

Town of Bow Mar

April 5, 2022 Election Candidates

TOM FELDKAMP FOR MAYOR

Neighbors,

For those of you whom I haven't met yet, I have been a Bow Mar resident since 2006, when I moved into town with my wife, Kristin. Shortly after moving in, we welcomed a child, Zach. And two years later, we welcomed another, Greta. Boating, ice skating, dog walking—Bow Mar has it all, and we count our blessings every day for having discovered such a fantastic community for our family. Serving as your mayor for the past six years has been an absolute honor, pleasure, and one of the highlights of my long community service career.

Community service is my passion. Over the years, I have served on many foundation boards. During the aughts, I served on Goodwill Denver's board for eight years, one of them as Chair. Other boards I served on include Habitat for Humanity Denver, Florence Crittenden, Bonfils Blood Center, Open World Learning, and Denver Scholarship Foundation. The Denver Business Journal chose me for their 40 under 40 award, which honors local professionals for their business success and community contributions. And I was invited to participate in Leadership Denver and graduated class of 2006, the same year I moved to Bow Mar.

Once in Bow Mar, I was elected to BMOI, followed by the Patrick Bennet Reservoir Committee. So, I have had experience with many facets of the town. Because of that, I can say with confidence that the Town Board and Mayor are crucial in keeping Bow Mar a special place.

During my terms as Mayor, the Board and I have thoughtfully built on work done by prior volunteers, always with one eye toward creating a sustainable future and one eye toward preserving the best of Bow Mar's history. As a town run by elected volunteers, one important improvement we made was adding to the list of critical town functions already being outsourced—accounting, animal control, and police. We hired vetted companies to serve as town clerk, town attorney, and town maintenance professional. We migrated the town's IT functions to Microsoft O365 with resident Mike Burgess's help.

As a town, we face some pressing issues in the coming term. Funding and executing an expansion of the curve on Berry to make it safer for pedestrians is one. Updating both the town code and building codes to appropriate levels is another. Yet one more is the integration of the Design Review Board into the Town processes. I hope you will elect me so I can continue working on these projects and others.

BRYAN SPERRY FOR MAYOR

In 1993, or almost thirty Turkey Bowls ago, my wife Kim and I moved into our current house on the corner of Bow Mar Drive and Yellowstone. Not long after moving to town, I accepted a position to fill a vacant seat on the Board of Directors for the Bow Mar Water and Sanitation District. After accepting the position, I quickly learned that the district was very short on money and had an aging and failing infrastructure. Beginning in 1999, I helped formulate a plan to restructure the district's finances and set out on a twenty three year journey to make our district one of the very best in metro Denver. Today, the district has reached its goal of becoming financially stable. Over 70% of the pipes have been replaced and a long term capital plan is now in place to fund the replacement of the remaining original pipes within the district. As President of the district, I am proud to say that we have accomplished some

very big goals. Brown water on Wagon Trail together with multiple broken water mains are now a memory, and there has not been a main line sewer backup in Bow Mar for more than 20 years.

In addition to the Bow Mar Water and Sanitation Board, I have worked with BMOI to annually budget for and stock our lake with fish. If you have a child that lives in town or grew up in Bow Mar during the last twenty years, there is a very good chance that they have caught a fish that I put in the lake. For many years, Bowles Lake has had an invasive weed present (Eurasian Milfoil). If not controlled, it can take over and choke a lake. In 2006, I began stocking significant quantities of grass carp to eat and control the milfoil. This has not only been an inexpensive solution but has also been an extremely effective one. Denver Water followed our lead and began using a similar program for Marston Reservoir. This spring, look for some additional grass carp to be added to the lake along with a few good-sized large mouth bass.

Since 1986, I have been and continue to be very active in the commercial real estate business. My 30-year career has included starting and owning my own commercial leasing, management and investment companies. These companies specialize in remodeling, managing and repositioning underperforming assets. In simple terms, we specialize in commercial property turnarounds. Safety, remodeling, construction, building codes and roads are a very big part of Bow Mar. This year, roads alone will account for approximately 34% of the town's expenditures. These are many of the same issues I deal with each day for the properties that I oversee.

