# Mill Creek HOA 2023 Annual Meeting Candidates for the Board of Directors

## **Anne Golladay**

My husband and I have lived in Mill Creek for the past 34 years. Before retiring in 2018, I spent 45 years working in a local dermatology practice. I'm so happy seeing all the young families moving into our area. The children add so much energy and fun and that's what keeps a neighborhood vibrant. I'm amazed by all of my wildlife encounters living in Mill Creek. I want to work with the neighborhood towards keeping our woodlands healthy while ensuring the wildlife continues to feel "comfortable" in their surroundings. You'll probably recognize me in our flower beds playing in the dirt or walking our dog, Quinn, - always with my Myrtle Beach hat on.

## Jim Aitken

Jim has been in corporate finance for 40+ years and is currently the controller / operations manager for a local mechanical contractor and service company. He served the HOA two terms as President and is now on his second term as Treasurer. One day he'll retire from it all; :> But for now he enjoys playing with cars and spending his free time with his wife Naomi, their two children and 3 (fourth on the way) grandchildren.

#### **Dan Heuchert**

Dan has lived in Mill Creek for 26 years. He grew up in Charlottesville, graduated from UVA, and spent some time on the Eastern Shore and in Northern Virginia before eventually returning home. He is currently assistant director of University news at UVA. He and his wife, Lisa, raised two children here, Michelle and Jonathan. Now empty-nesters, they share their house on Gristmill Drive with a dog, Suzie, and two Pandemic cats, Bonnie and Clyde.

## **Robert Finley**

Rob Finley and his wife, Sandy, have lived in Mill Creek since 2015. Rob has served on the HOA Board of Directors since late 2016 and for the past two years has served as President of the Board. He also serves on the HOA architectural review committee. He is a member of the County's 5th & Avon Advisory Committee which helps keep the board aware of proposed developments and any zoning changes in our surrounding area. Rob has worked on the proposed easement agreement with the county for a greenway along Biscuit Run for more than three years. After stalling out in February 2021, Rob has involved the board in renewed discussions this year with the county on a possible agreement on easement terms.

#### **Adele Plunkett**

Adele Plunkett and her husband Patricio have lived in Mill Creek about 4 years now, and this neighborhood has certainly exceeded expectations. They really appreciate the natural setting, bird and squirrel visitors in their backyard, and proximity to the Biscuit Run trails. Even more so, they have felt exceptionally welcomed by the neighbors, and enjoy the strong sense of community here. Adele has served on the board since 2020 and seeks to continue her role in support of this unique neighborhood and community -- especially through dialog with the county to ensure responsible stewardship of the Biscuit Run land. In her day-to-day, Adele works as a scientist at National Radio Astronomy Observatory on the edge of UVA grounds. She enjoys volunteering with the neighborhood Girl Scout troop, and she supports STEM initiatives for the next generation. You'll likely see her pursuing her active interests, especially running and biking, around the neighborhood. Please stop her to say hi anytime!

# **Blair Carter**

Blair Carter has lived in Mill Creek since 2000; her husband, Doug Crowell, since 2015. While house-shopping, Blair was drawn in by Mill Creek's layout, its topography, the mature trees, and the houses' colors, placement and styles that were designed to create the best fit visually and physically with the natural resources here. Since Blair and Doug have lived in MC, they have seen abundant wildlife to include hawks, buzzards, foxes, squirrels, deer, Spring peepers, salamanders, copperheads, black and other snakes, chipmunks, raccoons, 'possums, a bear, and hundreds of songbirds. That's the happy result of living in a community that purposely integrated woods and wildlife in the original planning. The fact that MC's streets are safe for cyclists, runners, walkers, and children alike is another attractive feature. The residents have always been welcoming and inclusive. The trails close to (or in) our neighborhood, including Biscuit Run and MC's own trail, are in beautiful surroundings. MC is a cohesive community populated by residents proud of their neighborhood and appreciative of the natural resources there. The Board is currently carefully balancing the opportunity to have more trails established in the MC community while ridding properties of invasive vegetation and trees, with protecting the wildlife's habitat and the residents' property rights. In addition, the Biscuit Run easement issue has been debated for years now, and the Board is determined to not let the county make significant detrimental changes to our own trail if we grant the county an easement.

Blair joined the MCHOA Board of Directors 2 years ago, and she's a member of the Architectural Review Committee.

Blair is asking to continue as a member of the HOA's board so that she can work with others to maximize and preserve the amenities in our development while protecting MC's distinctive characteristics and qualities. Her vision going forward is to work with all of her neighbors on the ongoing challenge of recognizing, respecting and reconciling the competing interests (and opposing views) for any changes that are being pursued. The reconciliation process isn't always going to be easy, but Mill Creek is worth all the carefully considered efforts we will make to reach our goals as a community.