

At Your Service...

A Newsletter for the Citizens of the City of Midland

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WANTED:

Looking for energetic, enthusiastic individuals who have a desire to work as part of a team on projects and issues to enhance the quality of life in the Midland community. We're seeking motivated individuals to advise Midland City Council on decisions in specific areas of interest.

Qualifications:

City residents with a few hours to spare, who possess: interpersonal skills, ability to make decisions, an interest in the community and a dedication to the continued growth and prosperity of Midland.

Interested?

We've got an opportunity for you! Read on!



Aviation Advisory Commission

Are you an avid flier or just have an interest in aviation? We're looking for people who are committed to achieving goals and reaching new heights. The commission advises city council on user charges and other aviation costs relating to the Jack Barstow Municipal Airport.

Vacancy: one citizen-at-large

Library Board

Are you a frequent patron of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library? Have an interest in books? The city is looking for citizens to work together to study the needs of the library facilities and activities. The board advises city council on the costs to provide, maintain and develop library services.

Vacancies: five citizens-at-large

Dial-A-Ride Advisory Commission

The city is looking for people who can map out, and work as a team to develop solutions for public transportation needs in Midland. The commission focuses on fares, services, and programs to accommodate all handicap citizens and those 65 years of age and older.

Vacancy: one representative from the senior community

Local Officers Compensation Commission

Want to decide how much city council makes? We're looking for fair-minded decision makers who will work to determine the salaries of the mayor and city council. The term for this commission is seven years, but they only meet every other year!

Vacancy: one citizen-at-large



Board of Review

We need people who are resourceful at analyzing a situation and making a fair evaluation. The board of review meets three times a year to hear appeals on property assessments.

Vacancy: one taxpaying citizen who has been a city resident for at least three years



Parks and Recreation Commission

If you're an activity enthusiast, we've got the committee for you — it's all about golf, parks and playgrounds. The commission studies the recreational needs of the community and makes recommendations to city council regarding facilities, activities and costs.

Vacancies: two citizens-at-large

Cable Access Advisory Commission

Are you commander of the remote? Do you tune in to MCTV? If you're a fan of the city's public access channel, show your support! The cable access advisory commission advises city council on general policy matters, encourages the use of the channels and gathers public input.

Vacancies: one citizen-at-large, one media professional



A few more opportunities...

Planning Commission

Help to shape Midland's future. We're looking for individuals focused on progress and development. The commission is responsible for the city's master land-use plan and making recommendations on zoning, plats and subdivision regulations.



Vacancies: three citizens-at-large

Sewer District Board of Appeals

It's a dirty job, but someone's got to do it! Actually, the sewer board only meets on a demand basis to hear appeals concerning ordinances governing the city's sewer systems.

Vacancy: one citizen-at-large

West Main Street Historic District Commission

Do you enjoy strolling along West Main Street and admiring the architecture? If you have thoughts on how to preserve the beauty of this historic area, apply today! This board is responsible for the development and administration of guidelines for work within the district.

Vacancy: one citizen-at-large

Zoning Board of Appeals

Building a garage close to the property line, installing a tall fence, or a large sign on a new business. If the issue at hand falls outside of the city's zoning ordinance, who's to decide? Become a member of the board that covers all areas of zoning in Midland. The board reviews and decides on all appeals, variances, permits and special approvals regarding zoning in the city.



Vacancies: three citizens-at-large (one to serve as an alternate)



Apply Today!

It's not a huge time commitment! The term for most boards and commissions is three years. Many of the boards meet on an as needed basis, while others hold monthly meetings and a few conduct meetings twice a month.

What is a citizen-at-large?:

It means that we're looking for a citizen with no specific title or certification required. The only requirement is that you're a resident of the City of Midland.

How to apply: Simply fill out a short application form.

Deadline: All applications must be received by Friday, April 27.

Board of Review applications must be received by Wednesday, April 18.

What happens next?:

Once we have received your application, a representative from the City Manager's office will contact you to schedule a brief interview with Midland City Council. Interviews will be scheduled for the evening of Monday, May 14, beginning at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Attend a meeting: The scheduled meetings of the various boards and commissions are listed in the city calendar, which can be found on the city's website, www.midland-mi.org. If you'd like to learn more about a particular board or commission, make plans to attend an upcoming meeting and see what it's all about. All meetings are open to the public.

When do the new terms begin?:

The new terms for boards and commissions begin on July 1, 2001.

The new term for the Board of Review begins on May 1.

Where to obtain a form:

- ① Stop by the City Manager's office, located in City Hall, anytime between 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
- ② We're happy to put one in the mail to you! Call the City Manager's office at 837-3301
- ③ Download an application from the city's website, www.midland-mi.org



Questions or Additional information: Call the City Manager's office at 837-3301 or send us an e-mail at cityhall@midland-mi.org

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