In summary, I have done my best to give back to Bow Mar and I am hopeful that I can continue to help by serving as your next Mayor. Thank you for your consideration and support.

STEVE O'DELL FOR TRUSTEE

My family moved to Bow Mar in 1966. We enjoyed all of Bow Mar's activities, including tennis, skating, sailing, fishing and picnics at the Lake. I attended Centennial Elementary, was in the first class at Goddard middle school, then graduated from Littleton High School. I earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder majoring in real estate and marketing. I spent the last 40 years in commercial real estate brokerage, development and investment. Kathy and I bought our first house in Bow Mar in 1986. Work took us to Northern California and Seattle then we returned to Bow Mar in 1997 when our kids Holly and Nick were 6 and 4 years old. We are thankful to have been able to raise our family here. I am looking forward to contributing to the community and to help maintain the community that has been so good to me and my family.

MARGO RAMSDEN FOR TRUSTEE

I am excited to be a candidate for the position of Trustee for the Town of Bow Mar and I would be grateful for your support. My husband (Todd), daughter (Elise, 14) and I have been residents of Bow Mar since July 2009. I am committed to serving our community - as a Trustee for the past 4 years, previously as a BMOI board member and as a parent rep for the summer swim team. In my day job, I am a researcher and manager at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden (well, currently in our spare room ☺) working on the deployment of advanced transportation technologies. As a Trustee I have represented our Town on the Denver Regional Council of Governments, hosted listening sessions to understand traffic safety, and managed and negotiated our trash contracts and service. Over the next two years, I'd love to explore how we can leverage federal and state funding opportunities to enhance our high-speed internet service in Town, improve safety on Town roads, and explore enhanced waste solutions, such as composting.

ANNE JUSTEN FOR TRUSTEE

Service Statement – I advocate a simple and powerful local government concept: listen to constituents, then craft code and make decisions faithfully reflecting their directives.

Our Board of Trustees should ask for robust resident feedback to guide complex and expense-heavy decisions.

When you speak during Public Comment periods, you will never see me checking messages and emails on my phone, clutching the stopwatch to be certain you don't exceed your allotted 180 seconds, or carrying on whispered conversations with other seated at the front table – all disturbing behaviors I have witnessed at Board meetings. I truly want to hear from **you** because I value **your** viewpoints and **your** expertise.

Complex issues have divided this Town for years. We must use unbiased information to make difficult decisions. The 2012-14 Board faced a complicated challenge and presented a solution for Town vote. After rejecting several roads paving projects, residents defined their views collectively through a *pro bono* professional research instrument. Close to 80% of our households responded. Valid data guided a 10-year plan to support the ballot question. Voters said “yes,” and today that roads plan is in its final stages.

I was instrumental in developing that research, just as I generated numerous research projects that influenced millions of dollars in product development and marketing in the business sector (and paid for my girls' college educations!).

We can do better. Participatory government is responsive government. I am responsible to **you**. I will listen to **you**. I respect **your** views.

Background –

- we raised our twins in Bow Mar (now college educated and holding jobs with benefits!)
- active in Bow Mar “ladies” clubs – managing Father’s Day Brunch, 4th of July BBQ, Beach Clean-up lunches; co-founded our community fundraiser benefiting Meals on Wheels (Bow Mar’s generosity is remarkable!)
- Colorado Master Gardener volunteer with interests in teaching gardening to the blind and providing research-based public education
- Board of Trustees 2012-2018
- Director – DRCOG 2012-2018
- grassroots participation in local, county, state, and national election processes
- 35-year energy sector strategic planning career including Petroleum Information (formerly an AC Nielsen company/Dun & Bradstreet division) and Hart Energy
- MBA, University of Tulsa

I respectfully ask for **your vote**.

MARSHA DENNIS FOR TRUSTEE

My name is Marsha Dennis and I am seeking re-election as a Town Trustee. It has been an honor to serve as the Finance Commissioner for four terms and Mayor Pro Tem for 2 terms. As Finance Commissioner, it has been my responsibility to ensure the accuracy of the town’s financial data, prepare

the budget and review actual to budget performance, manage the town's funds and work on special projects when they arise.

