

Candidate Information

Name: **Madeleine Galvin**

Dwelling Type: Townhome

Ownership Type: On-Site

Residency 21 Years

Candidate Statements

My reasons for wanting to serve on the Board are as follows:

Many of the board members running for re-election have been on the board for over six years. In that time very little has been done to maintain our community. These are the members who went over budget last year to the amount of \$74,000 plus. The asphalt and concrete work they are going to be doing should have been done over 5 years ago. In April after I asked them, they approved a garbage can at the bus stop on Thomas Grant instead of the garbage bag that was hanging there for three years. Here it is 4 months later, and the can still has not been installed. Our pool could have been opened if they had notified the vendor in April that if the Governor approved pools opening, we would need lifeguards. Instead they waited until the end of June to ask. The pools that did open, opened successfully with guidelines. If you are unhappy with the lack of maintenance in the community and how it looks, please do not blame our vendors. They need to be guided by the board and the management company. This has not been done. Our streets have grass growing in them and they need to be cleaned which previously was done yearly, our sign needs to be painted, our fence power washed, stained, growth removed and straightened, our tennis and basketball courts need repair and resealing, nice benches selected by the old grounds committee five years ago for our pond should have been ordered and installed and the list goes on and on. We used to be known as the boutique community. Unfortunately, we cannot claim that distinction anymore. I am running for the board as I want to be sure that we start to do all the needed maintenance within our community and to get the community back to again becoming the boutique community on Beulah.

My experience (including those in Management, Finances, Risk Reduction & Contracting) would make me an asset to the Board and Community because:

I owned my own business for over 35 years and have participated in several corporate boards and am familiar with board operations and goals. I have managed large staff, negotiated contracts, and set up hardware and software systems. I am familiar with financials, marketing, public relations, and sales. I have coordinated and implemented many programs and know the best way to get the most out of our vendors. I have built a relationship with local business and political leaders that I have used for the community's benefit. I have been an active resident in the community and have served on most of the committees when they were active and existed. I was instrumental in getting the concrete sidewalks repaired by VDOT, researched and visited several playgrounds that use the artificial turf that is now installed on our playgrounds and the new surface of our tennis and basketball courts. I believe that being on the board involves walking the community, working with the community vendors and most important keeping the community on a sound financial footing. I believe we need to get our committees up and running without volunteers having to be approved by the board. Committees use to help the board achieve their goals. I previously served on the board and worked closely with the other board and committee members to achieve and maintain the boutique community we were. I would like to see Island Creek once again become the friendly, well maintained boutique community.