

# ★ Spencer Mayor ★

## *On the issues...*

Why did you decide to run for mayor?

Goals if elected?

Other issues over which you're concerned?

### Name

**Jody Everhart**

**Age:** 50

**Address:** 525 Steeplechase Trail

**Education:** Lees-McRae College, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, Central Piedmont Community College.

**Background:** Signal maintainer for Norfolk Southern



Wants to keep the town moving in the direction it's presently moving. Prides himself on his openness with citizens and his willingness to talk with anyone about any subject pertaining to Spencer.

Work to improve the town's cleanliness, attract more businesses, hold a steady tax rate and improve schools, the library and sidewalks. Is especially interested in working to secure money to restore the library in Library Park to its former glory.

Would like to see the old fire department on Fourth Street sold and refurbished for a business. The building has sat empty for several years. Said he's especially proud that Spencer has maintained its current tax rate through tough economic times though he admits that recent budgets have been of "no-frills variety."

### Name

**Jon Palmer**

**Age:** 38

**Address:** 310 S. Carolina Ave.

**Education:** Graduate of Rhode Island School of Design with bachelor of fine arts and bachelor of architecture degrees.

**Background:** Self-employed architect with JP&A Architect.



Wants to provide an alternative to the status quo. "Spencer has an image problem and we need to correct that," he said. Says he'll push for a return to curbside garbage collection and mandatory recycling.

Believes the town needs a strategic plan that examines both where the town's strengths and weaknesses, where the town is now and where it's headed — both for the short and long terms.

Worried that many Spencer businesses and residents are vacating the town, noting that even the N.C. Transportation Museum advertises its location as Salisbury. Says rental properties — houses, included — are for-profit businesses that "should require business licenses, which can be revoked."