

Society Hill @ Piscataway Candidate Profiles

GERRY ADELMAN

BIOGRAPHY: *I have been a resident owner of Society Hill for the past 17 years and am a former business owner who is now a consultant*

REASON FOR SEEKING ELECTION: *Over the past thirteen years I have served on the Board as vice president, trustee and now president. First and foremost, I am a resident than a board member. Simply stated, any decision made by the board, regardless of how unpopular, effects me as a homeowner. My philosophy is to try and balance the needs of the residents while upholding the by-laws. Last year, the majority of the board acted in a responsible manner and made the unpopular decision of raising the maintenance fees in order to maintain the financial solvency of our community. This was actually applauded by our outside auditors for making this tough decision. Unfortunately, the minority board members looked upon this as an unjustified increase and not how this could impact upon our future financial solvency. Acting prudently on financial and other matters does not always mean it will be a favorable outcome. The vendor who offers the lowest price or who says they can do it quicker, in the long run, may not best serve the needs of our community. Although there is always room for improvement, over the years, I would like to think that I have made the right decisions in keeping our community fiscally solvent, looking good and balanced your needs with those of the bylaws.*

I would like to continue to help guide our community in a responsible manner and therefore ask for your support...and most of all your vote!

GREG MACHYOWSKY

BIOGRAPHY: *Retired legislative counsel. BA., MA in Political Science, law degree (U of Rochester, Rutgers U, University of Chicago Law School) Former Alaska city and county elected governing body member, 19 year Society Hill resident, Regular attendee at least 150 monthly Board of Trustees meetings, since 1991.*

REASON FOR SEEKING ELECTION: *We have come to the point where we are receiving less services yet paying more. It is not a reasonable outcome for a board claiming competent budget management – its prime responsibility – to impose 5 fee increases in 5 years for a total of 67% fee hike (plus a \$225 special assessment).*

Thanks to one extraordinary trustee, Kevin Wine, (up for re-election) we have a chance to build a majority for open government and fee reduction, and I want to support his efforts.

I am running to oppose the 14 year incumbent, now board president Adelman, who seems to see his role as cheerleading for management, and has voted for every fee

increase made by the Board in the past 5 years, and based on this past performance, it's highly probable he will continue to support further increases. The Board must protect residents' pocketbooks by asserting its role as a check and balance on management decisions.

KEVIN WINE

BIOGRAPHY: *Resident since 1996. B.S. Engineering, Rutgers 1989. Research Engineer, Rutgers since 1995. My seat us up again because I was filling a vacated term.*

REASON FOR SEEKING ELECTION: *I am the only incumbent board member running this year who voted AGAINST the last \$19 a month maintenance fee increase. I plan to vote AGAINST any proposed increases this year as well. Longer-term thinking and improved vendor selection and supervision can be used to control costs.*

I believe the Association is best run with openness, the free flow of information, and resident involvement, and despite considerable opposition, have worked very hard over the last year to move things in that direction. I led efforts to:

*Carefully analyze the budget and try to reverse the 2004 fee increase
Restrict the Boards overuse of executive session
Inform residents via an independent newsletter
Take the WEB site independent and add interactive content
Get the Finance, Maintenance and Recreation committees back in
Operation
Have a Summer Picnic*

Next year I will push for:

*Improved response to homeowner complaints including litter, dirty breezeways, dead grass, overgrown vegetation and building maintenance.
Fair, reasonable, and documented board policies and procedures
Vendor monitoring and accountability.*

And above all – INFORMATION FLOW AND OPEN GOVERNMENT