

The Residents' Council
Nominating and
Elections Committee
Presents:

2020 Information Packet:
Candidate Biographies,
Election Information, &
Ballot

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IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

This packet contains important information about the annual election of seven new members of the Charlestown Residents' Council to take office on August 10, 2020.

Photographs and bios of each of the candidates – Study them and decide which seven (7) candidates will receive your vote.

In addition to the information in this packet, there are several other ways to become acquainted with the candidates before you vote.

- **Name Badges** – Each candidate will be wearing a red RC CANDIDATE ribbon on their name badge during the campaign. Introduce yourself and get to know them.
- **Channel 972** – Before you vote, watch the short videos of each of the candidates. They will be played during July on Channel 972. They will also be available on MyErickson and the Residents' Council website at ccicharlestown.org
- **Poster Boards with Pictures & Biographies** – Posters will be available in July near the lobby desks where you will submit your ballot.
- **Election Process** – All voting will be by campus mail. Your ballot is attached to this information packet. Please return the ballot with no more than seven choices selected no later than August 1. The election results will be announced as soon as possible after August 7.

Candidates for Residents' Council

2020 Election



Clare Connelly

Before I moved to Charlestown three years ago, my husband and I lived in Furnace Creek in Glen Burnie. I have two wonderful sons, five grandchildren, and one fantastic great-grandson. While my sons attended elementary school, I volunteered in many school functions. After that I worked for a bank, later for my family's typewriters business as bookkeeper and secretary, and finished my career working for the Maryland Department of Social Services. I have always been active in my church and community, especially at St. Rose of Lima Parish and Holy Trinity. I volunteered for 17 years as a driver for Meals on Wheels. I look forward to my life here at Charlestown and to meeting and working with fellow residents.



Betty Elder

I retired from Anne Arundel County Public Schools after nearly 44 years as an educator, resource teacher, and Co-Curricular Specialist. I had always wanted to live in a community where I hoped to learn new activities, support neighbors, and enjoy time making new friends. Since David and I moved here in March 2019, I learned new card games, board games (Gamers), and water aerobics, call CCS Saturday Bingo, and acted in the LTG play. When the Fab 40's disbanded, I helped with the creation of the Charlestown Boomers. I know I can offer more as part of the Resident Council.



David Elder

I moved from Millersville Md. to Charlestown with my wife, Betty in March of 2019. I had just retired from 27 years working in HCPSS Building Services and have 50 years' experience with Life Safety and Communications systems. I have studied Communications and Photography at Bowie State College. Although we are recent residents, my Mom was a resident at Harbor View for almost 8 years and my brother Jon and his family have lived in Catonsville for many years. Soon after arriving at Charlestown, I became involved with founding the Boomers, joining the Computer, Photography, Model Train, and Board Game Clubs. I look forward to serving fellow residents on one of the Council Committees where I can leverage my prior training and experience.



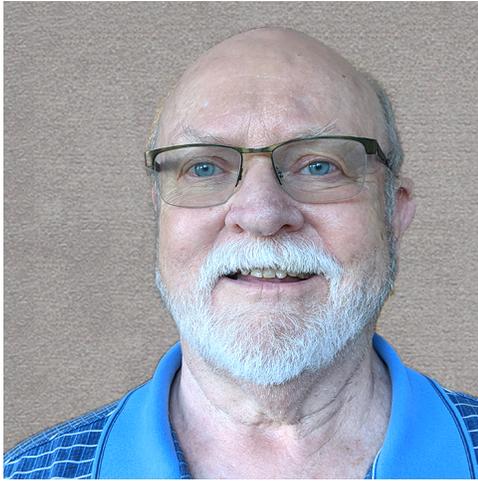
Ron Fayer

Ron moved to Charlestown in July 2019. He joined a book club, enrolled in ELLIC and an exercise program, exhibited his hand-carved birds at Cross Creek, volunteered at Caton Woods and the Treasure Sale, and served as an election judge. He retired after 47 years of federal service leading and coordinating research on foodborne and waterborne diseases with state, federal and international agencies, universities, and private industry. He enjoys interacting with folks of diverse backgrounds and interests. By serving on the Residents' Council he would work to apply his experience to maintain and expand the benefits and opportunities at Charlestown



Merci Izquierdo-Whitaker

Living at Charlestown, what an adventure! In less than two years I have participated in many of Charlestown's myriad activities. I currently serve as Assistant Chair of the Residents' Council Dining Committee, contributor to the Sunburst and Marketing Photo Shoot, and Eucharistic Minister at OLOA Chapel. I have been a Registered Dental Hygienist, Clinical Instructor, Financial Aid Director, Consultant, and Skills Facilitator always focusing on giving voice to diverse populations. I retired from Johns Hopkins in 2008. I believe that I can continue to contribute to the Residents' Council by putting to use my volunteer experience. My strengths are interpersonal relations, organizing, improving productivity, and maintaining an excellent level of customer satisfaction.



Ronald MacNab

Janet and I, with Austin (our dog) and Ben (our cat), moved to Charlestown in August 2019. Our motivation for moving here was to have free time to enjoy friends and social activities. While at Charlestown I have enjoyed many of its offerings including pickleball, fitness center, pool, woodworking, film library, meditation, concerts, and ELLIC and CCBC courses. I retired in 2007 from the Graduate School USDA where I was Director of Curriculum Development and Director of Evening Programs. Volunteer positions included President of Trail Riders of Today (TROT), Executive Board of the Maryland Horse Council, and Governor-appointed member of the Maryland Horse Industry Board representing recreational riders.



