

## **BEAR PAW PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION BOARD CANDIDATES**

### **GREGG HERRING**

My wife, Sue, and I have owned 100 Frank Lane since December 2009. While our full-time home is in Roswell, GA, we are able to get here very often, as it is only 2 hours away, door to door. We love spending time here with our 2 daughters' families. I am interested in running for a board position as I care deeply about Bear Paw and want to work to maintain the special charm and character that drew us here 16 years ago. I retired 7 years ago from a multinational events company as a Senior Vice President and Market Leader. I used many of my business skills in the operation of our HOA. I believe that I have skills and knowledge built up from working on my HOA at our home in Georgia, for 16 of the last 20 years. In that time, I have served as either the president or treasurer of our HOA, managing budgets, while we resurfaced pools, rebuilt tennis courts, and kept our HOA landscaping and amenities in pristine condition. In that period, we never had a special assessment. I understand that Bear Paw's operating structure is different from an HOA, but in the end, it is about leveraging skill and finding ways to make things happen.

### **HENRY GREEN**

My wife Kathryn and I own a home at 1682 Village Road. We first came to Bear Paw in 1984, bought property in 1994 and built in 2005. I have been a practicing trial lawyer and litigator in Atlanta for 48 years, specializing in medical malpractice defense. I also have experience in litigating contract disputes. I plan on retiring in the near future and spending much more time at Bear Paw. I would welcome the opportunity to be a service to this wonderful community.

### **JULIET REISING**

My husband Lance and I have been fortunate to have a home in Bear Paw since 2004. Bear Paw is our happy place and as we all know a place of beauty, relative quiet and relaxation and always fun. Bear Paw has also been a place of many celebrations over the years including house party for our children and their friends, a bachelorette party, family reunions, a mini-moon and in 2025, our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration with family and friends at the Pavilion. Although retired now, in my career as a Chief Financial Officer (CFO), I have over 30 years of financial and operational experience with both public and private companies, primarily mid-size to small technology companies. My experience includes all financial, administrative, legal, human resources and investor relations functions as well as mergers, acquisitions and financing transactions. I began my career with a national CPA firm, where I received my CPA license. I graduated with a BBA degree in accounting from the University of Georgia. I also served as a board member where I was employed as CFO as well as an independent board member. I am currently a volunteer mentor for SCORE, a national non-profit organization helping start-ups and small businesses survive and thrive. I also have worked as a volunteer and board member for several other non-profit organizations including Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, North Atlanta Rotary Club, Nicholas House, CareShare, Georgia's Executive Women's Network, Circle of Friends and as assistant treasurer for the Bear Paw Ladies Auxiliary. We reside in Marietta, GA but come to Bear Paw as often as possible, all year long. We have a son and a daughter, 4 granddaughters and a Golden Retriever rescue grand dog. Being part of the Bear Paw community has brought us great joy. I would love the opportunity to bring my financial and organizational skills to serve this community as a board member for the BPSD and BPPOA.

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## **ANDREA FOLKERTSMA**

My name is Andrea Folkertsma, and I would appreciate your vote as I run again for a seat on the Bear Paw Property Owners Association Board. I previously served as both President and Financial Officer during my time on the BPPOA and BPSD boards, while I was still employed as the city treasure for Grove City, Pennsylvania. I have acquired a great deal of knowledge about how governments work at the local level due to my time serving the city. Now that I am retired, I look forward to applying my experience and giving back to the community from which my family and I have benefited for many years.

## **DAVID BLACK**

Running for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term.

## **MIKE LAVERY**

A frequent visitor to Bear Paw since 2019, Mike and his wife Tina purchased a home on Island Drive in 2023. A former railroad executive, Mike started a trucking company with Tina in 2007. Based in Chicago, the company has expanded to over 20 offices including Los Angeles, Dallas, Kansas City, Memphis, Detroit, Philadelphia and Jacksonville to name a few. Mike is also a vocalist with a popular country rock band. Established in 1999 and based in Chicago, his band plays throughout the Midwest and has shared the stage with national touring acts like Uncle Kracker and Joe Nichols. When not working or playing with the band, Mike and Tina love spending time with their many friends, coordinating the “never-ending” rehab of their home in Bear Paw, attending concerts all over the country, and most of all, spending time with their 6 grandchildren who they hope will spend as much time as possible with them at the lake house.

## **RICHARD BELCULFINE**

I, Richard Belculfine, 381 Mallard Circle, am interested in serving on the Board and would like to be included in the May election. I have been a Bear Paw property owner for over 25 years. During that time, I have purchased 16 lots and built 3 new homes. Our first home was on Big Rock Trail. Our second home was on Ridgewood Trail, which we owned for 17 years. Our third, and hopefully our final home, is on Mallard Cercle. My wife Carol and I decided many years ago that when we retired, we wanted to become full-time Bear Paw residents. I have seen many changes over the years, most I have agreed with, and some I have not. The Board has a responsibility to try and please as many property owners as possible, and I have thanked them on several occasions as this is a difficult task. We all need to keep in mind that they are volunteers, and they usually hear complaints and they seldom receive a compliment. I am an electrician and Connie is a R.N. and CLNC. I currently assist the Board with the clubhouse/pavilion rentals. I am a volunteer with the Cherokee County Sheriff's Auxiliary, and I also volunteer as a poll observer at our Hiawassee Dam voting Precinct. Connie has also volunteer to help provide food for the less fortunate at the Hiawassee Dam Community Center. This is our third year as full time Bear Paw residents and it is much different than when we were just coming for the weekends, or for a couple of weeks during the year. We take much more pride as this is our HOME! And with that I feel comes a higher level of responsibility to make Bear Paw a better place to live. I understand that the Board will make choices that will not satisfy everyone, but if they listen closer to the concerns of our property owners, I do believe they will make better decisions. Thank you for your consideration.