

My name is Matt Bugera. I have been a resident in Harbor Springs for more than 30 years and have owned a successful business in the down town area employing many residents and youth of our town. I am currently the Mayor and have previously served 3 terms on City Council. During this time I have worked with 2 city managers, many different council members and mayors. I have developed relationships that help make the government of our town run smoothly. I also sit on many boards and commissions that do the business that makes Harbor Springs the community we all have come to call Home.

In the last two years we have completed many projects in our community. The FEMA project was completed which took many downtown residents out of the floodplain. We also completed many major infrastructure projects on schedule and under budget. Which include sewer and water lines on West Third street and Bay Street. Updated electrical pedestals at the city marina.

Maintenance projects that help maintain our water system. We repaired and repainted the water storage tanks at Kiwanis Park and did well head repairs. Completed projects at our city buildings to maintain them including a new Chiller at City Hall.

Beautification projects downtown included Main Street flowers, upgraded lighting downtown, Marina park landscaping, spillway landscaping, 50 plus trees planted in town all thru donations and volunteers. We also work with the local garden club to help maintain our city gardens.

We have updated our Master plan and have created ordinances that deal with short term rentals and outdoor displays in the central business district. We have developed a long term parks and recreation plan and have updated our policy for events on public property.

In keeping up with future demand. There are now E.V. charging stations at marina park and we have installed solar panels on 3 city buildings at reduced cost to the tax payers.

Going forward I will continue to work with council and city staff to keep city services at the same level that we expect. We will continue to offer 24/7 police service and help fund our local fire authority. We will continue to work on projects that will enhance our community and attract new residents and people who come to visit our town.

During the years budget meetings we strive to reduce our cost when it makes sense and make cuts that will not diminish the level of services that you have come to expect.

As a resident of Harbor Springs I appreciate the excellent services the city provides. Spring and Fall clean ups, snow plowing, high quality electric services, recycling services, the many choices of parks and other recreation opportunities provided by the city. I believe the council and city staff have looked out for members of our community. Including floodplain mitigation's and 24/7 police services. One of the best parts of being a resident of Harbor Springs is the fact that we are all part of this special area and that we live together as friends and family.

During my time on council and as Mayor I have tried not to interject my personal goals or agenda in my decisions that I have made for the city. I have developed a good working relationship with city staff and council members that will help to complete many of the pending projects currently planned that I believe will enhance our community. Such projects will enhance our quality of life and maintain the image of our community.

Thank you for your support
Matt Bugera