

Name: Mackenzie Williams

Position Desired: Director

How Long Have You Lived in BMPOA? 2 Years

How have you shown an interest in/what have you done for the community since you've lived here?

- Founded and currently serve as Chair of the BMPOA Social Committee, created to formally organize and oversee community events
 - Planned and executed multiple neighborhood-wide events, including the Holiday Cookie Exchange, Bloom Bash, and the Summer Party at the Lake
 - Assisting the Welcoming Committee in designing a professional Welcome Packet for new homeowners
 - Developed and promoted recreational programs like yoga at the Lodge using our community Facebook page and website
 - Maintain ongoing communication with residents to gather feedback, build relationships, and promote engagement
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Why do you want to serve on the board?

- I care deeply about the success, unity, and long-term reputation of our community
 - I want to bring a fresh, thoughtful perspective to board decisions
 - I'm passionate about strengthening communication and fostering a more connected neighborhood
 - Community service has always been a core value for me—giving back is both fulfilling and essential
 - I enjoy being actively involved and contributing in meaningful, lasting ways
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What do you hope to accomplish by serving on the board?

- Improve and streamline communication between the board and residents
 - Expand community programs and increase engagement opportunities for all ages
 - Support the development of an inclusive, welcoming, and well-maintained neighborhood
 - Contribute to long-term planning that protects property values and enhances quality of life
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Tell us something you want the nominating committee to know:

I live here on the mountain with my husband, Jeremy, and our 2-year-old son, Xander. Before moving here, we lived in Baltimore—but we used to vacation in this area often. On one of those trips, we were staying at an Airbnb when we noticed a house for sale next door. Long story short: we went on vacation and never went back. We moved here drawn by the beauty and magic of the mountain—but we've stayed because of so much more: the slower pace of life, the natural peace, and most importantly, the sense of community. Professionally, I work as a sales representative for Patriot Disposal in Manassas, specializing in HOA trash and recycling services. I also run a small candle business called *Blue Mountain Wicks* and occasionally work as a tasting room associate at Fox Meadow Winery. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time outdoors with my family, playing board games, entertaining, reading, and thrifting. About 10 years ago, I watched a documentary that changed the way I think about happiness and longevity. It shared research showing that people with strong social ties tend to live longer—by up to 50%—regardless of their health, environment, or income. That idea has stuck with me. It's one of the reasons I'm so committed to the Social Committee and passionate about serving on the board. Our connections with one another aren't just good for morale—they're essential to our well-being. I've made it a priority to foster those connections through events, welcoming new neighbors, and creating spaces where everyone feels seen and valued. As a board member, I would continue that work, keeping community-building at the heart of everything I do. In my role at Patriot Disposal, I work closely with property managers and board presidents across Northern Virginia, giving me insight into how a wide range of communities operate. These experiences have sparked new ideas and perspectives I'd love to bring to BMPOA. I also attend the annual CAI (Community Association Institute) Expo, where I participate in seminars focused on best practices for community management. In the short time I've lived here, I've built strong relationships with neighbors and board members alike. I've intentionally stepped out of my comfort zone to connect with people of different backgrounds, beliefs, and perspectives. I take pride in my ability to collaborate, listen, and find common ground. Most importantly, I believe small, consistent actions make a big impact. Since the Social Committee was formed, I've attended nearly every board meeting—because to make a difference, I believe it's important to show up, be prepared, and do the work.