

## Curt Smith Bio

Curt Smith was elected to the Brevard County Commission in November of 2014 with 63% of the vote. He ran as a fiscal conservative coming from the private sector with 40 years of small business, entrepreneurial experience. This was his first venture into the world of politics.

Curt and his wife Linda owned and operated a Maaco Autopainting franchise in Melbourne for almost 27 years before retiring at the end of 2013. He grew up in a little town in southern New Jersey on the Delaware River called Pennsville. This is where he developed his deep love of nature and for being on and in the water of the river he loved. He also credits this area, just south of Philadelphia, with his deep love of God and country. The Delaware Valley is often called the cradle of Liberty.

Curt is a graduate of the University of Miami and while there, was a member of the SAE fraternity. Ironically, Jim Barfield, the other member elected to the Brevard County Commission in 2014, was an SAE at East Tennessee State University.

Curt has always been civic minded. Some of his many associations in Brevard County include Board of Directors of Friends of Sally's House and Prevent as well as supporting Brevard Little League Teams, Habitat for Humanity, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, Candlelighters, Animal Services, and supporting efforts to restore the Indian River Lagoon. Curt was elected by his peers to serve as the Vice Chair and Chairman of the Brevard County Commission, as well as the Vice Chair and Chairman of the Indian River Lagoon Council.

Curt and his wife Linda have been residents of Melbourne since 1986, They have one daughter and three grandchildren.