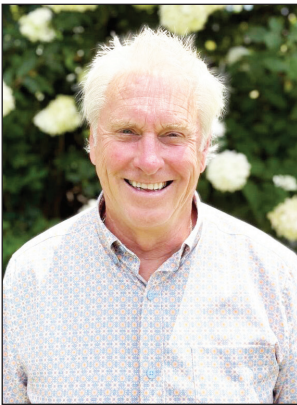


MEET THE WEAVERVILLE TOWN COUNCIL CANDIDATES



Fred Borth
Borth, a general contractor, has lived in the Asheville area for 30 years, but moved to downtown Weaverville last year.
“I am so grateful to be a part of the community.”



Phil Barnett
Barnett is the chairman of the Weaverville Economic Development Advisory and the Weaverville Economic Development Foundation. This is his first run for office.
“Weaverville is an amazing place with a pioneer history, friendly people, a strong sense of community among citizens, beautiful national park-quality surroundings and a growth-centered future.”
“I am inspired to serve the town to help guide our future with broad citizen inputs, fiscal responsibility, and practical economic development choices that will enhance our small-town demeanor and also on-board the population and services growth arriving now.”



Mark Endries
Endries has served on the Weaverville Planning Board for five years, which he says has given him an understanding of zoning, land use and growth trends. Endries, a cartographer in digital mapping and data analysis, also manages the town’s GIS data.
“Weaverville is on the brink of significant change, driven by the new hospital and ongoing demand for housing. My goal is to strike a balance between economic prosperity and the preservation of our town’s unique character.”
“I’ve successfully advocated for opening existing town properties for public recreation, a cost effective way to increase access.”



David King
King is a former Buncombe County commissioner.
“The motivating factor spurring me to run is the present and coming growth which is affecting us all. None of us wants to lose the charm and character Weaverville has. It is imperative to create a council with members who understand the need to work with the citizens, as well as all state and local governing entities, to create the smartest plan for growth we can have...for now and the future.”



Eleanor Mrozkowski
Mrozkowski grew up in Madison County and moved to Weaverville five years ago as an 18-year-old student at UNCA.
“When Hurricane Helene hit, we all had to work together as neighbors, sharing what food, water and medicine was available. My neighbors were disappointed with town leadership and asked me to run. I was on the fence, but as I attended the Citizens Academy and learned more about the situation our town is in, the more I wanted to roll up my sleeves and help.”



Jennifer Young
Young, grew up in Weaverville and serves on the Weaverville planning board.
“I love this town and its people. I seek to protect Weaverville heritage while intentionally steering the growth that is coming.”
She ran unsuccessfully for town council in 2023 and is now trying again. Young, a registered nurse, says her background makes her well-suited to understand the impact of the new Advent Hospital on the town.
“I am running to be a liaison between the Town and Advent Health in building a new hospital, to intentionally steer growth and to lead the resolution of traffic issues.”

Turnover

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Six candidates are running for three open seats.

What are the top 3 issues facing Weaverville, and how would you address them?

Barnett
Barnett said his top three issues are: infrastructure hardening to create economic resiliency; practical radius planning as the new hospital becomes a reality; and continued economic development for new entrepreneurs.
“Our town was fortunate with our relatively rapid recovery from Helene, especially potable water service.”
He recently started a nonprofit “to support community economic development, artist presence and other projects supported by town council and the Weaverville Business Association.”

Borth
Did not respond to requests for comment for this question.

Endries
One top issue is growth and affordable housing.
“My major goal for town council is to help manage the town’s growth responsibly. On the planning board I’ve been championing the establishment of a higher-density single-family residential zoning district that would address affordability and encourage future development of single-family homes over multi-family homes.
Another top issue is hospital construction and associated development.
“I will work to ensure the construction of the hospital goes as seamlessly as possible and serves the needs of the community. Working regularly with NCDOT, I understand the processes needed to ensure that road improvement needs are planned for and properly funded.”
Lastly he is a champion of opportunities for outdoor recreation.
“We have incredible opportunities like establishing a greenway along Reems Creek and building trails in the 300-acre former watershed. I’ll also advocate for new parks and amenities as our town grows.”

King
King’s top three issues are: growth management; housing for all and quality of life.
“Progress to remedy any of these issues and any challenges facing Weaverville, now or in the future, will be determined by the entire council, not just one person. It is important to have a town council willing to work with the town staff, the

mayor, other council members and community stakeholders to find the best possible solutions for the most people.”
King’s vision is for a “liveable, walkable, outdoor user-friendly Weaverville with adequate budgeting to ensure preservation of services.”

Mrozkowski
“This election is about what kind of growth we wish to see, and my goal is to build more of what makes Weaverville great already. As we expand, I would look to build more neighborhoods and avoid the unsightly edge-of-town developments many other towns tend to see.”
Mrozkowski’s top three issues are: a climate crisis; a housing crisis; and a crisis of democracy.
“We can address the first two through the decisions we make about our growth. I favor expanding green energy production and denser land uses with protected green space to address climate and housing.”
“For our democracy, the solution is right here. Elected officials need to stay engaged with their communities, and our local elections should be truly contested, as this one has been.”

Young
Young said a top issue facing the town is ensuring it has adequate personnel and resources to meet the new Advent Health hospital.
Another top issue is to intentionally steer growth.
“We need to ensure that the Comprehensive Land Use Plan is current and meets the needs of this growth while maintaining our small-town heritage. This entails forecasting the needs of the town’s resources in the future and planning for that growth now.”
She also believes the town needs to be transparent and give citizens a voice.
“If elected, I plan to offer quarterly listening sessions to hear concerns, ideas, and to answer questions from citizens. I will actively listen and engage citizens making public comment.”

Barnett
“I’ve served as chair of the all-volunteer Economic Development Advisory Committee for almost four years. I have helped the committee ideate and select projects, including promotion of commercial sharing of church-owned properties, re-commercialization of old factory capacity and Main Street preservation. I am a scientist by education but have had a career in intellectual property commercial development for Dow Chemical and PwC, plus my own company.”

What makes you the right person for this position?

Borth
Did not respond to requests for comment for this question.

Endries
“With two children going through our local public schools, I have a current perspective of what it takes to raise a family here. With my extensive experience on the Planning Board, hands-on role in managing the town’s GIS, and a strong commitment to expanding recreational access, I am the ideal candidate for representing Weaverville’s residents.”
“I offer a unique skill set in technical mapping and spatial data analysis, which would be a tremendous benefit to the town by providing modern, data-driven land-use planning.”
Endries is also a member of the Active Weaverville Committee.

King
“All my life experiences, from growing up and being raised in Buncombe County to where I am now — a happily retired Weavervillian serving on various community boards — has equipped me to be the ‘right person’ for this office.”
King noted his experience as a Buncombe County Commissioner and small business owner.

“All these experiences have given me insights and skills needed to navigate the challenges facing Weaverville.”

Mrozkowski
“I am the only candidate that represents the future of this town, not its past. I have studied the history of Weaverville closely and am proud to be the third generation of my family to call this town home. But as we move towards the future, we need elected officials who will actually lead the public, not just recite safe talking points.”

Young
Young has been a registered nurse for 33 years, serves on the town planning board, is a Chaplain with Samaritan’s Purse Rapid Response Team and National Law Enforcement Ministry, serves on the Firefighter’s Relief Fund Board, and previously worked for the N.C. Department of Revenue as tax auditor, and is also a small business owner of rental property.

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