I have 29 years of finance/accounting experience that includes working in the treasury department of a large oil and gas company, Controller of a manufacturing company and operating my own CPA practice. I have been active in Bow Mar Gardner's, Monday Club, Meals on Wheels and Denver Street School. I want to represent all the residents by listening to their concerns and working jointly for solutions that the Town can embrace. Rob and I are grateful that we found Bow Mar when we moved to Denver in 2010 and feel blessed to have such wonderful neighbors. This is truly a unique community. I would appreciate your vote in the upcoming election.

JANE CARLSON FOR TRUSTEE

My name is Jane Carlson and I am running for a fifth term as Town Trustee. I am a retired Early Childhood educator. I retired after teaching for 38 years. I now have the joy of volunteering in preschools and most importantly sharing in the joy of being grandparents to twin granddaughters who are preschooler now!

My family and I have called Bow Mar home since 1991...32 years! Douglas and I raised our sons David and Andrew here and have chosen to stay because this is a community that feels like home. Bow Mar has the beauty, privacy, friends abound and a feeling of belonging to a group of neighbors who want mostly the same thing and are committed to making this a unique community.

Our family has been involved in many aspects of Bow Mar. We began volunteering with the Easter Egg Hunts and Swim Team, junior tennis and beach days when the boys were young, then became involved in Blackouts and the Pond Hockey Tournament as the years went on. I served as president of the BMOI board for 5 of my 6 years as a board member and have now been the Town Building Commissioner for the past eight years. Volunteerism is important to me and this is my opportunity to give back to this community.

As an elected Town Trustee I have learned that each of our positions on the Board is complicated. As the Building Commissioner I have seen many large new homes and large remodel projects come through my department. Over these past years the process runs smoothly thanks to the collaboration with the Design Review Board, Mr. Weis, our Building Inspector and our business office at Columbine Valley who process our permits. The office was busy with 51 permits issued resulting in collection of more than \$179,000.

If I am elected I will continue to serve and represent this community with integrity and commitment.

LESLIE HINTON FOR TRUSTEE

Hello neighbors and friends, I am running for another term on the Board of Trustees for the Town of Bow Mar in the April 5th, 2022 election. For the past two years, I have been the Parks and Recreation Trustee. I have enjoyed working with residents, other Trustees, and the Mayor.

My husband (Darren) and I moved to Bow Mar in 2010 with our children (Mary and Michael). Before moving to Bow Mar, we lived in Bow Mar South from 1997 to 2010. Over the years, I have volunteered with the Bow Mar Sharks, Bow Mar Tennis, the garden clubs, Father's Day Brunch, and the 4th of July BBQ. I feel blessed to have raised our children here and I understand that volunteers are the backbone of our community. Bow Mar truly is a one-of-a-kind town. I will continue to listen and collaborate with neighbors, preserve our history and traditions and plan for the future. I would be grateful for your vote.

ANDY SWANSON FOR TRUSTEE

Andy Swanson has lived in Bow Mar with his family of five for six years. Professionally, he is a product development, sales and strategy executive, currently working in the medical non-profit industry. His career has spanned across the finance, technology and healthcare industries with specific focus on consulting and HR services. In his first term as public safety trustee, Andy fostered a positive relationship both with community members and with our partners at Columbine Valley Police. While most safety issues have been minimal, those requiring attention have been handled swiftly and with discretion. Andy's desire to serve the town drives his involvement in our government and he hopes that his involvement is a good example for others, especially our kids who need to grow up participating in town activities to be positive members of our community.

Personally, Andy has been married to wife Jeni Halingstad for nearly 17 years. Their partnership extends into business too, as they own and manage residential properties around southwest Denver and Lakewood. Their three children, Ella (14), Evan (11) and Elijah (4) keep them constantly busy with school activities, sports, music and other fun. The family enjoys travel, skiing, and family game nights together. You can meet Andy around Bow Mar ice skating or swimming at the lake, playing men's tennis or enjoying our summer beach concert series.