

Former Winter Park Mayor Gary Brewer Announces his Candidacy for Winter Park City Commission Seat 1

Former Winter Park Mayor Gary A. Brewer announced today that he will seek the Winter Park City Commission seat being vacated by Commissioner Steve Leary who has expressed his intention to seek the office of Mayor. Brewer served for 12 years in the seat he is now seeking from 1982 to 1993 when he was elected Mayor. When he left office in 1997, he was the longest serving elected official in the history of Winter Park.

“In 1982, a century after the founding of Winter Park, I was given the honor of serving the citizens of our community by being elected to the Winter Park City Commission, serving continuously until 1993 when I was elected Mayor of Winter Park. I have decided to run once again for public office because I love Winter Park. I am a collaborative leader who has a passion for public service and a talent for bringing people together to reach common ground solutions to issues that will sustain the quality of life that we have crafted over 132 years “to keep Winter Park, Winter Park!”

An Eagle Scout and lifetime Scouter, Brewer has been a resident of Winter Park for more than 40 years. He arrived in Central Florida in 1973 to open and manage the new Jacobson’s department store on Park Avenue

He has served the community in numerous capacities including; Chairman, Winter Park Chamber of Commerce; Chairman, United Way of Winter Park, Chairman, Consumer Credit Counseling Service; Chairman of the Mayflower Retirement Community; President, Winter Park Rotary Club, Chapter President of Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP); Board Member, Metroplan of Central Florida; Board Member, Orange County Tourist Development Council; Board Member, Cornell Arts Center, Advisory Board Member of the Hamilton Holt School, Rollins College, and served on the recent “Save the Capen House” committee.

He presently serves on the boards of the AFP U.S. Government Relations Committee; The AFP National Political Action Committee; the Partnership for Philanthropic Planning of Central Florida; and Chairman of the Winter Park Civil Service Board. He is a member of the U.S. Navy League and is working with the committee to erect the Lone Sailor Memorial on the site of the former Orlando Navy Training Center.

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