

## **A Message from the President of the POA Board of Directors**

Dear homeowners,

As you know, the Bell Tower Park POA Annual meeting took place on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

The vote, to decide if the excess funds that the BTP POA realized from fiscal year 2023, over \$170,000, should be allocated forward to our reserves, was passed overwhelmingly.

The vote to not have a full audit of our financial records also passed. This meant that an audit of our “books” would not be done this year. However, due to significant interest in doing so by several homeowners and by the majority of your Board, such an audit will be budgeted for, and conducted for our 2024 finances in 2025. The last full POA audit was done in 2017.

In addition, three seats on the POA Board were up for election. Those chosen by the homeowners were: incumbents Jodi Harrison, Michael Lewis, and Paul Niss. Our fourth candidate, John Scardella, finished with a strong showing and hopefully will stay involved with activities here in the community.

Finally, as per our by-laws, POA Board Officers were chosen by the Board: Ron Mc Ewan was elected as President, Paul Niss was re-elected as Vice President, Jodi Harrison was re-elected as Secretary and Michael Lewis was re-elected as Treasurer. John Davenport will serve as Director at-large.

When the Board took office last March, the promise was to provide more and better communications to the community, as well as better transparency in terms of how things are done here in BTP.

To a degree these promises were kept. A new quarterly community Newsletter was developed and apparently has been well received. Also, John Davenport re-instituted a President’s Message that appeared every month. These were big improvements compared to the days of Covid, and the aftermath, until 2023.

However, there is much more that can and will be done. The POA is currently under contract to develop a new Community-owned and operated website product that will allow us to provide better, more robust content on activities – social as well as news of the neighborhood.

The new site will also include a unified Community Directory allowing us to better know our neighbors and where they are. We are just scratching the surface with this tool to help us become more of an interactive “community”, as so many of our neighboring communities are. We hope to have it active later this Spring.

Your Board is comprised of a very strong group of people, all with the same idea in mind – do things that are in the best interests of the residents and the Bell Tower Park community. Working with our very active Committees and with Club Management, planned initiatives will be completed. These include rejuvenation of our landscaping (with the help of our new landscape company – Greenscapes), moving forward with the much-needed Sports Court project and again, our new web site capability. Other longer-term programs will also be investigated, looking towards the future of our now 20+year old community.

Bell tower Park is a great place to live. Great people, a great location, with a great future. Looking forward to working with all of you over the next twelve months. And should you have questions or concerns, please reach me at [rmce23@aol.com](mailto:rmce23@aol.com).

All the best,

Ron Mc Ewan

Board President of the Bell Tower Park Property Owner’s Association