

## **2017 Election: Biographies for Village President, Village Board, Library Board, Park District Board, and School District Board Slated Candidates**

### **Village President Candidate:**

#### **Larry Levin** (*incumbent candidate*)

Larry Levin has been Village President since 2013. He represents the Village on the Northwest Municipal Conference and its Legislative Committee. Larry also is a member of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and the Illinois Municipal League. He is the Chairperson of the Village Board's Committee of the Whole. Prior to becoming Village President, Larry was a Village Trustee, Vice Chairperson of the Plan Commission, and Chair of several other Village Committees, as well as a North Shore Environmental Commissioner. In the past, among other governmental activities, he has served as Special Counsel to the Village of Glencoe, during Jim Web's two terms as President and as a member of the Village Commercial Task Force and the Village's Special Task Force on Village Economic Development in the 1990s that recommended that the Women's Library Club and the Writers' Theatre join forces.

Larry is President of L. R. Levin Consulting, L.L.C. which is a management consulting firm that helps companies with the creation and implementation of strategic planning and initiatives.

### **Village Board Candidates:**

#### **Gail Lissner** (*new candidate*)

Gail Lissner is a long-time resident of Glencoe and currently serves on the Glencoe Zoning Board of Appeals. She is a Vice President of Appraisal Research Counselors, a Chicago-based real estate appraisal and consulting firm, where she focuses on housing/multi-family market valuation and consulting.

Gail grew up in Glencoe, returning nearly 30 years ago with her husband to raise their three children. In addition to currently serving on the Glencoe Zoning Board of Appeals, Gail is a Vice President of Appraisal Research Counselors, a Chicago-based real estate appraisal and consulting firm. Since the beginning of her career, Gail has focused on housing/multi-family market valuation and consulting.

#### **Barbara Miller** (*incumbent candidate*)

Barbara Sadow Miller is a current Glencoe Village Trustee, Vice-Chair of the Plan Commission, and member of the Finance Committee. Her previous Village offices include leadership positions on the Zoning Board, the Caucus, and the Home Rule Task Force.

Trustee Miller's priorities for her next term on the Village Board include:

- Implementing the Downtown plan to enhance Glencoe's ability to attract, retain and promote vibrant businesses and cultural institutions;
- Developing Glencoe as a leader in sustainability.

She also wants to encourage all Glencoe residents to participate in community life by serving on a Caucus, Board, Commission or Task Force, or by joining one of Glencoe's many other clubs, societies, committees, and community organizations.

**Dale Thomas** (*incumbent candidate*)

Dale Thomas, Senior Counsel at the law firm of Sidley Austin LLP has been a resident of and raised a family in Glencoe for 27 years. He has sought to give back to the Village as a Trustee and as a member of various committees and task forces. Dale supports Glencoe parks and green spaces and helps keep the local Starbucks in the black.

He has long-standing family ties to the Chicago area. A 27-year resident of the Village, he is a member of the firm of Sidley Austin LLP who holds both a law degree and a divinity degree from Yale University. His professional experience has focused on energy and telecommunications regulation. In his free time, he is continually striving to upgrade his golf game – primarily at our beautiful Glencoe course.

**Library Board Candidates:**

**Jacqueline Babb** (*new candidate*)

Jacqueline Babb is a marketing professor, textbook author and reviewer, nonprofit consultant, serial volunteer, and proud mother of two young children. She has dedicated her career and personal time to improving the world through educating the next generation of nonprofit leaders and advancing literacy.

She believes that reading is the most important skill a child needs to be successful. To that end, Jacqueline is the Co-Chairperson for the Bernie's Book Bank Annual Book Lovers' Lunch the Co-Chairperson for South School's Authors Program, and works with the Committee for South's "Readers Are Leaders" Week. Jacqueline can often be spotted working by the fireplace in the Glencoe Library or chatting up one of its very talented librarians for her next great read.

**Kathy Doyle** (*incumbent candidate*)

Kathy Doyle has served on the Library Board for the past 4 years and has been a member of Board's marketing and personnel committees. She is an avid reader and has a Master's in Library Science. She is also the owner of Doyle Research, a qualitative research consulting firm based in Chicago.

As a member of the marketing committee, she was instrumental in upgrading the library's website and developing the e-newsletter which residents now receive weekly. During her service on the personnel committee, she was actively involved in the search and interview process that led to the hiring of the library's current Executive Director, Andy Kim. Kathy has a Master's in Library Science and has been an avid reader and library visitor her entire life.

