

Fourth candidate emerges in mayor's race

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Port Plan Commission member joins group in bid to succeed long-time incumbent Huebner next spring

With one week to go before nomination papers are due, a fourth candidate for Port Washington mayor has emerged.

T.J. Mlada, a member of the Plan Commission, said Tuesday he will try to succeed Mayor Scott Huebner, who is not seeking re-election.

Mlada said he is excited about the direction the city is heading and wants to help it reach its potential.

"I feel like we're in a good place," he said. "I am so energized. I love the city and want to see it have a bright future. I really feel very confident in the direction we're heading, and there are things we can build on. We have a lot of good people out there who are working to improve this city."

His two years on the Plan Commission have given him a sense of what it means to have an impact on the community, said Mlada, who noted he was encouraged to throw his hat in the ring by Ald. Dan Becker.

Mlada is the fourth candidate to take out papers for the mayor's position.

Ald. Jim Vollmar has returned his nomination papers. Perry Duman, who ran unsuccessfully for the State Assembly in 2008 and Senate in 2011, and newcomer Richard A. Ranz have taken out papers for the position.

In the 2nd District, two aldermen — Paul Neumyer and Burt Babcock — are seeking election.

The two men currently serve on the Common Council — Neumyer representing the 2nd District and Babcock the 4th — but because of the city's redistricting now find themselves in the same district.

Newcomer Douglas Biggs has taken out nomination papers for the 4th District seat.

Ald. Dave Larson is the only person to take out nomination papers for his 6th District seat.

Of the declared aldermanic candidates, only Neumyer has returned his nomination papers to City Hall. The deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3.

If more than two candidates seek any one position, a primary election will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

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