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Mark Gardner Announces Candidacy for Mayor of the Town of Bloomsburg

## Retired Finance Expert and Dedicated Community Leader Aims to Give Back to Bloomsburg

**Bloomsburg, PA** – Mark Gardner, a Pennsylvania native and 25-year resident of Bloomsburg, has announced his candidacy for Mayor of Bloomsburg. Inspired by the town's friendly, small-town atmosphere, Mark relocated to Bloomsburg over two decades ago and has since become a cornerstone of the community. Now retired after a distinguished 40-year career in banking and financial services, Mark is eager to leverage his expertise and passion for service to lead Bloomsburg into a vibrant and prosperous future.

"I've been blessed to call Bloomsburg home for the past 25 years," said Mark. "This town has given me so much, and now it's my turn to give back. I'm committed to fostering fiscal responsibility, promoting economic growth, and preserving the unique character of our community while ensuring it remains a safe and welcoming place for all."

Mark brings a wealth of experience to his candidacy. A graduate of Lehigh University with a B.S. in Finance, he also participated as a Rotary International Exchange Student in Australia. He completed programs such as Leadership Central Penn and Penn State Master Gardener. His professional career spans four decades in the financial services industry, where he honed skills in leadership, budgeting, strategic planning, marketing, and investment management—expertise he plans to apply to responsibly manage the town's resources.

A lifelong advocate for community service, Mark has served in numerous leadership roles, including President of the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble (BTE) Board of Trustees, Chair of the Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Vice Chair of the Geisinger Authority, and Program Manager for Special Olympics Columbia/Montour County. As a lifetime member of the Bloomsburg Elks and a contributor to many other local organizations, Mark's dedication to Bloomsburg is unwavering

Mark retired from his financial career in 2023 and is now dedicating his time and talents to serving the town he loves. "Bloomsburg has incredible potential," Mark

added. "With my experience and commitment to teamwork, I'm ready to lead our professional staff, support our local businesses, and make Bloomsburg a destination for families, students, and visitors alike."

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