

Statements of the Candidates—2023

Nancy Wilochka, Springfield Farms, Candidate for President (Incumbent)

Ten years ago, I moved to Mason Neck from New Hampshire, embracing the open space and welcoming neighbors. Shortly after I bought my home, I attended an MNCA meeting at Gunston Hall. As I learned Mason Neck's history, I developed a solid appreciation of how truly unique and precious my new home was. The more I dealt with the fast pace of the rest of the County, the more I appreciated the peace and serenity of Springfield Drive and all of the parklands that surround us here.

While I enjoy the solitude of my home and nearby hiking and equestrian trails, I also value the importance of networking. I have a deep appreciation for community involvement and hold in high regard the actions and deeds of those who have shaped our Mason Neck. Late in 2018, I was invited to fill a vacancy on MNCA's Board, and I feel together we've made significant progress in keeping the legacy of MNCA going strong. I wish to continue to help all of us preserve our invaluable resources on Mason Neck, and I bring along decades of experience in communications to that end.

I volunteer because I feel that I can make a difference with the skills and tools that have shaped my 30+ years of work in communications. I'm a Desert Storm veteran, having served for 12 years in the Air Force as a public affairs officer and newspaper editor; 20 years in commercial broadcasting as a morning news anchor, and currently as a senior public affairs officer for the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Marvin Miller, Mason's Collar, Candidate for Vice President (Incumbent)

During the years I have had the privilege to call Mason Neck home, preserving the Neck's unique qualities has been a long-term mission for me. There have been all sorts of threats over the years. One governor wanted to install a prison at Gunston Hall while another sought to close Mason Neck State Park. Developers want to bring sewer to our peninsula so they can build housing developments. Some now want to create high rise development nearby which would bring unwanted change to our environment.

We need to be constantly vigilant to protect the unique resource the Neck provides. During the pandemic, many discovered our trails and preserved natural environment and it was a safe place to go to be outside without being in close contact with others. I want to continue to preserve the Neck as the bucolic, silvan refuge it is.

Over the years I have had good relations with those in government from both political parties to enlist their support for us. If elected, I would be proud to continue this important work. Thank you for your consideration.

Bruce Scott, The Reserve, Candidate for Treasurer (Incumbent)

My name is Bruce K. Scott and I have served as President the Mason Neck Citizens

Association (MNCA), for two terms. A little of my personal background, I retired from the US Army in October of 2002 at the rank of Major General. For the last six years of my Army service, my late wife Mary, our six children and I lived in Government quarters at Fort Belvoir that backed up on the other side of Pohick Bay. We became great fans of Mason Neck during these years. Even though we owned a home in Fairfax, Mary really wanted to live on Mason Neck. Although we still own our original home next to the Fire Station on Gunston Road, we have moved three miles down the road and built a new home on the Potomac.

Since moving to Mason Neck, we have tried to stay involved in our community affairs and Mary was a Docent at Gunston Hall. My goal of serving on the Board of MNCA has been to advocate policies, plans and actions that ensure that the unique lifestyle and environment we enjoy in this enclave of Mason Neck is protected for our children and our children's children. Maintaining our unique quality of life and the surrounding environment remains my number one priority. I look forward to your support.

Dick Kennedy, Hallowing Point, candidate for Secretary (Incumbent)

Sallie and I have been Neck residents since 1978 when we set out to find a house that would reduce my 10-mile commute to CIA but we messed up somehow. We feel privileged to live in this beautiful area, where our daughters Bradley and Ashley grew up. I am also active in the Mason Neck Lions Club and the Friends of Mason Neck State Park.

I have a chem. engineering degree from Princeton but changed career paths, studied economies in Turin, Italy, and Mexico City (where I met Sallie) and then got a PhD from Rice. At CIA (1972-2003) –a marvelously apolitical place where analysts are told to gather the facts and follow wherever they lead—I worked mainly on European economic issues and was awarded the Agency's Career Intelligence Medal in 2004.

I am passionate about human rights: I heard MLK speak at Princeton, and I saw first-hand the suppression of human rights in two places--East Berlin in 1961 (two weeks after the wall went up!) and Jackson, Mississippi in 1964, where I was a civil rights worker for five weeks. My other avocation since 1970 has been working to end the criminalization of marijuana, a drug that is far safer than alcohol or tobacco; I plan to try it myself some day; I also advocate for action on climate change in my spare time.

Arsenio Ayon, Hallowing Point, Candidate for Director (Incumbent)

My family (wife Donnica and son Carson) and I moved from California (Bay Area) about seven years ago to pursue high-tech business opportunities with the Federal government. For the first two years, we lived in Fairfax near Chantilly but after we decided to stay here longer, we looked for a house near the river. We came to Hallowing Point five years ago to an open house—we loved the area, purchased the house, and lived there for four years, then moved in 2021 to our current house on the river. We think that Mason Neck is an awesome place to live and raise a family and love all of what it has to offer.

