

## **LISTEN, LEARN & SERVE**

I love living in Midway. I've listened to folks in Midway and the issues before them.

I am running not because I have issues with the past. I run to contribute my experience to Midway's future. Paying it forward is not just a saying.

I grew up in a small resort town similar to Midway in Northern Idaho. I'm winding down my career as a lawyer and now have time to serve in my community. The opportunity to serve on the Midway City Council excites me; I don't want to stop serving. I've taught skiing for almost 50 years. I know recreation businesses. I've spent my career listening, learning and serving people. As a lawyer I have represented businesses for over 40 years. I know how business works. I know how litigation works and why it shouldn't mean we have no say in what happens in our city.

We may be here for different reasons, but we are all here because there is something about Midway that pleases us. I don't want to change that—I want to enhance it. Here are a few realities:

- Residential growth is going to occur. There are smart things we can do to lessen the impact. A city has tools available to do that.
- I've seen other similar communities and learned that success doesn't come from just saying "no more." It comes from recognizing a community's strengths and enhancing them.
- Midway isn't just a residential haven. It has small, resort businesses that draw visitors who stay for a while, spend money and leave with fond memories. That is a strength. We can support those businesses.
- Midway has a history of agriculture, small houses, and a Swiss theme. We should protect our history and showcase it.
- Here are some needs we have:
  - Enhancing our tax base as a resort community through a lively retail presence, not just nightly rentals.
  - Safety for our kids—crossing streets, walking to school and at parks.
  - Public events like Swiss Days and the Fourth of July, such as the farmers' market, concerts in the parks, plays, restaurant support (think "Savor the Swiss"), to showcase Midway as a place to visit.

- Move people around town, not their cars—more walkability and bikeability, a Main Street shuttle with public parking on the edge of town, and traffic calming measures.
- Continued focus on infrastructure improvements, such as roads, paths, water supply.
- Affordable housing for the people who serve our community —teachers, police, government, fire and emergency providers and health care workers.

I don't have all the answers. That's why I listen and learn. We can all serve our community serve us, its citizens. I ask for your vote to put me on the City Council *so that I can help Midway serve you.*