuly 1990 to 1991. I have created sculptures for Village Books and Cascade Brain and Spine Center in Bellingham. I have donated my artwork to various non-profit organizations, raising thousands of dollars each year for the community. I am also on the board of the Whatcom Museum and on the Bellingham Arts commission.

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts from Hartwick College, Oneonta, New York. Attended Pilchuck Glass School 1983, 1987, 1991.

**Family:** I'm happily married to my wife Sonya Morrison. Our sons Brimmer; Nine and Keller; Six attend Happy Valley Elementary.

**Candidate Statement:** As a business owner, I understand fiscal realities, and will help Bellingham make sensible financial decisions. I'll approach decisions with an eye for today and for our future. The Waterfront Project and Lake Whatcom both require short and long commitments to shared community visions and values. I'll also ensure public agencies work together for better efficiencies and better outcomes. Communication matters; I'll build better partnerships with other agencies and foster better communication between citizens and government. As an artist, I see what is and what could be, and bridge the divide between them. That sensibility is needed at City Hall.

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## Michael Lilliquist

Non-Partisan

**Current Occupation/Employer:** Trained paralegal; part-time neuropsychometrist; full-time at-home dad; and former scientific researcher

**Significant Career Experience:** Past or Current Member of: City of Bellingham Watershed Advisory Board, City of Bellingham Lake Whatcom Technical Review Task Force, Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission; board member of Fairhaven Neighbors Association, steering committee of Futurewise Whatcom, steering committee of Citizens' Forum, board of trustees Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship; Larrabee Elementary Site Council, and Superintendent's Parents Advisory Council.

**Education:** Ph.D. Behavioral Neuroscience, Univ. Texas at Austin; B.S. Psychology and B.A. History, Univ. of Washington; advanced paralegal certificate, Edmonds Community College.

**Family:** Married to Barbara Hahn, M.D., daughter Rebecca, age 11

**Candidate Statement:** I have been actively involved in our community as a citizen, and as a citizen first I will work for you on the City Council. We face serious challenges on difficult issues: restoring Lake Whatcom, redeveloping the waterfront, protecting our environment and neighborhoods, and guiding future growth. Our Council must address these issues in a way that secures our long-term future and reflects our shared values. I will work for a government that listens and then responds with relevant and workable solutions that are right for Bellingham and for all of us. Endorsed by Ward 6 City Councilwoman Barbara Ryan.

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## John George

Non-Partisan

**Current Occupation/Employer:** President LDPC

**Significant Career Experience:** Business Management, Media, Communications

**Education:** California State University, Sacramento, Business Administration

**Family:** Married to Sue George, raised three boys, one girl, one cat and five dogs

**Candidate Statement:** Blaine is in need of new ideas, development and infrastructures to prevent the decay of our city. Protection of the individual property rights with the Critical Areas Ordinance is one example of the voice, the representation citizens of Blaine need on the city council seat. Anchor businesses to draw consumers into our city

are needed desperately. Family activities are critical to our community. Our families, children, seniors and business community are voting for the voice of common sense, changes, representation of our rights, the elimination of wasted tax dollar expenditures, they are voting to elect: John George.

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## Charlie Hawkins

Non-Partisan

**Current Occupation/Employer:** Blaine School District Bus Driver; Good Samaritan Society-Staffholt Van Driver

**Significant Career Experience:** Fishing Business owner and operator in Puget Sound and Alaska for

25 years; Blackberry House Coffee Café manager and cook; Blaine Christian Fellowship member; Blaine Park Board; Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District; Drayton Harbor maritime (Plover); Stormwater Development Advisory Committee; Port of Bellingham Advisory Committee; Bellingham Herald Editorial Advisory Board; Youth Sports Coach

**Elected Experience:** Blaine City Council 2005 – 2009

**Education:** 1964 Blaine High Graduate; Attended Skagit Valley College and Western Washington University

**Family:** Married to Marsha (Goff) Hawkins for 28 years, 5 children and 3 grandchildren

**Candidate Statement:** Living my whole life in Blaine and coming from a family that settled here in the 1880's gives me a rare perspective and concern for the long term preservation of all that makes this a special place to live and work. Blaine's uniqueness should not be sacrificed for the short term gain of special interests or personal political philosophies.

A deep respect for the Blaine community and the quality of life enjoyed here is why I continue to serve. It is my desire to help implement appropriate change that honors our past and safeguards our future.

