

Bloggers needed

The Bethlehem Gadfly Candidates for election, Election January 25, 2021

 *Latest in a series of posts on candidates for election* 

In a post entitled “**Would you like to do some blogging?**” in his Lehigh Valley Ramblings today, Bernie O’Hare makes the case for and makes a call for additional bloggers to cover the upcoming local election(s):

This year’s municipal races will attract far fewer attention (and votes) than the Presidential election we just endured. But it is arguably far more important. What your local elected officials do in office has much more of an impact on your daily lives than whatever Congress and the President do. Are the roads being maintained? Do 911 dispatchers answer your emergency calls? Are police or firefighters around when you need them? Are you being taxed to death? Is anyone out there doing any thing about warehouse proliferation or the increased truck traffic? These issues matter. Yet turnout in municipal races drop dramatically after a Presidential race. The result is elected officials, often bad, who have received insufficient scrutiny. Compounding that problem is a local press that no longer has the manpower to pay attention to local races.

In my blog coverage, I usually focus only on a few races where I have an adequate understanding of the issues and candidates. These would primarily be in Northampton County, Bethlehem and Allentown. That leaves numerous races uncovered. Also, I write from my own perspective on things. Though I always try to be factually accurate, I am biased. It would be refreshing to both my readers and myself to see stories, especially about upcoming elections, from others.

If you have such an interest, please email me at BOHare5948@aol.com.

Gadfly wholeheartedly seconds Bernie!

We need more perspectives.

And this is a good time to remind everybody that, since the May 18 primary tends to finalize the Bethlehem mayoral and councilmanic positions, Gadfly plans to fold his wings May 19.

And that he hopes that somebody will either take over this blog or establish a new one.

Every community needs a gadfly.

Contact me through the blog or at ejg1@lehigh.edu.

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