I have served on the board for over two years and look forward to continuing. While living in CA, I served on several neighborhood type organization boards and a community medical clinic and currently serve on the LCAC board of directors. I am the CEO of a small business providing high-tech information technology solutions to DoD and civilian agencies around the country and abroad.

I feel privileged to enjoy what previous generations built in Mason Neck and the undergoing efforts of my neighbors and friends in the community. If elected to continue to serve, my goal is to continue to work with the board to preserve and enhance the beauty of Mason Neck.

Hillary K. Clawson, Gunston Manor, Candidate for Director (Incumbent)

After retiring from a career in information technology, I moved to Mason Neck with my husband, Kem. We've been here for 16 years and our appreciation for this exceptional place continues to grow.

I served as President of the Mason Neck Citizens Association for six years. I'm a founding member and President of the Friends of Mason Neck State Park, Inc., a non-profit 501(c) (3) corporation. I'm currently a member of our County Supervisor's Environmental Advisory Committee and the Mount Vernon District Site Specific Plan Amendment Task Force.

These positions have given me the opportunity to forge strong relationships with our legislators, keeping Mason Neck's interests at the forefront. I look forward to continuing to work with our dedicated board as we explore new ways to strengthen MNCA and maintain the unique environment we all enjoy here.

Annie Collins, Harborview, Candidate for Director (Incumbent)

Originally from greater Boston, a job opportunity brought me to the DC area where I worked in consulting in both private and public sectors. While in DC, I met my husband, a second generation Mason Neck resident, who introduced me to the Neck. It has been a privilege to live in this historic and beautiful area, and a joy to serve alongside our small but tightly knit community. I look forward to continuing to serve and to thoughtfully steward the resources entrusted to us.

Rick Hutson, Hallowing Point, Candidate for Director (Incumbent)

I have had the pleasure of serving in the role of a Director for the Mason Neck Citizens Association during the past 10 years. I believe that our way of life here on Mason Neck is precious and fragile and we must do all that we can to preserve Mason Neck as it is. I live in Hallowing Point with my wife, Dana, a third generation Mason Neck resident and our two children, Aubrey, and Frank, both fourth generation Mason Neck residents and students at South County High School. I am an avid runner and kayaker and enjoy the

many trails, pristine woodlands and waterways that Mason Neck has to offer. My family and I love to hike and observe wildlife in the many parks located on Mason Neck and I want to help preserve Mason Neck as the jewel of Fairfax County for my children and my children's children. I have enjoyed serving on the Mason Neck Citizens Association Board of Directors and I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet our many neighbors here on Mason Neck. I have enjoyed looking out for the interests of the citizens of Mason neck, and I look forward to continuing to serve the citizens of Mason Neck for another year.

Scott Stroh, Gunston Road, Candidate for Director (Incumbent)

Throughout his lifetime, George Mason wrote frequently about his love of Gunston Hall and his appreciation of the natural beauty and abounding resources of the place he called home. Today, some 250 years later, my family and I are blessed to live at Gunston Hall on Mason Neck, a place we now call home, and a place we love, value, and appreciate for the same reasons Mason wrote about during his lifetime.

But, our love of Mason Neck transcends its natural beauty and rich history. Just as Gunston Hall comes to life because of the stories of those who lived there, Mason Neck's vitality is enriched by the humanity and hospitality of all those whose presence has created an amazing community of friends and neighbors. My family and I our privileged to be part of this community and inspired by the passions and actions of all those who have helped preserve and support this place and this community. As such, I would be honored to help continue this tradition of civic leadership, community service, and neighborly hospitality.

In closing, thank you for the honor of being considered as a potential board member of the MNCA and thank you all for welcoming my family and I to such a special place.

Peter Weyland, Gunston Manor, Candidate for Director (Incumbent)

I moved to Gunston Manor in 1976 and enjoy the river, nature and people who inhabit this wonderful peninsula. As we all know, Mason Neck is a unique and special place in this busy metropolitan area. But, it will only remain unique if we, as a community, do everything we can do to protect it.

I am a current board member of the Mason Neck Citizen's Association (MNCA). I am a past president of the Gunston Manor Property Owners Association (GMPOA) and have served on the board of the Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) for the previous ten years. I am the current MNCA representative to the South County Federation (SCF) and serve as the Transportation Chair and on the Executive Committee. I am co-founder and Secretary of the South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce.

I own an internet hosting and list serve business trading as [Look.Net](#) LC. For the past 27 years, I have provided pro bono internet services for MNCA, LCAC, GMPOA and other

area non-profit organizations. I support my wife in her expanding equine business at Meadowood. I believe in giving back to our community.

I love the beauty and tranquil environment of Mason Neck. I hope to continue to work with the board and the greater community to retain our quality of life for years to come.