

NOMINEE BIOS FOR THE STONY CREEK ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ELECTION
VOTE : MONDAY, July 7th, 2014, 5:00pm - 8:00pm (EDT)
Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library Hall

(Eligible - all property owners and registered Branford voters living within stony Creek Association boundaries)

Greg Ames / Treasurer - Greg and Nina have owned their Stony Creek Home since 1989 and have been full time residents since 1999. Greg is the president of Ames and Whitaker, Architects and has served as treasurer of the Connecticut Building Congress, and as treasurer and president of the Connecticut chapter of the American Institute of Architects, A.I.A. New England and the Mountain-brook Homeowners association. He is currently treasurer of the Stony Creek Association.

Peter A. Banca / Nominee for tax collector - My family has enjoyed living in Stony Creek for three generations. I have a BS in economics from Quinnipiac College and an MBA from the University of New Haven. My career has been in banking and finance as a Securities Analyst and a Senior Commercial Loan Officer. Most recently I have completed an eight year stint as the Branford Town Treasurer. I have served continuously on various town boards and commissions for forty years. I enjoy living in Stony Creek with my wife, Kathy

D. Spencer Bartels / Board Member - Currently serving as the Administrative Chair for the SCA. Spencer is working in sales for McCoy Printing. He is a member of the Thimble Island Sailing Club and has two children. He enjoys wooden boats, duck hunting and sailing. Spencer enjoys working to preserve the traditions of Stony Creek and its waterfront.

Josh Brooks / Board Member – Josh has been a life long resident of Stony Creek. He is a stonemason with deep ties to the roots of the community. Presently a member of the Branford RTM, he is very civic minded. Josh is married with two children.

Daniel Bullard / President - Dan lives with his wife Holly and stepdaughter Abbie, has three daughters and eight grandchildren. He is active in the Church of Christ, a past member of the RTM, an incumbent on the Stony Creek Association, past member of the Police Commission, is a member of the Thimble Island Sailing Club, Pine Orchard Club and the Off Soundings Club. Dan is a graduate of Yale, president of Bullard Financial and a principal of ONESCO in Branford.

Kathryn Coffin / Nominee - You may know me by my dog, Yoda. I came to Stony Creek at age ten. I attended high school and college earning BA and MA degrees. I accepted administrative positions with the City of Hartford, supporting State and Federal contract compliance regulations for people with disabilities, women and minorities. Family and retirement brought me back to Stony Creek where I took care of my mother and purchased a home. Now, I want to give back to the community.

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Dena Collins / Nominee - I have lived in Branford, CT all my life. I married Darren Collins in 1999 whose family has been living in Stony Creek for many generations. The land we currently live on has been in the family for ages and was originally farmland equipped with a mill. Even though the land and times have changed, most of the family still resides in our beloved Stony Creek. My husband and I are trying to keep the family tradition going by raising our two sons, Austin (10) and Brandon (7), here as well. Our two boys keep us very busy between schooling and their extracurricular activities, yet I still find time to take our Bloodhound, Mandy, for walks down to the beach every day. With this being said, in my free time I enjoy gardening, reading, and watching old black and white movies. I believe that Stony Creek is a very special place and that we are all very fortunate to be living in such a beautiful community. If I were to obtain a position on a committee I would try my very best to keep the integrity of this small and quaint town going for many generations to come.

Leslie Consolo / Board Member - Leslie has lived in Stony Creek for the past 21 years and even attended Stony Creek school as a child. She loves the community of Stony Creek and feels very fortunate to be able to raise her family here. Leslie feels it is very important to preserve the community and the history of Stony Creek. She is married to a life long resident Stephen Consolo. Stephen is a commercial fisherman in the Creek. She has two children, Sara and Stephen. Leslie currently provides home care to an elderly resident of Stony Creek. Leslie would like the opportunity to make Stony Creek an even better place to live.

Harlan Fichtenholtz / Nominee - Hi, my name is Harlan Fichtenholtz. After taking a position at Yale, My wife and I returned to Connecticut from North Carolina. After the birth of our first son we moved to Stony Creek in 2008. After initially renting on Wallace Rd we were lucky to find the perfect home for our expanding family, now 2 boys and a girl, in the neighborhood. I currently serve on the Bay View Park Playground Committee to keep the park a great place for both the kids and adults in the neighborhood. I feel lucky to raise my family in a place like Stony Creek and I will work hard on behalf of the neighborhood.

Sandra Fischer / Board Member – Sandra moved to Stony Creek in 1970 with Phil and their four children. She has a Masters in Environmental Education, and retired after teaching science at Westbrook Middle School for twenty-five years. She has been active in many civic affairs within the community and is a multi-term member of The Stony Creek Association board.

Nick Fischer / Nominee for Tax Collector - Nick spent his childhood in Stony Creek, moving in 1988 to Guilford where he and his wife raised their two children. He moved his family back in 2009 to Linden Point Road where he currently resides. Nick established Fischer Excavating, Inc. in 1987 in Branford and has done the majority of the excavation work in Stony Creek and on the Thimble Islands. He is a graduate of the University of New Haven where he received a BS in Finance.

