

PRESIDENT (INCUMBENT)

Martin H. Simon
1573 Crofton Parkway
Resident: 27 years

Type of business or Employment:
Commercial Photographer and Photojournalist

Education:
-St. Petersburg College - Journalism

Please list or describe your participation in community activities or organizations.
Since my wife, Julie, and I moved to Crofton in 1995, I have served the CCA in one capacity or another for all but a few of those years, first as Board Secretary and Chair of the Covenant Review Committee, then as Vice President and Greater Crofton Council Liaison, and now as President since 2016. During that time, when our kids were growing up, I served as an assistant den leader for our son's Cub Scout troop and remained an active parent throughout his Boy Scout years up and through his earning the Eagle Award when he and his troop mates (along with several of us dads) built the picnic pavilion at the Arundel Volunteer Fire Department. I served as an assistant or head coach for the 10 years that our son played CAC baseball and another 10 years as Men's League Captain at Crofton Swim and Tennis Club. Since our kids moved on to and finished college, most of my volunteer hours in the community have been dedicated to the CCA Board and Town Hall.

Please discuss up to 3 issues or areas of concern that you feel the CCA should address.
As I write this in late March, we are experiencing a major period of transition within Town Hall. Our comptroller of 20+ years left in December for a new job, our town manager of equal tenure announced his imminent retirement, our maintenance foreman retired, and there remain certain managerial issues within our police department that require significant attention. In other words, it is a precarious time at Town Hall and never more so during all my years of involvement here has consistency in Board leadership been more crucial. A significant level of Board member involvement has been required since the start of 2022 to keep the operation afloat, and that will likely continue until we are safely through this period of flux and back to full staffing. Put bluntly, this is not a time for on-the-job training, as there is no one left but experienced Board members to successfully steer the ship through this "perfect storm" of challenges.

The CCA Board has several important projects in the works currently that will also benefit from consistent management: Our plans to revamp both Swann Park and Willows Park are in their final stages and are awaiting grant funding. Our "front yard" tax exemption pursuit is close at hand and we continue to explore ideas for that parcel's future. Phase 1 of our front entrance landscaping improvements has been completed but more work is required to fully realize that vision in the months ahead.

Beyond our "inside the triangle" focus, continued attention and additional effort needs to be directed to issues in the surrounding area that affect us all, such as Rt. 3 congestion and over-development, environmental threats such as the Halle Landfill site, and the demands on County Police coverage that have a trickle-down effect on our own officers in the Crofton PD.

What skills, experience and perspectives would you bring to the CCA Board of Directors?

I hope to continue on what I proudly consider to be a solid record of success in getting things done for our community. I do not seek re-election as a stepping-stone to higher office; I believe my many years of service to the CCA is ample evidence of that. My focus is right here in Crofton!

Since assuming the roll of president, my fellow Board members and I have worked seamlessly together on behalf of the community. I can't think of a single vote we've taken that wasn't passed unanimously, which means we work well as a team. We successfully negotiated to save the "Enclave" property from development; we have made steady improvements for our Crofton Police Department in the form of increased pay and benefits that has helped to attract and retain quality officers; we have worked with the County and area businesses to begin the revitalization of the Village Green that we hope to make a centerpiece of our upcoming 60th Anniversary celebration in 2024; and we have made slow but steady progress in modernizing Town Hall's aging infrastructure. Though change is at times hard to achieve as fast as some might like, I am proud of what our team has accomplished these past six years, and with your support, I look forward to making even more progress going forward.

If you have ever attended our CCA Board meetings either in person or via Zoom, you will know that I work hard to treat everyone involved fairly and with respect, and provide all an opportunity to be heard while facilitating the productivity and civility required of a good meeting. My goal from the beginning has been to foster community involvement and engage in team building that enables us to collectively do far more than we could ever do on our own. It "takes a village", as they say, and I am committed to making our village of Crofton the best it can be this year and beyond!

PRESIDENT

Melanie A. Smith
1672 Patrice Circle
Resident: 29 years

Type of business or Employment:

Retired - U.S. Treasury Department (OCC) federal banking regulator 1976 -2010

Education:

- B.S. Finance, Arizona State University, 1976
- Executive Program, University of Michigan, 1984
- Graduate School of Banking, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2001
- Habitat for Humanity Leadership Conference, Harvard Business School, 2003

Please list or describe your participation in community activities or organizations.

- Arundel Habitat for Humanity, President 2002-2006, Board Member 1994-2006
- Anne Arundel Affordable Housing Coalition, President 2007-2008
- Crofton Kiwanis member, since 1992
- St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Cantor and Choir member since 1992
- DAR Member, Ann Arundel Chapter, since 2019
- CCA Board Member District 5, 2012-2020, including four years as chair of Public Safety Committee and four years as Greater Crofton Council Liaison

Please discuss up to 3 issues or areas of concern that you feel the CCA should address.

