



## **Jim Sharpe**

Community leader Jim Sharpe has recently announced his candidacy for a position as Grand Island Town Councilman. Over the past 30 years, Jim has been actively involved in improving the quality of life within our community.

Not only has he served as President of the Chamber of Commerce for 5 years, but he has chaired or co-chaired various committees and organizations such as GISBA (Grand Island School and Business Alliance), KidBiz, the Grand Island Sesquicentennial Committee, the Town of Grand Island's Long Range Planning Committee, and most recently, he is a founding member of the Grand Island Dollars for Scholars organization.

Jim has been a resident of Grand Island for over 47 years and resides with his wife Cindy and son Eric. He continues to enrich our community through his proven leadership and involvement. We believe that Jim's leadership skills and vast experience working with others makes him well qualified to lead our community during the challenging years that lie ahead.

Because you deserve better, Jim gratefully asks for your support in his upcoming election to help bring your voice to government and to make Grand Island a better community.

Jim's list of activities include;

### **Community Involvement**

2006 - President and Founder, Grand Island Dollars for Scholars Chapter

2006 - Chairman, Town of Grand Island Long Range Planning Committee

2005-2008 - Co-Chairman, Grand Island School & Business Alliance (GISBA)

2004 - Director, Chamber of Commerce, Chairing of the following committees; KidBiz,

Town Center/Long Range Planning, Community Youth Programs  
2001-2002 - Vice Chairman, Grand Island Sesquicentennial Committee  
Chairman, Sesquicentennial Ball  
2000-2001 - Member of the Grand Island Veterans Memorial Wall Committee  
1999-2004 - President, Grand Island Chamber of Commerce  
1990-1998 - Town Councilman, Town of Grand Island  
Chairman of the Town of Grand Island's Master Plan Committee  
Chairman of the Update of the Town's Park & Recreation Plan  
1985 - Member of the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce  
1984-1990 - Trustee, Community Association Institute (CAI)  
(National Board for Condo and Homeowners Assoc.)  
1982-1984 - President, WNY Chapter of the Community Association Institute (CAI)  
1980-1987 - President, The Grand Island Taxpayers Association  
1978-1983 - Member of the Board of Directors for the Western New York Chapter of  
CAI  
1978 - President, The Landings Association at River Oaks

### **Community Awards**

2006 & 2008 - Apple Corp., Excellence Award in Teaching, Learning and Technology  
2007 - Grand Island Chamber of Commerce, Distinguished Director Award  
2005 - Business Advisory Council & National Republican Congressional Committee,  
Businessman of the Year  
2002 - Grand Island Chamber of Commerce, Citizen of the Year Award for Community  
Service, Grand Island Sesquicentennial Committee  
1994 - American Planning Association, Public Education Planning  
Award for the Town of Grand Island Comprehensive Plan  
1993 - Grand Island Chamber of Commerce, Citizen of the Year Award for Government

### **Military Service**

1966-1970 - United States Air Force, serving as NCO

### **Occupation**

1999 - Systems Engineer & Supervisor of Information Services ~ Sweet Home Central  
School District  
1986 - Owner and Operator of Sharpe Associates' (Computer Services)