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Dear Fellow Islanders,

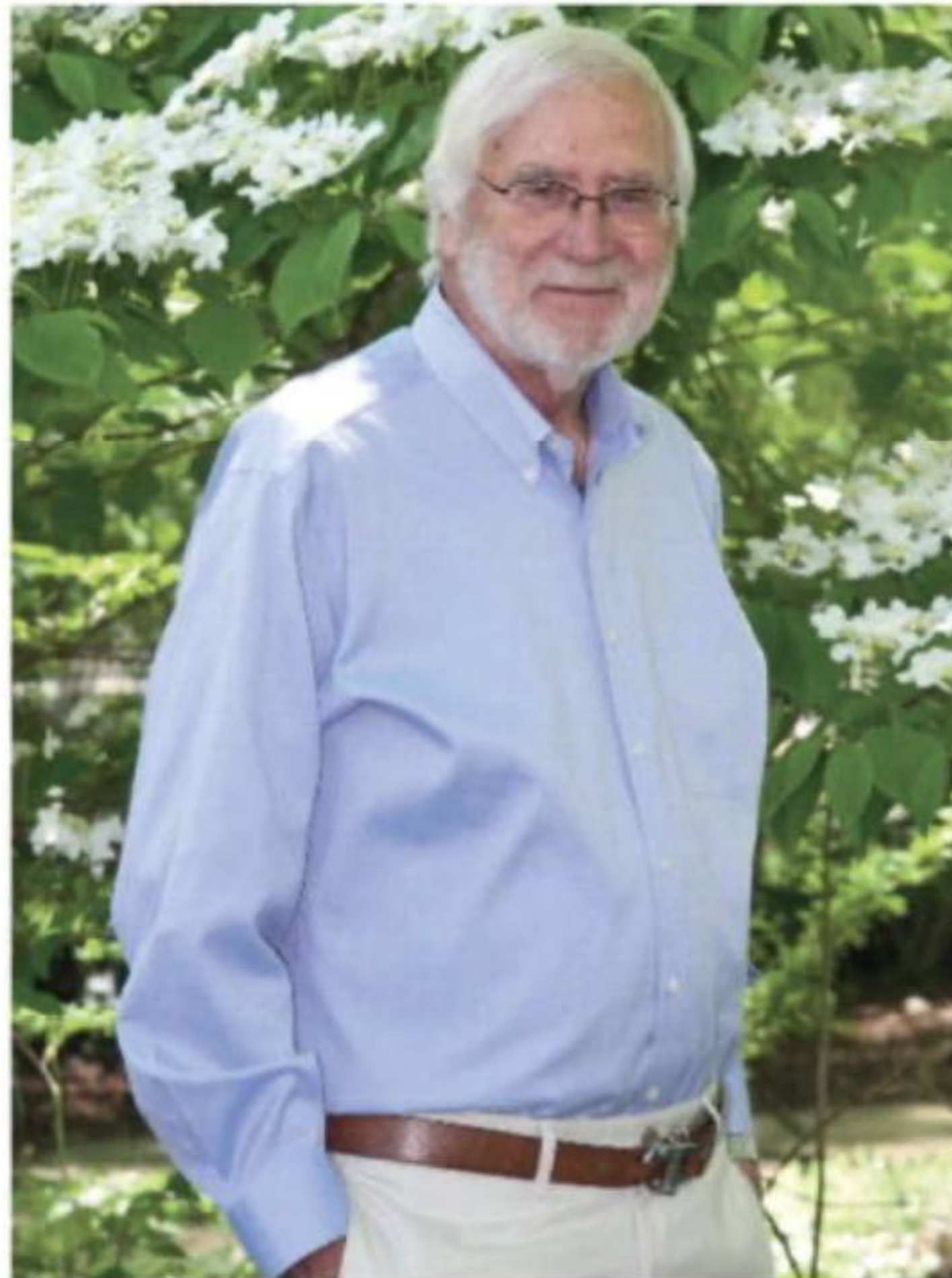
Our Fourth of July celebrations always remind me of what makes Shelter Island special—flags waving from porches, fireworks lighting up the sky, backyard BBQs, and children running free. These moments reflect the optimism and spirit of community that define us; they bring us together and remind us of what's worth preserving and improving.

As your Town Board member and candidate for Town Supervisor, I want to share my vision for our future, a vision rooted in accountability, fairness, and community-driven leadership.

I believe in a Town Board that acts responsibly and transparently with taxpayer dollars. Each time we review monthly expenditures, I ask myself: *If this was my family's budget, would this be the right choice?* Too many of our neighbors are experiencing the pressure of this economy, and I take that responsibility seriously.

I believe we can develop a cohesive, long-term plan to tackle both our financial and environmental challenges together.

I believe it's time for a sensible approach to the



Center's wastewater issues that have remained on the backburner for too long.

I believe our community deserves a Town Board that enforces our Code fairly and consistently, without exceptions. A Town Board that recognizes that the rules apply to everyone and knows that its sworn duty is to enforce our Code as written.

I believe in restoring the common-sense traditional

practices of rescuing material for reuse left at the recycling center in a safe and orderly manner.

I believe our town employees are our best asset. Every Town employee should be treated with respect, compensated fairly, and given the support he or she needs to succeed. The strength of our town begins with the people who keep it running.

Above all, **I believe** in working together. The Town Board should work with the community, not around it. We need a Town Board that listens, that leads with integrity and brings the community into the process to solve problems head-on with practical, cost-effective solutions. The last two administrations spun themselves around in too many directions without clear priorities. That's how progress stalls, and costs grow. Elected as your Supervisor, I am confident that my vision for Shelter Island is achievable. It's a vision I think we can all share.

To be continued...

Warm regards,

Gordon Gooding

**Shelter Island Town Board Member
Candidate for Town Supervisor**