



Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center
2020 Cullman County Municipal Elections
Candidate Information Packet



We would like to thank all of the candidates included in this packet for their cooperation in participating in the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce's 2020 municipal election candidate questionnaire.

The Chamber is not a political action organization, but we do believe in providing a platform to candidates of public office the opportunity to speak on issues they believe affect our community. We also want to help inform our community to make educated decisions on Election Day.

Election Day is Tuesday, August 25th,

(i) – Incumbent

(c) – Challenger

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Questions

- 1) Please tell us about yourself — any personal or business/career information you would like to share...
- 2) Why do you want to serve as mayor or a member of the town/city council?
- 3) What specific skills or “strengths” do you possess which you believe will help you be an effective elected official?
- 4) What are three specific things you hope to accomplish if you are elected?
- 5) What, in your opinion, can the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce do to help make your community an even better place to live and do business?
- 6) Where do you “see” your town/community in four years?

Mr. Roy Shedd
Baileyton Town Council Place 2 (c)



1. I am Roy Shedd. My career consists of 31½ years with Sears, Roebuck & Co., 13 years with the County Road Department in Cullman County, and 7 years in construction work. I am now retired.
2. I wish to serve on the town council to try to put back honest and integrity and transparency into our Town of Baileyton.
3. I am honest and trustworthy. I will work for the people of our town. As long as it is legal, I will help in any way I can for the people. I have previously served 21 years in 2 other times total on Town Council.
4. - Open the park back up.
 - Purchase more things and playground equipment for the park.
 - Listen to the people and get their input into things that go into town business.
5. Help us get more industry in our town. That would bring more people into our town; more people would bring more taxes for everyone.
6. I hope to see our town grow and prosper, have more unity, and be more closely knit than ever before. I would like to see our town working together and striving for the same things.

Mr. Wendell Peterson
Baileyton Town Council Place 3 (i)



1. I married Patricia Shedd and we have lived in Baileyton for 43 years. I have been a store Manager for Big 10 Tires, and a Service Manager for Firestone of Cullman. I work now for Deshazo Automation in Decatur as a CNC Programmer / Machinist.
2. If elected this would be my 2nd term. I have enjoyed working with the citizens of Baileyton and seeing the progress being made. I would like to continue to work with the Mayor and the Town Council to see the town continue to grow.
3. Serving as store Manager and service Manager in my professional career prepared me to be able to address the issues brought forth by the citizens of Baileyton.
4. - I would like to see the park opened and more venues added for all ages to enjoy.
 - I would like to see more industry come to our Industrial Park.
 - I would like to see a new upgraded concession stand built for the park.
5. Help with new business coming into Baileyton and help with the ones that are here.
6. I can see Baileyton growing and with the new fiber optic lines being installed I can see our School and the children being able to keep up with technology.

Mr. Benny Guthrie

Baileyton Town Council Place 4 (c)



