



**Nominating and Elections
Committee Presents:**

2021

**Candidate & Election
Information**

Patricia Payne, Co-Chair

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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 on

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

- Photographs and 100-word bios of each of the candidates – Study them and decide which seven (7) candidates will receive your vote. You may wish to mark them and bring them with you on Election Day, as it may help you complete your ballot.
- Election Day Schedule – showing location of polling places and voting hours. You must vote at the polling place designated for the building where you live, so become familiar with the place and the voting hours.
- Absentee Ballot Information – If you will be unable to vote on Election Day, you may obtain an absentee ballot. The *Instructions for Absentee Ballots* on the last page contains all of the information you need.

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

- Photo Posters – Large posters containing photographs and bios of the candidates will be displayed near the dining and lounge areas throughout Charlestown. The posters will help you identify the candidates.
- Channel 972 (The program will also be viewable on MyErickson)
- Name Badges – Each candidate will be wearing a red RC CANDIDATE ribbon on their name badge during the campaign. Candidates are encouraged to visit various dining rooms and other campus activities. Introduce yourself and get to know them.

Candidates for Residents' Council

2021 Election

Diana Dunaway



Moving from Annapolis during the lockdown, opportunities to volunteer were limited. I currently participate in Bingo, Charlestown Quilters, Board Gamers, Boomers, and the Computer Literacy Project. I play Mahjong, quilt, paint, and write. I have been a Banker, Social Worker, Texas Medicaid Director, Real Estate Broker/Developer, Computer Programmer, and Government Program Manager. For more about qualifications to serve, read my book, "101 Ways I Have Tried to Make Money or Things I Learned After It Was Too Late," available on Amazon or I will give you a copy when we meet. I believe in giving back and will add volunteer activities as Charlestown reopens. That is why I want to serve on the Residents' Council.

Rosemary Eck



Rosemary Eck retired as Charlestown's inaugural Director of Gift Planning after 5½ years in July 1995. Before that, she was the major gifts fundraiser for ten years at Maryland Public Television.

A Walters Art Museum docent for 21 years, she's a former president of the Museum's docent corps and former member of the Museum's Board. She's also a former Baltimore Opera Company Trustee and a current Board member of Baltimore Concert Opera.

Delighted to be a resident since June 2019, Rosemary is VP for the Chapel Concert Series, a member of Fireside Artists, Wood Shop, and the Photography Interest Group.

David Elder



Betty & I moved to Charlestown in March of 2019.

I retired from 27 years at HCPSS Building Services and have 50 years of experience with Life Safety and Communications systems.

My Mom was a Charlestown resident for almost eight years, and my visits with her gave me insight into the Charlestown Community.

My experience serving as Co-Chair of the Residents' Council Communications Committee and participation with the Boomers, Computer, Photography, Model Train, and Board Game Clubs and assisting with ELLIC Zoom Classes will allow me to represent Charlestown Residents with a variety of interests. If elected to the Residents' Council, I will strive to represent your concerns to other members of the Council and the Charlestown Administration.

Carol Eshelman



After 25 years, in a rowhouse in the Federal Hill neighborhood, it was time to give up homeownership. I chose Charlestown for its proximity to family and for the vibrancy of its community.

My work experience includes environmental consulting and nonprofit management. Prior to retirement, I was executive director of a nonprofit community development corporation in the neighborhoods of Brooklyn and Curtis Bay.

I moved into Charlestown just before the COVID shutdown, so most of my involvement has been through zoom. The cooperation, care, resiliency, and spirit of the community, and staff have confirmed my choice. I look forward to serving.



Louis Nielsen

I was born, raised, and schooled in Northern Utah at the foot of the mountains. After graduating from Utah State University, earning a master's degree in political science, I spent 3 years in the military. My service was with a Nike Missile Site in Baltimore County, Maryland. At my discharge, my plans for studying for the Foreign Service had to be put aside so that I could support my wife and two children. I went to work for The Equitable Trust Company, a local bank, became a branch manager for 5 years then moved to the trust department where I helped design and promote one of the first master HR-10 plans, providing full servicing for investment, administration, and reporting of retirement plans for small businesses. I ultimately worked my way up to Department Head and Vice President.

I retired from the successor to Equitable after 30 years, to work for a pension consulting firm, leaving there at age 62 to "retire." I lived in Reisterstown, MD for 47 years, helping to raise and provide for four children.



