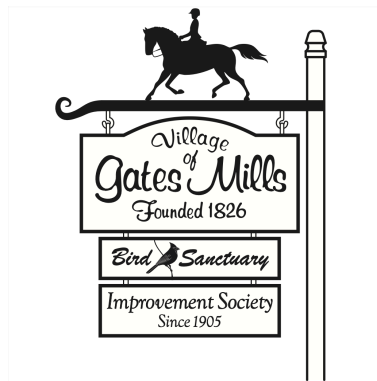


# GATES MILLS GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 4, 2025



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September 2025

Dear Gates Mills Residents:

At 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at The Gates Mills Community House, the Gates Mills Improvement Society (GMIS) will host a Candidates Forum. The purpose of the forum is for the candidates to discuss and respond to questions regarding important issues of community interest.

The forum will be moderated by Mike McIntyre, Executive Editor Ideastream Public Media. We expect the formal portion of the meeting to end by 9 PM. Beverages and light refreshments will be served.

Charles “Chuck” Spear is running unopposed for the position of Treasurer. Chuck will not be participating in the question and answer portion, but will speak briefly at the beginning of the forum. Six residents are running for four Council seats in the fall election: David Atton, Grace Ann Bourne, Karen L. Greco, Meghan Perez, Craig Steinbrink and David Young.

The format for the evening will be similar to that of previous Candidates Nights. The meeting will begin at 7 PM with a welcome from the GMIS president Jim Stafford and a statement of the forum’s purpose. Jim will then introduce Mike McIntyre as the moderator for the evening. Each of the six candidates for Council will have two minutes to present an opening statement.

The moderator will direct discussion topics to the candidates. He will also use written questions posed by the audience. Question cards will be provided to residents as they enter The Community House and will be available at Town Hall and the library. It is possible that not all questions will be addressed in this 45 minute portion, but the moderator will try to make sure that the range of questions gets covered and that the questions get spread across the candidates. Candidates will have an opportunity to make a final two minute statement.

We hope all villagers will be able to participate by attending in person or joining via a live stream of the session on the village website: [gatesmillsvillage.com](http://gatesmillsvillage.com). This will be the only opportunity to question these candidates as a group before voting begins on absentee ballots.

As in the past we have asked each candidate to provide personal background information, and it is presented in this booklet as approved by each person. The materials and forum are sponsored by the GMIS. No village funds were spent on this.

The Candidates Night Committee

## MODERATOR

Mike McIntyre



Mike McIntyre is the executive editor of ideastream, which operates WCPN-FM, Cleveland's NPR radio station, WCLV-FM classical, WVIZ PBS television and ideastream.org. He also hosts the weekly "Sound of Ideas Reporters Roundtable" on WCPN and WVIZ.

Prior to becoming executive editor, Mike served as the host of the "Sound of Ideas," the daily WCPN public affairs show, for ten years. Concurrently, he wrote metro columns and feature stories as a columnist for The Plain Dealer, where he started in 1990. Mike left the newspaper in April 2020 and assumed his new role at ideastream June 1, 2020.

Mike is a graduate of St. Edward High School in Lakewood and Bowling Green State University. He was inducted into the Press Club's Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame in 2016 along with his wife, Elizabeth, executive editor of Crain's Cleveland Business. They live in Rocky River.

## DISCLAIMER

The information in this brochure regarding candidates was provide by each candidate. No effort has been made to confirm any information. We have relied upon the integrity of our candidates and assume no responsibility for any inaccuracy.

**Charles “Chuck” Spear—Candidate for Treasurer**



**David Atton—Candidate for Council**

**Grace Ann Bourne—Candidate for Council**

**Karen L. Grecco—Candidate for Council**

**Meghan Perez—Candidate for Council**

**Craig A. Steinbrink —Candidate for Council**

**David Young—Candidate for Council**

**Question and Answer cards like the one below will be available at Candidates Night for residents to submit questions.**

**Cards also will be available at Town Hall and the Library.**



**The Gates Mills Improvement Society**

**CANDIDATES NIGHT**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Village Resident: \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no

Your Question:

## **Charles M. Spear—Candidate for Treasurer**

### **Personal Information:**

**Street Address:** Chagrin River Road, Gates Mills, Ohio 44040

**Email Address:**

**Telephone:** (818) 399-1226.

I have been a resident of Gates Mills for four years and ten months.