1. My name is Benny Guthrie. I have been employed with Cullman County Board of Education for 23 years. I taught Math and Computers at Hanceville High School for 6 years, Math and Computers at Parkside School for 3 years, 10 years Assistant Principal at Fairview High School and 5 years Instructional Technology and Data Coordinator at the Central Office. I am married to Becky Johnson Guthrie, I have two boys of my own and three step-sons and two grandbabies. I was a volunteer Firefighter for Baileyton Volunteer for 28 years to include firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain and Assistant Chief Positions. I also was an EMT for Baileyton Volunteer Fire Department for 15 years where I served as Captain of the EMS team. I served six years on the Baileyton Town Park Board.
2. I have a heart and desire to serve my community and provide leadership for the community as a Councilman. I want to be a voice for ALL of the community. I love the community and want to see it continue to thrive, grow and see more community involvement. Baileyton is a great community and I would like to see more businesses develop in the area as well as continued support of local businesses, churches and the school.
3. Some of my strengths include: Christian values, integrity, leadership skills, and fairness for all. I believe that as a local municipality we should work together to build a team of leaders that support all constituents and be wise with decisions made at all times. We should be good stewards of our time, money and efforts.
4.
 - Have more community involvement: I would like to see our town park active with families in the pavilions, kids and adults on the ball fields, horse shows in the arena. Maybe even a once a month "concert/event in the park" that would bring our community together. We need something for community members from age 15-60 to do. Organize some events such as Bingo once a month, game night at the senior center. Create a small venue at the park for year round walking, playing basketball, or other organized activities.
 - Provide meals for Senior Citizens with games, music and activities at least once a week. Have an opportunity for seniors to mentor the younger ages and provide leadership opportunities for growth in our community.
 - Instill pride and commitment in our community! Be a town that future generations of families want to live, grow and serve their community
5. Support the town and local school and businesses any way possible. Provide lunch and learns for how to get involved in your community. Provide opportunities for growth in leadership and "sell" our town. Baileyton is a great community and has a lot to offer. The more others can read about our rich history and the people of our town, the more they will want to come and support us.
6. In four years I see our town flourishing. I see our town as a place that people will want to visit and live. I see it steadily growing with new businesses and opportunities for others to want to get involved. We have an outstanding Fire department with EMS services; local churches for different denominations of faith; town hall second to none; community leaders and members that truly want what is best for the community; Senior center to help them be a positive impact on the community and enjoy their community; local businesses and restaurants serving our community for years to come. I see Baileyton as a thriving community that comes together for all ages!

Mr. Greg Griffin
Baileyton Town Council Place 5 (i)



1. I have been married to Teresa Shedd Griffin for 42 years. I have been a business owner for 30 years. I have had the honor of being a Baileyton Town Councilman for the last 8 years.
2. There have been a lot of improvements made in the town in the last 8 years, but there are things that I would like to see accomplished in the years to come.
3. I think that my ability to listen is one of my strengths. I feel it would enable me to hear the needs of the members of the town and move to see those needs met to the best of our ability.
4. - I would like to see our park grow and prosper, to become a place everybody in the surrounding area would be proud of.
 - I would like to see our senior center become the vibrant and active place that it can be. With more activities and events for our seniors.
 - I would like our Council to be more transparent than it is now. Open to all to see what is happening in our town.
5. I would like to see the Chamber be more active in the recruitment of business to our area.
6. I see our town as a place anyone would be proud to call home with activities for all, and a governing Mayor and council that have proven to the people that they are concerned with what is important to them.

Mr. Gerald Turner

Dodge City Mayoral (c)



1. I am a graduate of Good Hope High School and Athens State College. I have worked in education for 15 years for Cullman City School, where I am a teacher and coach. I have been a successful businessman throughout my life, working hard to provide for my family. I am married to Dr. Janet Turner, Assistant Principal at Holly Pond High School and have three sons, Kyle, Colton, and Houston and 4 grandchildren.
2. I decided to run for Mayor this year to do more to help Dodge City come together as a community. I would like to see some positive change and collaboration; we can accomplish so much more in our community if we can work together and form positive relationships. I plan on living in this City with my family for a long time and I want to play an active role in making sure Dodge City is a great place for the community and children here as they grow.
3. I have been a successful businessman throughout my life. I have used skills learned from working hard to collaborate and lead this community in the growth that is expected in the years ahead. I understand working with the community to address needs and solutions for everyday problems in this community. I intend to be available for the community and lead the community in positive growth and development that will help our community members and the children in this area. I want our community to thrive so that individuals can live here, grow here, and raise their families in a safe place here.
4.
 - I want to address the current, dangerous intersection at S & S, Co Rd 216 & Hwy 69. A new study needs to be conducted to possibly get a caution light for the safety of everyone. It is very difficult to pull on to 69 from either direction. We have a lot of elderly people who are afraid to visit our local businesses due to the concerns of pulling on to Hwy 69 in the area.
 - I would like to improve the safety in the community by adding additional lighting along the highways and exit ramps. Additional lighting at the exit will attract more people to come and shop in our businesses at night and deter criminals. The current lighting is outdated and new, efficient and brighter lights will upgrade the town's appearance.
 - I am a good steward of financial obligations and understand that our taxpayers want a mayor that is good stewards of their tax money. I intend to be efficient with taxpayers' money and use it to the best of my ability to find resources that do not place a burden on our community. I will find and apply for numerous federal grants that are available for upgrades, new resources, and new activities for our children and families.
5. The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce will be a resource for collaboration and knowledge of how to best plan for growth in our community. They also have visions of making our community an even better place to raise children and I would like to work with them so that the best ideas can be brought to the table for a working solution for what our community members want.
6. I see Dodge City as a cleaner, safer place to raise a family. New lighting and new activities for community members and children will benefit everyone for years to come. Hopefully, I can help attract more businesses so that families can have closer opportunities to live, grow, and raise their families

