



City of Westminster, Maryland

Election Information Newsletter

Candidate for Common Council Morgan Barkley-Mathers

Morgan Barkley-Mathers grew up down the road in Hampstead and has been a Carroll County resident all her life, graduating from North Carroll High School in 2010. While attending North Carroll I participated in multiple theatre productions and played on the Varsity Lacrosse Team. Additionally, I was a Class Representative in Student Government. I then went on to attend Davis and Elkins College in West Virginia. While there I once again participated in theater while also Chairing multiple positions in my sorority, Theta Phi Alpha. I graduated with honors after only three years attending, completing two majors, Political Science and History. After going out of state to college in West Virginia her and her husband, also a Carroll County native, decided to settle in Westminster in one of its beautiful historic homes close to Main Street.

Since their move to Westminster both she, her husband, and their close neighbors have endeavored to determine who is responsible for the upkeep of the broken sidewalk and dying trees on their street in addition to a yearly mosquito problem due to a poorly draining fountain. They have been met at every turn with incompetence, non-answers, and silence.

It has become clear to Morgan in the four years since they moved in that there is a lack of public service when it comes to the residents of Westminster. While the Council focuses on large, expensive projects the everyday management of the town has broken down to the point where, instead of an answer to her question about how far a fence had to be off the property line, she was essentially told to look it up for herself.

Make no mistake, she loves that the members of Council “Think Big,” but it cannot come at the cost of everyday priorities of the residents. As someone employed in the Accounting field, Morgan believes in fiscal responsibility and large-scale projects that make sense. In addition to taking care of their constituents, Council Members should focus on projects that benefit the town in the long run, influencing young families to move to Westminster.

As a member of Council, Morgan will determine where the breakdown of town Management is and address it. No resident should feel as if they are being ignored and all queries should be answered properly. Non-answers are not acceptable in the real world, and should not be acceptable in communications from local government. Your everyday citizen does not have the time to fight the town after working all day and then commuting home.

Morgan does not have a special interest on Main Street, and she is not from an old Carroll County family, she just lives here and is frustrated with how her queries have been treated by the Town Office. As the old saying goes, if you want something done right, you have to do it yourself.