

# **Arnold for Alder**

## **Fitchburg District 4 Seat 7**

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### **Steve Arnold seeks reelection to Fitchburg City Council— Sees much still to do in land use, transportation, and public safety**

Fitchburg, 11-Dec-2006--Steve Arnold announced today that he is seeking reelection for Seat 7, District 4, of the Fitchburg Common Council. In a message to supporters, he said, "I've worked hard to keep my campaign promise, 'to make Fitchburg ever more beautiful, livable, and sustainable for all residents, now and in the future.' I am grateful for the opportunity to serve my first term, but there is still so much to do!"

Arnold was elected to the Council, his first political post, in April 2005. Asked about his proudest moments of his first term, he answered without hesitation: "The budget process is grueling, but it is one of the most important things we do to guide the administration of the City. The Mayor provided a good starting point, with some room under the levy limit for the Council's own initiatives. I am very happy with the way the Council worked together, and I am honored to have the opportunity to help improve City services while meeting the state-imposed levy limits." His amendments add a detective to the police force, fund an update to the Fitchburg Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and increase Metro transit service in the City by 50% beginning next fall. Mass transit increases the capacity of our roads without paving, reduces pollution and traffic congestion, and enhances business and employment opportunities in Fitchburg.

In the capital budget, the Council approved Arnold's amendment to limit the widening of Fish Hatchery Road to the current urban service area, while still making needed safety improvements at its intersection with Irish Lane. The changes focus public works spending on the needs of Fitchburg residents and save \$1.3 million over the previous plan.

Arnold's committee work continues the theme of making Fitchburg a healthier and safer place to live and work. He serves on the Council's Public Safety and Human Services Committee, where he introduced ordinances for smoke-free indoor air and to extend rights and responsibilities for security deposits to all tenants and landlords. He chairs the Fitchburg Transportation and Transit Commission, was responsible for a resolution to put Fitchburg into Transport 2020's future commuter rail plans, and has worked hard to restore state funding for bicycle facilities in the City. As Vice-Chair of Mayor Tom Clauder's *Ad Hoc* Committee for Substation Facility Planning, Arnold worked for months

with neighborhood representatives, City staff, and representatives of American Transmission Company to find acceptable locations for a substation and transmission lines to serve Verona.

If reelected, Arnold plans to focus his next term on land use and regional planning. Last May he attended the Nolen Conference on neighborhood design. In September, he served with members of the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, residents, and other stakeholders to design three redevelopment concepts for Madison's Allied Drive neighborhood. He has also been active in providing input on Orchard Pointe (Fitchburg's regional shopping center) and the proposed Green Tech Village, Northeast, and Ballygrady neighborhoods, all in District 4. In 2007-2008, he hopes to introduce a traditional neighborhood development ordinance and see the city's Comprehensive Plan to completion. The state Smart Growth law requires all Wisconsin cities and villages to adopt a TND ordinance.

Educated at The Johns Hopkins University and Cornell University, Arnold taught at the State University of New York before leaving academia for a career in software and networking in 1981. He enjoys golf and gardening in his spare time, and follows the Badgers and Packers. He is a member of the Sierra Club, the Fitchburg and Wisconsin Historical Societies, and Madison's Covenant Presbyterian Church.

The owners of an independent technology consulting business and Dane County residents for 23 years, Steve and his wife Nancy Arnold have lived off Fish Hatchery Road in Byrnewood since 1994. They love exploring Dane County by bike and kayak. Their two daughters and grandsons live in Madison and Viroqua.

[High-resolution publicity photograph of Steve Arnold at [http://www.Arnold.US/Steve\\_Arnold.jpeg](http://www.Arnold.US/Steve_Arnold.jpeg)]

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