Mrs. Inez McDonald
Dodge City Town Council Place 4 (i)



1. I've been in the business world more than 50 years. Well prepared for the job, because I have been on council for three terms.
2. I'd love to serve on council as a member at this time. I know it well! That you have to know.
3. Loving Dodge City and the people, doing what is it right for all people – the majority.
4. - Do best for all majorities of people.
 - Seeing the town grow.
 - Accomplish all problems.
5. In the future we will find out from the people what they would like.
6. Great if the council can stay the same. They work together with sound minds.

Mr. Mark Brannon
Dodge City Town Council Place 4 (c)



1. Hi my name is Mark Brannon. I have been a lifelong resident of Cullman County. I recently retired from the manufacturing industry after working over 23 years.
2. In 1980 after the death of my father, I met a family from Dodge City. I wasn't just friends with one person but it seemed as though the entire family and community had adopted me. Even though I have ocular albinism since birth, for the first time in my life I felt as though I finally belong somewhere.
3. Because of the albinism, I have spent most of my life proving to people I can. No matter the situation I always felt as though I had to prove that I can and I always do. Along with my youth and determination I feel as though I can help make my community a better place to live.
4. - I would like to see our roadsides properly maintained.
- I would love to see our community grow economically and the size of our population.
- I would love to get a red light at the intersection of County Rd 216 and Highway 69.
5. To open the lines of communication between the Chamber of Commerce and each municipality so that we know one another better and feel more comfortable talking to each other and working together when needs arise.
6. I can only pray that we gain new business to help our residents so they can work closer to home. I hope we have a safer community with fewer accidents because of the new red light that I hope we can get. I also hope that better maintained roadways can help us maintain a cleaner and safer community.

Mr. Ervin Chumley
Dodge City Town Council Place 5 (i)



1. Served on the council for 24 years, Dodge City Fire Department for 12 years, and Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled for 30 years.
2. Improve all aspects of Dodge City Economic Development. Proud member of Dodge City for over 50 years. Improve safety of citizens of Dodge City.
3. Great listener, willing to serve, sense of community pride.
4. - Support mayor and councilmen in achieving town goals.
- Improve roads and bridges.
- Maintain and improve the park.
5. Promote new business for our town.
6. Stronger economic presence, newer infrastructure and safe surrounding for entire community.

Mrs. Kimberly Searcy
Dodge City Town Council Place 5 (c)



1. I grew up on Eglin Air Force Base in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. I moved to Cullman County 26 years ago. 12 years ago, my family moved to Dodge City. Between my husband and me, we have a 2 adult children and an 11 year old. I work for 2 nonprofit organizations, specializing in youth.
2. To bring new and fresh ideas to our wonderful town. I'd like to empower the younger female voters to participate in their local governance.
3. I am goal oriented and civic minded. I'd like to be part of the amazing community team of Dodge City.
4. - Bring awareness of technology to our community members.
- Increase attendance at community meetings.
- Work as a team with other council members to advance Dodge City.
5. It is always good to have community partners like The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, to achieve community togetherness.
6. I foresee Dodge City becoming more of a desired and thriving community in the near future.

