

WLRMS Announces Nominees and Balloting Process for 2021 Board Elections

**Completed Ballots Must Be Received in the WLRMS Office by
Wednesday, August 18, 2021 4pm.**

In accordance with the By-Laws, the Wolf Laurel Road Maintenance and Security Homeowners' Association, Inc. (WLRMS) Board of Directors announced the following nominees as Candidates for Election as Directors during the July Board of Directors meeting on Friday, July 16, 2021:

Gayle Barr

Howard Daniel

Tedi McManus

Steve McMillan

Gregory Meier

Mike Stapleton

The biographies of the candidates are below, will be posted on wolflaurelroadsandsecurity.com and included in the voting materials package.

The voting materials, including the ballots, will be mailed on July 26, 2021 to all property owners of record as of that date who are fully current in their annual assessments. If you would like to bring your assessments current, please contact the RMS office immediately to coordinate payment and obtaining a ballot.

If you prefer to pick up the voting materials at the WLRMS office (and not have them mailed to your billing address) or to have the material mailed to an alternative address, please alert the office by sending an email to suehonor@wolflaurelrms.com, or via USPS mail to 63 Village Lane, Mars Hill, N.C. 28754 **no later than July 19th**.

Please Note: Your email/USPS letter must state that you do not want your election material mailed and that you will pick it up at the WLRMS office between July 26,2021 and August 18, 2021 during regular office hours or that you would like for the material to be mailed to an alternative address. **Your request must be received no later than July 19, 2021 to prevent your package being mailed to your billing address.** In order to ensure election integrity, you will be asked to present a photo ID and provide your signature when you pick up your voting materials.

Please return the ballot(s) in the envelope provided as soon as possible after you receive them.

Complete ballots must be received in the WLRMS office by Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 4pm.

Reminder: Each property owner who is current in annual assessments will receive one ballot for each lot without a home on it. Each property owner who is current in annual assessments will receive two ballots for each lot with a home built on it. If you have not paid your assessment, please do so immediately to receive your ballot.

The WLRMS Board urges all property owners to exercise your vote for those you want to represent your interests on the WLRMS Board.

***Please note the Board of Directors does not endorse candidates. We only strive to present, through a nomination selection process completely independently of the board, the best pool of candidates to choose among and to continuously recruit talented volunteers to serve on the board, on committees and for special projects.

Nominating Committee

Ron Stone, Chair

WLRMS Nominees for 2021 Board Elections

Gayle Barr, Valley View Road. Gayle is a full time resident of Wolf Laurel. Gayle followed her husband home to Wolf Laurel 30 years ago to live, work, and raise her family. Her connection to the area dates back to when her husband's grandmother taught Russian immigrants English at the Buckhouse. Gayle continued the family tradition of education by homeschooling her and other children in the community for a total of 16 years.

Gayle has witnessed the growth and evolution of Wolf Laurel through the years, from a time where there were only 25 year round residents and she was one of the few residents with young children through our present day community of second homes, full time residents, retirees, and young working families. She presently works in a support capacity of Wolf Mountain Realty's vacation rental business.

Although working full time, Gayle has made time to be active in the Wolf Laurel community, and volunteers her time generously when asked. She was a constant volunteer in the POA package cabin for three years. She has served WLRMS by her active volunteer work on the Nominating and Election committees; the Security Subcommittee devoted to developing the community map, the Communications Committee including spearheading contacting landlords and property managers concerning WLRMS's Best Practices for Short Term Rentals, and is presently serving on the WLRMS committee developing a new website for the community.

J. Howard Daniel, McKinney Gap Drive. Howard and his wife Kay have been residents of Greenville, South Carolina since they married in 1977. Loving the area, Howard and Kay first purchased in Wolf Laurel in the early 1980s and then purchased their current home in 1989. Their home in Wolf Laurel is a place that multiple generations of the Daniel family gather to hike, ski, and

enjoy the community. Although his house once served as a short term rental, now that Howard is almost fully retired, the home is being increasingly monopolized by Howard and Kay... when not in use by their children and grandchildren who also adore Wolf Laurel.

Howard is an attorney with Ogletree Deakins with a diverse practice including labor and employment law, and is known by his clients for extreme responsiveness and practical approach to issues. He spends a significant amount of time enabling clients to bring vision and strategic direction to their human resource and legal needs. Howard's background in managing law firms as well as serving as chair of not for profit entities such as the Greenville Chamber with over 2400 corporate members and the S.C. Governors School for Science and Mathematics Foundation has given him the opportunity to look at problems from a broad perspective.

Beyond having extensive experience serving on the board of directors of many civic, educational, benevolent and professional non-profits, Howard regularly conducted training of attorneys on management and professionalism, and has lectured and published. In 2017 he and his wife went to Nepal and hiked a portion of the Annapurna trek and were in Argentinian Patagonia hiking in February of 2020 as the pandemic broke out.

