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*For Mayor*



**Hank's Plan  
for Manlius**



**Vote Tuesday,  
March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
***Manlius Village Centre***  
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**Fellow Manlius Resident –**

**Thank you for taking the time to read this brochure. Too often candidates for public office send slick marketing pieces that say little and don't talk about the candidates' plans – what they intend to do if elected. I'm challenging that norm by laying out what we've done to date and what I hope to accomplish as your Mayor.**



**We have such a great story to tell over my almost seven years on the Village Board. We've built a strong foundation and are ready to take the next step to keep the momentum going and continue the progress. I hope that as you read through this brochure, you will agree that I'm the right person for the job.**

**It would be an honor to earn your vote.**

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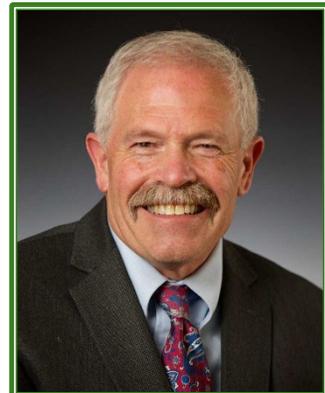
**I can't go further without recognizing Mayor Paul Whorrall and all he has done for — and meant to — our village.**

**Paul is a life resident of the Village of Manlius, with a deep family legacy of public service. His uncle served as our police chief for many years, and another uncle was our long-time Mayor. Community service is in his blood.**

**In addition to a distinguished career with the United States Post Office, Paul has dedicated more than 50 years of service as a volunteer in the Manlius Fire Department — many of those as fire chief. He also served on the Manlius Village Board for several years, where he is now concluding 12 years of exemplary service as our Mayor.**

**I have had the great privilege of working alongside Mayor Whorrall for almost seven years on the Village Board, including the past two years as his Deputy Mayor. I can tell you firsthand the blood, sweat, tears — and heart — he pours into his job as Mayor every single day. The results of his leadership are evident in the outstanding services provided by our department heads and employees, a stable budget that has kept the tax rate from going up during my time on the board, and the acquisition of several grants that are paving the way for the revitalization of our village's main streets.**

**We all owe Paul a deep debt of gratitude for his unwavering commitment to our community.**



**Thank you, Paul!**



**My family moved to Candy Lane here in the village when I was just five. From then until I left for college, I created more happy memories there than I could ever count.**

**After earning my bachelor's degree in economics from Syracuse University and settling in Fayetteville for a few years, I moved back to the Village of Manlius 27 years ago with my son, Kenny, to the Memory Lane neighborhood.**

**My wife Jenn and I now live on Elkhorn Road with our Bernese Mountain Dogs - Harper, Rena and Violet. We have four grown children, Kenny, Madison, Riley and Cole and two beautiful grandchildren, Callahan and Shepherd.**

**I have dedicated my life and career to my local community. I served two years on the Manlius Town Board and six as Town Supervisor. Prior to that, I was Deputy Chair of the Village of Fayetteville Zoning Board of Appeals and then Deputy Chair of the Village of Manlius ZBA. I worked as Deputy Onondaga County Clerk and Local Government Liaison for State Senator John DeFrancisco and now am employed by Haylor, Freyer & Coon, where I provide insurance and risk management services to cities, counties, towns, and villages.**

**In 2018, Mayor Whorrall appointed me to fill a vacancy on the Village Board and I was elected in 2019 and again in 2023. In 2023, Mayor Whorrall named me Deputy Mayor. During my time with the Village, I served as Liaison to the Fire Department, the Parks and Rec Board, the Planning and Codes Department and the Personnel Committee and currently serve as Liaison to the DPW and as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee and Main Street Revitalization Committee.**

# Main Street Revitalization

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**In 2019, Mayor Whorrall and I created our Main Street Revitalization Committee, looking to enhance the aesthetics and viability of the Seneca and Fayette Street corridors.**

**Since then, we have held meetings with the public and several meetings with the business community. We applied for and received multiple grants from the County to support businesses along this corridor. These grants have helped property owners improve their facades, enhancing the look and feel of the area. In many cases, these improvements have spurred private investment. Property owners, particularly in the first few blocks of East Seneca Street, have upgraded their buildings, creating better living spaces and retail opportunities for our community.**