Mrs. Patsy Chafin
Garden City Town Council Place 5 (i)



1. I am Pat Chafin. I have lived in Garden City for 22 years. I was the Postmaster at Garden City post office prior to my retirement. I have been on the Garden City Town Council for 2 terms. My late husband, Joe Chafin was also on the Garden City Town Council for 2 terms prior to my running in his stead. My family and I are active members in our community and love our small town.
2. I want to serve as a member of the town council to continue to be an active member and continue to work toward the betterment of my community. I feel as if it is important to be accessible to the people in my community and to be a great role model for the entire town and all of our town members.
3. I feel as if one of my specific strengths is that I am very in tune to my community and I personally know many of our town members very well. I have several years of experience as an elected official and feel as if my experience, knowledge, and expertise will continue to help me be the very best fit for the Garden City community.
4. - The library is one of my town duties. My hope is that we are able to expand in the content in our library and increase the use of the library in the community.
- One of the things that I voted for in this past term is for more police presence in our community. My plan and hope and for the next 4 years are that we continue to work with the Cullman County Sheriff's office, further our partnership, and to keep our community safe.
- I am also on the cleaning/litter removal committee, during my next 4 years, our plan is to expand our community participation and keep Garden City one of the cleanest towns in the county.
5. The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce can help us elevate Garden City and increase knowledge about our great community, as well as draw business opportunities to our town to help Garden City grow.
6. I see our town, as a safer, cleaner community with more business opportunities, while also keeping our small, close-knit town feel. My hope is that more people in the Cullman County area will come to know how wonderful and adventure-filled our lovely town is.



Mr. Oscar Goodwin

Garden City Town Council Place 5 (c)

1. My name is Oscar Goodwin and I have resided in Garden City my entire life. I am a proud alumnus of Wallace State Community College; in which I received an Associate's Degree in Respiratory Therapy. I am a registered Respiratory Therapist that serves as Department Supervisor at Decatur Morgan Hospital.
2. My aspirations to win this seat on my town's council are to possess the ability to listen and voice our town's peoples' concerns. My obligations are to serve the public, address these issues with the other council members, and create a concrete solution to resolve any issues. In the council position, I will explore and acquire funding and seek grant monies to improve our community. I desire to obtain this position to enhance the lives of the families/future families that have chosen to make the town of Garden City their home.
3. As a Christian man, I follow the Lord's teachings to have a servant's heart and to hold compassion for mankind. As a young man, I served the public as a stocker, for six years, at Warehouse Discount Groceries. The process of planning for my future included the knowledge and ability to distinguish wants from needs. I learned to save and budget my earnings for a reliable vehicle, a higher education, and a lifelong career. I know, like most people, the feeling of coming home exhausted and clothes stained from a hard day's work. The strong sense of work ethic has always been instilled within my servant's heart.
As a healthcare frontline worker, I hold compassion for my patients and their families affected by variety of illnesses. In my line of work, you must feel compassion for mankind. I am a vital asset to our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. I have the daily practice and knowledge to respond to any medical emergency and our citizens' safety concerns due to the current pandemic.
4. - I wish to inquire and obtain grant monies to establish more sidewalks for the safety of our pedestrians. I would like to implement beautification grants such as: the preservation of historical buildings, upgrade the current drainage system, promote anti-litter, beautify our public parks, and build a public donation pantry for those experiencing hardships. Also, I wish to seek grants for upgrades of our community's volunteer fire department equipment, tools, and possibly build a new fire hall.
- During this time of recession, our citizens are experiencing an increase in their utilities bill which includes: water, sewage, and fire dues. During my term as a council member, I will not vote for an increase.
- I would like to discuss with the council and law enforcement officials to possibly establish a police satellite station in the town of Garden City.
5. In my opinion, the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce can aide our community by investing tax payers' dollars back into our programs. As well as, hold community outreach sessions to educate our citizens, promote new businesses and attractions into the town of Garden City.
6. In four years, by the grace of God, I pray that all who lives in Garden City can witness a more progressive town, and lead a happy, healthy life.



