

2021 Voter's Guide

In Brief

Polling Locations:

BEREA RECREATION CENTER
(451 Front Street)
Wards: 1A 4B 5A&C

BEREA BRANCH LIBRARY
(7 Berea Commons)
Wards: 1B, 4A

ST MARYS CATHOLIC CHURCH
(250 Kraft Street)
Wards: 2, 3A

HERITAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
(485 West Street)
Wards: 3B&C, 5B

If you don't know what district you are in- look it up on:
boe.cuyahogacounty.gov
Click on 'where do I vote?'

Next Edition:
Our next edition will be the annual tax and business high-light edition.

Quote
"Talk is cheap, voting is free; take it to the polls"
-Nanette L. Avery

City of Berea	Berea City School District	3- Berea Tax Levy (Renewal)
For President of Council Vote for One <input type="radio"/> Jim Maxwell	For Member of Board of Education Vote for no more than three <input type="radio"/> Ana Chapman <input type="radio"/> Heather Zirke <input type="radio"/> Richard Mack <input type="radio"/> Steve Dockman <input type="radio"/> Douglas A. Schwind <input type="radio"/> Rachel J. McDonnell <input type="radio"/> Write-in: _____	A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. 3 A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the City of Berea for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 4.1 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 41 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022. <input type="radio"/> For the Tax Levy <input type="radio"/> Against the Tax Levy
For Member of Council at Large Vote for no more than two <input type="radio"/> Mary K. Brown <input type="radio"/> Daune Jaynes <input type="radio"/> Gene Zacharyasz <input type="radio"/> Bernadette Butler	4 - Berea Charter Amendment - Gender A majority affirmative vote is required for passage. 4 Shall the Preamble of the Charter of the City of Berea be amended to provide that whenever in the Charter the male gender pronoun is used, it is understood that it reflects and includes all gender pronouns? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
For Member of Council (Ward ?) Vote for One <input type="radio"/> {Your Ward Candidate} <input type="radio"/> {Your Ward Candidate}		

Berea News On-Line

Berea, Ohio
Visit us at BereaNews.org and keep up to date on what's happening in Berea!
If you would like to contribute to this project contact me at- dent.mark@gmail.com.

WE WILL HAVE LIVE UPDATES ON ELECTION DAY

Berea Tax Levy and Gender Charter Amendment

Berea, Ohio
The tax levy raises around \$365,000 per year at a cost of about \$25 for \$100,000 house. The levy is used to fund city operations.
The Gender Charter Amendment simply clarifies that terms are meant to be gender neutral.

VOTING OPTIONS

Berea, Ohio
VOTE BY MAIL! Vote from the comfort of your home. Request a ballot by mail today-go to boe.cuyahogacounty.gov Click on 'Vote-by-Mail'
VOTE EARLY- Beginning October 5- Vote at Cuyahoga County Board of Elections located at 2925 Euclid Ave., Cleveland OH 44115. Call (216) 443-VOTE (8683) for times
VOTE AT THE POLLS-Vote on November 2 at one of the polling locations. If you don't know your polling location you can look it up at boe.cuyahogacounty.gov Click on 'Where do I Vote'

City Council at Large

All Berea Wards will be able to select two of the four candidates.



Daune Jaynes



Submitted Candidate Introduction
Signed Berea's Good Government Pledge

Intro-

My husband Kevin and I moved to Berea in 1990 with our two sons. We both serve the Berea Community in various capacities. Berea is our home and we are proud to be here.

I look forward to exploring new ways to build and strengthen our city. Those who know me, know that I am passionate about serving my community and helping others. But turning words into working solutions takes proven experience. This experience is what I bring to the table and why I am running for Berea City Council.

Government starts at the bottom and builds its way upward. This is why I will work together with residents and the city administration to improve communications and services. I have listened and will continue to listen to my constituents and gain their insight on how our tax dollars are spent. I have heard you, and yes, it is time we fix our infrastructure, our sewers, our municipal buildings, our sidewalks, and our streets.

Together we can do this.

Feel free to email me at friendsdjaynes@gmail.com. I would appreciate your thoughts and concerns.

I am looking forward to expanding my outreach by working for you on Berea's City Council.



Mary Brown



Submitted Candidate Introduction
Signed Berea's Good Government Pledge

Intro-Hello Berea!

My name is Mary Brown and I am running for Berea City Council. I am running for a council at large seat: this means anyone can vote for me. I am a Branch Manager at U.S. Bank. I am a wife, mother, grandmother, business-woman, and long-time Berea resident.

Customers at US Bank will tell you I have an infectious smile and have always been focused on helping people.

I have volunteered many hours at Berea Cares, delivering lunches to front line-workers and the residents of the assisted living community. I love doing this and seeing the smiles I bring to their faces.

