

Election 2021: Two candidates vie for one Mentor-on-the-Lake at-large council seat

Two other at-large council members are unopposed



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Mentor-on-the-Lake voters will be choosing between two candidates to fill one at-large city council seat in the Nov. 2 general election.

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Residents Skip Gray and Michelle Moore are competing to fill the first at-large council seat, currently held by Preston Wolk, who is not seeking re-election.

Meanwhile, incumbent council members Kevin Bittner and James Lunder are each running unopposed to retain the two other at-large seats, which are also up for election this year.

New four-year terms for the three at-large council seats will begin on Jan. 1. Regular Mentor-on-the-Lake council members receive an annual salary of \$6,050.

Currently, there are 4,929 registered voters in Mentor-on-the-Lake who will be eligible to participate in the upcoming election.

Here are some of the candidates' views that were provided in response to a News-Herald questionnaire:

Skip Gray

Gray did not respond to the questionnaire.

Michelle Moore



Michelle Moore (Submitted)

If elected, Moore said her first primary objective would be working to maintain sound fiscal practices within the city, and try to ensure all expenses were beneficial to the residents.

"Mentor-on-the-Lake is financially strong and I will ensure we are careful by examining budget proposals and future purchases that come before Council for consideration," Moore said.

Moore said she also hopes to boost community engagement and resident involvement with "city events, council meetings, and other opportunities such as volunteering on one of our various boards as opportunities arise.

"This can be done through effective communication and being responsive to our residents when contacted," she added.

Moore, a 25-year Mentor-on-the-Lake resident, said that she felt voters should elect her because she is passionate about the community, and has gathered lots of experience through serving on the Parks and Recreation Board along with attending many city meetings.

"I hope to continue moving in a positive and forward direction to ensure our residents continue to have great city services and are able to fully participate in community meetings and events," Moore said. "My vision is for Mentor-on-the-Lake to be a thriving and safe place to live."