**Grants were also used to fund murals on several of our buildings throughout the village. Additionally, they supported the creation of pocket parks on Seneca Street and at Clock Tower Park. Improvements were also made to the walkway leading from Seneca Street by Bruegger's to Mill Run Park.**

**We were recently awarded the Restore New York Grant, which will provide additional funding for public/private partnerships with village businesses. This funding will create even more opportunities for successful retail, restaurant, and living spaces along our main streets.**

**While I am very proud of our success so far, there is still much more to do.**

**I intend to continue applying for and securing grants to sustain the progress in our downtown area. I will also work closely with the business community and the public to ensure our main streets remain appealing and thriving for everyone.**

**I am confident my relationships with other levels of government will help us continue to secure the grants needed to support our vision.**

# Working with Our Business Community

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We have worked closely with many of our businesses over the past few years on the Main Street Revitalization efforts and various village programs, including Swan Fest, the Independence Day Parade, Trunk or Treat, and our Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting. I also initiated occasional Facebook Live interviews with our business owners to discuss their business and the services they provide to the community. It's essential that we continue encouraging more businesses to get involved in events designed to promote our local businesses, which are vital to the success of our village.

In collaboration with the Onondaga East Chamber, I would like to start a Business Advisory Committee to better understand the needs of our business community and explore ways we can support their success.

The progress we have made in recent years has been incredible. Let's keep building on that momentum! However, we can't do it without the active involvement of our businesses.



# Pedestrian Friendly Village

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Several years ago, the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council conducted a study on safe pedestrian and bicycle access throughout our village. Creating access along our busy state highways presents many challenges, but the study did successfully outline a safe path for bicycles and provided recommendations to the state on improving pedestrian access on our highways. More recently, Mayor Whorrall has been involved in a group discussing pedestrian access throughout the town and villages.

With some of the Main Street grants we have received, we built a new heated walkway connecting Seneca Street down toward Mill Run Park.

Investment in the maintenance of our existing infrastructure, such as our sidewalks, comes with costs, but we remain committed to keeping these resources available for residents and visitors to enjoy all that our village has to offer.

Additionally, our Village Planning Board continues to work closely with developers to ensure that every new project enhances pedestrian access and aligns with our vision for a more connected community.



# Parks

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I had the great privilege of serving as the Village Board representative and chair of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. During that time, we accomplished a lot!

One of our key achievements was developing a Parks Improvement Plan. All members of our Parks and Recreation Advisory Board contributed, creating both short-term and long-term plans and solutions for each of our primary parks: Mill Run Park, Bicentennial Park, The Village Centre Park, Perry Springs Fish Hatchery, and Limestone Nature Preserve.

Some of these improvements on these parks have already begun, and others are slated for next year. For example, we used grant money to fund new playground equipment at Mill Run Park and to improve the fencing and walkways at the Swan Pond. Additionally, we repurposed the restroom facilities at Village Centre Park, previously used as a soccer team locker room to complement our new ice-skating rink on the old soccer field. Local Boy Scouts also contributed by helping with trail clearing and marking at Limestone Nature Preserve.

## **Future Plans**

Looking ahead, here are some projects I hope to accomplish...

- **Swan Pond:** Secure grant funding for significant upgrades to the Swan Pond and the surrounding area.
- **Village Centre Park:** Install new, more inclusive playground equipment, create pickleball courts, and enhance the sledding & ice-skating area.
- **Perry Springs Fish Hatchery:** Improve signage, maintain buildings, and promote the park – a true village treasure.
- **Bicentennial Park:** Upgrade benches and picnic tables and establish a community garden for residents of the nearby nursing facility to tend.
- **Limestone Nature Preserve:** Transform the area into a nature center with educational resources about the various plant, tree, and animal species that inhabit it

## **Enhancing Connectivity**

We also aim to improve the connectivity between these parks, making it easier for residents and visitors to move seamlessly from Limestone Nature Preserve to Village Centre Park and Swan Pond to Mill Run Park.

## **Promoting Our Parks**

I plan to promote our parks through social media and the village website to encourage more residents to enjoy these incredible resources.

Exciting things are happening in our parks, with even more to come!

# Core Services

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The primary mission of our village is to provide the essential and valued services our residents and taxpayers deserve. I will never lose sight of this responsibility. Our department heads do an outstanding job, working diligently every day to improve your village.

