

Support the candidates of Team Hyde Park

I have never considered myself to be a political person, but a person of passion. One thing I am very passionate about is my hometown, Hyde Park. With the upcoming election, I found myself compelled to write in support of Team Hyde Park: Aileen Rohr, Emily Svenson, David Ray, Joe Marrine and Ken Schneider. These individuals have come together to form a miracle dream team with a common goal of bringing Hyde Park back to life. They have worked tirelessly cutting through red tape, planning and executing initiatives, and above all, growing Hyde Park smarter.

There have been a lot of mixed emotions, many naysayers, regarding the sidewalks going in throughout Hyde Park. I can't wrap my head around why there is resistance to progress. Every step counts to making Hyde Park even better and more appealing to not only businesses, but to future residents as well!

My husband had to take our car to Monro Muffler to get our tire fixed in a pinch recently. Upon arrival, he saw a full parking lot and expected a waiting room jam packed. To his surprise, it was empty – not one single person waiting for their car. Of course there can be many explanations for this, but without a doubt, one very clear reason is that the sidewalks are in use.

Residents and visitors can now walk safely through Hyde Park to go eat, run an errand, or simply take in some exercise. That's progress!

I don't have anything against the opposing candidates, but I want to stress that now is not the time for an overhaul in our town hall. Let us not reverse and start at zero. Team Hyde Park has spent a lot of time getting us to this place, and we are just seeing the beginning – it's full speed ahead! So many improvements and projects are within reach – the sidewalks, Bellefield at Hyde Park, and most importantly, a much needed and overdue sewer system that has held Hyde Park back for decades and an absolute necessity for a thriving business district is at our finger tips.

With Team Hyde Park's years of dedication, service, and above all, experience, there is no reason for them not to maintain their offices and continue to drive Hyde Park forward. Thank you, Team Hyde Park, for all you have done and will continue to do! You have my vote!

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