

## **Announcement for Gardner Magazine**

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Ronald F. Cormier, of 55 Wickman Drive, announced that he is a candidate for re-election as a City Councilor at Large in the upcoming City of Gardner election.

Mr. Cormier has had the honor of serving ten terms as a Councilor at Large, and previously served Ward three as its councilor for sixteen years. During his tenure he has served on all council committees and served several terms as Council President.

Mr. Cormier has also served the city in a number of other capacities over the years. He was a member of both the Airport Commission and the Municipal Grounds Commission. He has been a long time member of the Gardner Redevelopment Authority and currently serves as the Chairman of the Authority. Mr. Cormier is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Levi Heywood Memorial Library and serves as the Clerk of the corporation. He previously served in the capacity of Chairman of the Board for the House of Peace and Education (HOPE).

Mr. Cormier also serves as the City Council's representative to the School Building Advisory Board that built the first new elementary school in over 100 years to safely serve the needs of our elementary school population. As a member of this group his goal has been to see it through to its successful completion. His experience as a teacher, school administrator and government service have given him the skills needed to assist in this vital task.

Mr. Cormier, a retired educator, is also a member of a number of local organizations. After attending local schools, Mr. Cormier received Bachelor and Master Degrees from Fitchburg State College and did additional Graduate work at Worcester State College and Boston College. He served many years as an elementary classroom teacher in the Fitchburg Public School System and retired as an administrator in the Fitchburg System. Following a brief attempt at retirement Mr. Cormier and his wife Marcelle, served as the administrators of the former Holy Rosary School for two years.

Mr. Cormier is married to the former Marcelle Coulombe who retired as an educator in the Gardner School system after many years. They have two adult children, Pamela Cormier Autery of Centerville, MA and City Councilor Craig Cormier of Gardner, and are the proud grandparents of five wonderful grandchildren.

Mr. Cormier stated that Gardner is seeing number of new and exciting changes that are revitalizing our city. With a healthy financial outlook, Gardner has made a large number of improvements to its infrastructure, and a significant number of changes are coming to our downtown through its urban renewal efforts. He wishes to continue to serve and be an experienced participant in those endeavors as Gardner moves forward.