Tedi McManus, El Miner Dr. Tedi first visited Wolf Laurel in 2007 as a volunteer for the bird banding station at Big Bald. Although she grew up in Pennsylvania and attended college in West Virginia, she was living in eastern NC at the time, and the mountains were calling her back! The amazing beauty of the bald captured her heart, and she eventually purchased her home in Wolf Laurel in 2014. She retired in 2019 from her career in public education and moved to the mountains full time. She currently works part time monitoring Osprey nests on cell towers throughout the Carolinas and Virginia. In her spare time, she enjoys bird-watching, hiking, reading, and creating art. She has a daughter and son-in-law who live in Raleigh, NC.

Tedi began her professional career as an environmental contractor before switching to the public school system. She's a North Carolina Certified Environmental Educator and enjoys working with children and adults to enhance their knowledge and awareness of the environment. She continues her involvement with Blue Ridge Bird Observatory which operates the bird banding station at Big Bald. Her experience in public education would bring an understanding that there are often many sides to an issue or concern, and the need to work together in the decision-making process.

Tedi currently volunteers for WLRMS and is the Chair of the WLRMS Wilderness Committee. Her natural resource background provides knowledge and perspective from a conservation viewpoint. She would work to promote environmental stewardship and best practices for the unique natural setting of Wolf Laurel.

Steven McMillan, Glenaire Dr. Steve and his wife Mary Lynne bought their first home in Wolf Laurel in 2003 as a summer vacation home as a respite from an overseas assignment. After retirement in 2011, they became year-round, full time residents. Steve previously lived in Minneapolis Minnesota, where in 1984 he met and married Mary Lynne.

Originally educated and trained as an aircraft engineer, Steve worked overseas to help develop, set-up, and train Saudi personal to operate their national airline. After seventeen years and mission accomplished, he joined Alsalam Aircraft Company which provided aircraft overhaul for both military and commercial aircraft. His work in production and planning management required skills of managing complex projects on strict timelines within set budgets, a skill he has brought to WLRMS.

Steve currently serves on the Board of Directors of WLRMS and is the Chair of the Road Maintenance Committee. Steve is the architect of the current road plan which will rebuild all of the gravel roads in Wolf Laurel and repave Big Bald Road on a set schedule, all within projected annual budget without a special assessment. His background also has enabled WLRMS to shift focus from replacing major equipment to maintaining equipment to achieve longer life expectancy and control cost. Steve enjoys restoring classic muscle cars and is currently the proud owner of a 1970 Shelby Mustang GT500.

Greg Meier, Ridgeway Road. Residents of Winter Park, Florida, Greg and his wife, Lisa, have vacationed in the Wolf Laurel community for over ten years. They purchased their home on Ridgeway Road in August 2017. The family enjoys the full Wolf Laurel experience, being members of Wolf Laurel Country Club and Wolf Laurel Village Club, hiking all the various trails in the Wolf Laurel Community, horseback riding at the stables, and their son, Jack Henry, is often found on the pickle ball courts.

Greg is a practicing attorney partner with Shuffield Lowman in Orlando, having a focus on estate planning, tax and business transactions. He is licensed in both Florida and Georgia. His practice also touches upon non-profit organizations and intellectual property. In his practice he is called upon to make complex topics as easy to follow as possible. While recognizing the often-complicated intricacies of a matter, Greg helps his clients see the big picture – ultimately focusing on how things are going to affect his clients and their families. He takes pleasure in being able to distill complicated matters into language that his client can understand.

Greg is presently an active member of the WLRMS board of directors. Greg stepped up earlier this year and volunteered to fill an unexpected vacancy on the WLRMS board, and since then has volunteered to assist on several challenging and complicated matters facing our community. He also volunteers in several civic organizations in Central Florida, including serving on non-profit boards of directors.

Mike Stapleton, Unakite Lane. Originally from Miami, Florida, Mike met his wife while living in Orlando. Mike and Ginny would often bring their two young children to vacation in North Carolina, camping and exploring around the Blue Ridge and Mt. Pisgah forest areas. The couple fell in love with the beauty and the friendly people of Western North Carolina and bought their home in Wolf Laurel in 2014. Mike and Ginny became year round, full time residents since Mike retired in 2016, except when traveling to Charlotte and Florida to visit their now adult children, and of course, the grandchildren!

After graduating from UCF in Orlando, Mike worked at UPS for 25 years and then took a position with the Teamsters Union serving as President and Secretary Treasurer in Florida. He has served on the Board of the UPS Teamster Pension Fund and a Legal Defense Fund for Law Enforcement Officers involved in critical Incidents. Mike led and conducted contract negotiations with Walt Disney World and UPS and numerous other smaller Companies. Mike also served as President of his former Home Owners Association in Oviedo, FL. In addition to being active in the Village Club, Mike enjoys hiking and outdoor activities.

Mike presently volunteers for WLRMS as the Chair of the Architectural Review Board and has worked tirelessly in this capacity as the volume of work has increased. Mike believes that it is tantamount that as an Association we maintain and improve our Community so as to bring a positive value and experience to our members and their families.