As a business leader, I know how to get things done. Having previously served on Berea City Council, I know the issues that confront our city. I also know what solutions work and which ones do not. I have the connections, the background, and the ambition to move Berea forward.

If you would like to help me with my campaign you can contact me at maryk-brownberea@gmail.com



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Gene Zacharyasz

Intro-

MEET GENE

As citizens of Berea, you deserve tireless commitment that guides and implements technology changes, economic development, communication and service improvements that will benefit all Bereans. Gene Zacharyasz is a tireless worker for berea and is committed to serve the people as Council-at-Large in the city of Berea.



Bernadette Butler

Intro-

Bernadette is an author of the book 'Living with Autism God, me and Melvin. This book is about Bernadette's journey raising an autistic son.

Bernadette was also a Berea School crossing guard for 5 years.

Candidate Participation-

City Council Candidates were contacted multiple times and more than a month in advance of this publication. School Board Candidates were only contacted once and given less time to respond. If a candidate did not respond, we used social media to provide information on the candidate.

City Council Ward 4

Ward 4 has two candidates running for Council



Erika Coble



Submitted Candidate Introduction
Signed Berea's Good Government Pledge

Intro-

Hello!

My name is Erika. I am married and have 2 children who grew up in Berea.

During the past three years, I followed Berea City Council and worked to bring our community together. By engaging my neighbors we worked to prevent Omni Corporation from building a massive five-story building on the shores of Coe Lake. Working with other community organizers, we continue to advance the needs of Bereans, addressing basement flooding, neighborhood development, and other community issues.

I also Co-founded Sustainable Berea. Sustainable Berea manages a yearly clean-up of Coe Lake and works to connect people with the resources in our community. Our goal is to promote economic development in a sustainable way for our enjoyment and the enjoyment of future generations.

Some of my goals as a councilwoman are:

- Spearhead registration with the National Register of Historic Places
- Champion innovative infrastructure that manages our natural resources
- Connect constituents to city resources
- Promote arts and culture

I will work hard as your councilwoman and make sure we all have a voice in city government.

I would appreciate your vote this November!



Kim Smith



Submitted Candidate Introduction



Candidate DID NOT Sign Berea's Good Government Pledge

Intro-

Dear Ward 4 Neighbors:

It has been an honor to serve as your Councilwoman and I humbly ask for your support in the upcoming election.

I look forward to continuing with open communication throughout our neighborhood as we work together to build community through unity.

I will continue working on ways we can maintain the character of our historical neighborhood, strengthen our partnership with BW, make upgrades to our roads and infrastructure, and support our downtown business base.

As your Councilwoman, I am committed to working with you to make sure you have a voice at City Hall.

Being elected in the early days of COVID was a challenge but it did not stop us from working together to build a stronger Berea.

Because the only support I care about is yours, I will be running a self-funded campaign and I will not be seeking contributions or endorsements from any political party or interest group. It is my intention to represent you without any outside pressure and always do what is in the best interest of our neighborhood.

Other Wards

Candidates for wards 1, 2, 3 and 5 are running unopposed. Despite multiple requests- none of the candidates submitted materials for this voter's guide.

Information on candidate taken from Facebook and other sources



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Ward 1

Leon R. Dozier

Former Railroad System at Republic Steel Corp / Studied Electrical engineering at Howard University.

Ward 2

Chris McManis

Hi, my name is Chris McManis and I want your vote for Berea City Council Ward 2.

Ward 3

Lisa Weaver

No information found on candidate

Ward 5

Rick Skoczen

Working together we can re-ignite the pride and community spirit making Berea the best place to live, work, and invest! It's time for "Progress NOT Promises!"

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Berea School Board

All Berea Wards will be able to select three of the seven candidates.



Ana Chapman



Submitted Candidate Introduction
Signed School Board Pledge

Intro-

I'm running for re-election to the school board because I've dedicated my adult life to service. I care about children, their well-rounded education, and their futures.

As a volunteer in the BCSD schools since 2004, the community, the Ohio PTA, and a public school educator for 28 years, I've learned the importance of advocating for children and giving selflessly.

As a first-generation American and a daughter of immigrants, my parents always stressed the importance of sacrifice, hard work, and commitment. As a first-generation college graduate, I understand the needs of our students and families.

As a mom of 2 recent graduates and a current sophomore, I know the history of the district and the areas for improvement. As a current school board member, I have been recognized as a Master Board Member and a recipient of the Award of Achievement by the Ohio Schools Boards Association.

I understand the role of the school board, the hard work involved, and am ready to continue working collaboratively and respectfully for the children of the district.



Heather Zirke



Submitted Candidate Introduction
Signed School Board Pledge

Intro-

I am running for the school board because I am a passionate advocate for students and families.

I have lived in Berea for 16 years and I am the parent of two current students. I am a member of the Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Task Force Steering Committee and remain fully committed to making our schools more welcoming and inclusive.

