

Clearwater 2023 BOD Election Candidates

Patrica "Pat" Chabot

My name is Patricia "Pat" Chabot and I'm running for a second term on the Board. My husband Guy and I have lived in Clearwater since 2000, mostly part-time. We also live in Burke, Virginia, where I work as a pre-school teacher.

We were an Air Force family and moved often. We saw the good and bad of HOAs all over the country. I consider myself fiscally conservative and will not spend our funds on needless or "pet" projects.

My work outside the home includes: Re/Max admin assistant/receptionist for 15 years, 3 years at ChildHelp, a non-profit advocacy center for abused children where I originated and spearheaded an in-house team called "Blessings" where we helped families in need. I have taught preschool in Texas and North Carolina, and for the last 15 years have been teaching 3-year-olds at St. George's UMC Preschool in Fairfax, VA. I have also volunteered for Meals-on-Wheels and Fairfax FISH (For Immediate Sympathetic Help), an ecumenical outreach organization to provide support to the poor and elderly in need of financial assistance for life's necessities. For the past 4 years I've volunteered at St. Ann's Parish in Bethany on their annual bazaar/fundraiser. Last year the bazaar raised \$154k for the local parish.

I would like another term on the Board to help make the quality of life in Clearwater the best it can be. I believe that Clearwater is a gem of a community where people still believe in the principle of neighbors helping neighbors. I have become knowledgeable on mosquito spraying in dealing with Delaware state government, served on the Pool Committee, and voted for key fobs, and voted to reinvigorate the Social Committee. Thank you for your vote.

Larry Long

Hi Clearwater Community, I would like to introduce myself to the community. My wife, Michele and I moved to the Clearwater community in 2019 as a full-time resident. Our love for the beach and love for community is what brought us to the Bethany area.

We have two children and five grandchildren who are very dear to us. Our daughter Tiffany is married with three children and our son Chad is married with two children.

I am currently working at Schneider Electric, responsible for establishing relationships with potential customers and partners, and I am experienced with effective time management and organizational skills. I have a background in the electrical and mechanical industry with 30 years of experience in these areas; hands on field work, management, sales.

My background has equipped me with good communication and presentation skills, written and spoken. I am results driven and feel as though I would be of great value to the community as a board member.

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve on the board.

Shawn Mitkowski

Greeting Clearwater Residents and board members, my name is Shawn Mitkowski, and I am entering my name for the upcoming board elections. I have been a part time resident of Clearwater since September of 2018. I moved to the neighborhood after an exhaustive search of the area and found this neighborhood to be one of the hidden gems of all of Bethany Beach. Since moving into the neighborhood, I have had a dream come true when 4 of my dearest friends after visiting, decided that they too wanted to become Clearwater residents.

After buying my house in September I spent the next 6 months renovating both the interior and exterior, making it the summer home that we knew it could be. I am excited that my wife Jen and I will be making Clearwater our primary full-time residence in July of 2024.

Over the past year we have been extremely excited to see some of the transformations to the neighborhood starting with the pool and pool access. For the first time this year it felt like a community area where neighbors and friends gathered to share in the beauty that this community has to offer.

I would like to continue to build on that community spirit and involvement through other activities like a summer pickle ball league, board game club, community happy hours and even community progressive dinners.

I have had the pleasure of serving on a community board as vice president in Leanah Run, VA from 2005 – 2007. I believe that that experience gave me a unique insight and ability to assist the Clearwater community in becoming one of the most sought after communities in all of Bethany. I hope to be able to serve this community as a member of your HOA board. I appreciate your consideration.

John Stanley

Hello fellow Clearwater residents. I am running for a HOA board position this year out of a desire to give back to the community. My wife and I purchased a home on Cypress Lane in early 2020 just prior to the Covid lock down. We are part time residents spending much of the summer months here sprinkled in with weekends the rest of the year. Our primary residence is three hours west of here in Loudoun County Virginia.

This past year we have seen some welcome changes to the neighborhood. Especially, in the pool access and upkeep. This summer the pool truly felt like a community center with lots of activity throughout the weeks. I would like to see this momentum continue by supporting efforts to increase community activities, upkeep, and spirit.

I understand that having a part time owner may not be ideal for many communities. I vow to make myself available to my fellow board members and the community as needed throughout the year. As a recent retiree I have both the time and the energy necessary to serve this community as a member of your HOA board. I appreciate your consideration.

Vera Thayer

My husband Butch and I have owned our home in Clearwater since 2003 and became full-time residents of the community in 2021. I have a Bachelor's degree in Information Systems Management with a minor in Business. I have been a licensed real estate agent, in Maryland, for more than 35 years. In 2013 I was asked, by then BOD President Crystal Lingenfelter, to handle the Real Estate Transfers and DUCIOA Documents. I was tasked with this committee position because of my real estate background and experience with these types of documents. I managed this committee position until 2019 when I stepped down. I became interested in the community financials during those years since they were part of the document package I prepared. I volunteered at the beginning of 2023 to chair the Social Committee this year. My goal for this committee was to bring the community together through fun and enjoyable events. I have been and will continue to be involved in how and where the community's funds are being spent, work towards making community decisions more transparent, and fighting to keep our dues down.