My commitment is Blaine.

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## David Gallion

Non-Partisan

**Current Occupation/Employer:** Fully Retired Public Servant from Kern Community college District.

**Significant Career Experience:** performed thousands of hours of community service & organizing under the mentorship of many folks, US State Assembly woman Jean Fuller just to mention one Also I serve as member of Blaine Planning Commission.

**Education:** community College graduate

**Family:** I'm married with children. Laura, Katherine & Ryan are my Kids and my wife's name is Bao Yan Gallion

**Candidate Statement:** I want to be your City Council representative because Blaine is a beautiful place to live and I will fight to keep it that way. Each of us sees ways that Blaine could be even better, and I want to work together to build a better City. I cherish a government that is *of the people, by the people, and for the people*, and I want you to feel free and welcome, to call me at any time I believe that Blaine is at crossroads and that the next four years will significantly shape the City's future.

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## Jeff Stover

Non-Partisan

**Current Occupation/Employer:** Self-employed architectural designer and owner of Ballet Arts Northwest

**Education:** AA Degree Skagit Valley College 1972; Graduate of University of Washington: Bachelor of Architecture 1996; Bachelor of Political Science 1996.

**Significant Career Experience:** Completed architectural internship while employed by HKP Architects in Mount Vernon Washington for 8 years with an additional 3 years of employment at other architectural firms, including one located in Bellingham. 20 years experience in construction including being a licensed contractor; 2 year member of the Burlington Downtown Revitalization Coalition; Past President of Northwest Ballet Theater of Bellingham

**Family:** 17 year old daughter

**Candidate Statement:** My 25 years experience in architecture, planning, and construction, along with passion for history and restoration gives me a seasoned voice to guide Ferndale's future and protect its past. I believe in community participation and neighborhood cohesiveness. While budgeting wisely we need to promote Ferndale's families, work ethic, and array of businesses as we care for young, old and less fortunate in these uncertain economic times. As a first time candidate I promise to work hard and spend wisely - help our town realize a potential that will benefit all citizens and businesses while promoting an effective plan for growth.

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## Ken Downey

Non-Partisan

**Current Occupation / Employer:** Blaine Sector, US Border Patrol

**Significant Career Experience:** 4 Years, Active Duty USAF; 20 Years Washington State Air National Guard (current); 11 Years federal government supervisory experience; 9 years Air National Guard management level experience; 10 years Ferndale HS Assistant Wrestling Coach.

**Elected Experience:** 4 years on Ferndale's City Council

**Education:** Graduated Ferndale HS in 1983; Completed a number of Air Force Technical Schools in three separate career fields including Radio systems Maintenance, Communications and Computer Systems Control, and Air Traffic Control. In addition I have completed all of the required Professional Military Education supervisory and management courses.

**Family:** Third generation Ferndale citizen, married with three children.

**Candidate Statement:** Having called Ferndale home for 44 years, I have a strong interest in how it is managed. Sound growth policy, fiscal responsibility, and the provision of essential services are things we expect of local government. I ran in 2006 to become part of the solution, and I have been. During the past four years, I have helped the Council impose a level of accountability on City Hall, assuring compliance with City Code. We are a community of individuals, framed by our laws and policy. These must always strengthen and support the vision of our City as defined by its Citizens.

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## David Lee Wilson

Non-Partisan

**Current Occupation/Employer:** I am currently with Labor & Industries with injuries from my job at the City of Ferndale. I have been terminated after four months sick leave.

**Significant Career Experience:** I worked for the City of Ferndale for 17 ½ years. In the years working for Ferndale I learned all aspects of city maintenance. My other career experiences are telephone lineman, bricklayer, lead plumber at Mt. Baker Plywood, pipe insulator for ARCO and union carpenter.

**Education:** Graduated Bellingham High School 1969; Bellingham Vocational Technical School 1969-1970; All safety and health courses required by City of Ferndale.

**Family:** Divorced, no children.

**Candidate Statement:** I have lived in Whatcom County all my life. My family settled in Point Roberts in the 1800's where they commercially fished and operated and owned a large cannery and lumber mill. I grew up working summers with my uncles and going to school in Bellingham in the fall.

City of Ferndale in my opinion is growing too fast, we need to make logical decisions pertaining to how we grow in the future!

