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Voters' Guide for Bedford

ELECTION DAY: SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2009

Early Voting: April 27 through May 5, 2009

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This Voters Guide lists all candidates in contested races in Tarrant County (except Arlington, Dalworthington Gardens, Kennedale, Mansfield, and Pantego which is published by the League of Women Voters of Arlington), and includes responses to questionnaires sent to those candidates. **Candidate replies are printed without editing or verification.** Due to space restrictions, candidates were given strict word limits for replies.

Replies exceeding the word limit are indicated by ellipsis (...). Candidates were also asked to confine their responses to the questions asked and to avoid references to their opponents.

This Voters Guide is organized by city and office, with candidates listed in ballot order. A committee of the League of Women Voters of Tarrant County developed candidates' questions.

This Voters Guide is available on-line by visiting the website at www.LWVTarrantCounty.org.

You may bring this Voters Guide to the voting booth! In 1995, the Texas law prohibiting use of printed materials in polling places, such as Voters Guides, was ruled unconstitutional.

Be an informed voter!

Be sure to attend the Candidate Forum

on Wednesday, April 29th at 7:00p.m. at the Bedford Boys' Ranch

Qualifications for Voting

You must be a citizen of the United States.

You must be at least 18 years old on the day of the election.

You must be registered to vote.

You may register to vote at any time. However, in order for you to vote in a particular election, your application for registration must be postmarked or received by the registrar at least 30 days before that election. (*April 7th is the deadline to register to vote in this election.*)

You may not have been declared mentally incompetent by a court.

You must not be on parole, probation, or in prison for a felony conviction.

Where to Vote

During Early Voting April 27-May 5 you may vote at any of the 40 early voting locations in Tarrant County.

On Election Day May 9th, you must vote in your precinct of residence. Your precinct is listed on your registration card, or you may find out where to vote by calling 817/831-8683 or going online with your county elections administrator: www.tarrantcounty.com/evote.

Required I.D.

You need a Voter Registration Card or other proof of identification such as a driver's license or passport. Call 817/831-8683 or go on-line with your county elections administrator: www.tarrantcounty.com/evote for all types of acceptable ID. You do not have to have your Voter Registration Card to vote.

Early Voting By Mail

To receive a ballot application or more information call Tarrant County Elections Administration: 817/831-8683

HELPFUL WEBSITES:

LWV of Tarrant County
www.lwvtarrantcounty.org
817-348-8683

League of Women Voters of Texas
www.lwvtexas.org

League of Women Voters (U.S.)
www.lwv.org

Texas Secretary of State
www.sos.state.tx.us

Vote Texas
www.votexas.org

EARLY VOTING FOR MAY 9, 2009
(VOTACIÓN ADELANTADA DE 9 DE MAYO DE 2009)
JOINT – GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS
(ELECCIONES GENERALES Y ESPECIALES CONJUNTAS)

EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE DAYS AND HOURS
(DIAS Y HORAS DE VOTACIÓN TEMPRANO POR APARICIÓN PERSONAL)

April (Abril) 27-30	Monday - Thursday (Lunes - Jueves)	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
May (Mayo) 1	Friday (Viernes)	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
May (Mayo) 2	Saturday (Sabado)	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
May (Mayo) 3	Sunday (Domingo)	11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
May (Mayo) 4 - 5	Monday - Tuesday (Lunes - Martes)	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**** Note: City of Haslet ballot available only at:**

**** (Aviso: Boletas para la ciudad de Haslet son disponible solamente a:)**
Haslet Public Library
100 Gammil Street
Haslet, Texas 76052

EARLY VOTING BY MAIL
(VOTACIÓN TEMPRANO POR CORREO)

TO RECEIVE A BALLOT APPLICATION OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
TARRANT COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION: 817-831-8683
*(PARA RECIBIR UNA SOLICITUD PARA BOLETA O MAS INFORMACIÓN LLAMAR
AL ADMINISTRADOR DE ELECCIONES DEL CONDADO DE TARRANT: 817-831-8683)*

Applications for a ballot by mail must be submitted between March 10, 2009 and May 1, 2009 with one of the following requirements: *(Solicitudes para una boleta por correo pueden ser sometidas durante el 10 de Marzo de 2009, y 1 de Mayo de 2009, con uno de los siguientes requisitos:)*

