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Mantua 2025 Popcorn Social: Get to Know Your City Council Nominees Agenda

August 9th, 2025

Held at Mantua Town Hall

Time: 6:00 P.M – 8:00 PM

6:00 PM - 6:15 PM: Welcome and Introduction (Mayor Terry Nelson)

- Opening remarks by the moderator
- Brief overview of the event format and purpose
- Announcement of the 6 candidates running for office:

Mayor Candidates:

- Justin Brown
- Annette Ash

Council Candidates:

- Cheryl Burgan
- David Ornelas
- Ted H. Jeppsen
- Scott Ross

6:15 PM - 6:45 PM: Candidate Opening Statements

- Each nominee gives a brief opening statement (approximately 5 minutes each)
- Candidates introduce themselves and share their vision for the community

6:45 PM - 7:00 PM: Candidate Q&A Session

- Moderated Q&A session with prepared questions
- Each nominee answers questions (approximately 1-2 minutes per question)

7:00 PM - 7:15 PM: Closing Statements

- Each candidate gives a brief closing statement (approximately 2-3 minutes each)
- Candidates summarize their key points and thank the audience

7:15 PM - 8:00 PM: Socializing and Networking

- Candidates mingle with attendees and answer additional questions
- Opportunity for residents to engage informally with the nominees over popcorn
- Collection of feedback from attendees on the event (if applicable)

8:00 PM: Event Conclusion

- Thank you and closing remarks by the moderator.
- Encourage attendees to stay connected and participate in future town events

Questions for Town Council Nominees

1. Personal Motivation

What inspired you to run for a position on the town council?

2. Background and Experience

Can you share your background and relevant experience for this role?

3. Top Priorities

If elected, what are your top three priorities for our town?

4. Community Engagement and Inclusion

How will you engage with residents and ensure everyone feels included?

5. Economic Development

What ideas do you have to support local businesses and promote growth?

6. Public Safety

What steps do you think are necessary to improve public safety?

7. Transparency and Accountability

How will you ensure transparency in your decisions?

8. Crisis Management

How would you handle a crisis, such as a natural disaster or health emergency?

9. Long-Term Vision

Where do you see our town in the next 5-10 years?

10. Personal Commitment

What personal qualities or values will guide your decisions as a council member?