

Taberna Master Homeowners Association
President's Letter – November 2020
by Bart Rovins - President

Shortly all owners will receive in the mail the HOA's Annual Meeting Packet, that will include the Annual Meeting Notice, information on how to access the Annual Meeting via "ZOOM", the 2021 budgets, minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting, and a ballot to vote for three (3) new Directors who will replace myself, Joseph Frangipane and Jazz Woodward.

Each Board candidate was asked to respond to the following questions:

1. Provide a short biographical summary of your qualifications to be a Director.
2. Why do you want to be a member of the Taberna Master Board of Directors?
3. What experience do you have that qualifies you to serve the Taberna Master community as a Board Member?
4. What do you believe to be the top two priorities for the Board in the next two years?
5. What do you think is important in representing the interests of the community?
6. Additional comments.

In alphabetical order, and in their own words (albeit slightly edited to fit the allocated space...each candidate's complete response will be in the meeting packet), here are their response.

Bruce Clark (212 Ticino Court)

1. Resident and homeowner in Taberna for 8 years. Retired Attorney at Law [New York State], general practice in Northern New York for 38 years: Real Estate, family law, Assistant District Attorney, criminal defense, Oswego County Attorney for 16 years.
2. As an 8-year resident of Taberna, I believe it is important that residents are involved in the governance of the community.
3. My professional experience in representing municipalities, public and private sector nonprofit organizations and private citizens will be a valuable asset to the Taberna HOA board.
4. Maintain and improve the fiscal health of the HOA and the community, environmental and quality of life standards of Taberna.
5. It is important to ensure that Taberna resident's concerns, views and opinions are considered by the board before any decision is made.

Rick Kiefer (120 Lugano Road)

1. I am retired from a career in finance during which I served as Chief Financial Officer for several medium sized companies. In addition to preparing and analyzing financial reports, my experience includes developing business plans/budgets, contract negotiations and administration, cash management, managing outside legal counsel and maintaining sound business practices.
2. Taberna is an exceptional community and I would like to ensure the association continues to successfully address the issues that affect us all.
3. In addition to my business experience I was treasurer for a previous homeowner's association.
4. Ensuring that the association has adequate reserves to meet the needs of the community as the infrastructure ages that may require additional maintenance and monitoring the Hwy 70 project and its impact on the community.

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5. I think that effective communication is a key responsibility of the board members. Listening to and addressing the concerns of our residents as well as communicating the issues that arise is important function.
6. As a board member, I will ensure the Homeowners Association continues to fulfill its fiduciary responsibilities as well as its efforts to address the issues that affect us all. I am committed to helping to maintain the exceptional community in which we live.

Carmen Miller (902 Taberna Circle)

1. I have skills and qualifications in project management leadership, development, implementation, business processes and data analysis experience, documentation management reporting, while facilitating as a liaison with multiple teams and businesses.
2. Taberna is a wonderful community to live in and has great neighbors always available to lend a helping hand. I want it to continue being that great place for families, friends and neighbors, which is why I want to contribute my support to keep it that way.
3. Having years of experience in providing management support in planning, organizing, researching, problem solving, collaborating, budgeting, reporting and having just the right amount of humor when you are navigating through stressful challenges.
4. To protect and represent the interest of Taberna during Highway 70 construction project and to ensure adhering with our covenants and rules, continuing quality in our community.
5. By building productive/working relationships, we can resolve issues that may occur.

Brian Taylor (101 Freiburg Road)

1. I'm a semi-retired professional that spent the past 23 years working in the non-profit world. I held numerous roles and responsibilities all of which allowed me to grow more as a professional and take on additional responsibilities. My experiences presented many opportunities to grow and learn and equip me to serve as a Director with an HOA. I will bring a positive attitude and a commitment to our community.
2. I have always believed it to be important to get involved in things that we are passionate about. I care deeply about our neighborhood, but more than that, I care about our community. We here in Taberna, are more than just neighbors in a neighborhood, we are a community. For the first time in many years, I have some time to give to a cause I'm interested in. I believe our HOA board is a great place to give and I'm looking forward to making a positive contribution.
3. I have served on and worked with numerous boards and committees with varying degrees of responsibilities. I also served as staff adviser to many key projects, activities, and events throughout the years. Working in tandem with a team is something I do well and enjoy. I intend to bring this same approach to our HOA board.
4. The priority that I see being a key topic for the 2021 year is growing community within Taberna. Community is so important to us as neighbors, friends even strangers. I would like to see greater emphasis placed here as we continue to see several houses sold with many new families joining our neighborhood. I feel it's important that we make sure we get to know these new families and how they too can get involved. The second item that I see as a priority for our homeowner's association board is to continue upholding our HOA covenants and ensure equal enforcement and adherence to these covenants.

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5. First and foremost, it's important that we always represent the community with honesty and integrity. It's also very important and beneficial to have good relationships with our local elected officials and City of New Bern leadership as well especially when needing to address any particular matters.
6. Thank you for the opportunity to share a little bit about myself, my family, and my thoughts. As I mentioned before, we have all made very nice investments in our homes. With that said, I want to do my part to help make sure we take care of this beautiful place we call home.

In my next letter, I will begin the process of wrapping up 2020 and my four years on the Board. Be healthy and stay safe.