1. Age of voter is 65 or over on Election Day. *(Edad del votante es 65 o mas el Día de Elección.)*
2. Voter is disabled. *(Votante está incapacitado.)*

For #1 or #2, the ballot must be mailed to the voter registration residence address/ mailing address or to a hospital, nursing home/long-term care facility, retirement center or address of a relative. The relationship of the relative must be indicated. *(Para #1 o #2 la boleta debe ser enviada a la dirección residencial/dirección de correo de registro de votante o a un hospital, clínica para convalecientes o ancianos/facilidad de cuidado de termino largo, centro de jubilación o dirección de un pariente. Debe indicar el parentesco del pariente.)*

3. Voter is confined in jail - ballot must be mailed to the jail or address of a relative. The relationship of the relative must be indicated. *(Votante esta encaerelado - boleta debe ser enviada a la carcel o a la dirección de un pariente. Debe indicar el parentesco del pariente.)*

4. Voter expects to be out of the county on Election Day and during the regular hours for conducting early voting - ballot must be mailed to an address outside the county. *(Votante espera estar afuera del condado el Día de Elección y durante las horas regulares de conducir votación temprano - boleta debe ser enviada a una dirección fuera del condado.)*

Applications must be received at the following address

NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2009

(Las solicitudes deben ser recibidas a la dirección siguiente NO MAS TARDAR DEL VIERNES, 1 de Mayo de 2009)

STEVE RABORN, EARLY VOTING CLERK
(Secretario De Votación Adelantada, Steve Raborn)
PO BOX 961011
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76161-0011

FOR VOTER WITH ONSET OF AN ILLNESS ON OR AFTER APRIL 30, 2009, EMERGENCY BALLOT APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN 5 PM, ELECTION DAY, AT THE ELECTIONS CENTER, 2700 PREMIER STREET, FORT WORTH, TX 76111 (SEC. 102.001, TEXAS ELECTION CODE.) *(PARA VOTANTES CON PRINCIPIOS DE UNA ENFERMEDAD EN O DESPUES DEL 30 DE ABRIL DE 2009, SOLICITUDES PARA BOLETA DE EMERGENCIA DEBEN SER REGRESADAS NO MAS TARDAR DE LAS 5 PM, EL DIA DE ELECCION, EN EL CENTRO DE ELECCIONES, 2700 PREMIER ST., FORT WORTH, TX 76111 (SEC. 102.001, CODIGO DE ELECCION DE TEXAS.)*