1) Having taken an 18-month hiatus from board service, I've realized that it's past time to move Crofton forward, and in a new direction. I am the best person to lead Crofton as your CCA President. Enhancing and expanding our existing Crofton Police Department is my primary goal. We need to return to the original 7 FTE approved ten years ago. Safety of our children, the elderly, and our property is my primary concern. We need to do more to discourage speeding and other traffic violations from endangering our neighborhoods. We need more Crofton police officers on patrol, with improved technology, to discourage theft and to intercept illegal drug activity.

2) We also need a modern, accessible Town Hall building, with parking, so our residents can transact business and meet with our Police officers as needed. The existing split-foyer "house" should be sold, and newer space acquired, preferably in a centralized location like the Village Green. Moving Crofton forward will require true strategic planning, executive and leadership skills which I possess from my decades as a banking regulator and my service as President of Arundel Habitat for Humanity. Moving Crofton forward will also require a resetting of our financial priorities and improved financial accountability.

3) We need to be a strong voice in discouraging irresponsible development along Route 3, and Route 450 with emphasis on reducing traffic volumes, speeding and noise levels. We still need safe crosswalks across Route 3, so that Crofton residents can safely walk or bicycle to local merchants, the post office, and restaurants. We've asked for this access for decades, and we have never received it.

What skills, experience and perspectives would you bring to the CCA Board of Directors?

Executive experience as demonstrated by my tenure as President of Arundel Habitat for Humanity. I led the organization through the development of their original Strategic Plan. Sought the input of Habitat's various stakeholders, donors, and civic and community leaders. Expanded our capacity from having built 20 houses to 100 by the time I stepped down as President. I know how to run effective board meetings using Roberts Rules of Order and agendas with time limits for speakers.

Managerial experience as demonstrated by my career at the OCC. As a government agency manager, I hired and fired people when necessary. I developed performance standards and measurement benchmarks. I understand employment law in Maryland as well as the unique circumstance of having oversight over a police department, and all that LEBOR entails.

As a banking regulator I developed strong and effective communication skills. I prepared and presented congressional testimony. I've also presented legal documents and reports on our examination findings to large, multinational banking corporations. As president of Arundel Habitat, I also testified before the County Council as well as Maryland House of Delegates.

VICE PRESIDENT

Marsha Gratz Perry
1605 Edgerton Place
Resident: 57 years

Type of business or Employment:

Power skating instructor for hockey all levels.

Education:

-B.S. Industrial & Labor Relations, Cornell University

Please list or describe your participation in community activities or organizations.

Current member CCA Planning & Zoning committee; Board member, Crofton First; member St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church; member Crofton Kiwanis since 1987; Founder Greater Crofton Chamber of Commerce; active with community groups, county, state and federal conservation, preservation & natural environment issues and projects (i.e., prevention of commercial development of Crofton's "front yard"). And support U.S. Senate efforts to add land to Patuxent Preserve.

Please discuss up to 3 issues or areas of concern that you feel the CCA should address.

There are at least 3 in need of IMMEDIATE attention:

- 1) The gridlock created by the over development of Rte. 3 means more drivers use shortcuts through the Triangle, creating safety problems in need of immediate targeted attention.
- 2) A focused job evaluation of the duties and responsibilities of the Town Manager's position needs to be done which would address his/her involvements with our residents, our neighbors, as well as with county and state executive, legislative and judicial administrative and staff offices.
- 3) Continued examination of possible uses of Crofton's front yard including rezoning of the property from commercial to open space, saving tax dollars while recognizing the flood plain, wetlands, specimen trees, steep slopes, underground stream, sink holes at the site of this former gravel pit.

What skills, experience and perspectives would you bring to the CCA Board of Directors?

In the early years of Crofton I served the CCA as a neighborhood representative and then as director of the Planning & Zoning Committee. In 1986, when elected District 33 State Delegate for 3 terms, I was appointed to and served on legislative committees on constitutional law, environmental matters, and the judiciary. Land usage and its development, elementary through university education, public safety, and health issues were and are my major areas of focus. My experiences dealing then and now with these state and county government regulated issues will be useful in service to the CCA as Vice president. Elected officials focus on the preservation of large contiguous land tracts and Chesapeake Bay-wide watershed issues, while communities such as Crofton continue to want neighborhood lots conserved for community use while the problems of storm and waste water are properly managed. We want neighborhood schools and continue to be concerned about Planning & Zoning's study and investigation of the possible further use of busing!

