



Report of the Middlesex Beach Association 2019 Nominating Committee

As provided for in the governing documents of the Middlesex Beach Association, the Board of Directors shall consist of eight individuals, plus a past president. They also provide that each year the membership shall elect four Directors to serve for a term of two years. This year the terms of Judy Bennett, Margie Cyr, Tris Kruger, and Jeff Sella expire. Seven candidates have been nominated and have agreed to serve a two-year term. Additional candidates may be nominated at the Community Meeting on August 31, 2019. Biographies of the seven candidates follow:

Judy Bennett – 2 Beach Plum Road

I would appreciate your support in my candidacy for the Middlesex Beach Board. I have been on the board for five years and would like the opportunity to continue as a member of the Board helping to keep Middlesex the great private community that we all love. I am a native Sussex Countian with roots in Millville DE. Middlesex Beach has been my summer home for many years and recently became my year-round residence. I grew up enjoying the “Salt life” and all that our quiet resort has to offer and would like to see our community retain its present charm. After graduating from Temple University I began my career as a Dental Hygienist; my love and passion for it keeps me at my job today. My husband Edgar who recently passed away was also a native and for the past 30+ years, had owned and operated Bennett Realty at the corner of Route 1 and Evergreen Road. It would be my pleasure to once again serve on the board.

Margie Kirby Cyr – 25 Addy Road

I am a native Delmarvan who is from Easton, Maryland. Growing up, our family spent summers sailing on the Tred Avon River and on the beach in Fenwick Island. Mark and I bought our house in Middlesex almost 25 years ago as a refuge from our lives spent in a “fish bowl.” It was always our intention to retire here, and in 2008 we renovated our little cottage into a home for year-round living. We have lived here permanently since that time. I am a librarian and hold degrees from Salisbury State University and the University of Oklahoma. I have spent my career in public service and am currently the Director of the Dover Public Library. As a library director, the focus of my work is personnel management, budgeting, planning, and public relations. Mark and I have three grown sons and four grandchildren. I serve as the Chair of the MBA Building Committee and am the co-founder of the MBA Book Group. I have enjoyed my tenure as an MBA Board member and take seriously our responsibility to enforce the Covenants consistently and fairly. My priorities for Middlesex are quality of life for all, safety, and maintenance of the charming nature of our community. I believe it is important to give back to the community and to be involved. We are raising two of our grandchildren, Ashley and Will, in Middlesex.

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Kathy Lawson Dryden – 20 & 22 Beach Plum Road

I own 20 & 22 Beach Plum Road. My father bought the land in 1962 and built the store which was Shore Foods. He passed away in 1966 and my brothers ran the store until December 2007. January 2008 was when I took over the store when 2 of my brothers had passed away. Atlantic Shoals and Beach Pilates lease the units from me. I also own the Shore Foods in Bethany Beach, DE, that my son and I run, along with leasing the Atlantic Shoals and Sandy Pony Donuts units in Bethany Beach, DE. My father opened this store in Bethany Beach in 1955. I ran the family bakery (The Bethany Bakery) from 1989 to 2001 which is now Sandy Pony Donuts.

My husband, Larry, and I live in Eden, MD. We have 3 sons. We owned a farm in Westover, MD for 27 years that we sold in 2001. We moved to Bethany Beach, DE for a short period of time. I am a licensed beautician, owning and operating a beauty shop for 25 years. After retiring from the farm and the beauty shop I worked at US Airways in Salisbury, MD for 7 years before returning to run the Beach businesses after my brothers' passing.

Tristram (Tris) Kruger – 41 Dune Road

My family has been a member of MBA since 1964, about 55 years. I remember how the whole community would plant dune grass and place snow fencing. I helped many times with making wooden walkways and railings. We all knew each other and cared for one another. I was asked to join the Board and am happy to continue contributing to the community.

