**Why I am running for Mayor of Darby and seeking your support:**

In the past fifteen years since I left office, we’ve had a steady decline of services and quality of life. **I’d like to use my experience, knowledge and dedication to bring back stability and improve many things.** We need to resurrect programs we once had that bonded our residents and improved our living such as *Town Watch, The Police Athletic League, Block Cleanups with Community Service, Citizens Police Academy, Health and Safety programs* etc.

**The Role of the Mayor**

The Mayor’s main duty is to oversee the police department but **it is NOT a paid full time position.** The mayor receives a stipend of $250.00 per MONTH to cover expenses.There is no salary. Therefore**,** the Mayor you select **must be dedicated to serving the public and well versed in Emergency Management to handle disasters and emergencies.**   During my prior term as Mayor, we suffered many floods, fires, train derailments and much more. During Hurricane Floyd, I took an **unpaid leave of absence** from my job to help Darby get through the devastation and we did. **My focus is Darby Borough. My dedication has been and always will be to Darby Borough.**

**Some Issues we face:**

* Abandoned homes, trash and debris – high taxes
* Main Street Businesses are in need of revitalization
* High Crime rates, low staffing of full time police officers and a dire need for community policing.
* No transparency or communication from officials

**Some Answers that will help:**

* Hire adequate numbers of **FULL TIME police** and Public Works employees  **Bring back Community Policing/Bike Patrols**
* **REDUCE real estate taxes** -**Offer tax incentives to businesses and others to relocate here**.
* **COMMUNICATE** – open the doors to government – encourage residents to participate

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**Biographical Highlights**

* **Party:** Democrat
* **Occupation:** Delaware County Community Corrections Coordinator
* **Employment:** **County of Delaware – Current**
* Borough of Colwyn - Borough Manager (former)
* NORC at the University of Chicago - Social Science Research Field Manager (former)
* UPS - Retention Supervisor   (former)

**Education**

* Archbishop Prendergast High School for Girls
* Delaware County Community College – Liberal Arts
* Temple University - Criminal Justice

**Experience**

* **Thirty-eight Years of Experience in local Municipal government**
* Former Mayor of Darby (1998 to 2006)
* Former Darby Borough Councilperson (1988 to 1998)

**Top Priorities if Elected**

* **Transparency** within Darby Borough Government
* Open line of communication to the residents
* Restructuring and staffing the Darby Police Department.
* **Implementing a Community oriented policing policy where the RESIDENTS are priority.**

**Goals**

* **Philosophical -** Community input is imperative – residents should know who our police officers are and police should know who our residents are. Bring back Community Policing
* **Strategic** - Specific patrols in neighborhoods, prevention methods should be used to reduce crime. **Be proactive, not reactive.**
* **Tactical** - Neighborhood meetings, community based policing, partnership and problem solving
* **Organizational -** Management, planning, information, analysis, assessment then implement.

**Personal Biography**

I was born and raised in the same home I currently live in with my husband, Larry Richards, who is retired from the Yeadon Police Department. He became the Chief of Police of the Cheyney Police Department and just recently retired from there. Together we have 6 very successful adult children and 6 beautiful healthy grandchildren that keep us very active! We have a deep love for Darby Borough. I am the 4th generation of my family to live in this historic town and very proud of our history.

Over the years, I’ve seen the ups and downs of Darby. It is a town like no other and can return to a thriving community where children can live and learn safely, our elders can retire peacefully and our history can be preserved and spread.

**In order to do this, we have to fix what’s broken and work TOGETHER.**  As elected officials we have to **remember we are public servants, here to *“serve the public”*, not ourselves.**

* Serving the public means we must ensure our residents have a quality of life that encompasses all of our needs.
* Our streets, sewers and equipment must be maintained and operable.
* Our departments such as code enforcement, police, highway /public works must be fully staffed and efficient to maintain our town .

The *“Broken Windows Theory’* clearly demonstrates when minor complaints of residents are addressed, it prevents more serious issues from happening. **Together, we CAN fix our “broken windows” and once again, have a wonderful community.**

**Please contact me or visit my website to see more information.** If you do not have access to the internet I will personally come to you with information. I welcome all questions, comments and even criticisms!

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