



**Nominating and Elections  
Committee Presents:**

**2025**

**Candidate & Election  
Information**

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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 6, 2025

- 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 for independent living voters – 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 are an independent living resident and 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 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

## 2025 Election

### John Arnold



My wife Dotty Reitwiesner and I moved here in May 2024. Professionally, I was a technology executive in health insurance. I volunteer as a life skills mentor for young people, have served as an HOA board member, was recording secretary of the HOA and multiple volunteer groups, was diocesan delegate, volunteer coordinator and stewardship chair for our parish. I organized the hybrid communication setup for quarterly Kentucky-wide gatherings of an on-line assembly. At Charlestown, I am in the Fireside Arts Club, work with the Parkinson's support groups, and participate in bridge groups and cycling and yoga classes in our gym.

### Betty Elder



I am a retired educator, both in the classroom and as a co-curricular specialist. After moving to Charlestown, I became involved with the Residents' Council in order to understand how Charlestown operates. Since serving, I have become involved with the Treasure sale, the ELLIC Program as a registrar, AV tech, the Little Theater company as its treasurer, assisting residents in placing photos onto My Erickson at the CCI tech bar, and as a Resident Ambassador for the sales department. I also serve as the Chaplain and Board member for an outside group. I enjoy playing cards, Chinese Mah Jong and Gamers. I value cruising and travelling, my granddaughter, my small terrace garden, my cat, and playing bingo. I feel it's time for me to resume my council membership as my variety of skills and interest in our Charlestown home will assist me in working for my fellow residents.



## **Edith Hahn**

We moved here about 2 years ago. I love the campus; I've made a lot of friends among the employees as well as the residents. It's really become my happy place. I have lived in Maryland for 40 years. I started my employment as a teacher but quickly moved to customer service, office management and finally to Human Resources. I loved the diversity in our company and started a summer intern program, an international lunch where people brought in dishes from their country of origin or background and other social events. I love interacting with people and helping in whatever way I can.



## **Sandy Mack**

After my retirement as Vice President of Sales and Marketing for the MTR Construction Company, I was caregiver to five family members and a friend all of whom had dementia.

I've lived at Charlestown for over five years, and I am the current president of the Fireside Artists. I enjoy volunteering in memory care at Wilton Overlook; I am co-leader of the Bead and Jewelry Making Club and a resident ambassador. As a member of the Residents' Council, I plan to voice your concerns, advocate for needed changes, and work with the administration to positively affect our living environment.



## **Brian McGill**

My wife Doreen and I moved from Delaware to Charlestown two years ago. My background is primarily as an Army intelligence officer for 31 years, in Thailand, Germany, Arizona, Maryland and at the Pentagon. My final assignment was as the Director of the Army's Counterintelligence, Human Intelligence and Security programs and the policy and budget that govern them on a worldwide basis. After my retirement I worked for the MITRE Corporation, a federally funded think tank, for 15 years. I served on MITRE teams at the FBI, and a variety of Army and Air Force intelligence organizations. My volunteer experiences here at Charlestown include Putterland, Treasure Sale, Finance Committee, Sale's Ambassador, and as coach for student scholarship applicants. If elected to the Resident's Council, I will strive to maintain and expand the excellence of Charlestown and serve the best interests of my fellow residents.



## Patti Ormiston



I am a retired Pediatric Nurse Practitioner of 34 years and a current professor at UMB School of Pharmacy. I moved to Charlestown in 2022 to support my mom and during that time have personally enjoyed the many activities at Charlestown including playing with the Charlestown Sluggers and growing with the garden club. I am a set up volunteer for the Treasure Sale, a Birthday Angel, and a member of the dietary focus and pet groups. I've come to know many residents on walks with my pup Riplee who also loves to explore the beautiful campus here. I look forward to being a liaison for Charlestown residents and forwarding the goals of the community by working closely with the administrative team.

## Gary Rogers



I have been a resident of Charlestown since August of 2022. Since that time, I have been active on the Resident Council's Safety and Security, Maintenance and Engineering, Grounds, Conservation and Communications Committees. I helped to reestablish the Charlestown Amateur Radio Club and currently serve as its President. During my work career, I served in leadership positions at FEMA where I was responsible for the day-to-day management of \$6 billion in grant funds and as Deputy Chief at Anne Arundel County Fire Department where I responded to hundreds of fire and medical emergencies.