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DeeDee (Delores) Hakun / Board Member – DeeDee vacationed in Stony Creek in 1992 and never left. Its charm was immediate and life changing. The world left behind was the retail world, namely as Vice President of the International division of The May Department Stores Co.. Pursuing her passion for the arts, DeeDee served as a previous board member of the Guilford Art Center and is a strong advocate for dog rescue. DeeDee shares her house with three Mini Dachshunds, Cookie, Lady Tess and Stony Creek's Chasin' My Dream.

Sam Kirby / Board Member - Sam has lived in Stony Creek fifteen years and raised two children here. In 2003, he bought a home on Thimble Islands Road. Sam is a graduate of Yale College and Yale School of Architecture. He is currently an Associate at Newman Architects in New Haven. He is a member of the Thimble Islands Sailing Club and volunteers at the Stony Creek Museum. Sam is interested in the character of the architecture and coastline of this unique community.

Peter S. Kusterer / Nominee - As a 32 year resident/property owner at harborside, owner of Stony Creek's only marina, landlord to "Thimbleberry" deli and "Thimble Marine" and 67 year part time resident Kidds Island, I've gained special knowledge and appreciation of the combined history and tradition. I'm a hands on bloody knuckler who works at improving properties while preserving the traditional flavors of the village waterfront landscape. Background: Real Estate 40 years; Commissioner / VP of New Haven's "Chapel West" Special District 15 years.

Diane Latowski / Nominee – Diane lives and works in Stony Creek, and is a life long Branford resident. She has two grown sons, Marc and Jamie, and two grandchildren who also live in Branford. Diane is President of DBL Associates, an executive search firm specializing in recruiting and placing medical device and pharma professionals. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Association of Personnel Consultants as well as on the Board of Trustees at Mercy Center in Madison.

Madeline Mansfield / Auditor - Madeline moved to Stony Creek in 2007 and was immediately impressed with the unique character and surrounding natural beauty of this community. She is currently the Comptroller at the Madison Beach Club, Inc and for the past twenty years the owner of Branford Bookkeeping. She is also an artist with work currently at Greene Gallery in Guilford. Madeline is interested in offering her accounting skills to the SCA.

Hannah Purdy / Nominee - Hannah lives with her husband and children on School Street and has her office in the school building. They settled in Stony Creek because Hannah believes that a strong and diverse community is the foundation for a balanced and rich life. On the Playground Committee, Hannah worked to ensure that the new equipment was the best product and that the voices of the community were heard. Hannah hopes she can continue to serve the community through the Stony Creek Association.

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Bonnie Sanders -Newton / Board Member - Bonnie feels extremely blessed to have been living in Stony Creek since 1976. She has two sons. She has a Masters in Healthcare Administration and is an RN - Education Specialist at Yale-New Haven Hospital. She has served on the Stony Creek Association since 2011.

Linda Reed / Board Member - CT native; 30 year Stony Creek resident; two adult sons (Logan & Alden); Bachelors - biology (Fairfield Univ.) & Masters - forest science (Yale Forestry); CT certified in zoning enforcement; personal interest in Stony Creek land use & traffic/safety issues; 34 yrs. experience in land use/environmental planning & coastal management (municipal & pvt. sector) & 24 yrs. school & labor law; chairs SCA Police/Traffic subcommittee; member of SCA Legal/Zoning Subcommittee & Village District special study committee; volunteer: Bayview Park playground committee (1990; 2013-14), St. Therese Church (lector, Eucharistic minister), past member: Branford Land Trust Board, Town Zoning Board of Appeals

Mark Richter / Nominee - Hello Association Members, my wife Laura & I have owned and operated the Stony Creek Package Store for eight years. We are proud to be part of the Creek and have now lived on Buena Vista road for 2 years. On a daily basis I learn more about the history of the Creek by talking to residents and would like to help sustain and improve the quality of life we all enjoy. We love boating around the Thimbles everyday we can get out, tide and weather permitting. I am proud to live and work in what I feel is one of the best places, and look forward to doing so for many years to come.

Charles Torre / Auditor - Charlie has been a resident of the Creek since 1965 and retired in 2004 as Director of Treasury at Yale-New Haven Hospital. He is a former chair and member of the Board of Directors of the Better Business Bureau of Connecticut, is an active member of St. Therese Church, serving as the Financial Secretary of the church's Knights of Columbus Council, and serves as a Eucharist Minister. He volunteers at Yale-New Haven Hospital and serves as Auditor for The Stony Creek Association.

Kelly Vonk / Nominee - Kelly relocated to Stony Creek in 2011 from Colorado. She is married with three toddler boys. She worked for an international business doing administration, human resources, and client relations. She CO-owns a small business that employs 30. She has a B.S in Business Administration and Communications and her M.A. in Counseling. Kelly serves as Co-Chair of the Park Committee. She helped select a vendor, raise \$125,000, and appeared before 6 town committees to get approvals. She does other community service through her church.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Wieland / Board Member - Betsy is a past and present board member. She and Renny have lived in Stony Creek for the past 44 years where they have raised their two sons. Betsy earned a Master's Degree in Social Work from Southern, CT State University and retired last year from the Agency on Aging of South Central CT. Betsy has served on the maintenance committee and most recently chairs a sub committee evaluating a Village District designation for Stony Creek.