Mr. Maxie Jones

Good Hope Town Council Place 2 (i)

1. I have lived in Good Hope for 40 years. I am retired from Daubert Chemical. I have two daughters, two grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. I was first elected to the Good Hope council in 2008 and have served Place 2- Roads since being elected.
2. I enjoy public service. It is rewarding for me to look around at some of the projects that I have been a part of since being on the council. I love our community and the people in it. Good Hope has been good to me and my family. I feel like serving on the council is a way for me to be involved and ensure that the community continues to prosper.
3. As a father of two, I always wanted to make sure that I could provide for my family. As I mentioned previously, I worked at Daubert Chemical for many years. Most people that know me, know that I would do side work so I could make extra money to ensure a good life for my family. A lot of that extra work included building roads and driveways for people. I have years of experience with road building and know about equipment. I believe it's important for Good Hope to maintain its infrastructure and for us to use tax dollars very wisely.
4.
 - As anyone who has ever taken their kids to Good Hope School or has been on Old 69 during heavy traffic hours, we need a new, wider bridge at Exit 304. We have terrible congestion there during the heavy traffic hours. Although this bridge is a state bridge, I'd love to work with other state and local officials in partnership to get the bridge replaced. I believe this is so important for the future of our community.
 - Good Hope has close to 35 miles of roads within the city limits that we maintain. We have worked to try to prioritize and keep the roads in decent shape for citizen's use. We only have a few small roads that are still gravel. I'd love to see the remaining gravel roads get paved. I believe that having a good road to drive on is somewhere near the top of everyone's list.
 - We have also purchased a 33 acre tract of land that joins our city park. We have been working with engineers to develop a nice plan to develop this in to a multi-use park with nature trails, playgrounds, picnic areas, and so much more. I hope we can get started on it soon and get a lot of it done within the next 4 years.
5. I believe that the chamber can work with local business owners from around Cullman County and help connect those business and their needs to all of the elected officials. I do my best to get out and talk to people and business owners around the community. I believe that communication and understanding the people's needs are two Important factors in doing my job on the council. I believe the chamber Is a great source to bring a lot of the needs to the table as a voice of the business community.
6. Good Hope is one of the fastest growing communities in Cullman. There is no doubt that it's a nice place to live. We have so much potential. We have a blank canvas out at the new interchange at 305. I believe there's potential for a boom in retail there. I plan to continue to push for good roads and a clean community. It's exciting the think about the future because I believe we do have some much potential. I just want to ensure that we protect the things that matter to the community as we do grow.

Mrs. Patty Dean
Hanceville City Council Place 4 (c)



1. My name is Patricia “Patty” Nail Dean and I have been a lifelong resident of Hanceville. I was happily married for 53 years to the late James E. “Jimmy” Dean. I am the mother of 3 sons, Matt, Mark (deceased) and Michael. I retired after 31 years from Wallace State Community College.
2. I have watched the City of Hanceville change and prosper for many years and it is my desire to see that continued. The love of this community was instilled in me at a young age. My parents worked tirelessly in different aspects to enrich the City of Hanceville. It is very important to me to give back to this community by giving it new voice, new ideas, and my continued support.
3. I believe the greatest strength that I possess is trustworthiness and it’s my hope that the residents of Hanceville will see this in my campaign and in my elected position. I feel that not only my work ethic, beliefs, and compassion are strengths that I also will utilize while servicing my community. Hard work, dedication, teamwork, and communication are all strengths that are needed for this position and I am committed to giving the citizens of Hanceville my best effort if they will allow me this opportunity. I will always do what is best for the citizens and community of Hanceville.
4. - The City of Hanceville’s progress with our businesses and residents new business growth and development which is very important to my community
- I will work with community leaders, business prospects, and organizations to help our downtown and surrounding areas grow in hopes of providing additional jobs.
- Expansion of our residential areas with new housing and development.
5. The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce already does an outstanding job helping the communities of Cullman County including Hanceville. I ask the Chamber to continue helping in the expansion of the new businesses in the community of Hanceville while maintaining the integrity of our small town. It’s my desire to work with the Chamber to highlight the unique qualities that Hanceville provides.
6. I see Hanceville, as a more notable community in Cullman County. I see Hanceville thriving with local businesses and community activities that enrich the lifestyles of our residents. I envision that the progress made will continue.



