



Kathy Sanders

Why I'm Running

Berkeley Lake is a special place — and I'm committed to preserving what makes it unique. I'm running as a **write-in candidate** to bring a practical, fiscally responsible, and community-focused approach to City Council.

Our Story

My husband, Dag Sandbakken, and I first moved to Berkeley Lake in 2004. We happily lived here until 2015, when my career took us away for a few years. We were gone five years (but continued to own property here throughout) and are happy to be “boomerangers.” Despite living in San Francisco, Houston, New York, and Philadelphia in the years that we were gone, no place held the attraction of friends and community the way Berkeley Lake does.

In 2008, we convinced my mother, Nina Sanders, to move from her lifelong home in Texas and join us in Berkeley Lake. She loves it too, as anyone who has met her well knows. My niece, Audrey, joined the Berkeley Lake community 3 years ago as well. In addition to our family, we care about our neighbors, our environment, and keeping Berkeley Lake special.

Experience

I have previously served as City Treasurer and held this position during the period of the dam repairs. Working with the City Clerk, we met with investment bankers and lawyers to create a bond proposal approved by voters. This was quickly repaid when FEMA and GEMA reimbursed the repair costs. This showcased the spirit of Berkeley Lake and how we can tackle challenging situations and issues. Currently, I am a member of the City Finance Committee.

In terms of professional work experience that provides a basis for sound decision-making, there is a short bio at the end of this document.

My Focus Areas

1. Fiscal Stewardship

As a Texas A&M Economics graduate, I take public finance seriously. Over the last years, Berkeley Lake has built up a significant budget surplus. While we've rolled back the millage rate, the total local tax revenue remains unchanged due to increases in property values.

In the name of fiscal responsibility, we need:

- Transparent communication about our reserves and how they'll be used
- To reference the 2024 Comprehensive Plan in key budget items
- Designated infrastructure projects aligned with the Comprehensive Plan and regular updates of the Plan to reflect our community's needs

Let's ensure our financial decisions continue to be both responsible and purposeful.

2. Ordinance Integrity

We are in a unique “once in a generation” period of re-crafting the Berkeley Lake Code of Ordinances. The process has been well run and actively solicits input from our citizens. As these new ordinances are finalized, they should be:

- Clear and easy to understand
- Practical to follow
- Consistently enforceable

This is a rare opportunity to update our regulations in a way that truly serves our residents.

3. Deer Management

Overpopulation affects road safety, property, and the health of the deer themselves. I support:

- Humane and effective solutions based on data gathered through a drone “deer census”—even if they're complex
- Approaches could include culling, sterilization, or birth control
- A multi-year strategy to provide a sustainable approach
- Collaboration with neighboring towns, the county, and the state

This is an ongoing issue that will not be solved on its own. Each approach to deer population management has pros and cons. The City needs to be an active leader in developing a long-term management approach – this is not “one and done”.

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🌟 **Let’s work together to keep Berkeley Lake thriving** 🌟

Vote for **Kathy Sanders** as a **write-in candidate** — *a leader with experience, dedication, and community at heart.*

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Family includes Dag Sandbakken, Mom (Nina Sanders), and me, as well as my niece, Audrey. Mom's Chat and Deal, BLOSOMS, Blood Drive at the Chapel, and enjoying the lake are all part of the unique qualities of Berkeley Lake.