



City of Westminster, Maryland

Election Information Newsletter

Candidate for Common Council

Dan Hoff

Hello Westminster, I'm Dan Hoff, and I'm running for City Council. I'm a lifelong Carroll County resident, who was born and raised in New Windsor. I moved to Westminster in 1999, and live Downtown with my wife and two sons in historic Belle Grove Square. I also work Downtown in our family business, the Samuel C. Hoff Agency, which has been located at the corner of Center and Main since the 1960s. So, I'm in Westminster pretty much all the time; and frankly, I love this City, and want to be part of making it even better by helping to shape its future.

Speaking of the future, let's talk about some of my priorities. One of the most important things to me is Downtown. I want a more vibrant Main Street that is a place where people want to be, and even live. I want more quality economic growth Downtown, and throughout the City! I want Westminster to be a great place to live, work, and play!

To achieve that, we must do many things. We need to modernize our outdated zoning codes. We need to process applications and site plans efficiently and in a timely manner. We need to be reasonable partners with businesses that are already here, as well as those that want to open or relocate here. There is no need for endless bureaucracy! We need to keep the big picture in mind — a better, more prosperous Westminster! As a small business owner myself, and after years of service on Carroll County's Planning and Zoning Commission and on Westminster's Board of Zoning Appeals, I will be able to make progress on these types of issues because I know and understand the arcane world of zoning and codes very well.

There are also other practical matters that we need to address. We need more water and sewer capacity. Progress has been made, but there is still more to do. We need to see the pilot program for water reuse be a success, and then build upon that. We need to continue to repair and modernize our water and sewer systems, so that we can gain capacity, along with being more environmentally sensitive. We need to leave behind a better Westminster for our children!

But Westminster is not just businesses, pipes, and roads. Westminster is made up of some really great people! And I want to use my position to encourage an even better sense of community for our residents. I love the events we do in Westminster — Flower & Jazz, Fall Fest, The Wine Stroll, etc. And I want everyone to feel safe and known in their neighborhoods, which comes about through good community engagement and policing, which I want to continue to foster.

If you would like to talk in more depth, please feel free to call me at 410-259-0779 or email me at danielhoff7@hotmail.com. I would love to hear from you! And I would greatly appreciate your support and vote on May 11th!