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As an experienced program manager with a master's degree, I bring strong leadership, strategic planning, and budget management skills to the board. Having previously served on the board for several years in the Maple Woods community, and 5 years into Birch Glen board, I understand the responsibilities and challenges of maintaining well-run association.

I have successfully managed large-scale projects, ensuring resources are allocated efficiently while maintaining fiscal responsibility. My vision aligns with the core priorities of our association-landscaping, snow removal, and the upkeep of essential infrastructure such as roofs, roads, pool, and decks. My goal is to enhance community living by making informed, cost-effective decisions that improve property value and homeowner satisfaction.

I am committed to transparency, collaboration, and proactive communication to address residents' concerns and ensure our community remains a great place to live. I look forward to the opportunity to serve and contribute to the continued success of our association.

Thank you,

Kalindee Desai

421 Lancaster out
Piscataway.

John Fakla
521 Norwich Ct.

In 2005 I bought my unit here in Society Hill while I was still working for a large pharmaceutical company in facilities maintenance. Prior to that I worked as a maintenance engineer at another large company and previous to that as an operations/maintenance specialist and electronic technician for over 30 years at a datacenter for a large financial institution. In those roles I worked on a wide variety of systems including high production office equipment, server rooms, industrial HVAC, building management systems, pumps, motors, diesel generators and electrical switchgear. I eased into retirement several years ago, fully expecting to enjoy many more stress-free years here in Society Hill.

I ran for the Board last year, and am running again this year because I am fed up with how things have been here since 2018. The maintenance fees have gone up from \$171 a month to \$332 a month. I was at the Board meeting last November when Mohiuddin Syed, George Tsacnaris, Mona Wan, and Matthew Phillips all voted in favor of the \$332 a month fees. That was a very large increase in 6 years, plus there was a \$1,200 totally unnecessary special assessment on top of it. They will say they had no choice that the insurance went up and capital reserve is low and blame everyone and everything else, but there are many things they still have control over.

Much of my past professional experience overlaps with the equipment and systems I see here in Society Hill. As a result I know what is involved with maintaining, repairing, and replacing these systems. I can tell when the contractors and other professionals are not being truthful or inflating their numbers or don't really know what they are doing, or steering us to their expensive solution and not bringing up alternatives. It seems the board struggles with knowing who to trust, and who not to trust. I could help with that.

We spent \$58k on a dump truck that broke and had to be scrapped, and another \$115k on a new truck, plus finance charges, total was around \$200k. A new truck is nice but we should have known not to buy a model with a problem engine in the first place and could have found something for much less, or fixed the original truck. The dirt mound could have been handled with a site-plan application, for far less than the \$420k that was spent, or the \$654k that we were actually charged. We are overpaying by hundreds of thousands on the roofing project, and somehow the \$250k Hampshire Ct. paving project quickly doubled to \$500k.

If elected this year I will:

1. Use my experience to help board make sensible equipment/maintenance/repair decisions
2. Maintain and repair systems to get maximum use to postpone replacement costs
3. Not ban residents from the office or meetings for voicing their legitimate complaints

I am working with two other candidates, Vincent Marchitto and Zahid Khan, and together we could get Society Hill immediately back on course to control the fees, improve the services, and reduce the stress level for all residents. Thank you! -John

Mark Kelsey – Candidate for Board of Trustees

"Proven Leadership. Practical Solutions. Community Always."

I have been a proud homeowner in Society Hill since 1986. As a retired technology professional with over 40 years of experience working for prestigious Fortune 500 companies, I bring a proven track record of logical decision-making, problem-solving, and clear communication. My background includes a bachelor's degree in computer science and extensive expertise in computer programming, financial trading desk support, and robotic process automation. I have collaborated with professionals across Germany, London, Singapore, and India—experience that has sharpened my ability to communicate effectively across diverse cultures and perspectives.

Since being appointed to fill a vacant Board seat in April, I have committed myself to applying a logical, considerate, and fact-driven approach to every decision—especially those involving security, liability, and the financial well-being of our community. I believe in transparency, accountability, and ensuring that every decision benefits all homeowners.