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS IN THE COUNTY

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| <p>1. MAIN EARLY VOTING SITE
Tarrant County Elections Center
2700 Premier Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76111
Emergency and limited ballots available at this location only</p> | <p>14. Diamond Hill/Jarvis Library
1300 Northeast 35th Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76106</p> | <p>27. Starrett Elementary School
2675 Fairmont Drive
Grand Prairie, Texas 75052</p> |
| <p>2. Bob Duncan Community Center
2800 South Center Street
Arlington, Texas 760</p> | <p>15. Fort Worth Municipal Building
1000 Throckmorton Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102</p> | <p>28. Grapevine Comm Activities Ctr
1175 Municipal Way
Grapevine, Texas 76051</p> |
| <p>3. Elzie Odom Recreation Center
1601 NE Green Oaks Boulevard
Arlington, Texas 76006</p> | <p>16. Griffin Sub-Courthouse
3212 Miller Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas 76119</p> | <p>29. Halton City Recreation Center
4839 Broadway Avenue
Halton City, Texas 76117</p> |
| <p>4. Fire Training Center
5501 Ron McAndrew Drive
Arlington, Texas 76013</p> | <p>17. Handley-Meadowbrook Community Center
6201 Beaty Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76112</p> | <p>30. Haslet Public Library
100 Gammil Street
Haslet, Texas 76052</p> |
| <p>5. South Service Center
1100 SW Green Oaks Boulevard
Arlington, Texas 760</p> | <p>18. JPS Health Ctr ViolaPitts/Como
<i>Lower Level, Auditorium 1</i>
4701 Bryant Irvin Road N.
Fort Worth, Texas 76107</p> | <p>31. Keller Town Hall
1100 Bear Creek Parkway
Keller, Texas 76248</p> |
| <p>6. Southeast Sub-Courthouse
700 E Abram Street
Arlington, Texas 76010</p> | <p>19. Riverside Comm Ctr in Park
3700 East Belknap Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76111</p> | <p>32. Sheriff's Office North Patrol Divn
6651 Lake Worth Boulevard
Lake Worth, Texas 76135</p> |
| <p>7. B. J. Clark Annex Room 4
603 Southeast Parkway
Azle, Texas 76020</p> | <p>20. Sendera Ranch Elem School
1216 Diamond Back Lane
Haslet, Texas 76052</p> | <p>33. Mansfield Sub-Courthouse
1100 East Broad Street
Mansfield, Texas 76063</p> |
| <p>8. Bedford Public Library
1805 L. Don Dodson Drive
Bedford, Texas 76021</p> | <p>21. Southside Community Center
959 East Rosedale Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76104</p> | <p>34. Pantego Town Hall
1614 South Bowen Road
Pantego, Texas 76013</p> |
| <p>9. Benbrook YMCA
1899 Winscott Road
Benbrook, Texas 76126</p> | <p>22. Southwest Sub-Courthouse
6551 Granbury Road
Fort Worth, Texas 76133</p> | <p>35. Richland Hills Comm Center
3204 Diana Drive
Richland Hills, Texas 76118</p> |
| <p>10. Colleyville City Hall
100 Main Street
Colleyville, Texas 76034</p> | <p>23. Summerglen Branch Library
4205 Basswood Boulevard
Fort Worth, Texas 76137</p> | <p>36. River Oaks City Hall
4900 River Oaks Boulevard
River Oaks, Texas 76114</p> |
| <p>11. Crowley Community Center
900 East Glendale Street
Crowley, Texas 76036</p> | <p>24. Tarrant County Plaza Building
201 Burnett Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102</p> | <p>37. Saginaw City Hall
333 West McLeroy Boulevard
Saginaw, Texas 76179</p> |
| <p>12. Eules Public Library
201 North Ector Drive
Eules, Texas 76039</p> | <p>25. Worth Heights Comm Center
3551 New York Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas 76110</p> | <p>38. Southlake Town Hall
1400 Main Street
Southlake, Texas 76092</p> |
| <p>13. Mahaney Community Center
6800 Forest Hill Drive
Forest Hill, Texas 76140</p> | <p>26. W. R. Hatfield Elem School
2051 Texan Drive
Justin, Texas 76247</p> | <p>39. Watauga City Hall
7105 Whitley Road
Watauga, Texas 76148</p> |
| | | <p>40. White Settlement Rec Center
8213 White Settlement Road
White Settlement, Texas 76108</p> |

TEMPORARY BRANCH EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

April 27 - 29		Monday - Wednesday		8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Solana Office Complex		Westlake Town Offices		3 Village Circle Westlake, Texas 76262	
April 28 - 30		Tuesday - Thursday		8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Blue Mound City Hall		Dalworthington Gardens City Hall		Villages of Woodland Springs , Amenity Bldg	
301 Blue Mound Road Blue Mound, Texas 76131		2600 Roosevelt Drive Dalworthington Gardens, Texas 76016		12209 Timberland Boulevard Fort Worth, Texas 76248	
May 1		Friday		8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
May 2		Saturday		7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	
May 3		Sunday		11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	
May 4 - 5		Monday - Tuesday		7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	
Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD Administration Building			East Regional Library		
1200 Old Decatur Road			6301 Bridge Street Fort Worth, Texas 76112		
May 4 - 5		Monday - Tuesday		7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	
UTA—University of Texas at Arlington EH Herford University Center 300 W 1st St Arlington, Texas 76019					

BEDFORD MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

The Bedford City Council includes the Mayor and five Council members. The Mayor is elected at-large and represents the City. The City Council members serve two-year staggered terms, with elections every May. City Council meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00pm at City Hall. Council members are expected to attend regular City Council meetings and to serve as liaisons to different advisory committees. Each Council member has an equal vote on all action taken by the Council. Agendas are posted 72 hours before each meeting. Council Minutes are not posted until the following month of the meeting after they have been approved by Council.

