

Meet Your Mayoral and Council Member Candidates!

Joe Kaul, Mayoral Candidate

I moved to Hanover in 2005 with my wife Karen and two boys. We were drawn to Hanover by its charm and ideal environment for raising a family. In my spare time I am a musician, fisherman, golfer, and antique outboard engine collector.

I have been dedicated to serving our community for many years, including positions as Treasurer for the Historical Society and Hanover Economic Development Association (EDA), board member for the Youth Ball organization, webmaster and visionary for the Car Show held during the Hanover Harvest Festival, and Committee lead for the upcoming 125th Anniversary Celebration.

I am committed to finding a solid long-term solution for the expressed need for more sports facilities, AND to protecting the parks and historical landmarks within our community.

I also want to find a solution for the creation of a "Veterans Memorial," and will work toward better pension funding for the dedicated firefighters that make the Hanover Fire Department excellent and highly respected.

As your Mayor, I ensure you that I will listen to ALL input on any given topic, and form an unbiased conclusion based on an outcome that will positively affect the greatest number of citizens.

MaryAnn Hallstein, Council Member Candidate

In 1995, my parents moved to Hanover with myself and two younger brothers, both of whom went to Hanover Elementary School. I moved away for college and work, living in several different states. My husband and I moved to Hanover to raise our family almost two years ago. We have three children, ages seven, three, and two.

I look at being on City Council a bit like being a mom. I'm often approached with requests or frustrations desiring immediate response. My job is to take time and listen to both sides of the issue, gather information, and make a thoughtful decision. Although both parties might not be happy with the choice; my goal is to fairly and clearly communicate my reasoning.

I want my fellow Hanover neighbors to be informed on the topics effecting our wonderful town, know their voices are heard and opinions valued. I would appreciate your vote on November 8th. Thank you!

Chris Kauffman, Mayoral Incumbent

I am currently serving my fourth year as Mayor and am seeking re-election to continue providing the City of Hanover with common-sense leadership.

My family has resided in Hanover since 1999. I am a graduate from the U of M, Carlson School of Management. I have been a business owner for 32 years and am active in many volunteer organizations.

My main goal is always to be a good steward of resources (taxes) provided by the residents of our City and save taxpayer dollars. All my decisions are made keeping this in mind. By prioritizing spending, conservative budgeting and good planning, we have been able to keep our tax rate flat while maintaining our City streets with NO assessments to individual homeowners, and finishing a number of projects throughout the city.

After being elected Mayor, I implemented monthly workshops which have improved coordination between City Council and Staff and improved relationships with neighboring cities and organizations.

Challenges the next four years include: Comprehensive Plan review, Residential and Business Development, Independent Senior Housing, and maintaining our "Small Town Atmosphere". With your continued support on November 8th, I look forward to finding common-sense solutions for the challenges in Hanover. Thank you.

Doug Hammerseng, Incumbent Council Member

My name is Doug Hammerseng. My wife and I have been married for 39 years. We have four children and eight grandchildren. I have been a resident of Hanover for the past eight years.

I am just completing my first four year term on the Hanover City Council. During the last four years, I have met a lot of great people and I feel that I have made a positive contribution to the community. I have learned a great deal about Hanover and the needs of our community. I have also gained an invaluable amount of knowledge about the political process and how things work.

I am in my 38th year of business. That experience includes positions in management, with many years at the Executive level. This practical knowledge will lend itself well in helping analyze issues and make responsible decisions for Hanover.

I believe that it is our privilege to give back to our communities with whatever time and talents we may have. Therefore, I look forward to continuing to bring my years of practical experience to the benefit of Hanover. I appreciate your vote. Thank you.