### **Educational Background:**

Ohio University (1964), BBA

Case Western Reserve School of Law (1968), J.D.

### **Significant business/professional experience (provide dates, titles, and function):**

1968 – 1981, Vice President, The First National Bank of Chicago, managed securities trading, corporate services, trust investment marketing

1981-1984, Chief Operating Officer, Trading Company of the West

1984-1992, Chairman of the Board and Chief Operating Officer, Spear Financial Services, Inc., Nasdaq-NMS (SFNS)

1992- present, Chairman of the Board and President, Spear, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary, LTC Insurance Services, Inc.

### **Significant volunteer and civic experience (provide dates, titles and function):**

Co-chair, Outside Perspectives Subcommittee, Gates Mills Comprehensive Plan - 2022-2023

Co-chair, Heritage Home Program, Gates Mills - 2023 to present

Committee member, Historic Review Subcommittee, Gates Mills - 2023-2025

Assistant Treasurer, Gates Mills - 2025 to present

Income Tax Administrator - 2025 to present

**Elective offices held (provide dates):** None

### **In 350 words or less please describe:**

#### **a) your motivation for seeking office**

This year, I was honored to be appointed as Income Tax Administrator and Assistant Treasurer. I decided to seek the Treasurer position when Dixon Morgan announced he wouldn't run to retain his position.

There are ten elected positions at Council meetings – the Mayor, the Clerk, the Treasurer, and the seven Councilmembers. While the Treasurer does not vote on issues before Council, his presence at the table affords the opportunity to participate in the debates.

This volunteer position involves a four-year commitment, and it is fair to ask, "Why would you want to do that?" I want the job because I have watched the extraordinary employees of the Village, and I know that with their help, I can do the job well. And I have the background for it. Most importantly, though, after working on the Comprehensive Plan, and after my other community engagements, I have come to love Gates Mills and the people here. I have the time and the experience and I want to serve.

#### **b) Your assessment of the most important issues facing our community**

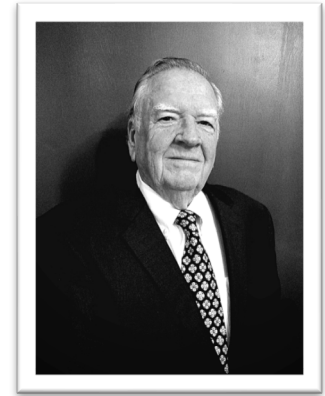
- Diminishing interest in volunteerism and the commensurate loss of civic pride. We must draw newcomers into the activities of the Village.
- The current threat of a constitutional amendment to ban property taxes.
- Efforts seeking to ban the cameras that have made Mayfield much safer. We issue speed tickets to about three of every thousand cars that pass the cameras. We cannot let people call Gates Mills a speed trap.
- Wedge issues in the upcoming campaign, pitting us against each other – the north-south divide, the inadequacy of our public schools, the ephemeral concern that developers are lurking, intent on changing our community, etc. etc.

#### **c) Any other matters relevant to your candidacy**

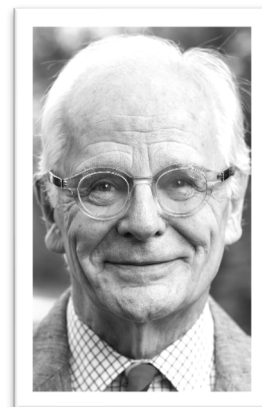
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**d), The Village is in the process of implementing its Strategic Priorities which are Safety, Environmental Stewardship and Community Engagement. Which elements of these priorities do you believe are most important, and how would you see the Village further advancing them?**

The Mayor and Council sorted through many objectives outlined in the Comprehensive Plan and declared these three as the most important. I agree, find them equally important, and am confident that we can work on them all at the same time.