I was part of the leadership team, alongside current Trustees, who met with the Mayor, Township engineers, code enforcement, and the Township attorney to address the decade-old NJDEP and Township violations from the unpermitted 2014 pond dredging and mound work. This project, left unresolved for years, carried the threat of heavy fines and ultimately cost every homeowner \$1,200. I saw firsthand the challenges, misinformation, and resistance that plagued progress. I witnessed the collaborative effort, to rebuild the relationship with the Township, shifted the conversation from penalties to solutions, and brought the project into full compliance—saving \$234K from the original \$654K estimate and avoiding costly fines. This was not just a project fix; it was a restoration of trust, governance, and fiscal responsibility.

If re-elected, I will continue advocating for smart, data-driven decisions guided by reserve studies, competitive bidding, and professional oversight. I will work to complete critical infrastructure projects—finishing the remaining roof replacements, replacing aging condo stairs, and building the retaining wall—while repaving and restoring roads damaged by past careless excavations. I will prioritize controlling insurance costs through risk reduction and stronger claims management, enforce fair policies to recover decades-old delinquencies, and advance sustainable upgrades such as solar panels and EV charging stations to cut costs and generate revenue. My focus remains on solutions that are fair, transparent, and in the best long-term interest of our community.

Please vote for **Mark Kelsey, Mohiuddin Syed, and Yogesh Patel**

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ZAHID KHAN

I am a 19-year homeowner, with Masters and Engineering degrees in Electronics and Communication, currently working for Mattel in a management role. My wife owns two active businesses, one in IT and another in photography, and I manage another input/export business. 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. Past member of Society Hill Piscataway Board from 2014 to 2017 as Treasurer. Current member of the Somerset County Advisory Council on Disability Issues.

Earlier in 2025 the Association's management company updated their property management software and all the owners on automatic debit or bill-pay had to set up their payments again. This happened when I was traveling out of the county for a couple of months. During the very frustrating process of trying to contact management and set up the payments again, the Board invoked the rule allowing them to kick off trustees with an outstanding balance. I had a \$55 balance, most of which was improperly applied dryer vent fines. I feel I was treated very unfairly and now I have to run again to try and get my seat back. I later found out another trustee had been delinquent for most of 2023/4 with no action taken, clearly because he was supporting the board leadership and voting how they wanted him to vote.

While I was still a member I observed that this Board was getting itself way too involved in the day-to-day operations of the Association. From being involved in multiple businesses, I know this is not good practice. The in-house and/or contracted staff should be handling the day-to-day operations. Various Board members with little or no technical qualification have been trying to directly or indirectly run a \$2.2M landscaping/building/maintenance operation. As a result, many poor or sub-optimal decisions are made. This is an internal systemic problem that will need to be addressed.

My objectives, if elected, have not changed since last year:

- Amend the bylaws to require the board to get approval from all the owners by majority vote to approve any large special assessments in the future! Other Associations have this in their bylaws already.
- Restore the community events and the annual picnic. It is very important that residents get to know each other.
- Support alternative ways of reducing costs. We invested a lot of time and funds already in this in the past and these were very sensible plans. Saving money is not just about trimming a few dollars here and there – it is also about looking at big-picture ways of reducing costs.
- Support truly open Board meetings and decisions, so owners can see and hear the Board discussions, and not have all that behind the closed door.
- Make sure the community is fully maintained and repaired and the board and its management are responsive to owner needs and requests.

A lot of the enormous increase in our maintenance fees is the outward symptom of how the Board currently manages the Association. If things aren't changed immediately, we are very likely going to see another fee increase right after this election, just like we saw the \$97/month increase after last year's election. I, along with candidates Vincent Marchitto and John Fakla, will not let that happen if we have seats on the Board. Remember that 4 votes on the 7-member Board are needed to make sure there is no increase. **Remember in September!**

Vincent Marchitto Candidate Profile

I have been a resident of Society Hill for 27 years. I have worked in various maintenance, electrical, and mechanical jobs over the years. I am a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW Local 400). I worked directly for Society Hill from 2009 to 2012 and in that job I did grounds keeping, mulching, irrigation work, leaf collection, snow plowing and removal, walkway pavers, conduits, and equipment operation. From that experience I am familiar with many of the maintenance and construction procedures required to keep Society Hill looking good.

