

## **James J. Schmitt Mayor of Green Bay**

Jim Schmitt became the 41<sup>st</sup> Mayor of the City of Green Bay on April 1, 2003 and was re-elected to a second four-year term on April 3, 2007. Mayor Schmitt was born and raised in Two Rivers, Wisconsin, where he graduated from Roncalli High School. He went on to graduate from St. Norbert College with a BBA in marketing.

Under Mayor Schmitt's leadership, Green Bay has seen a dramatic economic revitalization of its riverfront, including Riverfront Lofts, Baylake Bank City Center, Nicolet Bank Building, Leicht Memorial Park, Festival Grounds, the new City Deck and upcoming construction of River Center. He has brought considerable new development to Green Bay and increased value to its neighborhoods and industrial parks, which as resulted in the achievement of six billion dollars in assessed value for the City.

In addition, Mayor Schmitt formed the [Sustainable Green Bay Initiative](#), which is a collaboration of business leaders, government officials, non-profit organizations and citizens committed to making Green Bay a more vibrant, resource-efficient and sustainable community. Sustainable Green Bay is dedicated to planning and implementing action in environmental and educational programs that strengthen our economy, ecology and community culture for all people of today and future generations.

Mayor Schmitt's budgets have consistently come in below the tight state-imposed levy limits because he finds efficiencies and creative policies that consolidate government functions, while promoting incentives and leadership qualities that bring about a healthier workforce.

Prior to entering public service, Mayor Schmitt founded Famis Manufacturing Inc., a paper and cotton converting company that became a market leader in manufacturing disposable products for the health and beauty industries. Schmitt was the recipient of the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Small Business Entrepreneur of the Year award in 1997 and the Chamber of Commerce Small Business Growth Award in 1999.

Mayor Schmitt assists with numerous charitable efforts including the new Resch Aquatic Center, Matt Atkinson Scholarship of Honor, Children's Museum and the Salvation Army. Schmitt and his wife Dona have four daughters, Anna, Greta, Laura and Eva. Eva died as an infant in 2002.