

2017 Historic Southwood Park Board of Directors Election

Ballots have been mailed to all Historic Southwood Park homeowners for the 2017 Board of Directors election. If you did not receive yours by USPS, please phone 260-490-2226.

There are FIVE three-year director positions open and ONE one-year director position open to fill the remainder of a term. Please vote for FIVE of the following candidates on the ballot you received in the mail. The top five will have three-year terms, and the sixth will have a one-year term. Current board incumbents are marked with an **(I)**. Completed ballots should be mailed to:

**Historic Southwood Park
c/o Above and Beyond Community Management
507 Airport North Office Park
Fort Wayne, IN 46825**

Ballots must be received before January 31, 2017. Thank you!

Christine Baron (I)

1302 Sunset Drive

Project Manager Strategic Relationship Management, Lincoln Financial Group

My husband and I have lived in Southwood Park for 14 years, in our second Southwood Park home. I would like to continue to serve on the board to help ensure Southwood Park continues to be a wonderful place to live. I hope the board can help market the desirability of Southwood Park while maintaining the beauty and historic integrity of our neighborhood.

I have a degree in Historic Preservation from Savannah College of Art and Design and in the past have worked for Indiana Historic Landmarks Foundation, The Historic Preservation office of the City of South Bend, and even did an internship with our local preservation group, ARCH, many years ago when I was a college student. Through these jobs I have experience working with neighborhood boards, preservation groups, and city and county offices. I currently work at Lincoln Financial Group where I manage projects and strategic initiatives, plan industry conferences and events, and serve as a liaison between Lincoln and external partner firms. I have many years' experience gathering feedback on all aspects of an issue and partnering with those involved to implement solutions. I hope to use these skills to help our board continue to preserve and enhance Southwood Park.

Christopher Cooper (I)

3920 Tacoma Avenue

Architectural designer, HOCH Associates

I moved to Fort Wayne nine years ago, knowing only one person in the area. I have since had the opportunity to meet many awesome people while living southwest, downtown in West Central, and now five years here in Southwood Park. Fort Wayne as a whole is a very friendly city, as well as a great place to live. Over these last two years I have come to love my south side '07, and Southwood Park. We truly are the gem of the City. When I purchased my home I had no idea there was an active association. I only knew I loved the look of the area, and how neighborly everyone seemed. I attended my first board meeting as a guest within the first month of moving in,

and knew I had made a good purchase. The opportunity to be part of something larger, a chance to get to know neighbors, and help make a difference in the community is exciting. I can't promise "no new taxes", a better education system, or the secret to lowering the deficit. What I can say is that I do have a passion for history and our City and will do my best at upholding the charm and character of our historical neighborhood. I will listen to the needs of the neighborhood and providing the time and hard work necessary to do what is needed, in whatever facet that may be. I am honored to have this opportunity to run for a seat on the board for our neighborhood association. Thank you.

Taylor Dwyer-Zeman
4818 Tacoma Avenue

Brian Lahrman (I)
1018 Maxine Drive

My name is Brian Lahrman. I have worked downtown at Automotive Hardware Service for 13 years. I've lived at 1018 Maxine Dr. for 8 years. I grew up in SWP and have so many memories of this great neighborhood. I moved back in SWP with my wonderful wife (Amanda) and son (William) because of my love of this neighborhood. I want my children to grow up in a neighborhood where people know and trust their neighbors. I believe this is why people move here and stay. I hope to keep this community the same way as I remember it, that's what brought me back. If given the opportunity to continue to serve on the board I would work to keep SWP a vibrant part of the south side.

Jim Miklos (I)
4619 Beaver Avenue
Loan Officer Academy Mortgage Corp.

After several years of traveling down to Southwood Park to visit friends and family my girlfriend and I decided to move from the north side of Fort Wayne to Southwood Park and have never looked back. Among the numerous reasons for the move were the friendly family atmosphere, the active lifestyle of the residents and the close proximity to the trails within beautiful Foster Park and downtown Fort Wayne. I can't wait to see the continued success of this neighborhood as the popularity of downtown and the south side continues to grow.

Reason for Running:

I am running for re-election to the association board and donate my time and energy because I truly care about this neighborhood and its success. Being a Mortgage Loan Officer, I know how important it is to preserve the reputation of neighborhoods and to have rules and regulations in place for the good of all residents. Through my four years of residency here in Southwood Park I have boasted to my friends and colleagues about how great the neighborhood is. With that being said I feel that it is very important to continue the good works of the board and the residents of Southwood Park. I look forward to having the opportunity to represent neighbors, friends and family with issues and concerns that are affecting Southwood Park.

John Motycka
4702 Arlington Avenue
Senior Metrology/Calibration Technician - Medtronic, Inc. Warsaw, IN

I was born in the old Lutheran Hospital, and raised on the north side of Fort Wayne. I graduated from Concordia Lutheran High School and spent 3 years in the Army. It was while attending Ball State University that I met Jennifer, my wife.

My wife and I have lived in this great neighborhood for 14 years now. We moved here from West Central because of the neighborhood feel and the fact that the sound of children playing was prevalent. Through the years, we have also grown to love the sense of community that we have here. We chose well, as our children, my wife and I have made lasting bonds with our neighbors. As the kids grow older, I find I miss the sounds of our kids playing tag, or the bouncing of a basketball, but those are quickly replaced by other children doing the exact same things my children enjoyed. Probably not unlike the sounds that were made by my friends and myself, back in the 70's.

I like where the city of Fort Wayne is headed. I like where the "07" is headed. I also like where our great historic neighborhood is headed, and ask to be a part of making it even better.