I am running for election because the last 7 years have been a disaster. Our maintenance fees have increased from \$171 to \$332, that's nearly **DOUBLE**, and we had a \$1,200 (originally \$2,000) special assessment on top of it. When I was working here we were so busy with many projects and tasks, and then it dropped to nothing with just a skeleton crew struggling to keep up. There was always the excuse "we're broke", but there was always millions of dollars available for big over-priced projects with no problem.

If elected to the Board I will:

- Improve the board/owner relationship through more communication and giving owners a voice.
- Work to LOWER the maintenance fees by using our in-house staff as much as possible.
- Make the board fully transparent by no routine closed meetings.

The Board desperately needs more members that have maintenance and grounds-keeping knowledge and experience, in order to know when we are being lied to and make good decisions on how to spend the budget. I believe my experience would be an asset to the board and help it avoid the numerous dumb decisions I have seen it make in the last 7 years.

The Board has been making many owners very angry with unreasonable rules like towing our cars away for just an expired inspection sticker, censoring residents in the online groups by deleting messages they don't like, kicking residents out of Board meetings, banning residents from the clubhouse office, and sending threatening and intimidating letters from the attorney to anyone who offends or criticizes them. One board member is now the Society Hill police force and regularly gets into confrontations with residents. It has gotten so bad there is now an armed guard at some of the meetings.

If the current Board doesn't change, this trend is going to continue and our fees are going to go up even higher. They already did it to us once (\$97 per month increase) so don't think they won't do it again. Many of us cannot afford \$500/month fees. So they want to force us to move out? There are other ways of doing the maintenance here to avoid this, but the current Board doesn't want to consider those ways or doesn't understand and they are very stubborn.

I share many of the same frustrations with John Fakla and Zahid Khan who are also running, and if we are elected I assure you some things are going to change for the better.

Thank you for taking the time to hear me out. Vincent Marchitto, 477 Harwick Court

YOGESH PATEL – Candidate for Board of Trustees

"Experience. Accountability. Results. Community First."

I have been a proud Society Hill homeowner since 2014 and a successful business owner since 2016, managing operations with revenues up to \$3.5 million. My success is built on hard work, smart decision-making, and accountability—values I will bring to the Board.

As an engaged homeowner, I have participated in community events and listened to residents' concerns, understanding the challenges that have plagued our community for more than a decade. From roofs left to leak for years, to the unpermitted 2014 pond dredging that cost every homeowner \$1,200, I have seen how poor oversight and wasteful spending damage property values. Money was wasted without proper checks and balances, while critical projects were delayed or mishandled.

Understanding the Challenges Since 2014

I have witnessed first-hand the mismanagement and costly mistakes that have hurt our community for over a decade:

- **The 2014 unpermitted pond dredging that cost every homeowner \$1,200.**
- Years of delayed roof replacements, leading to repeated leaks and rising repair costs.
- Wasteful "self-managed" projects without oversight—like miles of unused buried conduit and damaged roads.

My Priorities for Society Hill

- **Fix What's Broken** – Complete roof replacements, retaining wall construction, condo stair replacements, and other overdue projects—**done by licensed professionals**. At 40 years old, our community's components need full replacement, not endless patchwork. Just like in business, we must know our limits and bring in the right expertise.
- **Protect Investments** – Use competitive bidding and reserve studies—not speculation—to guide decisions. Speculation has cost us greatly; relying on one person's opinion is dangerous, which is why New Jersey now mandates a reserve study every five years.
- **Enhance Property Values** – Repave damaged roads, improve curb appeal, and explore energy efficiency.
- **Financial Responsibility** – End decades-long delinquency issues by enforcing fair policies and recovering **thousands owed to the Association**. For years, some homeowners amassed massive balances—what action did prior Boards take to recover this money?