SECRETARY

Brian Riley
2902 Middlebridge Court
Resident: 19 years

Type of business or Employment:
Government Relations, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

Education:
B.S., Political Science/History, The American University (1988)

Please list or describe your participation in community activities or organizations.

- Secretary, Crofton Civic Association Board of Directors
- Chairman, Public Safety Committee, Crofton Civic Association Board of Directors
- Member of Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
- Member of the Sons of the American Legion, of Annapolis, Squadron 7
- Former Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leader within Crofton
- Children graduated from South River High School and Indian Creek Upper School

Please discuss up to 3 issues or areas of concern that you feel the CCA should address.

- 1) Addressing public safety issues and awareness within the Crofton Special Community Benefit District (CSCBD).
- 2) Continued attention to maintenance and preservation as the CSCBD infrastructure ages.
- 3) Increased opportunities for CSCBD residents to participate in social and recreational activities.

What skills, experience and perspectives would you bring to the CCA Board of Directors?

Ability to continue serve on the Board of Directors, to give back to the Crofton community. I believe my background in government finance, budget, and government relations can continue to be of assistance to the CCA Board.

TREASURER

Renee Speer
1575 Crofton Parkway
Resident: 19 years

Type of business or Employment:

Retired

Education:

- B.A. Economics
- M.S. Telecommunications Management
- Certificate Public Accountant (CPA)

Please list or describe your participation in community activities or organizations.

It has been my pleasure to serve the community for the past 2 years as CCA Treasurer. During that time, I am proud that we as a community said "NO" to the development of Crofton's "Front Yard". Big thanks to Martin Simon, current CCA President, for making it happen!

Please discuss up to 3 issues or areas of concern that you feel the CCA should address.

- 1) Improve transparency and accountability of Town Hall operations to the Board of Directors (BOD) and the Community.
- 2) Update the entire Benefits, Policies and Procedures manual. The last known update was 1995. Specifically, create a Compressed Work Week policy. Utilize technology to ensure accurate timekeeping and proper approvals.
- 3) Review vendor contracts and obtain competitive bids for services.

What skills, experience and perspectives would you bring to the CCA Board of Directors?

As a recently retired Certified Public Accountant (CPA), I have experience working with small businesses, non-profits and individuals in the areas of accounting, tax and audit. Prior to becoming a CPA, I worked for Verizon for nearly 20 years in the areas of IT technology and operations. In addition, I am a Certified Lean Six Sigma Black belt. Over the years, I've been a part of both well run organizations and organizations that need improvement.

Most recently, after the CCA lost its Comptroller, I temporarily stepped up to fill the role until a replacement can be found.

DISTRICT ONE DIRECTOR

Daria DeLizio
1534 Birdwood Court
Resident: 17 years

Type of Business or Employment:

IP Paralegal

Education:

B.S. Political Science and Sociology (minor); Paralegal Certificate

Please list or describe your participation in community activities or organizations.

- CCA District One Director since 2012
- President HOA
- Former member of Crofton's 50th Anniversary Committee

Please discuss up to 3 issues or areas of concern that you feel the CCA should address.

- 1) The CCA should continue to monitor and be involved in the traffic and development on Route 3, attending meetings as to the future of Crofton as a community.
- 2) We should also look to develop the recent land purchase at our front gate to a community area.
- 3) Lastly, I would like to see the Village Green revitalized including completion, renovation of the old Sly Horse Tavern building into a viable business(es).

What skills, experience and perspectives would you bring to the CCA Board of Directors?

I have lived in Crofton for 17 years and served on the CCA, Recreation and Youth Committee for 12 years. Crofton is a wonderful community and I enjoy being on the Board, attending the monthly meetings and working on the various events. Over the years I have assisted with organizing, planning and conducting community events. During COVID, we held the Christmas and Easter events outside as well as Halloween and Christmas house decorating contests. I look forward to representing Crofton, District One and serving on the CCA Board.

DISTRICT TWO DIRECTOR

Charles See
1514 Eton Way
Resident: 22 years

Type of Business or Employment:

Commercial Real Estate

Education:

Bachelor of Science - Accounting

Please list or describe your participation in community activities or organizations.

I participate solely with the Crofton Civic Association. I am active in following the Anne Arundel County government and educating myself on local issues.

Please discuss up to 3 issues or areas of concern that you feel the CCA should address.

- 1) Alleviating traffic congestion on Route 3 between Rt. 450 to 1-97.
- 2) Continued improvement in our contact with county and state officials regarding issues important to the Crofton community.
- 3) Recognizing the continued importance of the need to maintain and improve Crofton Triangle.