I have served as the President of Grindstone PTA and Berea-Midpark Middle School PTA and had the opportunity to develop relationships with parents and community leaders to strengthen our schools.

As a school board member, I would continue to support educators and administrators in promoting high-quality teaching and learning. In addition to being a committed volunteer, I have been a lawyer for 19 years. My professional experience will help me be an effective board member and advisor to the superintendent and other district leaders.



Richard Mack



Submitted Candidate Introduction
Signed School Board Pledge

Intro-

As a retired teacher and coach in the BCSD, as well as a long-time resident in our communities (37+ years), I have been committed to the students, families, and residents of our three communities since first being hired by the District in 1982.

Over the years I've had the good fortune to teach, coach, and mentor students from all three communities. The main constants I've identified during this time are that our students are our greatest resource and they always rise to meet new challenges.

These last few years have been challenging for the District, with many transitions and obstacles (like the pandemic). During this time my belief in our students and families has not wavered.

I would like to bring my experience, passion, and accessibility to the Board of Education, so I can serve our communities as I taught and coached: with integrity, insight, and understanding.

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Berea School Board Cont.

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Steve Dockman



Submitted Candidate Introduction
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Intro-

If I am blessed enough to be re-elected to the Berea School Board, I will continue to support academic excellence as the #1 measurement of our success and oppose divisive agendas that take our focus off that singular goal!

I will support a fair, balanced and accurate presentation of American History (my major at B-W) and oppose teaching CRT, the 1619 Project and/or political bias in the curriculum that turns students against each other and/or America.

I will support a parent's right to know and consent to any counseling or treatment their child receives and oppose Comprehensive Sexual Education, Family Planning & Planned Parenthood materials offered to students without their consent.

I will support sound fiscal stewardship of tax revenue and accurate reporting of educational performance and oppose any adoption of any state or federal programs that co-opt any of these commitments.



Larry Gabbard
(Write-In Candidate)



Submitted Candidate Introduction
Signed School Board Pledge

Intro-

Having a blended family of seven children ages 25 to 2 ½, my wife Sarah and I have a vested interest in the success of our schools. I see many great things in our schools, however, in my opinion, things are trending in the wrong direction and I do not see enough people willing to stand up and 'right the ship'.

There are two major influences that motivated me to run.

Observing the demonization of dissenting opinions. This is happening all around us today even in our district and specifically on our school board.

Parenting is difficult enough as there are many contributing factors, but now I find that we are struggling not only to combat the overwhelming bias in traditional and social media but we are now battling an aligned ideology in the schools as well.



Candidates below
DID NOT

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Rachel J. McDonnell

Intro-

Our Children, Our Community,
Our Voice!

A dedicated educator/ advocate for all learners for over 20 years asking that you please give me the opportunity to serve our community and the children within it.



Douglas Schwind

Intro-

52-year resident of Brook Park. He is seeking election to the Berea Board of Education, which oversees the Berea, Brook Park and Middleburg Heights schools.

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We will post live updates on election day

BEREA'S GOOD GOVERNMENT PLEDGE

I, a candidate for Berea City Government, will serve the Berea Community and commit to the following Values:

LOYALTY

Bear true faith and allegiance to the founding principles of our country that all are created equal.

Support the City of Berea and stand up for all Bereans.

DUTY

Fulfill my obligations to Berea by actively participating in the legislative process and staying informed on all pending and proposed legislation.

Endeavor to listen to and keep my constituents engaged and informed of actions taken by the City of Berea.

RESPECT

Promote the City of Berea and look after all its citizens without regard to race, religion, gender identity or sexual orientation.

Listen and treat with respect those who do not agree with my points of view.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Take ownership of mistakes made.

Be open and honest in all official duties.

INTEGRITY

Deal fairly and honestly with the community when acting in my official capacity or when campaigning for any office in Berea.

Refrain from spreading falsehoods about my opponent or mischaracterizing their positions.

Never use my official office or city resources for personal or political gain.

SIGNED BY:



**Daune
Jaynes**

**Mary
Brown**

**Erika
Coble**

ALL CANDIDATES WERE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN THESE PLEDGES. THE LISTED CANDIDATES CHOSE TO DO SO.

BEREA'S SCHOOL BOARD PLEDGE

I, a candidate for Berea City School Board, serving Berea, Brook Park and Middleburg Heights commit to the following Values:

LOYALTY

Bear true faith and allegiance to the founding principles of our country that all are created equal.

DUTY

Fulfill my obligations to School Board by actively participating in the oversight process and staying informed on all pending and proposed issues.

Endeavor to build public support and understanding of public education.

RESPECT

Promote the district and look after all its students without regard to race, religion, gender identity or sexual orientation.

Listen and treat with respect those who do not agree with my points of view.

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