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## Jon Mutchler

Non-Partisan

**Current Occupation/Employer:** Pastor, Ferndale Alliance Church; professional musician and piano teacher.

**Significant Career Experience:** Established Ferndale Alliance Church, 1988; Semiahmoo Resort pianist 13 years; piano teacher, 23 years; recording artist (7 CDs); served on 1989 Ferndale Schools levy committee; appointed to the committee to evaluate use of Ferndale 2nd Avenue Annex.; employed by Brown and Cole Stores, 1987-1988; board member, Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic.

**Education:** Master of Divinity (Regent College, Vancouver, B.C.); Bachelor of Music (Western Washington University); Associate of Science (Olympic College).

**Family:** Married 24 years to Diane (Lofall) Mutchler; seven children: Thomas, Johanna, Emma, Madalin, Jack, Nicholas, Analise.

**Candidate Statement:** Sound judgment. Fiscal responsibility. A fresh perspective. Tested leadership. And a long term vision for Ferndale. I'll do my best to bring these to our community if elected to serve.

I pledge to make decisions today that we can afford and that the next Ferndale generation will commend and appreciate. It has been my privilege to establish and serve a community church, build two family homes in Ferndale, raise 7 children, and teach music to hundreds of area youth during my 22 years in Ferndale. These experiences and more give me the resources to contribute toward a great Ferndale future.

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## Brent Lenssen

Non-Partisan

**Current Occupation/Employer:** Manager, Vander Griend Lumber Company, Inc; Lynden, WA

**Significant Career Experience:** City of Lynden Planning Commission: 2002-present. Commission Chair: 2008-present. Lynden Million Smiles Community Playground Executive Committee Member: 2006-2007. Broken Walls International, non-profit Romanian Relief Organization, Board Member: 2002-present

**Education:** Graduate of Lynden Christian High School; Graduate of Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan; BA in Economics, Minor in Mathematics

**Family:** Married to Teresa Lenssen, a local teacher

**Candidate Statement:** Thanks for reading the Voter's Pamphlet. As a lifelong Lynden resident, I recognize that Lynden is a wonderful place to live, work, and play. Because of the combined efforts of citizens, business, and local government, Lynden has been able to cultivate its unique charm and livability. My roles on the Lynden Planning Commission for the past 7 years, as a coordinator on the Million Smiles Playground project, and as a leader at a local business prove that I have the experience to bring the interests of Lynden citizens together for the good of our community.

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## Bob Johnson

Non-Partisan

**Current Occupation/Employer:** Commodities Purchaser, Vendor Relations Manager – TriVan Truck Body, 2005-current

**Significant Career Experience:** Elected as County Commissioner for Ingham, Michigan from 1995-1996, serving on all 4 standing committees; Chaired the Township Board of Review in Bath, Michigan, which resolved citizen complaints about property tax assessments, from 1998 to 2001; Served on the Capital Area Substance Abuse Commission in 1996; Represented the County with the Municipal Employees Retirement System in 1996

**Education:** Holt High Graduate, LCC Small Business Program

**Family:** Married to Debbie Johnson (nee deBoer), with two daughters and one on the way. We attend the American Reformed Church.

**Candidate Statement:** When we moved to Lynden in 2005 we quickly came to appreciate the wholesome, family-friendly community spirit here, and I promise you I would work hard to preserve it. My employment experience shows responsibility with large sums of money, as I oversee several million dollars of purchasing annually, seeking out the best quality, price and service for my company.

I have several years of experience as an elected official, overseeing budgets, courts, human resources, police, etc. Making decisions would reflect my conservative social values and fiscal responsibility. I hope to have opportunity to use my talents and experience for Lynden.

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## Rodney VanderWerff

Non-Partisan

**Current Occupation/Employer:** Designer at Anvil Corporation

**Significant Career Experience:** Served on Lynden's Zoning text review committee and currently sit on the City of Lynden Planning Commission

**Education:** Graduate of Lynden High School and Bellingham Technical College Engineering Technology program

**Family:** Married to La Von VanderWerff and have three children

**Candidate Statement:** I am a lifetime Lynden resident and married with three children. I think Lynden is a wonderfully unique town in which my family and I love to live. I care about its future and will do my absolute best to keep it a special place. I think I share the views of many citizens of the city of Lynden with smart conservative growth and I would be honored to give my time to the people of Lynden and serve on the city council and respectfully ask you for your vote.

