Jennifer Kasten

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My name is Jennifer Kasten, and I would appreciate your vote for Poolesville Town Commissioner on November 2, 2010.  Since moving to Poolesville just over two years ago, I have actively involved myself in volunteering at Poolesville Elementary School (PES) and through the Poolesville Athletic Association (PAA). Over the past two years, I have served as a classroom volunteer for PES and am currently the Volunteer Coordinator.  I also serve as the Student Government Association Co-Chair and the Montgomery County Council Parent-Teacher Association’s representative for PES. In addition to my work with PES, I support PAA through my role as Board Secretary. I am committed to maintaining the town’s heritage and will make preserving Poolesville’s small-town atmosphere a top priority. I believe in responsible town government that can keep expenses in check while allowing reasonable growth.  While recognizing the value of work completed by the Town Commissioners, I do not support compensation for this position. My primary goals as Town Commissioner will be to address the issues of 1) open communication and 2) business development. I am committed to a transparent government that recognizes the need for communication, first and foremost, by focusing on clearly and simply explaining the impact of issues to town residents. I support examining multiple mediums for communicating with residents to ensure that information is not only publically posted but publically consumed. I am dedicated to supporting business growth and development to ensure the prosperity of Poolesville and will work closely with local businesses, the Planning Commission, and the Community Economic and Development Committee to actively address this issue.  As a relative newcomer to Poolesville, I bring a fresh perspective to the commissioners, offering an approach that can both preserve and improve the community. For more information, please visit www.jenniferkasten.com.