

Jeff Schomisch

I am a 32-year resident of Landover Hills and have been a member of the town Council for six years. I'm married and have three sons, who attended Prince George's County Public Schools and graduated from Suitland High School. As a member of the town Council, I graduated from the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance within the School of Public Policy at the University of Maryland and am now in the graduate program, which offers courses in leadership, budget and finance, structure of government, and land use.

I am Landover Hills' representative on the Purple Line Community Advisory Team and have been monitoring transportation issues for the Council, including the MAGLEV and HyperLoop proposals, as well as changes on SR 450 and increases in state Highway User Revenues (HUR) for municipalities. I attended several state legislature hearings in 2018 as part of the Maryland Municipal League delegation, which resulted in the legislature increasing municipalities' share of the HUR funding.

I was instrumental in getting an electric vehicle charging station in town at no cost through the Electric Vehicle Institute as well as 10 pet waste stations through the county's Pet Waste Management Initiative. Landover Hills was one of the first Prince George's communities to take advantage of that program.

I would like the town to become certified as a "Sustainable Maryland" community. The state-wide program is a collaborative effort between the Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland and the Maryland Municipal League to sustain community quality of life over the long term.

I want the town to be more aggressive in seeking county, state and even national grants to improve the infrastructure and amenities of Landover Hills. The town also must work more closely with County and State agencies to facilitate improvements in and around town. For instance, the town needs to be heavily involved with County plans for a Multi-Generational Community Recreational Center in our area to ensure the center meets the needs of our residents. I also want to improve communications between the Mayor, Council and Town staff and streamline town procedures. For example, I headed an effort to make the Council personnel evaluation process more straight-forward and goals-oriented.

Hopefully, working together we can maintain and improve the quality of life in Landover Hills.