Education: DDS, Georgetown University
MS (Nutritional Biochemistry), University of Maryland
BS, University of Maryland

Professional: Taught at Georgetown University School of Dentistry (1978-1989)
40 years of Private Practice in Hyattsville, MD and Potomac, MD
Southern Maryland Dental Society: President, 2008
Maryland State Dental Association, Executive Board: Editor, 2010-present
MidAtlantic Maryland Mission of Mercy: Co-Chair, 2013-2014-present
Washington Dental Study Club: President, 2007
Distinguished Service Award, Georgetown University, 2015
Received Humanitarian of the Year Award at the Maryland State Dental Association on September 22, 2017, in Ocean City at the Chesapeake Dental Conference

Civic Organizations: Washington, DC Kiwanis Club
Potomac Chamber of Commerce: President, 1995-1996
West Montgomery Citizens Association: President, 1987-1988
Washington Running Club: President, 1989-1991
Primary Care Coalition: Board of Directors, 2003-present

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Michael O'Mara – 12 Bayberry Road

It has been 25 years since my parents, Richard and Susana O'Mara, purchased our family home on Bayberry Road. Throughout those years children have married, grandchildren have been born, and in turn they have gotten married and produced great-grandchildren. Throughout those years beautiful memories have been formed, loving friendships have been made, and many of life's biggest milestones have been embraced, in happiness and sometimes in sorrow, on the sands of Middlesex Beach.

I know that our family story in Middlesex is not unique and that many of our residents have shared experiences such as ours and I believe that a lot of that has to do with place. If elected to the Board my focus would be on ensuring that the Middlesex Beach community maintains its core characteristics in the face of changes and challenges. This would include the providing of a voice on issues that have a profound effect on our community such as the remodeling/development of properties within our community, rental activity, community services and finally the experience and safety of residents throughout the community particularly as it relates to our biggest asset, the beach.

A little background on me. I am a proud resident of Baltimore. The husband of a wonderful wife and father of two amazing children ages 16 and 18. Professionally, I am the Chief Operating Officer of an independently owned digital marketing and advertising firm with over 150 employees headquartered in Baltimore and with offices in New York City and Los Angeles.

Gregory Pichler – 20 Dune Road

My name is Greg Pichler. I own the property at 20 Dune Road. I am a third-generation owner of a property in Middlesex Beach, Delaware. My maternal grandparents, Dr. William Stecher and Erna Stecher acquired the property at 20 Dune Road from the original developers, including Charles and Martha Addy, on June 20, 1960. My family and I have vacationed in Middlesex Beach for over fifty-eight years.

Professionally, I am self-employed. I maintain residences in the Washington D.C. area as well as Toronto, Ontario. I have experience serving on the board of directors on behalf of a number of organizations, including the Tau Alpha Kappa chapter of the Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity as well as the alumni of Walt Whitman High School (Bethesda, Maryland) class of 1978. In the case of the Tau Alpha Kappa chapter of Tau Epsilon Phi, I serve as web administrator, overseeing the alumni group's web site at the URL, <http://www.teptak.org>. In the case of the alumni of Walt Whitman High School class of 1978, I manage the alumni group's web site at the URL, <http://www.wwhs1978.org>.

I earned a master's degree in Business Administration from the School of Business Administration of George Washington University in 1989.

I spend considerable time in Middlesex Beach, renovating the property at 20 Dune Road. I have been regularly attending Board meetings over the course of the past year. I often volunteer my time towards community projects, including dune grass planting events as well as the building of hand rails on the common walkways and other similar projects.

Anyone who knows me knows that I am often vocal in my opinions. However I pride myself

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in being a team player, responsive to community needs as well as abiding by the decisions by the Board whether I agree with these decisions or not.

Alex Sella – 25 Short Road

I have been vacationing in Bethany Beach since I was born. My parents have owned their property since 2011. I have a love for the beach and the ocean and you may have seen me driving the Bobcat as I was clearing the beach crossings each spring; fixing and replacing the foot washes at the dune crossings, installing dune fencing along our wonderful beach, sealing the cracks on Beach Plum and other roads; among many other community maintenance projects.

I attended and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Construction Management from the Wentworth Institute of Technology. I have over 7 years of successful experience in managing multi-million-dollar construction projects that include design build, telecom, electrical, and mechanical systems from inception to occupancy. This includes the successful collaboration with Owners, Project Managers, General Contractors/Construction Managers, Commissioning Team, Sub-Contractors, Engineers, and Architects to resolve issues and bring the jobs to occupancy.

I am an Associate with Critical Project Services, LLC. and just finished work on the Cyrus One-Kincora Phase 1J Data Center in Sterling, VA.