

CANDIDATE PROFILE

Cindy Bitowf
378 Lancaster Court

BIOGRAPHY:

I am an owner/resident at Society Hill since 1995. I worked as an IT professional with AT&T prior to 2000 and then transferred to Lucent Technologies. Currently I work to TIAA-CREF in NY as a technology expert. I've been privileged to serve as the Vice President and stage manager for the Celtic Theatre Company (CTC), which is based at Seton Hall University in South Orange. I've been involved with the CTC for the last twenty-one years. My responsibilities as the VP of CTC include project management, finances and overall product procurement. I currently am also the co-owner of Celtic Chairde Creations, a small business centered around Celtic fashion, novelties and handmade crafts.

REASON FOR SEEKING ELECTION:

I've been an active member of Society Hill for the last thirteen years and have noticed a couple of things that need improvement. I am also concerned by the increase in expenses that are being incurred by the present board. In 2006, I was chosen to fill a vacancy on the board and ran that same year to confirm the appointment. After being elected, I served as Vice President of the Board of Trustees. I understand what it takes to serve and I understand what it means to keep expenses low during these hard economic times. Please support my candidacy. I will not let you down.

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James Coe, Jr.
123 Berkshire Court

BIOGRAPHY:

Birth Sign: Sagittarius. Socially Interest: Softball, basketball, running, weight training, jazz, disco, R&B, 60/70/80 hits, 24 Hours series.

Mr. Coe's house was the 8th house built by K. Hovnanian in 1986.

Mr. Coe is a **20 year association member in good standing** with a **perfect association history never fined or incurred late fees.**

Mr. Coe has a strong analytical mindset earning a **B.S. Electrical Engineering Degree** from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA.

In addition, Mr. Coe earned (12) post graduate certifications in a diverse range of knowledge from Internet & Networking, Business Communications, Project Management, Marketing and Sales.

Mr. Coe, a **Disabled Veteran** served four years in the United States Army where he was awarded a level II National Security Clearance and developed team leadership skills.

Mr. Coe is a **strong advocate of family values, rule of law and openly supports enforcing the rules of the Association equally in a diverse community.**

REASON FOR SEEKING ELECTION:

1. If re-elected, I will promote unity and fairness in this community per our association by-laws.
2. If re-elected, I will provide leadership. Currently, I am the only Trustee to have earned (5) Community Association Institute, a.k.a. (CAI) continuing education training credits: Alternative Dispute Resolution; Insurance; Legal Symposium; Accounting-Who's watching the money? Understanding Identity Theft. All documents are on file and available for review at the association office.
3. If re-elected, I will protect your association investments. Over the past two years as your Trustee, I have been a leader and integral voice for several improvements in our community. I personally was the driving force to improve and appoint our current association trash removal and pool management companies.
4. If re-elected, I will control association fees. Going forward, I will continue to be the major outspoken board watchdog of the association's largest **out of control Legal Budget.** The facts are for the past three years this association simply has not gotten any measurable return on investment. We must see some results before the end of 2008. We simply can not afford to continue running this legal horse race with a moving finish line.
5. If re-elected I will work with other elected Trustees to reduce the current \$100K+ legal budget and move this association in a different direction by lowering our legal budget by 50% or better next year.

In summary, I view the task of being an Association Trustee as an honor, challenge and hard work. If we all work together, we can make this a better and safer community for our children and you.

CANDIDATE PROFILE

Greg Machyowsky 448 Lancaster Court

BIOGRAPHY: Retired legislative counsel. B.A., M.A., in Political Science and Law Degree (U. of Rochester, Rutgers U., U. of Chicago Law School). Former Alaska city and county elected governing body member. Society Hill resident and homeowner since 1986. Regular attendee of at least 200 monthly Board of Trustees meetings in past 20 years. Elected to board in 2005; completing first 3-year term.

Let me mince no words (I rarely mince words as a Board member). Since his and my election in 2005 (222 votes for Kevin and 182 for me) I have worked with our board President, Kevin Wine, on almost a daily basis to remedy what had become painfully obvious in Society Hill government: We were receiving less in services (property maintenance needs being neglected and superficially attended to) yet paying more (fees increasing from \$117/month in 1999 to \$194/month in 2005, plus a \$225 special assessment during that time).