QUESTIONS FOR EACH CANDIDATE

1. Please describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office. (50 word limit)
2. How do you propose to handle the problems facing your city created by the current economic crisis (high unemployment, falling home prices and declining sales and property tax revenue)? (75 word limit)
3. What are your plans for a more environmentally friendly city? (50 word limit)
4. Do you believe any changes are warranted in the existing "daytime curfew"? (50 word limit)
5. Under what circumstances would you support a property tax increase? (50 word limit)
6. What will you do to spur development in the city? (50 word limit)
7. What other important issues are now facing the city, and how would you address them? (100 word limit)

Mayor

(Term: 2 Years)

Kenneth Kimmons

No response received.

Jim Story

1. I have been Mayor of Bedford for over 3 and a half years and I am proud of the record of the city since I was elected.
2. City revenues are down slightly, but due to a realistic budget, Bedford does not foresee serious financial problems. Economic development is the council's #1 focus area, and we have several initiatives that will enable us to maintain and probably increase our tax base. We are working with TxDOT, consultants, businesses, and property owners to minimize the negative impact of the 183 widening and create positive solutions.
3. The council recently agreed to establish an environmental/green task force to study ways to improve the environment and save money on utilities. The new library is investigating grants for green technology.
4. Not at the present time. The council has committed to re-visit the ordinance in July after the spring semester attendance data is evaluated.
5. A property tax increase is the last resort after we have reduced wasteful spending, maximized collection of current fees, increased sales tax through economic development, applied for grants if appropriate, and corrected fee structure.
6. Economic development is the #1 focus in Bedford's strategic plan. We have funded 3 studies this year specifically for economic development, set a roadmap for commercial incentives, hired additional personnel in our Economic Development Department, and promoted more business friendly zoning ordinances. Customer service has become a way of life.

Mayor (continued)

(Term: 2 Years)

Jim Story (continued)

7. Strategic planning is the key. Our #2 focus area is code enforcement. Bedford must be a pleasing community to live in and do business. Codes are being updated and methods to improve enforcement have been established. Some inspections, such as for apartments, have been outsourced to provide better coverage. Good budgeting practices are essential, and this is our #3 focus area. We work to see that our budget supports the strategic plan and isn't wasteful. Streamlining the budget process is important to reduce staff effort, improve an understanding of the budget by council and citizens, and simplify the approval process.

Place 1

(Term: 2 Years)

Francisco A. Chincilla

1. I'm a United States citizen of legal age to run for the office of city council and have lived in the City of Bedford for the last nine years, am a junior student at UTA with a major in Political Science, and will hold no other public office of emolument.
2. To face the financial crisis at the city level entails an opportunity to seize the economic transition affecting the city's revenues provoked by the unemployment and the housing debacle. We need a favorable awareness and a sense of innovation to promote restructuring and enhancing areas of our economy not yet affected and retraining workers with city sponsored adult education programs to incorporate in them, also employment in the reconstruction of city infrastructure with federal funds.
3. I plan to implement myriad solutions, for example, promoting car-pooling, teaching how to recycle correctly, carrying canvas or reusable bags when shopping for groceries, taking shorter showers, unplugging unused appliances and electronics, walking or riding bikes, installing solar panels, and other common sense strategies.
4. As newly elected city council member, I will propose to revitalize the Boys Ranch and thus introduce programs aimed at quelling some of the causes of loitering and drug use afflicting our young citizens. Current daytime curfew ordinance could be amended to enhance those means that will help implement solutions.
5. I would support property tax increases only when our economy is booming, all of our citizens are blessed with well paying jobs, our city budget is balanced with sizeable surpluses, and there is a need to invest in more city services to our citizens. Otherwise, I could not support it.
6. To spur development in the city, I would consider initiatives of tax incentives to attract business thus increasing the labor force and the income of our workers. Also, I would explore the many possibilities of the revitalization of the downtown businesses and reinvent Main Street America to attract more shoppers.
7. The City of Bedford, as other cities in the present American landscape, faces the important issue of a budget deficit. The city's budget deficit is too complex for tax-only cuts-only solutions, and there is no panacea. Tough decisions must be considered. A balanced budget amendment is one possible solution; reducing excessive spending and freezing discretionary expenditures should also be considered. However, realities may weigh heavily to what appears to be practical solutions. That is why once elected to the City Council I will begin to take initial steps to introduce resolutions aimed at solving these tough issues, a daunting task.

