

# Candidates

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an understanding of municipal government's compact with the citizenry."

"I understand that municipal government must deliver essential services – public safety (police, first aid, fire), good roads, social services (such as the library and the senior center) and public sanitation – in an effective manner," he said. "I think that we meet that task in Town Hall."

The mayor said he believes he is the best candidate for the position because he has served the township as a volunteer, on boards and commissions, and in elected office for the better part of three decades.

"In that time, the town has grown modestly, and municipal government has consistently improved," he said. "I think that I have a good track record that is plain for people to see."

He said the top issues in the township are development and transportation infrastructure.

"Over many years, municipal government has made significant investments toward road repairs and has worked with (the New Jersey Department of Transportation) to improve the flow of traffic on Route 1 and Route 130," he said. "At the same time, we are fighting through the

courts (and sometimes against the courts) against what we consider to be inappropriate development."

Running with Carley for reelection is Councilman Kenneth Bierman.

Havardansky, 56, has been a resident of the township for 25 years. He and his wife, Kathy, are the Republican committee people for South Brunswick's District 3. He is an active member of Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church, active in the Men's Cornerstone ministry and a member of the Knights of Columbus, according to [voteforyourneighbors2022.com](http://voteforyourneighbors2022.com).

Havardansky is the vice president and controller of an apparel company in Bristol, Pennsylvania.

He has been active in the community for years, mostly coaching Little League, flag football and basketball when his two sons played. His older son attended South Brunswick schools and his younger son attended Catholic schools.

Havardansky said he is running for mayor because "for years, South Brunswick has been controlled by a one-party government."

"That's not healthy for any government and it's certainly not representative of our community," he said. "Put simply, one-party rule is not democratic. Everyone's voice should be heard in or-



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der to make sound decisions and truly represent our diverse community. Our roads are a mess, traffic congestion and accidents are increasing and all development in town is either a ware-

house or an extended-stay motel. The current administration talks a lot about the same issues but they have been in power for almost 20 years and have done nothing to address them. We need new voices and new ideas to fix these issues we all seem to agree on."

Havardansky said he believes he is the best candidate because his "35 years of accounting and finance experience are exactly what is needed at this time in history."

"With out-of-control inflation and gas prices, every penny needs to be spent efficiently and effectively, especially by our local government," he said. "I've spent my entire professional career managing budgets and finances, making sure every penny is accounted for and spent wisely. Also, my running mate John Anthony and I are both new to running for office; we're not professional politicians. We're two of your neighbors who care about our town, and we want to be your voice."

Havardansky said right now he thinks the biggest issue in the township is traffic congestion and accidents.

"First I think we need increased police presence and enforcement at the major intersections like New Road and Route 1 as well as Route 522 and Route 1," he said. "Greater police presence will condition people to drive safer. More importantly we need to work with county and state departments of transportation to look into traffic patterns and timing of traffic lights. South Brunswick's population has doubled in the 25 years I've lived here, but no improvements have been made to the major roads through town. South Brunswick has become a bottleneck for north-south traffic in Middlesex County. This causes frustration, which can contribute to people making bad decisions."

The other big issue is property taxes, Havardansky said.

"Keeping property taxes low and being good stewards of the people's money should be top priority for any government," he said. "As mayor, efficient spending would be top priority. Making sure we get the most out of every dollar. We need to review the bidding process for procurement of goods and services, including professional service contracts, to make sure South Brunswick gets the best products and services for the best price, without political cronyism. Finally make sure every tax dollar owed is paid."

Havardansky is running with council candidate John J. Anthony.

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