

Dear Mayor Gatz and Members of the Shepherdstown Town Council,

I am writing to express my interest in filling the vacant seat on the Shepherdstown Town Council. As a lifelong resident of Shepherdstown, I care deeply about our town—its history, its people, and its future. I would be honored to serve in this role and contribute to the ongoing work of maintaining Shepherdstown's character while ensuring thoughtful progress that benefits all of our residents and visitors.

My background reflects a strong commitment to public service and community involvement. As the current president of the Shepherdstown Community Club, I have worked closely with local leadership, volunteers, and organizations to support events, and advocate for public spaces. Through this role, I have experience in budgeting, event planning, and managing projects that bring people together. I have also engaged in local government processes, collaborating with officials on various efforts, including historic preservation, park improvements, and public outreach.

Professionally, I have worked in customer service and project management, gaining valuable experience in problem-solving, effective communication, and balancing diverse perspectives. These skills, along with my local roots, allow me to understand the concerns of residents, business owners, and other stakeholders. I believe that strong communities are built on collaboration, transparency, and a willingness to listen, and I would bring these values to my work on the council.

If appointed, I would dedicate the time and effort needed to fulfill the responsibilities of the position, attend council and committee meetings, and engage with constituents. I am eager to continue serving our town in a greater capacity and to contribute to the decisions that shape Shepherdstown's future.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I welcome the opportunity to discuss my qualifications further and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Carrie Blessing

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