

2021 Candidates for Loon Lake Homeowners Association Board

Below are bio's for each of this year's LLHOA candidates (in alphabetical order). Candidates include five current Board members up for, and seeking, reelection as well as five individuals running for the first time. This equates to 10 highly qualified candidates vying for 7 seats. Great to see this much interest!

Votes for the new Board will be taken at this Sunday's annual meeting (7/25 @ 10:00 a.m.) for which an agenda and Zoom link are also forthcoming.

Judy Cox

Judy Cox has a master's degree in clinical psychology and over 35 years of experience in correctional health care. Experience include psychologist in a New York State (NYS) prison, NYS government administration, and co-developer of two nationally recognized service models: a model to prevent suicides in police holding and correctional facilities and a model to integrate police and mental health response to persons with emotional crises in the community. Currently she is consultant and expert witness specializing in criminal justice system needs & suicide prevention. In the 1990's she obtained certifications in nutritional wellness and weight loss programs to support people with chronic illness and opened a fitness facility. She has been part of the Loon Lake Community since she was a child when her mother purchased a cottage at the 1957 auction. She is currently a board member, heads the beach community and is very appreciative of the positive work of the volunteer members on the beach committee. She and Leo Grunstein and their families donated Beaches A & B to the Loon Lake HOA with the expressed intent of benefiting the entire community by preserving the rights to these beaches for the use and enjoyment of loon lake homeowners.

Brenda Urman Gewurz

Brenda Urman Gewurz is a real estate broker and the VP Marketing & Sales of Proment Corporation, one of the most successful residential real-estate companies in Montreal. Over the past 15 years, she has been involved in the marketing and sales of over 2000 condos and homes. She has used methodology of sales and marketing developed by the National Home Builders Association (NHBA) of Washington D.C., including focus group studies with potential buyers, priority registrations, promotional events and most recently, web based strategies.

Academically, Brenda received a B.Sc. and MSc from McGill University and an MBA from Concordia University in management in 1980. She is also a certified real-estate

broker at the ACAIQ and Montreal real-estate board as well as a certified Marketing Manager from the NHBA.

As a volunteer, Brenda has been very active throughout the community and has held many positions in volunteer organizations.

She is presently a member of the Rendez-Vous D'affaires de L'Île-des-Soeurs, the Foundation de l'hôpital de Verdun, the Board of Directors of Federation CJA, a president of Jewish Community Foundation, and secretary of the Loon Lake Hoe Owners Association. She has received the 'Business Personality of the Year award' in 2007 for her involvement in the business development of Verdun. Brenda is married to Samuel Gewurz, a real-estate developer. She and Samuel have three children and 11 grandchildren.

Zev Hershtal

I've been on the LLHOA for 6 years and have been coming to Loon Lake for 48 years (since I married Sybil) for increasingly longer stays in both summer and winter.

I'm a retired Professional Engineer and entrepreneur from Toronto, Canada and have also served as President of the Loon Lake Jewish Center for the past 10 years.

Roger Lipsey

We are somewhat newcomers here--this is our third summer--but I was co-president and really co-founder of a lake board in Sussex County, New Jersey, where we faced major difficulties and litigation with the land owner whose parents, in the 1930s, had created a leasing arrangement for homeowners who were invited to build on the property. Complex! The community there is still intact.

I am a writer (see rogerlipsey.net), my wife Susan is many things including a skilled gardener. We find the Loon Lake community remarkable, surprising, welcoming. I feel I can offer common sense and a strong protective instinct for community.

Carleen Madigan

Carleen Madigan is an editor who acquires books about self-sufficiency for Storey Publishing. A year-round resident of the Adirondacks, she lives in Merrillville with her husband, Brett McLeod, and has a cottage on Loon Lake. She is running for a second term on the board and thinks that safeguarding the environmental quality of the lake and its surroundings should be a top priority for the HOA.

Eric Schwartz

I am interested in becoming an LLHOA Board Member. I've been coming to Loon Lake for over forty years, and recently purchased a cottage on CR 26, with my wife Stacey and two kids - Ella (18) and Shayne (14). We live near New Paltz, NY when not at Loon Lake. I've been a software developer at NY Presbyterian Hospital in NYC for over thirty years.

The HOA's mission of protecting the quality of the lake's natural ecosystem, and promoting a sense of community certainly resonates with me. My prior volunteer experience includes: organizer of a 'StartupHV' - a tech startup meetup in the Hudson Valley, a founding member of 'New Paltz Arts in the Schools Association' (NPASA), moderator of 'New Paltz School Talk' Facebook Group with ~1,800 members, and supporting several school board member election campaigns.

Karl Beckwith Smith

Artist

Born in Saranac Lake

Part time Loon Laker since 1978

Restorationist and Caretaker of the Caddie House

Loon Lake Historian

Love Loon Lake and want to help preserve its heritage and environment

Interested in fairness and equality

Diversity and inclusiveness

Some experience with Boards and HOAs

Willing to address the challenges that lay ahead

Peter Trout

Peter recently retired from his administrative position for a mental health not-for-profit, where he oversaw community based treatment, rehabilitation and housing programs/services for children, families and adults. He was also the Director of Community Services in Clinton County for several years. He holds graduate degrees in Rehabilitation Counseling and Public Administration (Healthcare tract). Peter lives full time on Garden Road at Loon Lake from April through October, in the camp that has been in his wife's (Sarah) family since 1957.

Peter's interest in joining the HOA Board is threefold: preserving the pristine quality of the lake; ensuring that ALL families fully enjoy the lake and the surrounding Adirondacks; and improving the communication amongst the community. Loon Lake has been a secret, serene wonderland for decades. As the outside world discovers our hidden gem, Peter feels the HOA has new challenges that threaten this serenity and that he could assist in developing creative solutions to preserve the quality of life at Loon Lake that we love.

Murray Vasilevsky

I have been a Loon Lake summer resident for almost 30 years and have enjoyed the privilege of serving on the HOA Board of Directors for several years. Together with my wife, children and grandchildren we relish our summers in Loon Lake and spend as much time here as possible. I live in the big green house on Loon Lake Terrace just opposite the path down to the beach. Since we are not lakefront we depend on the public beach for swimming and boating. I have worked with the Beach Committee to help clean up and beautify the beach. Even before the creation of a committee I would undertake mowing the grass on the beach. I see the HOA assuming ownership of the beach as a very positive step. It is extremely important to me as a beach user and beach neighbor to make sure that we develop and improve the beach in a way that best meets the needs of all members of the community. I am also very committed to maintaining the cleanliness of our lake and taking all steps needed to avoid the introduction of invasive species. Most importantly I have the pleasure of organizing the annual picnic. You may know me as the person behind the grill cooking those incomparable hot dogs. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve on the Board.

Linda Zintl

Linda Zintl is a retired registered nurse and diabetes educator with over 40 years of leadership experience as a Community Health Coordinator, Director of Clinical Research, and Diabetes Nurse Specialist providing education and clinical support for both nursing and medical staff in a large university hospital. She and her husband, Bill, have owned a camp in Loon Lake for the past 16 years and currently reside there half of the year, May through October. In addition to working to maintain the water quality of the lake that is the heart of our community, she believes that the LLHA is also well positioned to help promote a climate of consideration and cooperation, thereby encouraging a true sense of community among Loon Lake residents. Both goals are especially important as our population continues to grow and change