We were determined in 2005 to mobilize our board to recognize this problem and correct it by reducing fees and at the same time improving the quality of services. Thanks almost entirely to the brilliant and conscientious efforts of this one man – Kevin – we have made impressive progress towards that end. Putting it plain and simply, he is vital to the long-term success of our new effort to improve services and reduce fees.

Monthly maintenance fees have been reduced and stabilized at \$180 per month, and our service delivery model has been reorganized to provide better services at less cost through direct-hire (or self-management), an approach authorized in our by-laws. Now we have association employees concentrating on our needs at Society Hill five days a week, and we are not depending on large and expensive out of town contractors handling our needs as just one association among hundreds of other accounts they service, and at contract prices over which prior boards had very little realistic control through competitive bidding. The results are beginning to be obvious in the appearance of the community and the attention being paid to scores of long-ignored property maintenance needs.

Perhaps the best part of this change is that current budget projections indicate that another FEE REDUCTION is definitely feasible. Kevin and I remember the pleas of our homeowners to stop the fee hikes at two packed public hearings in January of 2005, and we intend not to let the current board lose sight of fee reduction as a continuing further top board priority.

Thanks to the election to the board last year of Atif Nazir and Venky Selvaganapathy, who are equally committed to fee control, the reelection of me and Kevin means that we will have at least the four fee-reduction-friendly votes necessary to reduce fees further. Fee reduction and replacing condo building stair treads have been high priority items for me in my current board term; the latter, despite frustrating bureaucratic delays, will be accomplished shortly, probably even before this election is completed.

Finally, for the sake of your pocketbook, as well as the goal of providing quality services at low cost, I urge homeowners in this election to be wary of returning to office any past board members who are intent on scuttling the progress made thus far and going back to the old way of doing things. No matter what they may tell you, their record has been, even until recently, strong opposition to Kevin and the program he has been laboring so hard to accomplish and has won the support of a majority of the present board for.

Incidentally, among the likely former board members who may run (and I, at this writing, do not know who all the candidates are going to be in this election), I cannot point to even one who has shown any resistance to hiking fees in the past. For example, if the former board president from 2000-2004 makes yet another attempt to return to the board after three defeats by substantial margins in the last four years of elections, it can be fairly observed that she was mostly responsible for supporting management in their request for those fee hikes.

I know of one person, never before on the board, who is running for the board, and whose qualifications and experience I am impressed with. Especially because he is strongly convinced we are on the right path, I would urge your serious consideration of him to receive your vote for the third seat up in the election. I'm speaking of Doug Sanford and, respectfully, for the reasons discussed above, ask for your support of him, and of Kevin and me for re-election to the board. Thanks for your attention.

CANDIDATE PROFILE

Joanne A. O'Beirne
270 Hampshire Court

BIOGRAPHY:

I have resided in Society Hill at Piscataway for 14 years. I am the Administrator of a law firm in Montclair, New Jersey and have worked in the legal field as a Legal Secretary, Paralegal, and Administrator for over 30 years. Past board of trustee member of Society Hill @ Piscataway 1995-2004.

REASON FOR SEEKING ELECTION:

During my 9 years of service to Society Hill at Piscataway I have held the positions of Secretary, Treasurer (at times both of these titles), and also President of the Association. I presently serve on the Finance and Landscaping Committee, and have done so far the past 13 years. I feel I made a great contribution to our community for 9 years of board service and to my neighbors over the past 13 years and would like to continue to make a difference in our community by being back on the board.

As a board member I had the opportunity to be involved in many of the significant projects throughout the community including fencing, pool resurfacing the purchase of patio furniture, playground equipment, various landscape projects, wing wall repairs, road resurfacing and ongoing concrete projects. I take great pride in my Community and the role in which I serve it.

In the time I was on the board, the whole board of 7 people, worked very hard to keep our reserve moneys up for projects that come up many years down the line. We built up the reserves to \$1.7 Million while I was on the board to ensure we would have money to do the repair projects without having to impose any surcharges on the homeowners for each project as they come up. I fear now that one board member is quickly going through our reserves on his own agenda and not thinking through the consequences and is acting alone and not as a board of 7. We need a new board, of which I would like to serve, to gain back control through the use of a 7 person board to make decisions and not one person who is doing a lot of good and has good intentions, but also doing a lot of harm trying to be a one man army. I am not naming names, as that is not my agenda here, and I hope this person doesn't resort to the use of another smear campaign wherein he and his band of merry men mail postcards to you homeowner and put notes at your doors that I single-handedly did everything in this community that he needs to blame someone for. Everything that was voted on for the 9 years I was on the board was a decision made by 7 board members and required a majority of the members present voting. No one board member could make any decision without a vote of the majority. This is not so of today's Board. I vote with my own will, and mind and I only vote with the entire community in mind as to what is good for all 545 of us homeowners. I would like to continue the practice and hope you vote me in to do so.