**Be sure to attend
the Candidate Forum
Wednesday, April 29th
at the Bedford Boys Ranch
starting at 7:00 p.m.**

Place 1 (continued)

(Term: 2 Years)

Roger D. Fisher

1. I was a student leader at Harwood, Trinity and Texas A&M University ('03). Currently, I serve as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for a local small business. As for my involvement with the city, I am in my second year on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
2. The answer is not to raise taxes. In good economic times Bedford's biggest problem is the lack of revenue from the mall or the airport. In times such as these, we are somewhat fortunate that our revenues are not hit as hard as our sister cities. To make up for revenues lost we must make cuts in the budget where necessary and reprioritize projects.
3. All cost effective options should be on the table. I support the current council's initiatives on re-vamping city facilities with energy efficient lighting and HAVC systems. Ideally, I would like to see the city explore solar energy and LED streetlight technology for city streets.
4. The current ordinance is working as intended, to keep students in their seats. If they are not in school they do not have the chance to be educated. This ordinance will be reviewed in July and I will have an open mind in making a decision on the ordinance.
5. I would not like to see an increase in taxes! I pay them too. However, if the council is responsible with the taxpayer's money and the city finds itself in the red an increase in taxes might be the only way to keep the city solvent.
6. Let's face it, in Bedford we are talking about redevelopment. I will work with Bill Syblon to attract new business and support offering tax abatements to businesses that will move here. Bedford has a history of being unfriendly to business. I will do everything I can to change that perception.
7. The new 183 highway is coming and we as a city must prepare for its impacts now! Bedford will bear a huge burden with losing business south of the current highway. We have to be responsible in finding places move those businesses to other locations throughout the city. The construction of this highway will have a drastic effect on our tax base. We must be smart and we must be responsible. If we can work through this; we will be well on our way to building a better, brighter Bedford.

Place 1 (continued)

(Term: 2 Years}

Jason L. McCaffity

1. City employee and supervisor for the past 12 years. During this time I have had the honor to serve on several boards playing an integral part in laying the ground work for future operations. I'm a family man, home owner and small business owner. McCaffity is best for Bedford.
2. With decreases in property values and sales tax revenue our city will be facing some difficult decisions ahead. Bedford has always relied on the increase in building permits to offset the increase in city expenses. Since the building boom has decreased and Bedford is close to maximum capacity the citizens need leaders who will actively pursue economic development with the goal of recruiting sustainable businesses to Bedford. It is essential to recruit good businesses.
3. I will support the current building technologies which are being implemented. I will seek alternative funding which doesn't have strings attached. LEED certification is being considered and if pursued, there is an increase in the cost of initial design and construction. If adopted we'll have to pay for that increase.
4. The daytime curfew was poorly written. It provides criminal penalties for business owners who allow children in their business during the daytime. State law already provides police officers the authority to enforce the compulsory school attendance law. Speaking as a 12 year veteran police officer this ordinance isn't needed.
5. Government must first explore and exercise all options prior to recommending tax increases. In times of economic distress, city administrators can't rubber stamp tax increases without trimming the budget first. Only after all options have been exercised and it's needed to sustain basic services will I support an increase.
6. I will actively seek partnerships with retail establishments that have a proven track record for large volume sales. Currently, Wal-Mart is Bedford's only large sales tax contributor. We need to actively pursue anchor stores and convince them their business will be supported and life is truly better in Bedford.
7. One of the biggest issues is communication, or lack thereof. The lines of communication between City administration, citizens, and employees must be opened. I will work with all groups in Bedford to help plan for our future. With 12 years of municipal government experience, I am the only candidate who has a working knowledge of the city. I have been involved with several internal and external city committees which provide me with an advantage to understand the complex issues surrounding municipalities. We must provide for our children. A vote for McCaffity is a vote for accountability, integrity, and fiscal responsibility.

