

Town of Boonsboro



MEET THE **CANDIDATES**

Hugh O'Neill
Assistant Mayor Candidate



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I am a 25-year resident of the Boonsboro area and have proudly lived in the Town of Boonsboro for the past 12 years. My wife and I reside on North Main Street in her great-grandfather's home, where we have raised our family. Together, we have eight children and are now blessed with nine grandchildren. Many of our children live within the town today, and most attended Boonsboro schools as well as most of our grandchildren. My wife's family roots in this community date back to the early 1800s, giving our family a deep, multi-generational connection to Boonsboro.

Professionally, I bring more than 30 years of executive leadership experience in sales, operations, and business development. I have led multi-million-dollar organizations, managed large teams across multiple states, and successfully driven growth, efficiency, and innovation. My roles have required strategic planning, financial oversight, contract negotiation, and the ability to work collaboratively with diverse stakeholders. These experiences have prepared me to contribute thoughtful, practical leadership to our town government.

Beyond my professional background, I have been actively involved in community and industry organizations throughout my career. I served as President of the Maryland/DC Vending Association for five years and have been a board member for over two decades. I have also contributed at the national level through the National Automatic Merchandising Association and have been a member of the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek. These roles have reinforced my commitment to service, collaboration, and giving back to the communities that support us.

I am running for Assistant Mayor because I care deeply about Boonsboro's future. As someone who has built both a career and a family here, I am invested in maintaining the town's character while ensuring it continues to **grow in a responsible and sustainable way**. I believe in **listening to residents, supporting local businesses**, and making decisions that reflect the best interests of our entire community.

My vision for Boonsboro is centered on thoughtful growth, strong fiscal management, and preserving the small-town values that make this community special. I want to support initiatives that enhance our downtown, improve infrastructure, and create opportunities for families and businesses alike. At the same time, **I believe it is critical to maintain transparency, accountability, and open communication between town leadership and residents.**

Boonsboro is more than where I live, it is home for my family across generations. I would be honored to serve and help guide the town toward a strong and vibrant future.

TRANSPARENCY – ACCOUNTABILITY – SMART GROWTH – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY