

Vollmar won't seek another term as Port alderman

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Third District representative files non-candidacy papers; other officials will run again

Port Washington Ald. Jim Vollmar, who has represented the city's 3rd District for the past six years, said Tuesday he will not seek another term in office.

Vollmar is the only elected official in the town and city of Port Washington who has submitted non-candidacy papers. These papers are due in municipal offices by 5 p.m. Friday.

"I enjoyed my time on the council, but six years are six years," Vollmar said. "I just wanted to offer alternative solutions to problems, and I think I did that."

Vollmar, who ran for mayor in April, said he filed his non-candidacy forms just two weeks before his wife retired from her longtime job as a librarian in Waukesha.

"We're going to do some more traveling," he said. "We're looking forward to having more time off. We'll have more time for volunteering and to pursue other interests."

"I don't plan on fading away."

Ald. Dan Becker, who represents the city's 7th District, has taken out nomination papers but not yet returned them.

Ald. Mike Ehrlich, who represents the 1st District, said he plans to run for re-election, although he had not taken out his papers yet.

Fifth District Ald. Joe Dean would not comment on whether he would seek another term.

In the Town of Port Washington, where all the elected officials are up for election, Town Chairman Jim Melichar, supervisors Jim Rychtik and Mike Didier, Treasurer Mary Sampont and Clerk Jennifer Schlenvogt have taken out nomination papers.

Resident Terry Anewenter has also taken out nomination papers.

John Fieber, a member of the Plan Commission, has returned his papers to run for town supervisor, Schlenvogt said.

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The deadline for candidates to file for primary elections is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19 to