Why I'm Running

I believe in professional management when needed, volunteer leadership without conflicts of interest, and smart, efficient planning. Together, we can eliminate waste, enforce fair policies, and strengthen our community's long-term **Investment for Homeowners and Investors!**

The Choice is Clear

Society Hill needs leaders who fix problems instead of ignoring them, spend wisely instead of wastefully, and put the community first—always.

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Mohiuddin Syed – Candidate for Re-Election to Board of Trustees
“Keeping Promises. Creating Impact.”

I'm a Structural Engineer with 17+ years of experience **managing multi-million-dollar** infrastructure projects, and my family has proudly called Society Hill home since 2016. Since joining the Board in December 2022, I've **focused on correcting long-neglected issues** and restoring professional, efficient management.

One of the biggest challenges was the 2014 unpermitted dredging and mound work, which left us with years of violations, threats of fines, and a \$1,200 cost to every homeowner. If it truly could have been “**cheaper**,” why wasn't it fixed then—before we all paid the price? Even before my election, **I took the lead in organizing** a homeowner delegation to meet with the Mayor, Township engineers, code enforcement, and the Township attorney—securing time and cooperation to fix the issue lawfully.

We rebuilt a broken relationship, shifted the conversation from penalties to solutions, and achieved full DEP and Township clearance in July 2025. Project cost was \$420K—**saving \$234K** from the original estimate—the project avoided fines, while savings helped **absorb the 2024 insurance spike without raising dues**. This is proof that **real leadership solves problems, protects investments, and shows that actions speak louder than words**.

✓ **Mound & Pond Violations Resolved – **\$234K Saved****

Resolved a decade-old violation ahead of schedule—**saving \$234K** and avoiding costly fines.

✓ **Hampshire Court Paved – Done Right**

Repaved per Reserve Study and audit reports to fix roads damaged by useless excavation for unused conduits—**adding value to the Association** while avoiding costly missteps.

✓ **Roof & Retaining Wall Progress**

Replaced ****20 of 48**** aging, leak-prone roofs since 2022 and completed retaining wall design, now moving into permitting—addressing **decades of deferred maintenance**.

✓ **Operational Efficiency**

Upgraded to ADP timeclock and payroll, **improving staff accountability** and streamlined process. Digitized work orders for faster response and better tracking.

✓ **Financial Stability, Risk Management & Policy Reforms**

Worked with the Board to enact policy and amendment reforms, boost financial transparency, and address decades-long delinquencies—**some exceeding \$36K**. Ended the practice of paying Trustees for volunteer service; how can a Board President be a paid employee who evaluates and gives raises to themselves? This defies basic logic and **eliminates a conflict of interest** many never knew existed.

✓ **Community Clean-Up & Modernization**

Cleared decades-old junk kept in storage with monthly fees costing the Association thousands and removed 50+ hazardous trees. **Installed EV chargers**—generating revenue and modernizing the Association with the rising EV demand, an idea never previously considered. **Initiated solar panel feasibility** with bids secured for the Clubhouse to deliver long-term savings on electricity costs. Worked with Board to initiate **efficient meter stack replacement**.

✓ **Insurance Challenges & Reserve Study Law**

When insurance jumped from **\$300K to \$700K after a \$1M fire loss**, we worked tirelessly to secure coverage and avoid costly surplus markets. The 2025 HOA fee change reflects this spike in insurance and compliance with NJ's new Reserve Study Law—clear, documented facts.

✓ **Self-Management Alone Was Not the Solution**

Our crew works hard, but major jobs need licensed professionals for safety and compliance—**past DIY projects depleted reserves**, from useless buried conduit to unpermitted dredging that **hit every homeowner with \$1,200!**

✂ **Vision for the Future**

No wastage—finish vital projects, streamline services, cut inefficiencies, enforce fair policies, and reduce delinquencies with smart solutions. **Resolve what others ignored, rebuild what was neglected, and plan what never began!**

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