**Get Involved,
Join the League!**

Place 2

(Term : 2 Years)

Roy Savage

1. A career in the Insurance and Financial community with long time management experience that spans many years. Lived in Bedford for 48 years and served the City in various ways. Nine years on the City Council working for the betterment of Bedford. Served on numerous Boards and Commissions.
2. Work with the Economic Development department and Code Enforcement to maintain our property values in the City. To continue diligently pursuing new businesses to fill vacancy's in our Strip Shopping Centers and undeveloped properties. To work with Staff and Council to prioritize the needs of the Citizens, and to maintain and utilize the integrity of the budgeting process to keep a balanced budget. Work to maintain a manageable surplus to be used for equipment etc.
3. Continue to explore new ways to improve the environment. Environmentally friendly process's and equipment are now being explored for the new Library. A new master plan now being developed to bring the Boy's Ranch into a more environmentally friendly environment. Continue development of new ideas.
4. No in September 08 we first considered the daytime curfew ordnance. The ordnance as presented to the Council seemed to be viable I voted to enact the ordnance. I have seen no negative effect caused by it's enactment. I therefore stand for the ordnance as written.
5. Only to maintain the integrity of the City service's demanded by the Citizens.
6. Work with Economic Development department and HEB Economic Development Foundation to advertise the availability of opportunities our area presents. Work with developers to explore incentives to locate in our City. Diligently work for the redevelopment of our Strip Shopping Centers.
7. The widening of St Hwy 121 & 183 I will address this with the assistance of a land use survey currently being conducted. And staff recommendations. Other important issues includes the new Library currently under construction. I would address this by staying within budget and to continue to bring viable services to comply with the wishes of the community trying to satisfy public demand. Our parks Boy's Ranch for one needs updated and infrastructure revisited. Currently updating the master plan to include some new amenities. Will follow new recommendations.

**During Early Voting,
you may vote anywhere in the County.
If you vote on Election Day,
you can only vote where your Precinct votes.**

Place 2 (continued)

(Term: 2 Years)

Jason Sinisi

1. I have served on the Bedford Building and Standards Commission for the past year. I know what it takes to meet and discuss issues concerning the city. I am also a small business owner in the city running a successful flooring business on the weekends and in my spare time.
2. I feel the city needs more quality businesses in Bedford. If we can entice new businesses into the city this will produce new jobs. Falling home prices have affected everybody nation wide not just our city, but Bedford has fared better than a lot of the surrounding cities. This is do in part to the low property taxes and vast amenities the city has to offer. With new businesses comes new sales tax revenue.
3. Bedford needs to start to go green. I thing the library is a great way to start, with solar panels on the roof and better earth friendly materials in the remodeling. Going green is a great place for the citizens to get involved like the annual Clean up Bedford Day.
4. Yes, but the wording that affects businesses only. Business owners and employees should not be held responsible for knowing an ever changing H.E.B. I.S.D school calendar. Businesses within the city should not have a barrier on trade placed on them. I feel this ordinance needs to be more business friendly.
5. I would not support a property tax increase, unless the citizens of Bedford as a whole city wanted an increase. I would still look for a different way of raising funds or cutting cost before having to raise property taxes.
6. Anything I can do. Bedford is 97.3% developed so any new ideas from the public or from businesses looking to build or relocate into Bedford are welcomed. More development in the city equals more revenue and more choices for the residents to spend their money in Bedford.
7. Two major issues facing the city are the widening of 183 and funding for the new library. Since the widening of 183 is happening in the near future the city needs to find ways of not losing businesses along 183 and it needs to listen to the citizens about their input on issues like noise control and property values. As far as the library, we need to work with the community to keep costs low and be a model for other libraries around the world, not just the state. These are two of many issues citizens have asked me about.

Dave Gebhart

1. I am a software engineer with almost twenty years experience, constantly challenged with solving complex problems with limited time and resources. I am president of a non-profit corporation. I have built a board of directors and continually work to unite different perspectives in the pursuit of a common goal.
2. Although we do live in challenging times, I would not characterize it as a crisis. The best approach right now is rigorous fiscal responsibility with regards to our current expenditures combined with a deferment of any significant new capital investments unless absolutely necessary. Problems such as unemployment, falling home prices, and declining tax revenues have no quick fix and must be addressed in a long-term plan to stabilize our local economic foundations.