Given my experience and key role as a past board member, I would like to continue to serve the Community. I feel that Society Hill is a wonderful place to live and would like to once again serve as a Board of Trustees member to continue to ensure that the proper steps are taken by our Board members to continuously improve our Community and to keep our reserve moneys safe. Please feel free to contact me personally with any questions.

CANDIDATE PROFILE

Stephen Pierce
520 Norwich Court

BIOGRAPHY:

Masters in Educational Administration and Supervision, Seton Hall University.
Masters in Education, Seton Hall University.
Bachelor of Art, History Major, Political Science and Philosophy Minor,
Seton Hall University, Magna Cum Laude.
Licensed Teacher and Principal in the State of New Jersey.

Wife; Mary Pierce married in 2004, moved to Society Hill in 2005.
Two children; John Paul age 2 and Mia age 3 months.
Public School Teacher for seven years, Edison, NJ.

REASON FOR SEEKING ELECTION:

My friends, the year 2008 has been a tumultuous one; in which rising gas and food prices have stretched our budgets. Our homes are depreciating monthly, and the word Change rings across the country. We are at a crossroads here at Society Hill and administrative and fiscal differences have clouded the judgment of warring factions. On one side of the argument are our Board President and his autonomous rule. On the other are the Concerned Owners of Society Hill who refuse to relent in their criticisms of how Society Hill is currently being managed by Mr. Wine. We as the community who are caught in the middle of this conflict deserve better.

We deserve strong leadership which has the support of the WHOLE Community.

We deserve to be able to have our voices heard at board meeting without being criticized or shouted down by a board member living at 448 Lancaster Court.

We deserve to have a board that is willing to challenge and live up to the responsibilities we entrusted them with when elected.

We deserve Change here at Society Hill.

We need a candidate who will rise above the infighting and bickering between the Wind and Concerned Owner Factions. We need a candidate who will listen to your concerns and try to implement the ideas of the community. We need a candidate who will speak with the members of the community openly and honestly, setting aside petty arguments which prevent us from becoming a model community which people want to move to. We need a candidate who will challenge the autonomous rule of the Board President. My friends, the average value of a home in Society Hill has dropped over \$30,000. After talking with a number of Realtors, I was informed that home owners in our development will not be able to recoup our losses due to the availability of newer townhouses and condominiums which match, or are cheaper in cost. Therefore the challenge that lies before us is simple, How do we make Society Hill a desirable place to live? I am that candidate of change that will strive to meet these challenges.

As a board member, I will strive to solve issues such as: parking, landscape improvements, building upkeep, and I will push to have expenses of the Board and Society Hill brought under a public accounting. It's YOUR money, don't you want to know where it's going, and to whom it is going to? The chance for Change is now.

CANDIDATE PROFILE

Donna Reff
77 Canterbury Court

BIOGRAPHY:

I have been a resident of Society Hill at Piscataway for the past three years. I have been a secretary with the Borough of Highland Park for the past four years, working in the Code of Enforcement Department for three and one half years. I am currently in the Department of Aging and Recreation.

REASON FOR SEEKING ELECTION:

The reason I'm seeking a seat on the board is because as an owner I do not believe the best decisions are being made regarding the way our services and finances are being handled by our Board of Trustees. I want to see the quality of life here at Society Hill improve and to gain trust back from our community. I would like the community to know that if they come to me with their suggestions and concerns they will be heard. I have been the recording secretary since May and have enjoyed being involved in our community.

Thank you for your time. I wish all the candidates the best of luck.

CANDIDATE PROFILE

Douglas Sanford
44 Canterbury Court

BIOGRAPHY:

Born : June 1955

Raised in Sussex and Warren Counties, New Jersey.

Attended military and Parochial schools except in college

Voted in as a Councilman at age 18 and served until I was called in US Army in 1976.

Served our country for four years of active duty and then reactivated in 1981. At that time I chose the United States Marines and served as Special Assignment Specialist.

Hobbies: Design and modify hand guns, repair antiquated guns.

