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The men and women running for the city's highest office are just like us. Here's a glimpse into their lives and hobbies...until the 2015 mayoral campaign usurps all of their remaining free time.

BY MARGARET LITTMAN. PHOTOS BY ABIGAIL BOBO.

In November, thoughts automatically turn to elections. This month's trip to the ballot box has us thinking about important issues like state representatives, state senators, and Amendment 1. And with voting on the brain, it's impossible not to skip ahead to what we'll be deciding next year: Who will fill the shoes of Mayor Karl Dean?

At press time, there were six highly likely, if not yet official candidates for the city's top office (and no, *Nashville* actor Eric Close isn't on the list). Among them are several Nashville natives and two women; all of them possess boundless enthusiasm for the city, where it's been, and where they want to take it next.

There's a lot of time between now and the election to talk politics, and we as a community certainly will do so ad nauseam. (Spoiler alert: In the coming months, you'll hear plenty about public transportation, taxes, and education. And don't forget those sidewalks....) But for now, we simply want to get to know these aspiring leaders—so we asked five of them what they do professionally, what they love about living in Nashville, and how they spend their free time. (Former metro school board chairman David Fox did not return messages requesting an interview.) Join us in meeting the man or woman who **might be the next mayor of Nashville.**



Candidate: MEGAN BARRY

Day job: At-large member of Metro Council

Age: 51

Home base: Belmont/Hillsboro neighborhood. "The great thing about Nashville is that no neighborhood is the same and everyone can choose what kind of neighborhood they want to live in," she says. Getting involved in community efforts in response to neighborhood development concerns is what piqued Barry's interest in a citywide public office

How she got here: Like many people, Barry came to Nashville to attend Vanderbilt. "I got my MBA [at the Owen Graduate School of Management], and my intention was to [eventually] leave," she says. "And I am now coming up on 23 years here."

Getting schooled: In fifth grade, Barry ran for class secretary against her best friend—and lost. That night at dinner, she was lamenting her defeat to her mom, who was the "classroom mother" and had recognized Barry's handwriting on her ballot. "You didn't even vote for yourself," she pointed out. Lesson learned, Barry says: "You have to believe in yourself first if other people are going to believe in you."

Entertainment center: Barry loves to host, and her art-filled home often welcomes friends to watch election returns, have a cocktail, or engage in trivia competitions. She and her husband, Bruce, host an annual Cold War Film Fest at the nearby Belcourt Theatre, where friends gather to screen and discuss movies from that era. Meanwhile, their annual Thomas Jefferson party has morphed into a popular "Power and Politics" costume bash.

Personal collection: Barry adores art from local artists and of local icons, including a brightly colored rendering of the Ryman that hangs in her house.



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**Candidate: CHARLES
ROBERT BONE**

Day job: Attorney with Bone
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Age: 40

Home base: West Nashville.

Bone and his wife have four kids: three daughters (ages 12, 11, and 7) and one son (age 5). He counts himself a seventh-generation Tennessean and a Middle Tennessee native.

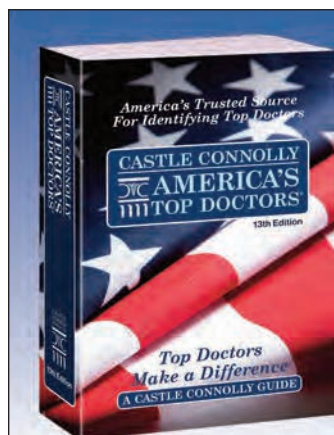
Ideal night out: Considering his kids need to be shuttled to—on one weekend alone—soccer, swim team, flag football, dance, lacrosse, basketball, and gymnastics, a night on the town is a rarity for Bone. But he's an investor in Acme Feed & Seed and The Southern and makes time to visit those spots. He's also partial to Pinewood Social and Adele's.

Sports fan: A runner, he usually takes part in the St. Jude Country Music Marathon or Half Marathon. His times depend on whether or not he's been training: He's run three-, four- and five-hour marathons. The real appeal, he explains, is the race course, which covers many Nashville neighborhoods, and the live music along the route. Bone also rarely misses a Titans game. Just don't ask him to play golf—his father would take him and his sister to political events rather than the golf course, and a decade ago he decided there were many things he'd rather do than hit the greens.

Go-to touristy activity: "I love to go honky-tonking at 11 on a Friday night," he confesses.

Mr. Clean: Bone does all the laundry in his household. "I like to have it done my way," he admits. "I'm a neat freak."

