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Newcomer Nancy Crawford faces off against two longtime incumbents in the Village of Sugar Mountain.

Ed Hardin helped start the village in 1985- and was elected to the council to form the village in 1983.

“We have accomplished a lot of things. We’ve repaved all our roads and reburied the underground wiring and we have built a lovely golf and tennis facility, and I think the next thing we need is a town hall.”

12-year-incumbent Gunther Jochl shares Hardin’s opinions on the current council’s accomplishments. He’s optimistic about the race.

“I look at the mountain today and see how beautiful and how good it is and I consider myself as one of the people that were able to contribute a block in the wall that we all built to make things better. I feel that a lot of people see that and they’re going to vote in the right way.”

They face a tough challenger in Nancy Crawford, however.

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“We’re working right up to the last minute and we’re optimistic. It’s a big challenge.”

Crawford says even if she’s not elected, she will be a presence in town meetings.

“The opponents have been in office for a long time, but the people I’m aligned with that are helping with my campaign feel like they really have dropped the ball when it comes to seeing how development goes along in Sugar Mountain.”

Two seats are available in what all parties agree will be a close race.