I am committed to ensuring that our Department of Public Works (DPW), Fire/EMS, Codes Office, Justice Court, Parks and Recreation Department, and the Village Clerk's Office continue to be properly funded and staffed to meet the needs of the many people who rely on these vital services. The Senior Activity Center, library and police department, all housed in the Village Centre, are equally critical to the services residents depend on.

Under my leadership, we will continue to expand the programs we offer while enhancing the efficiency of their delivery.



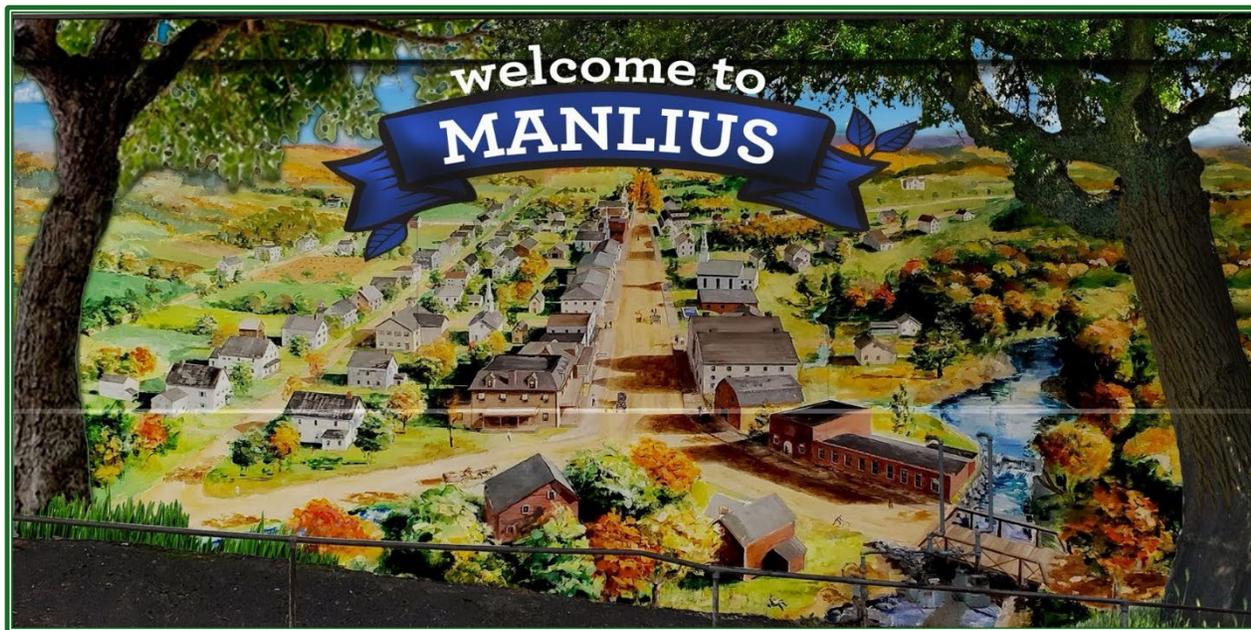
# Embracing Our History

I served on the Manlius Historical Society Board of Directors for several years. This remarkable organization does a fantastic job of promoting and preserving our history, highlighting our place as the oldest village in Onondaga County — a village that was once the county seat before Syracuse. I plan to appoint a village board member as a liaison to the Historical Society to strengthen our collaboration and support their important work.



Over the past couple of years, we have placed murals on buildings throughout the village and inside the Village Centre to celebrate and showcase our rich history. Last year, we introduced historical tram rides during our annual Swan Fest, offering residents and visitors a chance to explore the village's history through its landmarks and the stories of notable figures. I would like to see this expanded further and perhaps even offered throughout the year.

We have a compelling story to tell - from where we started to where we are today. There is much we can learn from the past as we plan and build for the future.



# Community Involvement & Public Outreach

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Your village government works hard every day to serve you. The Manlius Village Board meets once a month to handle the business of the village. Minutes and Agendas for these meetings can be found on our website and are also available as text alerts and on Facebook and Instagram. I will strive to find the best ways to keep you informed about important matters that come before the village. Your input is crucial to the Board as we deliberate on decisions about how our government operates. We recently received a grant to install a beautiful LED sign at the point to further promote meetings and events.

I intend to utilize technology and enhance our social media presence to get more input from residents. I also plan to hold public meetings throughout the year to gather ideas and feedback on our vision for the village.

