

**Taberna Master Homeowners Association**  
**President's Letter – November 2019**  
**by: Bart Rovins - President**

**2020 HOA Board Elections**

Our annual election for the HOA's Board of Directors is rapidly approaching. In early November all property owners will receive their Notice of the Annual Meeting. This meeting is scheduled as follows:

Date: Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Creekside Elementary School, 2790 Landscape Drive, New Bern, NC

With the meeting notice will be our Budget for 2020 and information on the five (5) candidates for the Board of Elections. The results of the election will be announced at the Annual Meeting, and immediately following the meeting the new Board of Directors will meet to elect officers for the coming year.

Here is a breakdown of the current Board of Directors:

Name	Current Position	Term Expires
Bart Rovins*	President	2020
Dick Stern	Vice President	2019
Joseph Frangipane*	Treasurer	2020
Jazz Woodward*	Secretary	2020
Gordy Barnes**	At-Large and Building & Grounds Chair	2019
Karen Mattingly	Assistant Secretary	2019
Mark Eckert	Assistant Treasurer & Building & Grounds	2019

\* Board member with another year to serve

\*\* Running for re-election

As Dick, Karen and Mark step down, I want to sincerely thank them for their service and their innumerable contributions to our community. All have been valued Board members whose efforts are appreciated. They will be missed.

We have a great slate of candidates with diverse and significant experiences. Two are retired and three are actively pursuing their respective careers. In alphabetical order, here is a brief summary of the five (5) candidates for the four (4) open Board positions (you will be able to vote for four (4) candidates):

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Rob D'Angelo

Rob is a newcomer to Taberna having relocated here from NJ earlier this year. Rob and Christina have two young children. It's very important to him to be an active member of the community to both build productive relationships and solve issues that help make Taberna a great place to live for his family, friends and neighbors. Rob is an Executive Vice President with Altrius Capital Management. Prior to moving to Taberna, Rob spent nine years in the financial sector in New York with Alliance Bernstein for over 8 years and GAM Investments. He believes the Board's top two priorities are:

- a) Communication around the Route 70 construction and
- b) Help smooth any pain points between residents and CAMS when issues come up

Gordy Barnes

Gordy has ably led our Building & Grounds Committee for the past two years. During this time, we experienced Hurricanes Florence and Dorian which required Gordy and his team to work countless hours to successfully clean up our community. As we go into 2020, there is still a lot of work to be done to replace shrubs and plantings that were destroyed during these storms. His knowledge of Taberna's needs and his relationships with our 5 different landscapers will be beneficial to our community if he is re-elected.

Gordy and his wife owned a local retail and garden center for 13 years. This experience provided him with first-hand product knowledge and afforded the opportunity to work with customers, employees, vendors and local government. Prior to owning this business, he had a 28-year corporate career as a certified accountant, working in manufacturing and mergers and acquisitions.

His priorities are:

- a) Working to maintain Taberna's image and assets and
- b) Maintain a working relationship with the owners of the Taberna Country Club

Thomas Brubaker

Thomas has always been in public service from his 20 years of military service to the 17 years in 911 emergency centers as both a call taker and dispatcher. He is currently the Craven County Communication Center Manager and serves on the Craven County Emergency Services Committee. He and his wife have lived in Taberna since May 2016, and they selected Taberna because of its beauty, and his desire be a part of keeping it that way moving forward. His Board priorities for the next two years are:

- a) The continued growth of the Taberna area and
- b) Consistent adherence to Taberna's rules and regulations

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Jonathan Foster

Jonathan is a senior engineer working aboard MCAS. Prior to moving to New Bern in 2015, he worked for American Electric Power in Ohio where he managed and lead multiple projects pertaining to a new expansion of the electrical grid as well as made sure maintenance was being completed. He believes that communication is essential when working with multiple disciplines. He believes he is qualified to be a Board member because he is able to listen to ideas and think outside the box, give feedback on an idea, as well as, pitch issues that may be encountered and solutions to correct them. He also wants to bring some new life and younger ideas to the Board. His priorities are:

- a) The impact on the community of the sale of the Taberna Country Club and
- b) Enforcing the Covenants to keep the community welcoming and clean.

Wayne Maruna

Wayne is known throughout Taberna as our TabMail guru and the go to person for computer repairs. Wayne will bring significant financial and accounting experiences to the Board. Wayne relocated to New Bern from Moen's headquarters for a plant controller's role. After moving into Taberna in 2003, he served on Taberna's Finance Committee and ultimately as its Chair. This was long before we had a property management company to provide us with accounting and financial services. This Committee created the systematic formulation of budget reserves for emergencies and the long-term maintenance of common assets. As a result of Wayne's and the original Budget Committee's work we were able to manage through the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Dorian without the need for special assessments. Wayne spent a career with Moen Incorporated as a plant and division controller and is well versed in budgeting, financial controls and general business acumen. Wayne's top priorities for the Board are:

- a) Represent and protect the interests of the residents through the roll-out of the Highway US-70/ I-42 project and
- b) Continue to monitor and promote the viability of the Taberna Country Club

It is very important for you to complete the proxy ballot that you'll be receiving in the mail and return it in accordance with the instructions. You need to do this even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, as it is through the proxy process that we will achieve the necessary quorum for the Annual Meeting.

Thank you for taking the time to become familiar with the residents who will be your future leaders.