Mrs. Julie Ray
Holly Pond Town Council 1 (c)

1. I am a life-long resident of Holly Pond, where I was taught to have a great work ethic. My family has been a considerable part of my success. My grandfather, Arlin Moon, was a renowned instrument maker and taught me how to play music from a young age. My mother, Betty Moon Sampson, taught me vocals and music but, most importantly, encouraging me to live out my dream. My father, Dwight Ray, would teach me how to Buck Dance and get the crowd involved. I remember many late nights as a youngster in the Red Barn across from my parent's house where people would gather to watch live bluegrass music shows while enjoying unbelievable country cooking.

I have worked in the medical field for the last ten years, where I was able to live my dream of caring for the community. I feel now is the time to take my expertise and passion for helping others to the next level.

I want to make Holly Pond a brighter place to live and raise a family. My exemplary skills and commitment to serving others makes me an excellent candidate. My leadership qualities are based on a love for God and helping Holly Pond grow and prosper.

2. As a life-long resident of Holly Pond, I feel it is my time to be proactive in my hometown by working diligently to make Holly Pond a more brighter and beautiful place to live and raise a family.
3. I am a hard worker and not afraid to get my hands dirty. It is time we move Holly Pond in the right direction and be proactive. I take a lot of pride in my work and I will be committed to making Holly Pond the best place to live in the WORLD!
4. - Improve Holly Pond Parks.
- Make Holly Pond beautiful.
- Bring in tourism funds though a more functional Parks and Rec system.
5. Holly Ponds Park and Rec, including Holly Pond school parks need major attention. I would like to see the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce work with myself and other Town Council members to fix issues we currently have so we can bring in funds through tournaments and events with our existing parks.
6. If elected, I will work diligently over the next four years to make Holly Pond "Bright and Beautiful" as it should always be. I am not afraid to get my hands dirty and will bring a proactive approach to making Holly Pond a great place to raise your family.

Mr. Radginal Dodson
South Vinemont Mayoral (i)



1. I have lived at the end of Dodson Street in South Vinemont for 55 years. I served in the United States Navy for 45 months. 36 months on the U.S.S. Shangri-La. I was in the Tonkin Gulf when my oldest son was born in 1970 and my second son in 1972. I serviced appliances for General Electric for 25 years, and Handy TV for six years. I retired in 2004. I served four years on the South Vinemont Town Council form 2012 until 2016.
2. I want to continue to be mayor to see projects finished and new things accomplished. I have always been open to suggestions and benefit the town.
3. I have spent four years as a council person and four as mayor. I have dealt with the general public for 37 years and have many friends in the community.
4. - Eat-in restaurants.
- Continued employment growth in our town.
- Providing areas and activates for the young and young at heart.
5. Make your services more reasonable and more available to new business.
6. Continued growth.

Mrs. Shirley Arnett
South Vinemont Mayoral (c)



1. I have been married for 45 years to my husband, Steve, and we have one daughter, Stephanie who is a professor at New Mexico State University, in Las Cruces New Mexico. I am a recycler, and like to re-purpose and re-build things others might find no value in.
2. I have worked with the Chamber on their Arts After Hours Program in the past, to raise funds for projects. Mentoring at school, town council activities, and working with the Mental Health Board are some other things I enjoy. Persistence, long hours and hard work. I am a problem solver, but I will ask for help. I'm always working on something.
3. I'm always looking for ways to make things better. I am not seeking this position for the income; I'm hoping to work toward a better outcome. In February, 2020, a salary raise for the next administration was put to a vote. Of 6 votes cast, I was the only No vote.
4. - More community awareness and accessibility
- I want our citizens to know who they elected and what we are doing
- Development of resources we already have. The Walking Trail in particular, by forming a Community Garden/Park Annexation of additional areas into our town and updating our Ordinances
5. By working together with the Chamber, our town council, real estate and business leaders, we hope to develop a team we can all benefit from to make our community better.
6. More businesses, more local jobs, friends and neighbors stopping and supporting those businesses. Goods and services we need should be available in our own community. In the past few years Vinemont has added some new businesses. Several of those businesses are due in a large part to efforts made by Tyler Walker, who loved this town and would have done more if he were still with us, and whatever progress we make going forward can be a tribute to him.