Married and divorced. Four children. Remarried with two stepchildren.

Serve the community as a licensed CPR Instructor.

Working for United Parcel Service since permanently assigned to NJ in 1988.

Started their Hazmat Clean Up and Processing Crew in 1993. Have been in the field since then handling spills and writing reports for D.E.P., D.O.T., E.P.A. and N.J. Haz-Mat.

Having owned my own home repair company, Husband for Hire from 1983 to 2002, I am well qualified to access and help oversee the maintenance needs and improvement goals of our community. I also did roofing repairs and subcontracting from 1995 until 2000. I then chose new housing and snow removal as my primary work until I sold the company.

I continue in my role at UPS as a Supervisor in the Haz-Mat dept. I have 20 years of experience in dealing with maintenance, roofing and Haz-Mat issues. I care very much about Society Hill and would like to offer my experience in helping our community in continuing to improve.

I can be reached at 732-648-9177

REASON FOR SEEKING ELECTION:

Having run my own business for many years, I am extremely aware of the need for strong financial controls and appropriate bidding techniques to secure the best pricing on all of our needs as a community. When elected, I know I will be an extremely positive influence in our community and help in guiding our Board.

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Kevin Wine

345 Lancaster Court

BIOGRAPHY: Resident since 1996, owner since 2003. Board member since May 2004, Board President since December 2005. B.S. Electrical Engineering, Rutgers, 1989. Research Engineer with Rutgers until March 2006. Currently volunteering full-time at Society Hill to improve the service, reduce the cost, and recover from the years of neglect we have suffered.

This election is about **ONE ISSUE** – do we continue forward with the new model of our own employees providing our landscaping, maintenance, snow removal, and irrigation services, or do we go backwards to the failed model of large contractors providing mediocre service at high cost?

I assume that everyone has not forgotten where we were only a few short years ago. Your fees were going through the roof, the service was going down the drain, the Board was a dysfunctional disaster, and the community was in peril. With a lot of effort and support from many residents, we have reversed all of the negative trends. Your fees have stopped going up, and in fact have come down by \$9/month this year, the level of service has increased, the Board functions properly as a group decision making body, and a sense of community has been restored.

We are now in to the third month with our new employees, and I remain confident that this is the only way we will be able to recover from the years of neglect at a reasonable cost. With the contractor model, we would be nickled and dimed into oblivion – your fees would be \$300 a month. You can count on me to continue to do what is necessary to make the employee model work, and I know I can count on fellow candidates Mr. Sanford and Mr. Machyowsky to support me in that effort.

This will be the **THIRD** time the direct employee question will be put up for a vote – it was a major issue in last year's election and the candidates opposing it, Ms. Bitowf and Ms. O'Beirne, lost, and it was the subject of Ms. Bitowf's community-wide recall petition against me earlier this year, which failed miserably – anyone singing the praises of our former contractors is unlikely to find much support. How many times must this question be revoted?

I have been largely silent over the last few months, despite constant destructive attack, partly because I've been very busy here in Society Hill on the constructive side trying to get things done, and partly because the claims being made against me in the petition mailing, the e-mail, and on-line are so absurd as to not even warrant a reply. However, I realize the political reality is that at some point in time I will have to come to my own defense.

Despite constant innuendo, I receive NO compensation whatsoever for my services. The idea of compensation was floated last year, a few people over-reacted negatively, and it was dropped. I am still doing the work though, for free, and I would think that people would be appreciative of that, and have the common respect and decency to not accuse me of "getting paid". I have not "hired all my friends" and I didn't know any of the employees prior to June. I am by far the least autocratic Board President this place has ever seen, even to the point of my own detriment. I would think homeowners would be happy that the Board has a desk and a computer in the clubhouse, is finally keeping an eye on things on a daily basis, and is trying to **save you money** in difficult economic times.

I am sure an effort will be made in the coming weeks to further defame me, scare you with more lies and distortions, and paint me as a reckless nut that will drain the bank and run the place in to the ground. The absurdity is that the opposite is true, and in fact it is not my intentions, but the intentions of those accusing me, that need to be scrutinized and suspected. None of their ridiculous predictions have come true. Why are they so intent on returning to the old way? What's in it for THEM? I still can't fully comprehend why some would be so destructive. For more detail, check my WEB page at:

<http://www.societyhillpiscataway.com/Concerned/Concerned.html>