## **David Atton—Council Candidate (Incumbent)**



### **Personal information**

Residence: Chagrin River Road  
Email address: djatton@aol.com  
Phone: 216 952-5380  
Length of residency: 28 years

**Formal education** B.A. Chemistry with First Class Honors, 1966  
University of Oxford (UK)

### **Significant business/professional experience**

Chief Financial Officer, BP America (Cleveland) – 1994. Retired 2000.  
Head of Worldwide Mergers & Acquisitions, BP (London) – 1989  
Vice President, Finance, Acquisitions & Divestitures, Standard Oil (Cleveland) – 1986  
Vice President, Corporate Planning & Development, Standard Oil (Cleveland) – 1982  
Manager, International Crude Oil Supply, Sohio (Cleveland) – 1974  
Petroleum Products Trader, BP North America Trading (New York) – 1969

### **Significant volunteer and civic experience**

Gates Mills Village: Tree Canopy Committee (2024 to present), Finance & Budget Committee (2019 to present), Mayfield Schools Liaison Committee (2019-2023), Master Plan Selection Committee (2020).  
Board Member and Finance Committee Chair – The Intergenerational Schools (2014-2018).  
Board Member and Finance Committee Chair – Promise Academy (2018-2021).  
Tutor (2005-2020): Glenville High School, The Intergenerational Schools, Welsh Academy.  
Voluntary Service Overseas (UK equivalent of The Peace Corps) – Ibadan, Nigeria (1966-1968).

### **Elective offices held**

Gates Mills Village Council – 2022 to present.

### **Candidate's statement**

I want to protect the Gates Mills we all love for future generations. I seek reelection to Gates Mills Council because my experience on Council and Village committees has given me a good understanding of how the Village works and what residents value and expect. Our Village's financial situation has strengthened considerably. We are now on solid footing and have a good deal of financial flexibility going forward.

I believe our priorities are Safety and Environmental Stewardship. Our Safety program is outstanding due in large part to the leadership of Chiefs Minichello and Majeski and the consistent, enthusiastic support of Council and residents. Our Safety program is well-positioned to meet future challenges.

In contrast, our Environmental Stewardship program is struggling. A four-committee structure for a volunteer-led program was agreed by Council in May 2024. To date, only the Tree Canopy Committee exists, focused on invasive species removal. As a Tree Canopy Committee member, it is clear to me that forest restoration is not a simple once-and-done effort. It requires enduring commitment, technical expertise and dedicated, hands-on management. Like our Safety program, our Environmental Stewardship program needs an expert professional to lead the effort in a manner our Village's most prized asset deserves. This critical strategic initiative requires Council's prompt attention.

If reelected, I will continue to insist on transparency, openness, thorough discussion of issues and rigorous financial analysis. I will work tirelessly on behalf of all Villagers. I would be honored to serve you again.

## Grace Ann Bourne—Candidate for Council.

### **Personal Information**

**Street Address:** Chagrin River Road ~ Gates Mills, OH 44040

**Mobile Telephone:** 703-629-6205

**Residency:** 3 years

### **Educational Background**

Michigan State University – B.A. International Relations / Political Theory; 1997

University of Maryland – M.B.A. (service firm marketing); 2004



### **Significant business/professional experience (provide dates, titles, and function):**

- **Executive Director, Business Advisers of Cleveland**, June 2022 – Present  
Working with retired business executives, I'm focused on implementing the organization's strategic plan, general operations, fundraising, and growing membership to serve Cleveland-area entrepreneurs who seek free business consulting. I work directly with a Board of Directors to grow our volunteer base, market to the client community, create and execute on the budget, and collaborate on the future direction of the organization.
- **Primary Caregiver**, Three Kids (currently 17, 15, 12): 2008 – Present
- **Independent Contractor BearingPoint Middle East**, 2007 – 2008; Doha, Qatar  
Program Management, Operations, professional services consulting firm
- **Manager, Member Relations Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA)** 2006 – 2007; Arlington, Virginia  
Grew the corporate membership base to maintain a vibrant association, through continued business opportunities, policy impact, and trade show participation for the membership.
- **Project Manager, Verizon**, 2011 – 2006 Arlington, Virginia  
Client liaison and project manager for Verizon's Wholesale markets. Managed projects in cooperation with information technology engineers to develop software functionality

