

Hi Neighbor,

you deserve to know The Whys behind my Votes.

SHORT-TERM RENTALS

- ✓ Voted for stronger STR rules and higher fees so taxpayers don't pay for enforcement.
- ✓ Have no intention of removing the current STR cap.
- ✗ Opposed the cap at the time because there wasn't clear data showing it would solve the problem effectively or avoid unintended consequences.
- 💬 Believes in smart, balanced policy that protects tax payers and our local economy.

"Good decisions come from facts, not fear."

SAUGATUCK WILDS

- ✓ Supports preserving and improving city parks for everyone to enjoy.
- ✗ Opposed the Wilds deal because it locks city land in perpetuity without a proper financial assessment.
- 💬 Believes taxpayers deserve to understand the value of what they own before it's permanently restricted.

"Protecting nature and protecting taxpayers go hand in hand."

VILLAGE SQUARE PLAYGROUND

- ✓ Voted yes to build a new playground for families.
- 💬 Asked questions when costs and plans expanded beyond what was approved.

"I Believe in accountability — great ideas should be done the right way."

OVAL BEACH WIFI

- ✓ Supports beach safety improvements.
- 💬 Proposed a proven, reliable solution: extend the landline and add emergency phones & life rings.
- ✗ Opposed spending \$25,000 on unproven Technology.
- 💡 Safety should be effective and dependable, not experimental.

PARKING ON THE HILL

- ✓ Voted yes to limit parking where safety and emergency access are at risk.
- 💬 Personally walked Pleasant Street with the Fire Chief to find real, workable solutions.

"I Believe in listening to neighbors before deciding."

CELL SERVICE AT MOUNT BALDHEAD

- ✓ Supports better coverage for residents and visitors.
- 💬 Proposed a new monopole near the city reservoir — improves service and generates city revenue.
- ✗ Opposed hiding antennas inside the historic radar dome to protect our dunes and a national landmark.

"I listen to everyone — but I vote to protect this community. I do the research, ask the questions, and spend your tax dollars like my own. Saugatuck is my lifeblood. It's where I was born, where I live, and what I'll always stand for."
— Russ Gardner

Re-Elect **Russ Gardner**

For Saugatuck City Council

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