Justine Parezo

My husband and I joined Charlestown in mid-September 2020. To our delight, this is exactly our kind of community. With our apartment finally in order, I am now ready to become an active contributor to the community. My entire career was in the field of Early Childhood Education, working with children and adults, as a teacher, professional trainer, education director in childcare and other educational settings, and program coordinator on the community college level. I am confident that the skills I acquired over the years in communication, relationship building, coordination, and management will transfer in a meaningful way to our wonderful community



Sebastian Petix

Charlestown resident since October 2019.

Career experiences included 33 years as a public-school educator/counselor and 25+ years as a real estate agent, investor, owner/ broker Petix Group Realtors. Volunteer experiences included the President of the largest neighborhood association representing residents and commercial establishments in the historic district of Rochester, New York. I served five years on the City of Rochester's Preservation Board to help maintain the integrity of historic properties, initiated and produced a concert series for 20 years to benefit the restoration of a historic church and support local professional musicians, and served numerous church committees, such as treasurer of the parish council, mentor and tutor to inner-city youth. I am looking forward to using my experiences in community organization and activism to help enrich the lives of Charlestown residents.

John Remias



Pat and I moved into Charlestown in October 2020. I am a first-generation immigrant who has established a sister parish relationship with my parents' church in Slovakia, and I have led five mission trips there. I am a 34-year IT professional that retired from Northrop Grumman in 1998. I have been deeply involved in church and community organizations for over 50 years and would be honored to have the opportunity to serve on our Residents Council. With my wife, we are Charlestown and Dining Ambassadors. With a colleague, I am in the process of establishing a significant student scholarship in our Charlestown scholarship program. The funds will be coming from the dissolution of our professional chapter here in the Baltimore area.

Mary Lee Seaman



I moved to Charlestown with my husband in September 2019 thinking we would have several years here together but that was not to be. Bill died in May of 2020. Prior to coming to Charlestown, we lived in Beltsville, Maryland for 44 years. I was active in St. Joseph's Parish serving on the Home and School Association, the School Advisory Board, and the Parish Council. My professional experience is as an Executive Assistant, Office Manager, and Administrative Coordinator. I was active in the International Association of Administrative Professionals serving in many leadership roles including President of the DE-MD-DC Division.

John Yoder



We moved here in April 2020, just as things were being locked down. But Charlestown now begins to feel like home. My graduate degrees are from the University of Virginia. I have been a professor, department chair, dean, and vice president in universities in California, Kansas, Oregon, and Africa and have lectured and consulted at various universities across the world. At Charlestown, I've joined the Woodworking shop, Trail Committee, Genealogy Club, Apple Users Group, Photography Interest Group, and Fireside Artists. I've helped residents with computer issues and take photographs for the Archives. If elected, I would hope to use the experience gained from a career of working with people and institutions for the betterment of our community.

**Residents' Council - DRAFT
ELECTION DAY
SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

You must vote at the polling place designated for the building where you live.

Building	Polling Place	Voting Hours
Fountain Hill (1) Maple Terrace (2) New Carroll (4, 5) Edgewood Courtyard Crossing (7) Arborside (8) Greentree Crossing (9)	Terrace Café	11:00 am – 2:00 pm 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Chapel Court Parkview Caton Ridge Harbor View	Fireside	11:00 am – 2:00 pm 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm
St Charles	Atrium	3:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Herbert's Run Brookside	Shortline Chesapeake	11:00 am – 2:00 pm 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Caton Woods	by absentee ballot	
Wilton Overlook	by absentee ballot	

CHARLESTOWN RESIDENTS' COUNCIL
NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE -
2021 INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS -
DRAFT

Absentee ballots for the Residents' Council election, to be held on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, are available to any resident who, for any reason, will be off-campus or will be limited to his/her apartment on election day,

HOW TO OBTAIN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

Requests for Absentee Ballot must be submitted no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the election (by July 21). If both residents of a single apartment require ballots, they may be requested on the same form. Only one apartment may be included on a single form.

1. Complete the Request for Absentee Ballot below.
2. Detach the request at the dotted line.
3. Send the completed request, in an envelope, through in-house mail, to:
Phyl Lansing. (See Resident Directory for contact information.)
4. Please be sure to include your name and apartment number in the email.
5. Your request MUST be received no later than July 21.

Your Absentee Ballot, and a pre-addressed return envelope, will be sent to your in-house mail slot ("cubby"). Complete the Absentee Ballot promptly, and use the envelope provided to return it. All Absentee Ballots must be in the hands of Phyl Lansing – CR-403 before 6:30 PM, Monday, August 2.

QUESTIONS?
Call Phyl Lansing

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REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT - 2021

I / We will be off-campus or limited to my/our apartment on election day.
Please send me/us the necessary absentee ballot(s).

Name

Apartment

Name

Apartment