### **Significant volunteer and civic experience (provide dates, titles and function):**

- Parent Volunteer, Hawken School and others, 2013 – Present; various roles including Families Association Board
- Catechist, 10+ years; currently serving Divine Word Catholic Church

### **Elective offices held (provide dates):** none

### **Essay: motivation for seeking office, assessment of the most important issues facing our community, and advancing the important elements of the Strategic Priorities**

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself. I have three areas of focus as I think about our community: 1) **fiscal responsibility prioritizing our village professionals**, 2) **conservation of our shared environment**, and 3) **programming to serve our senior residents**.

Our shared proximity in a small and unique village allows for building trust among residents, and as a Council Member I hope to further that sentiment. As such, I hope to be a resource for residents regarding how and why decisions are made, so that residents have a continued stake. Over the years my family and I have lived in several locations. We deliberately chose Gates Mills for all its beauty and location, and we gratefully are rooted here. Like other candidates, I hope to be useful, and I enjoy being of service.

Council should work to maintain Gates Mills as a quiet, tranquil, and peaceful community, with public safety being our highest priority. As such, I'd like to keep Gates Mills an attractive employer for public safety employees. Recruiting and retaining qualified personnel is fundamental. Regarding the Village's Strategic Plan, I'm mindful of balancing priorities with budget limitations. I'm experienced working with third-party firms and evaluating their deliverables and look forward to collaborating with other Council members on the priorities of the village.

Also, I'd like to focus on environmental issues facing the villages and sustained communication with residents about current efforts related to conservation, invasive species, and our tree canopy. There are small steps we can implement to engage our community regarding long-term management of our tree canopy and land conservation. I reiterate our shared commitment to preserving the charm and beauty of the Village.

Lastly, because of my current profession working with older adults (and personally having aging parents), I'm aware of certain needs as people age. I hope to establish a sustained, programmatic effort for serving Gates Mills seniors. There are organizations with whom we can partner, and we can think creatively about available human resources (community members, students, volunteers, etc.) for sustained and reliable senior service programs.

## **Karen L. Greco—Candidate for Council**

### **Personal Information:**

**Street Address:** Hillcreek Lane, Gates Mills, Ohio 44040

**Email Address:** [karen.greco.cle@icloud.com](mailto:karen.greco.cle@icloud.com);

**Telephone:** 216-310-4927

I have been a resident of Gates Mills for 21 years.



### **Educational Background:**

John Carroll University, BA, 1979

Cleveland Marshall College of Law, JD, 1982

### **Significant business/professional experience (provide dates, titles, and function):**

Currently, I lead the estate planning department at Kohrman, Jackson & Krantz, Cleveland office. I also serve as general counsel for a Chicago-based boutique investment banking firm. Immediately prior, I was general counsel at CM Wealth Advisors, a multi-family financial and investment office based here in Cleveland.

### **Significant volunteer and civic experience (provide dates, titles and function):**

Member of the Gates Mills Community Club

Trustee of the Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital Foundation Board serving on the Executive Committee and Vice President of the Advocacy Committee which lobbies in Columbus, OH and Washington DC on behalf of children's hospitals nationwide.

Prior to that I was a member of the Board of Trustees for St. Martin de Porres, a Catholic co-ed high school in the inner-city.

### **Elective offices held (provide dates):** None

### **In 350 words or less please describe:**

#### **a) your motivation for seeking office**

I love Gates Mills, and I want it to continue to thrive and be a welcoming place. We deserve effective leadership with committed members who want to work together to make this the premier community in Cleveland. I will use my legal skills to listen, analyze and find solutions to complex challenges, just like I do for my clients.

#### **b) your assessment of the most important issues facing our community**

Our Village center development is not yet done! Addie's Cup and the new pickleball courts are wonderful and have added to our enjoyment of the downtown area. Let's find additional ways we can make downtown the center of our community. I often say to friends and family "We live in a park." I'm sure most of you feel the same way. And, I want to keep it beautiful. We have an aging housing stock, and I'd like to find ways to streamline the remodeling permitting process so that potential and current residents can live in the house of their dreams.

