

Laurel Ridge Shamrock Civic Association Slate of Candidates 2016-17

President: Claudine Linzer

I am honored to be nominated for a second term for the position of LRSCA President. I have lived in the area since 1996, with my two younger children having attended Laurel Ridge Elementary and Shamrock Middle schools. I have been very active in Girl Scouts having lead and helped form troops in our area. My husband and I helped reactive the local Cub Scout troop in conjunction with University Heights United Methodist Church. Additionally, I have been my local homeowner's association Neighborhood Watch liaison for over 15 years and served 3 terms as its President. As a founding member of LRSCA Board, I plan to continue efforts to improve our community by making sure it is well informed on issues that affect it so that community members have the information they need to make informed decisions.

Vice President: Dianna Milholin

Dianna Milhollin and her family have lived in the Country Squire Subdivision for 28 years and in Dekalb County since graduating UGA. Her daughter, Stacey, attended Laurel Ridge and Shamrock High School. Dianna retired from the US Department of Labor in 2013 after 36 years and had over 45 years in the Employment and Training programs at both State and Federal levels. She and her husband, John, have been married for 43 years. She has been an active member of the Country Squire Women's Club and has been a member of LRSCA since its inception. Dianna looks forward to serving as Vice-President and becoming more involved with the Civic Association in representing the neighborhoods and providing the best information possible

Secretary: Lindsay Isaacs

Lindsay Isaacs has lived on Atterberry Court for nearly two years and enjoys running and walking in the neighborhood. She has enjoyed getting to know her neighbors by serving on LRSCA's planning and social committees and would like to continue helping develop the neighborhood's sense of community. As secretary, she aims to use her professional skills as a writer, editor and marketer to facilitate neighborhood communications.

Treasurer: Paul Friederich

Paul Friederich and his wife Barbara have lived in the neighborhood on Blueberry Trail since 1987. All three of their children attended Laurel Ridge ES, Shamrock MS (now known as Druid Hills MS), and Druid Hills HS from 1st grade through HS graduation. He is a retired research engineer from Georgia Tech and previously served as treasurer for the Laurel Ridge PTA. He believes that a strong neighborhood association is essential to the long-term viability of the community and hopes that active involvement will help to keep it vital and effective.

Board Members:

Susan McWethy

Susan McWethy moved with her family to Delcourt Drive in 1999. Her children attended Laurel Ridge Elementary and Shamrock Middle schools. She recently retired as librarian at Druid Hills Middle School, where she served on School Council for two years. Living where she worked gave her a special bond to the Laurel Ridge Shamrock community. Ms. McWethy is active in Country Squire Women's Club and served for two years as the LRSCA vice president, and now looks forward to serving on the Board and continuing the valuable work that has been accomplished in its first two years.

Sami Freiji

Sami Freiji and family have lived in the North DeKalb area for almost 24 years. Currently a self-employed and licensed Architect, Sami worked for several A&E firms throughout metro Atlanta. Involved in the community through University Heights UMC; from Church and Scout programs to the design of the new Church addition. Also helped home owners and the Swim and Tennis Club with renovation projects. Sami already served one year on the LRSCA board in various support roles: helped with meeting setups, newsletter distribution, planning and zoning committee and meeting minutes. He also helped design the new LRSCA Logo. Sami is interested in serving a third year as a supporting board member.

Ralph Winter

Ralph Winter has lived on Delcourt Drive since 1999. He has lived in various areas of metro Atlanta since moving here from Albany, Georgia in 1973. After 28 years in the travel industry, he returned to teaching in 2001 and taught sixth grade math at Shamrock/Druid Hills Middle School until retiring in 2009. He continues to work as a substitute teacher and volunteers as the math club sponsor at DHMS. Ralph is on the board of directors of the SKAL Club of Atlanta, an organization of professionals in the travel and hospitality industry, where he holds the position of Executive Treasurer. Ralph loves living in the Pine Glen because of its friendly neighbors, small-town atmosphere, and convenient location - characteristics which he hopes to see preserved and is willing to work for through the efforts of LRSCA.

Ruth Corbett

I, Ruth-Ann Corbett, offer to participate for a second year on the Board for Laurel Ridge Shamrock Civic Association.

I've lived on North Druid Woods Court for 20 years and have raised children in this community during that time. I have served as block captain to the local community way back in the 1990's. In the 2000's I was active as a parent volunteer at Laurel Ridge Elementary School and Druid Hills Middle School. Also during those years and into the present I have been a Girl Scout Leader and had volunteered with Rivers Alive and Trees Atlanta, the 2014 Kaboom project at LRE and the local neighborhood clean-up. I am not politically minded but I care this community.

Thank you for considering my nomination as a candidate for the LRSCA Board.

Gail Bang

My husband, Tom, and I have lived in the Laurel Ridge neighborhood since 2008, but this is not my first time living here! In 1960, my parents bought a house on Poinsett Place where we lived until 1970, and as an adult, I decided I wanted to take up residence here again. We work close by, love our neighborhood, and plan to live here for many years. I want to keep our neighborhood safe, beautiful and friendly. Being an LRSCA Board member is the best way I can think of to achieve these goals. I have worked with two homeowners' associations in the past, one in Tucker and one in Port St. Joe, Florida, and understand the importance of a neighborhood's representation to surrounding areas and our lawmakers in order to keep our best interests at the front of all decisions that affect us. I will be honored to serve as a LRSCA Board Member and will represent and work for our neighborhood to the best of my ability.

