

BRMCA 2011 Board of Directors Candidates

Alan Bratburd

I have lived on Rogers Terrace since 1998. I began my community involvement by grilling bratwurst at the Oktoberfest in 2006, was appointed to the BRMCA Board member in 2007, elected to the Board in November 2007, and served as Vice President and then as Treasurer during 2008 and as President during the 2009 term.

I took over as Road Committee Point of Contact (POC) in January 2010 and served in that capacity during the big storms in February and in the subsequent repairs during this past Spring and Summer.

I believe that the BRMCA has no point in existing without the active involvement of at least ten percent of the homeowners on the Mountain. The period from 2006-2009 saw a steep drop in community interest, and the organization suffered as a result. I would rather see the BRMCA dissolve and go out of existence before that happens again.

Sarah Craig

I have lived at 2707 Jackson Drive for the last 4 years with my fiancée and three young children. I am a stay-at-home mom. While this does tend to keep me on my toes, growing up as a military brat taught me how to live with and respect the constant changes in my life and surroundings. It has allowed me to learn to keep an open mind and work well under tough circumstances.

Keeping up after three kids, a dog and a house is a full time job but I feel it is important to be involved in your community in order to be assured that you chose a great place to raise a family and to be able to assist in keeping our community a great place to live.

I'd like to help create a change in the overall 'attitude' of our community and I'd like to see more people involved in keeping our community a safe and pleasant place to live. The best way to do this, I decided, would be to volunteer for our Board of Directors election. I am more than happy to dedicate my time to this opportunity and look forward to being able to help our community as best I can.

Glenn Cruickshank

I have lived on Bull Run Mountain for six years now with my wife Michelle at 2014 Youngs Drive, and enjoy the rural beauty and serenity of living on the mountain.

I currently serve as the President of the BRMCA. I also have past experience serving on local governance boards. From 2000 to 2003, I served as a publicly-elected trustee for the Stansbury Park Service Agency in Utah. I also served as the founding board member for several years for the Kelly Creek Flycasters, a sports conservation group in Lewiston, Idaho. I am an 11-year employee of Deloitte Consulting and work as a senior manager on technology projects. Michelle is a professional artist specializing in watercolor.

I believe, and practice, that those who serve on local community governance boards have a responsibility to listen to the community and make decisions that are for the benefit of the majority of the community. Equally important, they have a responsibility to serve in a professional, collaborative, cooperative way with other board members to achieve the first responsibility. The current board exemplifies these characteristics.

Buddy Foster

My name is Buddy Foster and I have lived here on the mountain since 1979. I have served on the BRMCA board as a member of the pool committee, clubhouse committee and as POC for the roads. Most recently, I served on the interim board.

Over the years, I have seen the community's interest with the BRMCA wax and wane. Increased involvement has been in response to a crisis on water or road issues. In a cooperative effort between the BRMCA and the PWC supervisor, John Stirrup, the road and water problems have been largely resolved. Our last crises centered on election issues. I believe this crisis was the result of a lack of participation brought about by the community's perception of BRMCA's lack of relevance.

Suggested resolutions for this problem range from an HOA to total dissolution of the BRMCA. Despite its merits, I believe that the HOA option is unattainable, and I would not like to lose the resident input into our road maintenance that dissolution would entail. I would like to see a restructuring of the BRMCA centered on road issues and will work towards that goal if elected to the board.

Charles Phucas

I moved to the mountain in 2003 after retiring from the US Marine Corps. I have been working for the US Government as a contractor and govt employee since that time. I have been serving on the BRMCA Board since the March election with the full intention of ending my service in September. After serving with the board with for the past several months, I have decided to offer my services to the Association for another term.

Jim Price

My day job is with the federal government. I am an oceanographer working in the Environmental Division of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, which conducts the offshore oil and gas leasing program in federal waters and which recently took on the responsibility of renewable energy projects like offshore wind farms. I totally love the ocean and go there for fun as well as work. I scuba dive and kayak as often as I can. But land is pretty good too. In addition to living on our big hill, I enjoy hiking, and have had the pleasure to hike, dive, and kayak many beautiful places like Hawaii, Colorado, Maine, and, recently, the Red Sea off the Sinai Peninsula.

I have resided in our community for 17 years and served on the Road Committee (now functionally absorbed into the Board of Directors' area of responsibility) for a few of those years. I live on the infamous Duffey Drive, which has had more than its share of challenges, but I have no regrets about wanting to live in this beautiful neighborhood with its many fine residents. Along with several other neighbors, I assisted James Murray and Dan Stapleton to tar-and-chip our roads. This too has been challenging and not problem-free, but I think it will realize the maintenance cost savings we are hoping for and has been a great improvement on the drive-ability of our roads.

Since last March, I have served on the board of directors and hope to continue to serve our community as a board member. If I am fortunate to be re-elected to the board of directors, I will continue helping with road maintenance and paying-off our loan for the tar-and-chipping with the hoped-for, consequent reduction in our service district tax. Also, I look forward to continuing the considerable effort of Bruce Roemmelt in making our community a "fire-wise community". I have been responsive to the needs and complaints of neighbors when I served on the road committee and recently on the board of directors. I promise to do the same as a board member in the next term. We may not always agree, but I will always respect your rights as residents to be part of the decision-making process. Thanks for your kind consideration.

Paul Sheingold

My name is Paul Scheingold, I am 61 years old and I have lived at 1622 summit drive for 30 years. I purchased my land in 1977 and constructed my own house on what was then a bulldozer trail. I have watched the area change considerably over the years. I have served on the BRMCA board for the last year and a half; I have decided to "throw my hat into the ring" for the coming year. I am encouraged by the current membership and the sense of civility, compatibility, and mutual respect shown by all. I plan to retire from my job at Dulles IAD by the end of the year which will give me the free time to volunteer for various community issues and projects. I look forward to the coming year.

Jane Sudol

I've lived on Bull Run Mountain since late 1991, when I purchased my house on Lookout (still Ridge Road back then). I'm currently a writer/editor with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Maryland, with past experience in newspaper reporting and in communications—at a defense contractor and an insurance lobbying group in DC and as part of the Transportation Security Administration at Washington Dulles International (IAD). I have served as secretary since my election to the BRMCA board.

I've endured long commutes to my job because I love coming home to the mountain (with the exception of the night I found a little copperhead waiting on my doorstep). I arrived driving a baby Bronco II and feeling very competent on our twisting, rutted dirt roads—until the blizzard of '96 and similar storms. That's when I discovered the depth of community spirit among my neighbors. My sincere thanks to everyone in chains and bigger tires who gave me a ride up or down in sleet and snow and freezing rain, who leveraged me out of a ditch, or who hauled out a chainsaw to cut up the fallen trees blocking the only way up or down. And thanks as well to previous boards and directors who secured the paving of our mountain roads, making travel safer and increasing property values.

I'm pleased to say I've found the same community spirit, cooperation, and professional attitude among the directors currently serving on the board. I hope to continue in my seat on the board to serve the interests of my neighbors, with strong adherence to our bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order and respect for the Commonwealth's governance.

Dan Stapleton

Resident at 1621 Summit Drive with my wife Kitty since 2003.

Served as a BRMCA board director between 2004 and 2008; Vice President in 2005 and part of 2007, President in 2006 and part of 2007 and again in 2008.

Employed part time as a systems engineer with The MITRE Corporation in McLean. Retired US Navy.