#### **c), Any other matters relevant to your candidacy**

It's time for some new faces! It appears to me that there is dissension among the current members on Council. I believe councils work best when members can compromise and cooperate. Healthy and respectful debate is essential, but persistent obstruction frustrates progress.

#### **d) the Village is in the process of implementing its Strategic Priorities which are Safety, Environmental Stewardship and Community Engagement. Which elements of these priorities do you believe are most important, and how would you see the Village further advancing them?**

While all of these priorities are important, I believe safety is the foundation for all others. When our streets, parks and gathering places feel safe, then we are more likely to participate in community life and invest in our shared environment. I think we can all agree that installation of the traffic cameras on Mayfield Road has made our Village safer. I would support a traffic camera in front of St. Francis School.



## **Meghan Perez—Candidate for Council**

### **Personal Information:**

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Email Address: [Meghan.perez4gatesmills@gmail.com](mailto:Meghan.perez4gatesmills@gmail.com)

Telephone: 216-570-8907

I've been a resident since December 2015.

### **Formal education (include institution, year of graduation and degree):**

The College of William and Mary, Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy, Master of Public Policy, 2009

The College of Wooster, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, 2006



### **Significant business/professional experience (provide dates, titles, and function):**

- U.S. Government Accountability Office—2009-present, Assistant Director, 2022-present. Supervise multiple teams in the design and execution of performance evaluations for Congress across a portfolio of reviews related to homeland security, defense, and government-wide contracting and acquisitions issues.
- Senior Analyst, 2013-2022. Led the design and implementation of projects to evaluate program effectiveness and make recommendations to improve outcomes across a range of defense and homeland security issues.
- Analyst, 2009-2013. Conducted complex analysis and developed report findings and recommendations across a variety of defense topics.

### **Significant volunteer and civic experience (provide dates, titles and function):**

- Gates Mills Elementary School Parent Teacher Club (PTC) President, 2021-present; Vice President, 2020-May 2021
- Judy Bell Christmas Tree Committee Member, 2021-present
- Mayfield Schools Liaison Committee of Village Council, Member, 2022- 2023; Co-Chair, 2023-present
- Focus Forward Mayfield Steering Committee Member, January 2023-April 2023
- Improvement Society Fourth of July Parade Planning Committee Member, 2023-present
- Pink Sheet Contributing Writer, 2023-present
- Mayfield School District Levy Committee, Gates Mills Village Coordinator and Events and Speakers Coordinator, July 2024-November 2024.

**Elective offices held (provide dates):** I have not previously sought or held elective office.

### **In 350 words or less please describe:**

#### **a.) your motivation for seeking office**

My family and I have loved living in Gates Mills for the past 10 years, and I strongly believe in giving back to our community. I have spent my career in public service at a non-partisan agency dedicated to improving the performance of the federal government. Serving on Council is an extension of the values that led me to pursue that career—a desire to improve how government supports its citizens. The skills I use daily—communicating and collaborating across different viewpoints, being solutions-oriented, and actively listening to understand different issue areas—make me well-suited to serve on Council.

#### **b.) your assessment of the most important issues facing our community**

The three issues I think are of greatest importance are: 1. Maintaining our commitment to safety, improvements to infrastructure, and conserving our natural environment. I support the efforts the Village has taken to increase staffing for our safety forces and to protect and restore our tree canopy, among other efforts. I would continue dialogue with residents and Village officials about our progress and additional actions needed. 2. Improving and modernizing communications to keep residents in the know about Village operations, community activities, and other information needs. 3. Promoting and expanding opportunities for community engagement and connectedness for all residents—from young families to seniors.

#### **c.) any other matter relevant to your candidacy**

My involvement in our community organizations has allowed me to connect personally with the wide-range of residents that call Gates Mills home. I am committed to being a councilmember who will foster connections, build trust, and support our residents with a focus on collaboration, respect, integrity, and a positive demeanor.