Carol Nesci

Before moving to Charlestown in 2014, I lived in St. Mary's County. I am a widow, retired from a career with Bank of America, and a private collection agency. I graduated from Husson College with an associate degree in accounting. While my children were young, I volunteered at the elementary school, was a Girl Scout leader, PTA treasurer, and ran a home-based craft business. I enjoy reading, puzzles, cross-stitch, sewing, hiking, travel, and not the least of all, family. I am currently involved in TOPS as a treasurer, Treasure Sale volunteer, Invasive Plants crew member. I am very happy to live at Charlestown. I enjoy residents and staff alike. By being a member of the Council, I hope to keep Charlestown as friendly and compassionate as it is.



Mimi O'Donnell

Since December 2018 I have marveled at the beauty, efficiency, and friendliness of my new home. My background, BA Psychology, MBA Management, and years in community service, including member/officer of multiple Boards/Commissions, have prepared me for the Residents' Council. I joined the Little Theatre Company, immediately became the Secretary, and had a role in the spring play. I have been an ELLIC presenter and am serving on the Scholars and Staff Appreciation Fund Committees, in addition to working to the start of the Cheer Group and Boomers. Continuing the maintenance of our clean, enchanting, and healthy community with well-rounded programs for residents of all ages and abilities is of utmost importance.



Charlene Passmore

After earning a diploma in nursing in Boston in 1955, I married and quickly started a family having seven children over the next nine years. Returning to school as the children got older, I received a Bachelor of Science in nursing degree at the University of Maryland School of Nursing in 1977 and a master's degree from Bowie State University. Employed twenty years at BWMC, I co-founded the Stroke Support Group while working as a Case Manager. I presently serve on the Board of Visitors at UMSON. At Charlestown I am a Friendly Visitor, a Dining Ambassador, and a bagger at the Treasure Sale. I look forward to many happy years here.



Patricia Payne

My husband and I moved to Charlestown in July 2019 and were warmly welcomed by our new neighbors. That made it easy to get involved! I am active as a Sixty Minutes Visitor and serve with my husband as Co-Captain of the Brookside Treasure Sale. My professional career has been exciting and varied ranging from community organizing to serving as the Secretary of the Maryland Dept. of Housing and Community Development. My "encore" career has been serving congregations as an ordained Lutheran pastor. I love working with people and groups committed to building community and achieving common goals. I am grateful that Charlestown is a place where there are so many opportunities to do this.



Gordon Piché

I moved to Charlestown with my wife Jane on November 30, 2018. We enjoy playing cards, dominoes, ELLIC programs, walking, fine dining (in and out), the arts and theater activities. I am also involved with golfing, the woodshop as the Toys for Tots program contact, and since day one volunteered to work the Treasure Sales. I grew up in southern Maine and graduated from the US Coast Guard Academy. I retired to Annapolis from active duty at the rank of Rear Admiral in June 1998 after 34 years as a Coast Guard officer, including 20 years as a naval architect involved in commercial vessel safety, port security, and environmental protection. My last assignment was Director of Personnel for the Coast Guard. Upon retirement, I consulted nationwide in the Marine community. I would be pleased to serve on the Residents' Council.



Michael J. Rose

GOAL: To learn how the Residents' Council operates in working with the administration of Charlestown to maintain and improve the quality of life for the residents. I hope that this will enable me to effectively meet the needs, concerns, etc. of my fellow residents and improve our lives.

BACKGROUND: Born in Baltimore – Loyola High School, Loyola College (AB, Biology), American University (MS), University of Maryland (Ph.D., Microbiology).

WORK: USDA – 33 years and 15 years consulting – food microbiologist, 15 years Professor – Human Anatomy & Physiology.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT – PTA President, Parish Council President 3 times, HOA President, Garden Club officer – 5 years.



Ed Wallace

My name is Ed Wallace. My wife Barbara and I have been living in Charlestown since May 2019. After serving in the Army at Fort Meade, I worked at Westinghouse/Northrup Grumman for over 40 years. I have always been interested in doing volunteer work. I helped people at BWI airport as a pathfinder for over 10 years. I also work two days a week for the Howard County Police Department as an Auxiliary Police Officer with over 23 years of service. Since coming to Charlestown, I've volunteered at the film library, become a member of the Safety and Security Committee, and am currently learning how to operate the audio-visual equipment in the Auditorium.

CHARLESTOWN RESIDENTS' COUNCIL
ELECTION BALLOT 2020

To Vote— Place a mark (or X) in the box in FRONT of the
seven (7) candidates of your choice.

- Clare Connelly
- Betty Elder
- David Elder
- Ron Fayer
- Merci Izquierdo-Whitaker
- Ronald MacNab
- Carol Nesci
- Mimi O'Donnell
- Charlene Passmore
- Patricia Payne
- Gordon Piché
- Michael J. Rose
- Ed Wallace

NO MORE THAN SEVEN (7) CANDIDATES MAY BE CHOSEN!

Please fold and return to address on reverse of this sheet by August 1, 2020.

VOID - USE PRINTED BALLOT SENT TO YOU

**Fold and return this ballot
to your Lobby Desk
no later than August 1, 2020**