Over the past several years, I have broadcast occasional podcasts where I have interviewed department heads and key figures in the village, and also conducted Facebook Live interviews to spotlight many of our village businesses. I hope to expand on these methods as your Mayor.

We also recently launched a village newsletter to better communicate with residents. Our village staff does a great job putting it together, and I'd like to expand its reach and make it an even more valuable resource.

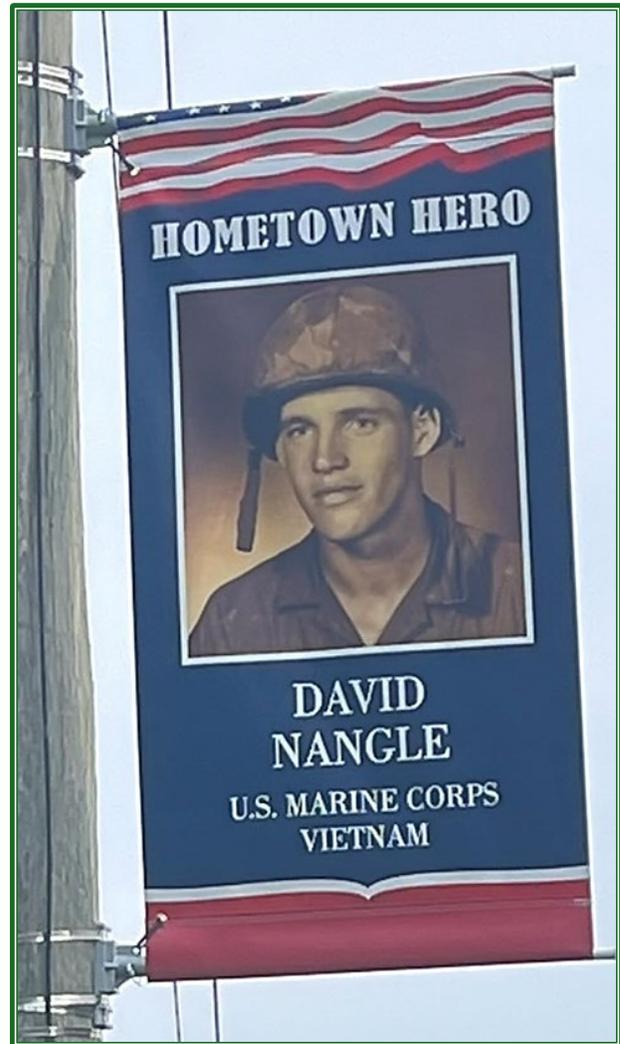
Finally, we have citizens actively involved in the operation of our Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. I would like to extend the opportunity for more people to get involved in our village government. One of these areas would be with the potential creation of a Tree Commission in the village to promote the planting of more trees and to educate the public on the importance of trees in our village.

# Honoring Our Veterans

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A few months ago, I proposed an idea to our village board for “Hometown Heroes” banners to be displayed annually in the village from Veterans Day to Pearl Harbor Day. These banners would honor the many veterans and active-duty military in our village. I plan to present this as a formal proposal to the board and see it through to completion. No group in our community is more deserving of such recognition for their sacrifices and contributions.

Additionally, I will collaborate with the American Legion and other veterans’ organizations to find ways to expand our Memorial Day service following the parade. This service is a beautiful tribute to those who gave their lives in battle and I would love to make it even more impactful and well-attended by our residents.



# Grants

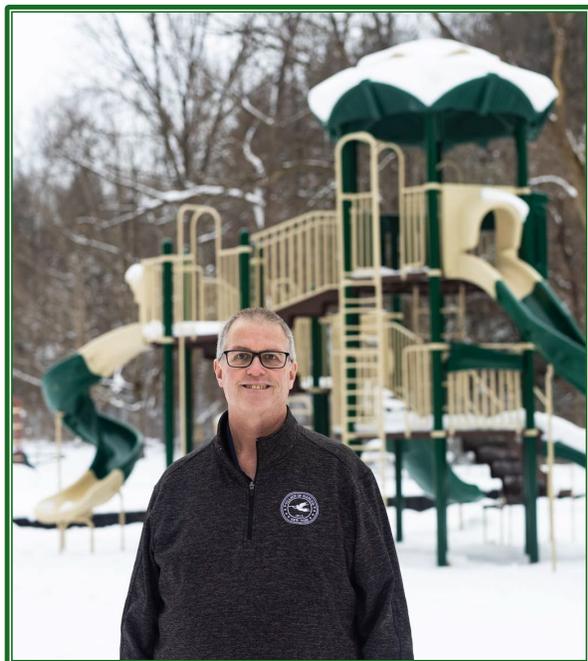
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**This has been, without a doubt, one of our greatest success stories over the past couple of years. I am proud to have served alongside Mayor Whorrall, not only on our Main Street Revitalization Committee but also on the grant committee.**