#### **d.) the Village is in the process of implementing its Strategic Priorities which are Safety, Environmental Stewardship and Community Engagement. Which elements of these priorities do you believe are most important, and how would you see the Village further advancing them?**

All of these areas are critical to preserving Gates Mills as a desirable place to live. Continued coordination with the Land Conservancy, monitoring progress towards protecting our tree canopy and the Chagrin River, and exploring opportunities for additional sustainability initiatives will help to preserve the natural beauty and character of the Village. I also firmly believe and am actively engaged in supporting intergenerational connectedness opportunities through initiatives like the upcoming Gates Mills 5K Foxtrot, which will bring residents together in our Village center, and identifying opportunities for our Village's students to give back to our community.

## **Craig A. Steinbrink—Candidate for Council—(Incumbent)**

### **Personal Information**

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Email Address: cranst@me.com

Telephone: 440-423-0663

Residency: 20 years

### **Formal education (include institution, year of graduation and degree):**

Kent State University '99 – BBA Finance

John Carroll University '04 – MBA

Certified Investment Management Analyst<sup>SM</sup> – 2008



### **Significant business/professional experience (provide dates, titles, and function):**

I am a Partner and Senior Investment Advisor at St. Clair Advisors, a multi-family office serving the broad financial needs of a select group of successful business owners, wealthy families and corporate executives. I have extensive experience structuring, implementing and monitoring portfolio strategies across a broad spectrum of risk/return objectives. In addition to helping clients manage their financial affairs, I'm also responsible for the day-to-day management of the firm. Since joining St. Clair over 12 years ago, I have helped shape the service offering, investment strategies and financial outcomes for our clients.

Previously, I served as Senior Vice President for Key Private Bank, where I was responsible for advising my client families on financial matters including asset allocation, risk mitigation and manager selection. I also co-founded Key's Investment Management Advisory Committee, where I was responsible for establishing investment mandates and the selection criteria of third-party investment solutions for Key's clients.

### **Significant volunteer and civic experience (provide dates, titles and function):**

Bluecoats, Inc., (2006-Present) Board Member (2017-Present), Executive Committee Member

Kent State University Department of Finance (2025), Advisory Board Member

Investments & Wealth Institute (2007-Present), Member

Gates Mills Village Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Commission (2014-Present), Chair (2022-Present)

### **Elective offices held (provide dates):**

Gates Mills Village Council (July 2021 – Present)

### **In 350 words or less please describe:**

- a) your motivation for seeking office
- b) your assessment of the most important issues facing our community
- c) any other matter relevant to your candidacy
- d) the Village is in the process of implementing its Strategic Priorities which are Safety, Environmental Stewardship and Community Engagement. Which elements of these priorities do you believe are most important, and how would you see the Village further advancing them?

Previous generations of leaders have ensured Gates Mills has remained a constant in a world of change. I became more involved in the village 12 years ago and ran for Council 4 years ago because I felt the next generation of leaders needed to step up and become more involved in village government to ensure the ambiance and culture of our village continues.

During my first term on council, I worked in a collaborative manner with my colleagues and the mayor to ensure the priorities of village residents were addressed. We successfully reduced the average speed limit and number of accidents on Mayfield Road with the installation of speed cameras, which has allowed our safety forces to focus on other areas of the village. We listened to residents regarding their desire for a coffee shop and updates to the village center, bringing Addie's Cup, as well as improvements to the space inside Burton Court.

I believe the most important issues facing our village are environmental stewardship and safety. The fact that nearly 1/3 of village land is protected through fee ownership by GMLC or conservation easements is a conservation victory for the entire village. I believe more collaboration between the village and GMLC is necessary to improve the focus on stewardship of conserved properties in the village. The recently formed Tree Canopy committee and the invasives removal program is a great start on this important work.

The size of our safety force hasn't changed in over 30 years. Since then, new homes have been built, and the world around us is changing. We have worked to add fire department staffing on the weekends, and I am in favor of adding to our police staffing.

I'm fiscally conservative and will be focused on preserving the character of the village. I will continue to bring a fresh perspective and a collaborative mindset to address the challenges facing our village. If elected to a second term, I will continue to work in a collegial manner with council and the mayor to ensure our village maintains its ambiance and rural character.

