

2014 CANDIDATE PROFILES

ZAHID KHAN—158 CHIPPENHAM COURT

BIOGRAPHY:

I am a ten-year homeowner, with Masters and Engineering degrees in Electronics and Communication, currently working for Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ. My wife owns two active businesses, one in IT and another in photography. Formerly, I was managing an IT department in Streaming Media, which currently is part of Dow Jones. I am an Indian national soccer player, and I coach kids at the Piscataway soccer club. I am a member of the Edison Chamber of Commerce and actively take part in several community events.

REASON FOR SEEKING RE-ELECTION:

I am interested in serving on the Board in order to present some new ideas on making Society Hill at Piscataway a much better place to live. Being a successful IT person and being on the advisory board of two businesses, I have excellent experience in implementing and controlling projects with achievable targets. The Society Hill Board has already done great work reducing the monthly maintenance fees, but I have some ideas to further reduce them.

I want Society Hill residents to have a better community hall and a place for kids to play basketball and roller skate. In the past I have supported the sidewalk and bike-path capital improvement projects, and I also supported the re-roofing project. I will be supporting future capital improvement projects, including the resurfacing of the streets and improving gardens. I am also in great favor of building the maintenance garage for all the construction equipment, so that the clubhouse area looks elegant. Continuing the renovation and landscaping of the pond area will also be on my task list if I am on the Society Hill Board.

I will do my level best to make this community a better place to live. I think there is a lot of room for slow improvements in many areas. If given a chance, I will prove myself to be an asset to the Society Hill Board and its resident members.

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KEVIN WINE—345 LANCASTER COURT

BIOGRAPHY:

Resident of Society Hill since 1996. Owner since 2003. Served on Board of Trustees since 2004. Employed by the association in an administrative capacity since 2011. Previously employed by Rutgers University as a research engineer.

REASON FOR SEEKING ELECTION:

This will be the fourth time I am running for a seat on the Board of Trustees. There has been a lot of change in the last 11 years as I have tried to make the association more independent by using employees, rather than contractors, to deliver our maintenance services. This was not an easy transition and while many of the homeowners have supported the change, others have not.

The annual elections are an opportunity for all the homeowners to express their opinion on how things are, and where they want things to go. There should be no surprises with what I represent. I have put a lot of effort in to the transition from contractors to employees, and plan to continue down that path. I know there are some who disagree with my ideas and methods, and they are free to come forward, run for a seat on the Board of Trustees, and provide the homeowners with a different choice. The association is governed by majority rule, and if the majority want to return to the way things were 11 years ago, then so be it, however that is not my sense from the feedback I receive.

Having our own employees and equipment has allowed us to do several things that would have been impractical or very expensive otherwise. I doubt the walkways would have happened like they did, and I doubt the pond would end up like it eventually will. It has allowed us to make improvements that will benefit us in the long run, like installing communications infrastructure, using reclaimed water for the irrigation, and constructing a maintenance building. It has also saved us from what I'm sure would have been another very expensive winter.

Beyond the projects and the piles of dirt and the temporary inconveniences, there is another less obvious component of what I do. I often find myself in the position of the glue that keeps everything together. I worry about things like the social health of the community. I try to keep everyone happy, which is often very difficult. I try to make the place more than just a place to live. And I keep trying, in spite of some persistent negativity.