**We received a Main Street Grant from the county for building façade improvements and pocket parks on Seneca Street, a Community Development Block Grant for park equipment, another county grant for welcome signs throughout the village, and, most recently, a Restore New York Grant to further enhance buildings on our Main Streets.**

**I intend to be proactive and persistent in pursuing grants from all possible sources. It is my hope these funds will support pedestrian access improvements, park upgrades, Swan Pond renovations, and additional Main Street enhancements. I'd also like to explore grants for planting more trees throughout the village and work toward my vision of collaborating with the power company to bury the power lines in our downtown Main Street area.**

**We have many great partners in government, and it's essential that we continue working together to build on this progress.**

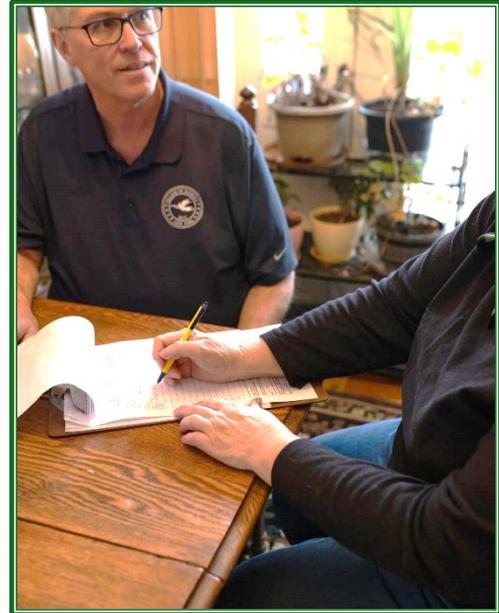


# Finances

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I have had the privilege of serving on the Budget and Finance Committee for all seven years of my time on the Village Board.

I view the preparation and passage of the annual budget as the most important responsibility we undertake each year. The budget serves as the blueprint for everything we do, providing the necessary funds to fulfill our mission. We take very seriously the responsibility of deciding how to allocate your tax dollars and how much we spend on the various services we provide to our residents.



I am proud to say that during my tenure, we have not raised the tax rate in any year. In fact, over the past two years, we passed reductions of more than 10% each year in an effort to offset the impact of the townwide assessments. While we can't promise to achieve similar reductions every year, especially as costs continue to rise, I am committed to providing services in the most efficient way possible, always keeping a close eye on how much it costs taxpayers.



# CITIZENS PARTY TEAM



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**Janice ABDO-ROTT** | *Village Trustee*

Has prioritized financial responsibility along with quality of life for the village residents during her 16 years on the Village Board. Served as Chair of the Parks & Rec board, Beautification Committee, Liaison to the DPW and Planning Board, giving her a great understanding of what it takes to run a village and stay on budget.

Has overseen many projects such as renovation of the windows, doors, HVAC and security system at the Village Centre, redesigning and maintaining many of the park areas through the village, and updating the trash/recycling collection system to provide efficiency for residents and safety for our workers while removing trash off our streets.



**Tom PILEWSKI** | *Village Trustee*

Served on the village board since 2013 in many capacities, including as chair of the recreation board, finance committee, and police committee. He has also served as the board liaison to the Village Court and as a member of the Eastern Onondaga Critical Response Committee.

Led efforts to significant village taxpayer savings include switching to energy-efficient LED streetlights as well as to a new information technology (IT) provider that's projected to save nearly \$20,000 per year.



**Marla RAUS** | *Village Judge*

Currently serves as the Manlius Village justice having been appointed in the beginning of 2024. She has greatly enjoyed serving the community in this position.

Attended Syracuse University for her undergraduate education and obtained her Juris Doctor from Wake Forest University School of Law. After graduating from law school, Marla and her husband returned to Syracuse to be close to family. She is a partner at the Porter Law Group where she specializes in personal injury law, particularly claims involving medical malpractice, helping injured individuals and their families.

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