Close call: Bone served on President Obama's 2008 and 2012 National Committees and as finance chairman for U.S. Congressman Harold Ford Jr.'s 2006 campaign for the U.S. Senate. While the team was in Memphis for the last few nights of the campaign, Bone realized he'd never cast an early voting ballot. He hightailed it back to Nashville so he could pull the lever for his own candidate.



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Candidate: BILL FREEMAN

Day job: Chairman of Freeman Webb, the real estate management company he started in 1979 with Jimmy Webb. At press time, Freeman had not yet declared his candidacy but said it was likely he would before the end of the year.

Age: 62

Home base: Green Hills, although the Nashville native grew up in Donelson and graduated from what is now the University School. He and his wife, Babs, also own a farm near Loveless Café, where they spend many weekends.

Home sweet home: “You could give me a house in another city and I would still live here. This was a great place to raise my family,” says the father of three and grandfather of two.

Morning tradition: Freeman and Babs watch their granddaughter two days a week—although he concedes Babs does most of the work—and cherishes having breakfast with her on those mornings.

Political inspiration: Hearing then-Governor Frank Clement speak, followed by the assassination of John F. Kennedy, made a big impression on the young Freeman. He aspired to those two leadership examples.

Impressive hobby: “I am an avid pilot,” Freeman says. “I soloed the first time when I was 16, and I have flown most of my life.”

Family bonding: “I enjoy being outdoors in the fall and winter,” he says. “I’m a big outdoorsman. I like deer, duck, and bird hunting. It is something I share with my sons.”

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Candidate: JEREMY KANE

Day job: Former CEO of LEAD Public Schools

Age: 35

Home base: Sylvan Park. Kane wrote the LEAD Academy charter school application at former neighborhood joint Portland Brew (where Dose is now) and frequents the farmers' market, community center, playgrounds, and greenway with his almost-three-year-old daughter, Wells. The family's two high-energy dogs often join the fun.

No place like home: Kane moved to Nashville at age 8, when his father became a minister of a church in South Nashville. Later they moved to California, and then he worked in D.C. On a blind date, he met a woman named Tracy who grew up in Franklin and was also the child of a minister. They got married and returned to Music City.

Favorite eats and sweets: Turkish, Ethiopian, and other ethnic delights along Nolensville Road, plus anything chocolate. (Tracy doesn't like chocolate, Kane says, so he never has to share.)

Go-to spot to take visitors:

With kids? Cheekwood. Without kids? Honky-tonking on Lower Broad. Kane's sister-in-law is a manager at 3rd and Lindsley, so if there's a good show when friends are in town, he's likely to bring them by.

Early political motivation:

"My father believed that a church had to be part of the community," Kane says. "He started a basketball league in Sevier Park before 12 South was what it is today. That helped me see public service as a calling."

Political motivation 2.0:

Kane was friends with Chelsea Clinton while they were coeds at Stanford and eventually became an intern for her father.

Embarrassing childhood

secret: "I was kicked out of my father's choir," he says. "They said I could do anything else [in the church], but not that. I am a terrible singer. I am not musically inclined at all."

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**Candidate: LINDA ESKIND
REBROVICK**

Day job: CEO at Consensus Point, a market research firm she started in 200

Age: Withheld

Home base: Hillwood. The fourth-generation Nashvillian lives within a mile of the house her family lived in when she was born.

Work perks: An executive with a number of Fortune 500 companies on her résumé, Rebrovick was an executive VP and national marketing partner at KPMG Consulting, where she got to know Phil Mickelson (KPMG was one of the pro golfer's sponsors). She was there when he won his first Masters. Rebrovick loves to golf, she says, but her mother is a better player.

Political awakening: Rebrovick ran Alan Coverstone's school board campaign in 2008. She knew Coverstone because he had been her son Tripp's debate coach. (This is her first run for public office.

Favorite part of Nashville being an "It city": The arts scene has gotten a boost—in particular, the Frist, the Schermerhorn, and the continued investments made in the Parthenon. "It is important to see that vibrancy," Rebrovick says.

Touristy guilty pleasures: Folks from out of town want to see anything that has appeared on ABC's *Nashville*, and as a fan of the show herself, Rebrovick is happy to oblige. She takes visitors to The Bluebird Café and assorted happenings in East Nashville.

Family pastime: Rebrovick describes her family—husband Art and their 27-year-old twins—as lovers of the great outdoors. They go hiking often: in Percy Warner Park, on the greenway, and farther afield when they're on vacation

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