## David F. Young—Candidate for Council



### **Personal Information**

Street Address: Old Mill Road. Gates Mills, Ohio 44040

Telephone:(216) 832-1559 - mobile

Email Address:dfy.072@gmail.com

Resident for 4 years

### **Formal education (include institution, year of graduation and degree):**

Fernway Elementary School, Shaker Heights, OH - 1967

University School, Shaker Heights & Hunting Valley, OH - 1976

Williams College, Williamstown, MA, BA in Economics - 1980

University of Michigan Ross School of Business, Ann Arbor, MA, MBA in Marketing and Finance

### **Significant business/professional experience (provide dates, titles, and function):**

- While at CompuServe I worked on the development of the first commercially available E-Mail system in the country and secured the first beta site at the Harvard Business School in 1984.
- Started a software division for Cleveland Consulting Associates in 1985 and was appointed the youngest director in the history of the firm.
- Board member of Alloy Bellows and Precision Welding and Troy Tooling
- Purchased Budzar Industries in 1989, at the time a 12-person manufacturing company with a 6,000 ft<sup>2</sup> factory in Euclid. Ran Budzar for 30 years. We grew the business through an emphasis on customer service and engineering innovation. Through 2022 Budzar grew into two large manufacturing facilities in Willoughby, another in California, and a fourth in Shanghai, China. In addition to the financial success of the company, 84 Budzar employees purchased their first homes, and 117 children of employees entered college. The Village Council will benefit from this successful and compassionate business experience.

### **4. Significant volunteer and civic experience (provide dates, titles and function):**

- Member of Bluecoats since 1998.
- Founding member of the Cleveland Police Foundation - 2011
- Received the Cleveland Police Founders Award for Outstanding Community Service in 2013
- Apollo's Fire Baroque Orchestra Board Member- 2008-2010
- Apollo's Fire Inn Keeper - 2022 through present
- Deacon of Fairmount Presbyterian Church- 2002 – 2006

### **5. Elective offices held (provide dates): none**

### **6. In 350 words or less please describe:**

#### **a) your motivation for seeking office**

I have always admired Gates Mills. My wife, Judy, and I moved to Gates Mills four years ago. We were overwhelmed by the welcome received from neighbors and Village associates. I am running for Council because I want to give back and **PROTECT OUR VILLAGE FROM UNWANTED CHANGE!**

#### **b) your assessment of the most important issues facing our community**

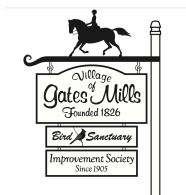
**Keep Gates Mills the same! Stop unwanted development, protect the natural beauty of Gates Mills, and keep crime out!**

We enjoy a perfect snow globe of a village here in Gates Mills. The Village resembles a beautiful New England town. It must be allowed to stay as it is! So much of Gates Mills' beauty is our natural countryside. We must continue to prioritize our Land Conservancy and our Tree Canopy.

#### **c) any other matter relevant to your candidacy**

**d) the Village is in the process of implementing its Strategic Priorities which are Safety, Environmental Stewardship and Community Engagement. Which elements of these priorities do you believe are most important, and how would you see the Village further advancing them?**

I have never felt unsafe in Gates Mills, and it **MUST** stay this way. We need to work hard to keep crime in neighboring communities from entering the Village. Community Engagement is the heart of our Village. The social events provide a reason for neighbors to talk and come together. We **SHOULD** have more events. Environmental Stewardship is our most important issue and begs leadership from the Village Council. Gates Mills is real country right here in greater Cleveland. Approximately 27% of Gates Mills total acreage is controlled by the Land Conservancy and the Village. Our 5-acre minimum keeps private property mostly natural. This natural landscape is the core of our Village beauty, our pride, and our enjoyment of Gates Mills. Environmental Stewardship is a two-pronged priority, we **MUST protect our land from unwanted development**, I will fight against any issue that compromises the beauty of Gates Mills. We **MUST also care for the land we have**. Strong efforts must continue to protect our tree canopy, arrest the growth of invasive species, and protect our watershed, streams, and river. The Village Council simply must lead the way to preserve the beauty and future of Gates Mills.



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*Thursday, September 25, 2025*

*7:00 PM*