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Trustee Candidates Announced

Clifton Park, NY – - The Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library Board of Trustees announced as of the legislated deadline of 5pm on August 18, 30 days prior to the scheduled Budget and Trustee Vote, four eligible candidates have filed petitions to run for the five Clifton Park trustee positions which become vacant at year end. The candidates are:

Edwin Rodger is retired from the NYS Department of Public Service and has lived in Clifton Park since 1966. Rodger has a long history with the Library; serving as a Trustee since 1998 and before that, as Chairman of the Shenendehowa Free Library Building Fund from 1978-1979. He has served on various committees and held the executive positions of Treasurer and is currently serving as Board President. Rodger states, “The Library provides a multitude of services and resources not available elsewhere. The need for these capabilities will continue to grow, as the population of the community increases. I look forward to continuing our planning efforts to ensure we have the best possible facility and services for our community. I will work to increase programs and resources to meet community needs while keeping the library’s expenditures at the lowest level consistent with meeting these goals.”

Mary-Alice Lynch has a Masters in Library Science and is currently working as a library consultant. Though Lynch’s career has been spent primarily at academic libraries, public libraries are a personal passion. Her first job was as a page and she continued to hold various library positions while completing her education. Upon moving to Clifton Park, Lynch became a volunteer through the Friends of the Library. Lynch states, “The Library has done an excellent job serving the community over the years. I hope to bring some of my knowledge and experience to the Board; to help the Library continue to evolve and serve this community in valuable, cost effective ways that contribute to the dynamic area in which we live.”

Suzanne M. Dugan was appointed to the Library Board last year and has lived in Clifton Park for the past 24 years. Dugan worked as an attorney with the State of New York for 20 years and is currently in private practice consulting with government entities, public pension funds and other organizations on ethics and fiduciary issues. Dugan has also served on the Board of Directors for two local not-for-profit organizations. Dugan states, "Part of what makes Clifton Park such a vibrant community is the volunteer spirit of our residents-serving in endless ways, from coaching soccer to delivering meals, to running in 5ks for charities. The way in which I can best give back to the community is by using my particular skill set to serve on the Library board. My legal experience in the area of ethics and fiduciary counseling provides a unique background for service as a library trustee. I recognize the value of the library in the community and the myriad ways in which it endeavors to fulfill its mission. As a Trustee, I will provide careful oversight and will strive to ensure the Library is responsive to the needs of the community."

Stephen Meyer was also appointed to the Library Board last year. He has lived in Clifton Park for the past 2 years and has been a resident of the Capital District for nearly 20 years. Meyer's background is in mechanical engineering and in manufacturing with an emphasis on supply chain disciplines. His work experience has provided a strong background in leadership, strategic planning, purchasing and budget management; all skills that are beneficial to a trustee. Meyer states, "The library is a place where people can access the Internet, research their family tree, or get a document notarized. This is what the library has been, and must continue to be. But we live in a time when our community is changing, including its education models, the age of its population, and how it consumes media. The core mission of the Library doesn't need to change, but it needs to anticipate the changes in our community and react accordingly so it maintains its position as a valuable resource for the residents of our towns. In my opinion, a library is a tangible example of the power of community. Neighbors and government pool their resources for the greater good and create a place to read, to socialize, and to learn."

A Budget Information Meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 10 at 7PM** where Library Trustees and Library Director, Alex Gutelius, will be available to answer any questions about the Proposed 2016 Budget.

The Annual Library Budget Vote will be held on Thursday, September 17 at the Library located at 475 Moe Road between 7AM-9PM. Registered voters, both renters and property owners, living in the Library District are eligible to vote. Absentee ballot applications are available online at www.cphlibrary.org or at library service desks for those unable to vote at the library on September 17th.

Complete information about the budget can be found on line at www.cphlibrary.org or at the Library.

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