

Historic Preservation
Planning Board
Board of Adjustment
Park Board
Tourism Authority
Other

THUMBNAIL PROFILES TALENT BANK APPLICANTS

Ruth White Town Limits (919)614-4996 (4/2023)

Interested in Park Board

- Retired Practice Manager of Medical office
- Associate degree: Medical Secretary
- Volunteered at schools, served on beautification committee for Raleigh High School, volunteer with Brownie Troop
- Has worked daily with the Parks & Rec department since 2019 on behalf of the Pickle Ball program. Assisted with raising funds to purchase nets and balls and assisted with creating of the courts by painting them and patching holes. Accustomed to working as part of a team and problem solving.
- Interested in serving the Swansboro community, events and festivals and would like to contribute.

Eric Young Town Limits (405) 434-7145 (2/2023) – Appointed to HPC April 2023

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- Retired
- Master of Science in Adult Learning and Leadership, Master of Art Organizational Security
- 27 years in USMC leading organizations ranging in size from 50 to 850. Skilled in coordinating efforts of cross-functional and cross-cultural teams. Practiced in providing vision, strategy, and innovative solutions. Familiar with procedural law as both a commanding officer and member of law enforcement.

John Fitzgerald Town Limits (910)382-4292 (2/2023) – Appointed to BOA April 2023

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- Retired
- Bachelor of Arts: Urban Planning, Master of Administration, Master of Arts National Strategic Studies
- Highly experienced leader with over 40 years of logistics managerial experience with both the Departments of State and Defense. Undaunted when faced with complex logistical problems, draws on vast experience operating at the tactical, operations, and strategic levels of the US government to apply a logical well-thoroughout approach to solve problems.

Lawrence Abalos Town Limits (910) 389-7500 (11/2022) – Appointed to Parks Board Aug 2020

Interested in Tourism Authority

- Self Employed
- Bachelor’s degree
- Current member of Parks & Rec board, Vice President of Swansboro Century Club, Coastal FCS Board member, Youth Sports Coach
- Would like to be a part of our community growth and development.

Matthew Prane Town Limits (910)750-2103 (10/2023)

Interested in Park Board

- USMC
- Master’s Degree
- Over 21 years serving the USMC and participated in many community events, sporting competitions, and continues to volunteer with youth programs in sports and scouting.
- Interested in serving on the parks board to promote growth and see opportunities to develop a more family and community-based programs to support the community.

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Michael Alden Diehl **Town Limits** (252)646-9221 (11/2023)

Interested in **Planning Board** **Park Board** **Tourism Authority**

-Marine Superintendent – Duke University Marine Labs

-Bachelor Degree

-Community involvement includes Travis Manion Foundation, Team Rubicon, Tunnels to Towers, Mountain to Sea Trail Angel

-Has worked around the world, in the military and as a civilian. Has ample experience building teams and working with diverse stakeholders to meet consensus and accomplish goals.

-Desires a more active role serving the community and working with citizens to continue building on the great work that Swansboro a wonderful place.

Gary Keroack **Town Limits** (904)537-7273 (11/2023)

Interested in **Planning Board** **Other**

-Retired, Occasional Math Tutor

-MBA, M.A. Math Education (6-12)

-HOA Design Board Member in Florida and Halls Creek

-Special skills include meteorology, oceanography, and business administration

-Desire to volunteer his free time to become more involved in the community

Lauren Brown **Town Limits** (910)459-0787 (11/2023)

Interested in **Planning Board** **Historic Preservation** **Park Board**

-Vice President & Chief Projects Officer at MeterSYS

-Master in Public Administration from UNCW

-Co-founded & managed the Fishstrong Foundation for 2 years, volunteer for special events in the area

-MPA education instilled skills, research, and cooperation for, with, and on behalf of local governments. My current work serves public utilities for which we consult and manager project for

-Born & raised in Swansboro, and recently moving back after being away from 17 years, she has a unique perspective and love for Swansboro and wants to contribute.

Kelley Brown (910)238-0191 (11/2023)

Interested in **Tourism Authority**

-Sales Manager Hampton Inn Suites

-Highschool graduate

-Currently President of SACC, member of the Military Affairs Committee, TAC Committee for Onslow County, Hospitality Committee for Onslow County. Previously recognized as the 2022 Hospitality Person of the Year, and 2021 SACC Businesswoman of the Year.

-Working in the hotel in sales provide a unique insight into what groups are coming to the area for and how to keep them returning. Knowledge includes how to attract other groups and what to do from a town standpoint to keep the area busy.

-The hotel has a special position, they are consistently involved in the community and in the growth of the town, as it advances all interest and desires to provide both to the community through participating on an advisory board.

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Ben Rupert **Town Limits** (910)381-1848 11/2023

Interested in **Planning Board**

- Estimator with Faulconer Construction Company
- Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
- Served on the Town of Youngsville Planning Board
- 5 years of land development experience and 8 years of heavy civil construction
- Desires to make a sustainable impact on future land use and development in the town.

Bryan Lowe **Town Limits** (910)978-6498 12/2023

Interested in **Planning Board****Board of Adjustment**

- Retired/Disabled Veteran
- Master of Science, Logistics Management and Black Belt Lean Six Sigma
- Involved with Veterans Memorial Gardens, Past president of Warrant Officer Association
- Logistics background, developed processes
- Desires to find a good use for free time

Steven Overby **Resides in Peletier** (910)554-6924 12/2023

Interested in **Tourism Authority**

- Owner of April Fresh Cleaning Service
- High School Graduate
- Currently serving on the Swansboro Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Government Affairs Committee Chair. Former Town of Peletier Commissioner
- Involved with municipal government for many years and business works directly with property owners that generate occupancy tax dollars
- Supports tourism and believes it plays a vital role in sustaining out local economy, desires to be involved in decision making related to tourism and will bring a unique perspective

Preston Patterson **Town Limits** (206)407-5998 12/2023

Interested in **Tourism Authority**

- Owner of Swansboro Food & Beverage Co.
- Bachelor's in business administration
- Primarily volunteers good & services since and donated to multiple local non-profit organizations that intend to directly impact Swansboro
- Scholastic background is business has helped to make big picture ideas become an obtainable reality with proper budgeting and planning. 20+ years in the service industry which has given a wide range of experience with people and preferences
- Truly cares for the great people in Swansboro and wants it to be the best it can be. Believes experience and point of view are in line with what is desired to be accomplished

Jane Simpson **Town Limits** (910)389-8425 12/2023

Interested in **Tourism Authority**

- Owner/Operator of Lady Swan Boat Tours
- Master in education/Counselor Education
- Involved with Friends of Hammocks Beach & Bear Island, Friends of NC State parks, Swansboro Area Chamber of Commerce board member, Swansboro Historic Association member
- 11 years' experience in tourism related job
- Desires to assist local businesses & services by brining tourist to Swansboro to experience the history & beauty of the area

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