What skills, experience and perspectives would you bring to the CCA Board of Directors?

- 7 years experience on the CCA board.
- Extensive local knowledge of real estate development in the Metro DC area.
- Willingness to continue to represent District 2.

DISTRICT 3 DIRECTOR

James E. Harvey
1908 Harcourt Ave
Resident: 29 years

Type of Business or Employment:
Publisher, Living in the Triangle magazine

Education:
M.B.A.

Please list or describe your participation in community activities or organizations.
I publish Crofton's community magazine, organize and manage events such as the Flags for Heroes, Crofton Cherry Blossom Festival, Crofton Dog Show, Crofton Chili Cook-off, and Crofton Pie Bake Off. Some of these events raise money for Crofton Charities. I am a member of the Crofton Kiwanis, Greater Crofton Chamber of Commerce and former president of the Crofton Rotary Club. Through the magazine and other local promotional channels, I have helped promote over a dozen local organizations and/or their activities.

Please discuss up to 3 issues or areas of concern that you feel the CCA should address.
1) Proceeding to turn the "front lawn" into a community park, which will also allow the Crofton Special Tax district to eliminate over \$40K in county property taxes annually to the benefit of all.

2) Work with the county to get the woods at Swann Park designated as a biking and walking trail. This would entail improving the ad hoc bike trails so that they have been there for 30 years so that they are safer for all.

3) Continue to voice Crofton concerns over the improvement of Route 3 and controlled development.

What skills, experience and perspectives would you bring to the CCA Board of Directors?
I have management experience with non-profit organizations big and small, from 19 folks working local issues to over 3,000 folks from 34 countries cooperating on over a billion dollars in annual development. I have started and managed multiple companies and have P/L, budgetary, operational experience.

In Crofton, as a magazine publisher, I am uniquely suited to help promote CCA programs, promote common causes, and to communicate with the community. I have lived here with my family since 1993 and there are now three generations of Harvey's in Crofton. I am motivated to maintain our sense of community on behalf of family, friends, and neighbors and to continually look for ways to improve.

DISTRICT FOUR DIRECTOR

Robert Kendall
1782 E Regents Park Rd
Resident: 10 years

Type of Business or Employment:

Analyst

Education:

MS, Mechanical Engineering

Please list or describe your participation in community activities or organizations.

- CCA board, District 4 Director & chair of the Maintenance and Operations Committee.
- Member at Crofton Swim & Tennis Club.

Please discuss up to 3 issues or areas of concern that you feel the CCA should address.

- 1) The CCA should continue advocating for residents' point of view on current and future development of the Rt 3 Corridor.
- 2) Capital improvement is another key area of concern. The CCA is working towards the revitalization of the Village Green and determining the use of the recently purchased "Enclave" property at the front yard.
- 3) Updating the playgrounds at Swann Park and Willows Park is another important project underway that I would like to continue. Martin and I have been preparing for this by applying for outside funding and gathering community input. We expect to know the outcome of some funding decisions soon.

What skills, experience and perspectives would you bring to the CCA Board of Directors?

My work experience as an Engineer helps with my position with the CCA on the Maintenance and Operation Committee. Managing teams of analysts has translated well to coordinating with Town Hall staff, volunteers, and contractors on park cleanup and capital improvement projects.

This CCA board has accomplished some important projects in the last two years. We have held twice-yearly community cleanup events at Swann Park, Hardy Field, and Willows Park, greatly improving those areas. The front entrance renovation is complete or nearing completion. We are actively investigating how to minimize the tax burden of our recently purchased "Enclave" property while using it for the purposes that the community voted for and would like to see moving forward.

Having continuity with the current board members at this time is crucial, as we have several ongoing projects and town hall is going through transition with the departure of our experienced Comptroller.

DISTRICT FIVE DIRECTOR

Hal Sheldon
1703 Usher Place
Resident: 44 years

Type of Business or Employment:

Real estate appraiser - 29 years

Education:

BS Marketing, University of New Haven, 1968 (minor in Chemistry)

Please list or describe your participation in community activities or organizations.

- Boy Scout Scoutmaster Crofton 1984-1986
- Crofton Jaycees 1977-1978
- Branford, CT Jaycees District Vice President 1975-1976
- Branford, CT Jaycees District President 1974-1975
- I currently compete in spirit triathlons.

Please discuss up to 3 issues or areas of concern that you feel the CCA should address.

-We need to help reduce development along our highways for the safety of our citizens.

What skills, experience and perspectives would you bring to the CCA Board of Directors?

I have been on the Crofton Board of Directors, District 5, for the past 2 years and on the Education and Civic Affairs Committee.