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## Greg Penner

Non-Partisan

**Current Occupation/Employer:** Firefighter/EMT, City of Seattle

**Significant Career Experience:** 12 years Civil Service, Small Business owner, Elected to the Board at Sunset Waterfront Resort in 2006,

Worked with the alpha Course for 5 years, worked in medical clinics and construction with YWAM Tanzania and Christ the King in 2007

**Education:** Graduated from SAU Tech AFA Fire Service Program 1998. I have completed additional course work in Network design and administration, Accounting, Insurance, Real Estate and the FEMA National Incident Management System. YWAM DTS 1993

**Family:** Greg and his wife Jeannett have lived in Lynden for 6 years and have 4 children

**Candidate Statement:** I have been a civil servant for the past 12 years and I welcome the opportunity to serve the City of Lynden with integrity and sound judgment. I am committed to honest government and fiscal responsibility.

I believe in the oath of office and will support the constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Washington without compromise.

My attention to detail and aptitude to learn and understand information will complement the current council. I am committed to working with the people of Lynden, local businesses and the city departments.

Please visit my website at [www.penner4council.com](http://www.penner4council.com)

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## When Will Ballots Be Mailed?

Ballots are scheduled to be mailed starting July 29, 2009.

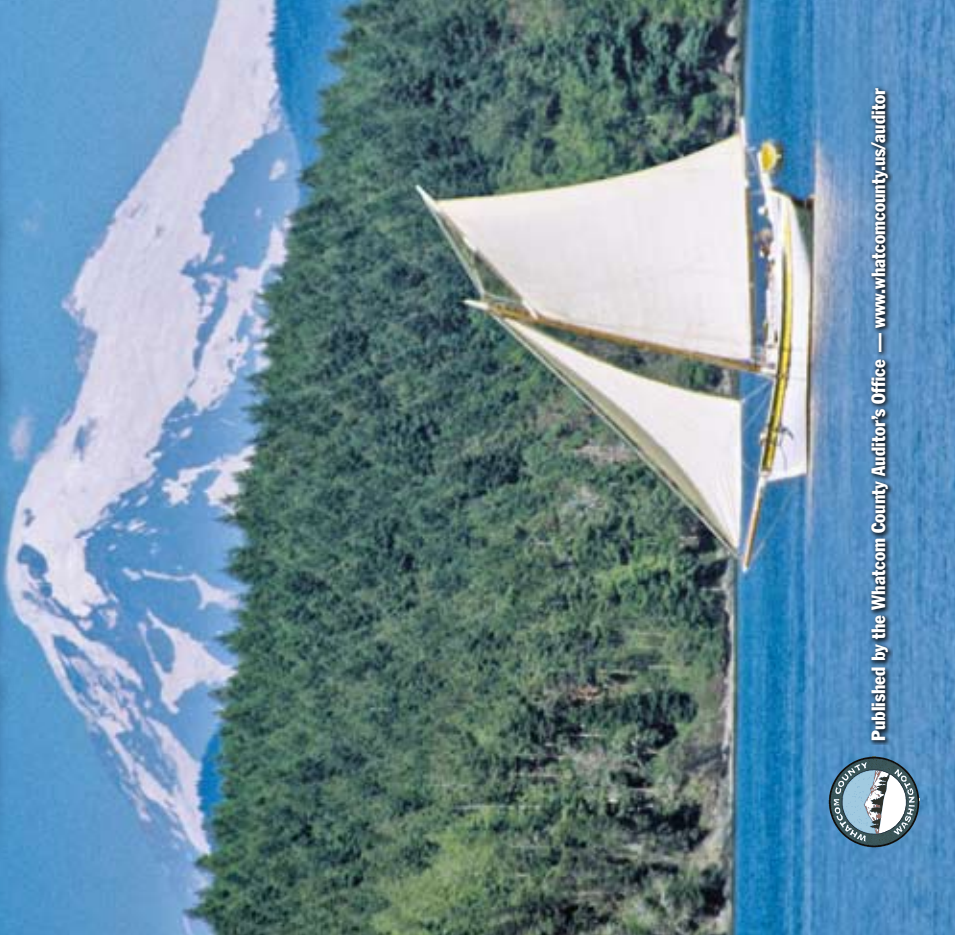
If you have not received your ballot by August 3, 2009, please contact the Whatcom County Elections Division at (360) 676-6742 or TTY (360) 738-4555, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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