

Candidate for Ward Councillor
William A. Hanley

Ward 3

1. Please tell us about yourself and why you are running for office.

After running a successful campaign for Ward 3 in 2023, I'm honored to be running as an incumbent in 2025. As a lifelong Waltham resident who was always active in leading school and community organizations and events throughout my young adult life, I wanted to make a more direct, positive impact on my neighborhood. I wanted to increase transparency and accountability using my organizational and technical skills to represent my neighbors. I want my sons to raise their families here and I will continuously work to improve our quality of life in Waltham.

2. What are the two most important issues in Waltham, and how will you address those issues if you are elected to City Council?

Waltham is unique because our single-family and multi-unit neighborhoods have coexisted for generations. But many Ward 3 residents chose this community for the character and lifestyle of its single-family neighborhoods, and those need protection from over-development and outside interests. As a member of the Ordinances and Rules Committee, I'm committed to making sure our updated zoning code reflects those priorities and safeguards the neighborhoods we call home.

At the same time, Waltham faces the challenge of aging infrastructure—from roads and schools to city buildings and underground pipes. These improvements are expensive, but they're essential. I'll continue to push for smart investments that strengthen our schools, parks, public works, and public safety, while protecting the low tax rates and high-quality services that make Waltham such a great place to live and raise a family.