



## Hi Neighbor! I'm Russ Gardner.

"Every community is held together by neighbors who care enough to give of themselves."

My father was one of those people, serving as Mayor of Saugatuck, and I've tried to follow that same path—not for recognition, but because when you love a place, you show up for it.

Saugatuck has shaped every part of my life. My family has called this town home since the 1880s. I grew up here, went to school here, and even when my career took me to Chicago, my heart never left. I came back because this is where I belong.

I live downtown, right in the heart of the community I serve. Most days you'll find me walking my dog Moose through town, playing trivia on Thursday nights at Wicks with my dad, or having dinner with my wife Jen at Phil's.

I'm not just serving Saugatuck—I'm living alongside you as a neighbor. And if you see me around say "Hi Neighbor."



Russ as a kid in Saugatuck



Re-elect

Russ

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**Leadership isn't about being the loudest.**

It's about listening first, caring deeply, and making choices that put the good of the whole community at the center. It's about treating people with respect, protecting what's special about Saugatuck, and planning wisely for its future.

**But there is still important work ahead.**

We must focus our resources on what matters most—repairing infrastructure that has been neglected for too long, caring for treasured places like Oval Beach and Mt. Baldhead, and strengthening connections with the small businesses that give Saugatuck its character and energy. This election will shape the future of our town.

**Vote Tuesday November 4th.**

I humbly ask for your vote and your support—to protect what makes Saugatuck special and to take care of the things that truly matter to everyone in our community.

Saugatuck has given me so much—a place to raise my family, a place to call home.

If you see me out walking Moose say:

***"Hi Neighbor!"***

### **My Accomplishments:**

During my time on City Council, I've worked hard to put my values into action.

**I helped update the city's ethics policy for the first time in more than 16 years.**

**I supported replacing the bathrooms at Mt. Baldhead and rebuilding Maple Street.**

**I was appointed to negotiate a joint operating contract for our water and sewer systems.**

**I organized the clean-up of the Mt. Baldhead Radar Station and helped secure its place on the National Register of Historic Places.**

I'm Russ Gardner. I'm your neighbor.

And it's my honor to serve this community we love.

**Vote Tuesday, November 4**