**Bruce Ronner** (*new candidate*)

Bruce was an owner of Arrow Plastic Manufacturing Co., before recently selling the firm to a friendly buyer. For over 20 years, he was proud to have kept manufacturing and jobs in the US.

He has been a Glencoe resident for over 33 years and has cherished the library along with his wife and children who are now grown. Bruce has coached soccer, baseball and basketball in Glencoe and now volunteers at the Glencoe Community Garden.

**Calvin Saravis** (*new candidate*)

Calvin A. Saravis is Professor Emeritus of Harvard Medical School where he taught Immunology for thirty-six years, with a joint appointment as Professor Emeritus of Boston University of Medicine in Pathology. Teaching and mentoring young minds is both a passion and a love for him.

Calvin and his wife have lived in Glencoe for seventeen years, coming back to Glencoe where she first attended school and frequented the Glencoe Public Library. He considers it an honor to serve and help continue the exceptional services offered by the Library.

**Park District Board Candidates:**

**Stephanie Boron** (*new candidate*)

Together with her family, Stephanie has been Glencoe resident for 5 years. She's the mother of two young daughters, a first grader and a 3-year-old. She has a teaching degree with a masters in Curriculum and Instruction and has worked in educational publishing for almost 20 years.

Stephanie has served on various boards throughout her life and believes in serving the community with transparency and accountability. She looks forward to contributing to the execution of the well thought out master plan developed by the current park district board.

**Steve Gaines** (*incumbent candidate*)

Having raised his family here the last 30 years, Steve is grateful for the opportunity to give back to Glencoe. He has always enjoyed all that Glencoe has to offer, including its friendly, small town feel, where people get to know their neighbor. His kids grew up in Glencoe, enjoying the Park District's programs, facilities and staff, as did he.

In 1988, He began his involvement with the Park District by helping organize Adult instructional hockey at Watts. He continued this involvement by working on the referendums to refresh the Ice Rink decades ago.

Steve has enjoyed participating on advisory groups over the years, working on plans for the Community Center, Friends Park, and any other group the Executive Director of the Board asked me to join. During this time, he also worked in our public schools and gained valuable insight into what works for our kids.

He is still energized to facilitate his family's recreation and leisure activities; now, as an empty nester, he's trying to foster development of activities and programs for Glencoe's active older residents.

**Josh Lutton** (*new candidate*)

Josh Lutton is a 10-year Glencoe resident. He is management consultant; in 2009, he founded Woodlawn Associates, a consulting firm with particular expertise in growth strategy and renewable energy. He believes Glencoe's green space is one of its greatest assets and hopes to protect and enhance that while serving as a commissioner.

Josh and his wife, Laura, have two boys: Ted (14) and Cal (12). All are regular users of the Park District facilities and properties. He has particularly fond memories of sailing from the Glencoe Boating Beach and of nighttime capture-the-flag with his sons and their friends at Watts Park.

**School District Board Candidates:**

**Julie Brown Ackerman** (*incumbent candidate*)

Julie works as a patent attorney, and has enjoyed serving on the School Board since 2013. She and her husband have lived in Glencoe for over 13 years and have two daughters.

**Melissa Estes** (*incumbent candidate*)

Melissa joined the Glencoe School Board in May 2016 to fill a mid-term vacancy. Now an active volunteer in District #35 and mother of two children currently enrolled at Central School, Melissa is a career educator and high school theatre director who developed district-wide arts programming during her 15 years at Adlai E. Stevenson High School.

**Kelly Glauberman** (*new candidate*)

Kelly is currently the Co-President of the Glencoe PTO. This is her fifth year serving on the PTO's Executive Board. Kelly has also served four years on the Glencoe Junior Kindergarten Executive Board, including two years as Co-President.

She has lived in Glencoe for over 9 years with her husband, Scott, and her children, Will and Caroline.

**Ashley Kain Silver** (*new candidate*)

Currently a PR/Political Consultant as well as a Real Estate Broker working at Coldwell Banker in Glencoe, Ashley is a mom of two (Emma is 2 and Eli is 8 months). She is heavily involved in Glencoe Junior Kindergarten where her daughter attends; she is also an active member of the Glencoe community.

**Marc Gale** (*new candidate*)

Marc currently works as a Quantitative Analyst for Citadel Investment Group. Marc and his family (3 children - ages 13, 11 and 8) have lived in Glencoe for 8 years and have remained a very active part of the community. He recently served on the New Trier School Board Caucus and is a member of the AYSO Region 425 Board, serving as Coach Administrator.