2015 Mayoral Candidate Statements

The candidate statements for the two mayoral candidates for the City of Marinette are listed in alphabetical order on the following pages.

Please note: UW-Marinette and the Marinette Menominee Area Chamber of Commerce do not endorse or oppose any of the Marinette mayoral candidates. The opinions expressed by the candidates and others do not represent those of the university or chamber. All candidates were provided with an equal opportunity to participate in the Mayoral Meet & Greet and Mayoral Forum.
Objectives:
• Add jobs to the community
• Make Marinette friendly to large and small businesses
• Collaboration with city council
• Insure city government is accountable to taxpayer

Professional and Personal:
• Bachelor's of Science - Pharmacy
• Manager/Owner of Long-Term Care Pharmacy
• Manager/Owner of Assisted Living Facility
• Married with two children and community member over 20 years

Experience:
• Member Marinette Needs Assessment Advisory Committee
• Member/Chair Marinette Water & Wastewater Commission
• Member Marinette Harbor Commission
• Member Marinette Sheriff Auxiliary

I always appreciate input from all citizens and will continue to work with our city government to bring forward needs of the community. We live in a great community and I want to continue to make Marinette a great city to live in!
Martha is in her 8th year on the Marinette City council
- Elected four times to represent Ward 8
- Serves on Board of Public works, Personnel & License Committee, Civic Affairs, and Cemetery Committee, and past member of Public Safety Committee.
- Represents the City Council on the Plan Commission, Marinette Redevelopment Authority and Stephenson Library Foundation.

"I am honored to have served the residents of the City of Marinette for the past eight years as an Alderperson representing ward 8. As a member of the City council, I have always strived to do my best to serve all our residents and conduct myself in a fair and professional manner. I have the right experience to ensure positive and forward progress in the City. With your help I hope to continue my public service as the next Mayor of the City of Marinette.

Martha will manage the city’s resources and plan for the future development of the city
Solve issues facing the Recreation and Police facilities
- Form a review committee to evaluate our options for ageing facilities and recommend solutions by early summer
- Keep the city pool open
- Seek private funding and grant opportunities to replace the tennis and ice domes

Encourage small business development
- Work with current businesses to assess their needs
- Explore ways to fill empty storefronts
- Work with the State of Wisconsin to secure grants for business development

Provide greater oversight of the Water Utility
- Meet weekly with utility managers
- Improve communication between the Utility and the community
- Regularly review utility expenses for opportunities to capture cost savings

Increase communication between city government and the community
- Hold regular informal meetings to answer questions from our residents
- Hold meetings to explain construction projects that are planned for different neighborhoods
- Develop volunteer opportunities for citizen involvement in the appearance, safety and advancement of our community

About Martha
- Works in the business office at Northland Lutheran Retirement Community
- Married to Tom for 30 years. Have owned their home on Hannah St for 27 years
- Two grown children Luke and Kira. Both graduates of Marinette High School and UW Green Bay
- Active member of Holy Family Parish and Altar Society
- Active member of the Women’s Giving Circle
- Active member of Marinette Menominee YMCA
- Avid runner and cyclist
- Contact Martha at tmkarban@gmail.com or visit her face book page Martha Karban for Mayor