## Cathy Stevens



I moved to Charlestown in the summer of 2016. Prior to that, I practiced law in Howard County and Baltimore City. Once I settled in, I became a duplicate bridge player, and I performed in four plays produced by the Little Theater Company. I have worked the Treasure Sale, and I am also a Friendly Visitor, meeting with new residents. In the last election, I became co-chair of the Dining Services Committee. As co-chair of the Committee I have worked hard to bring residents such things as a buffet brunch, QR Code cards, the availability of kids' meals, and the no-salt condiment on each table. I would like to continue this work.



## Hope Tillman

My career was in libraries, ending as Library Director at Babson College in Massachusetts. I have been active in state and national professional associations, including as President of Special Libraries Association 2001-2002. An early technology adopter, I have developed websites since the 1990's and now Chair the Charlestown Residents Website Subcommittee. I co-lead the computer users group CHUG with Ann MacKay. My husband Walt Howe and I lead the Genealogy Club. I teach tech classes for ELLIC and serve on its Steering Committee. I served on the Council from 2018-2021. My personal website is: [www.hopetillman.com](http://www.hopetillman.com). I'm happy to run for the Council, as I believe it is important to contribute wherever I live.



## Patricia Whittier

I'm a lifelong educator with experience working with pre-K to adults. After retirement, my husband and I travelled the world then settled at Charlestown in September 2019. During COVID, we knew we had made the right decision. To help others after my husband's passing, I joined Charlestown Sandtown Connection (cSc), tutoring at New Song Academy and serving as secretary on the cSc board. At Courtyard Crossing, I helped initiate a program with meet-and-greets and activities to create a family atmosphere here at Charlestown. As a member of the Residents' Council, I look forward to helping residents in all neighborhoods.



## Dick Zabela

My wife Sandee and I moved into Charlestown from our home in Catonsville in 2017 to take advantage of the active community and medical security offered here. Sandee passed away in 2023, but her time here was enhanced by the care and services that Charlestown provides. I would be honored to serve as a member of the Residents' Council by offering my talents, knowledge, and experience gained from forty years in the corporate world with the American Standard plumbing division, where I worked in various accounting and marketing roles as well as in sales, sales management and product development.

## Barbara Zimmer



I have lived in Charlestown since February of 2022. Since arriving I have had the chance to explore doing things I never had the time for before retirement. I have had a very diverse career and volunteer history. I owned and operated 2 small businesses, have worked as a CPA in many industries, not-for-profits & have won a MD SBA Award in 2014. I have been a Girl Scout Troop Leader, PTA Co-President, formed Study groups, Charity Sewing projects, visitation programs, served as an ASG President in Florida, Eucharistic minister in Severna Park Maryland & Charlestown and I enjoy visiting Wilton Overlook and Caton Woods. I look forward to serving our Charlestown on the Residents' Council.

**Residents' Council -  
ELECTION DAY  
SCHEDULE FOR  
INDEPENDENT LIVING**

**Wednesday, August 6, 2025**

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

<b>Building</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Voting Hours</b>
Fountain Hill (1) Maple Terrace (2) New Carroll (4, 5)	Terrace Café	11:00 am – 2:00 pm 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm
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		<b>Handled by Caton Woods</b>
Wilton Overlook		<b>Handled by Wilton Overlook</b>



**CHARLESTOWN RESIDENTS' COUNCIL**  
**NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE 2025**  
**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR**  
**INDEPENDENT LIVING RESIDENTS**

Absentee ballots for the Residents' Council election, to be held on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, are available to any independent living 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 by independent living residents must be submitted no later than **seven (7) days prior to the election (by July 30)**. 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:  
**Sherry Stewart – HR-526**
4. **OR Send her an email request to [sharon.brooker.stewart@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.brooker.stewart@gmail.com). Please be sure to include your name and apartment number in the email.**
5. Your request MUST be received no later than July 30.

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 Anna Marie Ciarrocchi - HR-609 before Midnight July 30.

**QUESTIONS?**

**Sherry Stewart 410-314-2473**  
**Anna Marie Ciarrocchi 443-833-3791**

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**REQUEST FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING ABSENTEE BALLOT - 2025**

I / We will be off-campus or limited to my/our apartment on election day.

Please send me/us the necessary absentee ballot(s).

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Name

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Apartment

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