Mrs. Sonya Copeland
 South Vinemont Town Council Place 5 (c)



1. I am 29, married to Zachary Copeland, and we have two children. By no means am I a politician, but I do look forward to starting my political career in the town of South Vinemont.
2. The stagnant state of South Vinemont. It's an apparent problem here and I am determined to figure out why.
3. I am young, altruistic, and energetic to name a few. I am filled with ideas and love working with a team. In my opinion, this is what South Vinemont needs, a team working for the betterment of our community.
4. - The ordinances. There are several that are irrelevant or outright useless.
 - Cleaning up South Vinemont. There is too much trash lying around and it's time someone is held accountable for it.
 - Unify the town. I would love to see South Vinemont unite. I want their opinions and ideas on how to help our town grow. No matter their age, race, or gender, their voice matters.
5. Be more involved with the Town of South Vinemont. Help us grow like the rest of Cullman County.
6. New businesses, restaurants, and community activities/programs for our youth. Our youth today becomes our leaders tomorrow. Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.-
 Proverbs 22:6



Mr. Jerry Smith

South Vinemont Town Council Place 5 (c)

1. I have lived in South Vinemont for 55 years. I have been married to Faye Gentry Smith for 61 years and we have two sons, Jerry Jr. and Chris, both who graduated from Vinemont High School. We have two granddaughters, one grandson and one grandson-in-law. I served in the U.S. Army, have been active in church and civic affairs including Town Clerk of South Vinemont, President of Vinemont Quarterback Club, member of the Board of Directors of the Jimmie Hale Mission in Birmingham, a mentor at Vinemont School. I have been a member of the Town Council of South Vinemont, a member of the Solid Waste Committee of Cullman County, a member of the Department of Human Relations Board of Cullman County. I have been a Sunday school teacher, director, church clerk, treasurer and deacon. I and my wife are members of Destiny Church. I graduated from St. Bernard College with Honors and a degree in Accounting.
2. I want to serve as a member of the Town Council of South Vinemont because with my vast qualifications, experience and education I am equipped to handle the many challenges that the Town will be facing the next four years. We will need to continually support recreation, the school, the fire department, expansion of the Town limits, recruit new business and industry and I am the person for the position.
3. I have been an Accounting Supervisor with a large Multi-National company, owned and operated His 'N' Hers Shoes in South Vinemont for 25 years, has had rental property, and operated Dollar Discount Store on highway 31 north. My vast experience in business, civic, and financial affairs qualifies me to work for the betterment and advancement of South Vinemont.
I believe in government of the people, by the people, and for the people and consequently I advocate an open door policy. I believe in treating everyone the same with complete honesty and integrity in all situations. I believe the town leadership has a great obligation to use the resources of the town in the best and most efficient way possible consequently working to improve the town.
I would like to encourage all citizens to take a more active part in their government. Countless thousands have died to give us this privilege. I pledge to work diligently for all the citizens of South Vinemont and will make every effort to ensure that the council keeps the community abreast of the affairs is important to them. If I have missed seeing you, I apologize but I have tried to be so careful for you and myself due to this terrible virus. Thank you and God bless you and GOD BLESS AMERICA.
4. - Have a long range planning committee; the Town will be much better off if growth is planned and regulated. Create a citizens action committee to develop ways of improving our Town and boosting community pride and the beauty of the landscape.
- We need to establish zoning laws, not to restrict, but to insure that all are in compliance.
- Continue to enhance and improve the Walking Trail and Ball Park.
5. The Chamber of Commerce can continue to promote this fantastic area of North Alabama and make the Town of South Vinemont aware of future opportunities on the horizon. Also make the Town aware of meetings that would be of interest.
6. I see the Town with expanded Town limits with beautiful subdivisions, new businesses and industry, a top scoring school system, and a great quality of life for all.