

When Austin and I moved to Chickaloon we found something we didn't know was missing from our lives, and that was community. We left our family and friends behind to move to this special place that captured our hearts. But in turn, we have met some of the most amazing people that we are lucky to call friends. We have a new Chickaloon family now, and I am astonished at the meaningful connections we have made.

I never really expected to help revive a fire department or run for Community Council. Regardless of the length of time that I have been here, I belong in Chickaloon and embody this way of life. Chickaloon has become more to me than I would have ever imagined. I am deeply rooted in this area and wonderful state.

I want nothing more than to help the community that I have fallen in love with. It is engrained in me to be a hard worker, honest to a fault, and be kind to others. I am known for being tenacious, determined and straight forward. I am whole heartedly dedicated to seeing our community thrive and function. The countless hours and amount work I have put into the fire department are great examples of how I would benefit not only the council but also the community. I have been a leader and a team mate in the fire department. Skip has allowed me to quote his review of my performance thus far, Kalee "is not afraid to express an opinion, offers valuable input, and is always willing to and able to carry out whatever is ultimately agreed upon with enthusiasm." I bring a lot of skills and varied life experience to the table. It's my true nature to always want to help, fix or find a solution. But truly, this isn't about me at all. What really matters is the community and what the people want. Our safety, teamwork, stability, and bettering our great little area is what is most important. I would be there to support, offer assistance, and do what is needed. It is vital that we keep the council going in a positive direction, and invest our time and effort into it. I care deeply about what happens in Chickaloon and I want what is best for us.

I am an open book, so if you have questions please don't hesitate to ask. Thank you for taking the time to read what would have been my speech at the council meeting. I would greatly appreciate your support and can ensure my hard work in return.

Sincerely,  
Kalee Bowen