



2011 BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOMINEE FACT SHEETS

Italian Village Society Nominees for 2011 -

The Italian Village Society elects a Board of four Trustees every December at our annual Holiday Potluck. The newly elected Board members then decide among themselves which Board positions they will fill (President, Vice President - Membership, Secretary, and Treasurer). Here are Fact Sheets and photos of each of the six candidates running for Office in 2011.

NAME: Jared Wilson

ITALIAN VILLAGE LANDMARK NEAREST TO YOUR HOME OR OFFICE:

St Joseph's Montessori School

OF YEARS IN ITALIAN VILLAGE: I have lived in the Short North area for over 2 years.

My involvement with the block watch began before I moved to Italian Village. I had finally moved into IV early this year.

MEMBER OF ITALIAN VILLAGE SOCIETY SINCE: I have been a member of IVS since June 2009.

FAVORITE I V BUSINESS OR INSTITUTION: Italian Village Society and many local restaurants and clothiers.

CURRENT OR PRIOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: I have been involved with the IVS; I am the Coordinator's Assistant for the Block Watch. I have been responsible for helping with updates on facebook; I was the head administrator for the Don't Dissolve Precinct One campaign; I have volunteered for the IVS booth in the Italian Festival and assisted in being Emily's escort in the parade while handing out flyers educating people about the Block Watch and the Society. I have also attended every IVS meeting since I have been a member.

GOALS FOR ITALIAN VILLAGE: I would like to see the IVS and IV Block Watch more united. One of the reasons I wanted to run for officer is to help initiate this process. I have a few ideas on how to achieve this goal. Also, I would like to make sure Deputy Chief Kimberly Jacobs keeps her word and attends at least one of our meetings. I want to be on top of the computer re-zoning implementation she spoke of when I last saw her.

QUALITIES AND SKILLS YOU BRING TO THE BOARD: I feel it is my time to step up and serve my community. So, one quality I bring is 'motivation'. I have been involved with the Block Watch, so I bring 'inertia' from that service area. I am very concerned about the safety of the neighborhood, so I bring 'care' as another quality. Also, I have been told I would make a good candidate because I pay attention to and answer emails promptly. I am organized, my computer skills are strong, I keep track of relevant information, I am good at presenting the Block Watch updates and I am a positive person. I also feel that I bring 'commitment' to the table. I have attended every IVS meeting that was not cancelled. And finally, I feel I would be a great candidate because I enjoy the meetings and am engaged in what is happening in the area.



NAME: Christopher Vidoni

ITALIAN VILLAGE LANDMARK NEAREST TO YOUR HOME OR OFFICE:
Berry Bolt Works, State of Ohio Library, Jeffery Mining Site

OF YEARS IN ITALIAN VILLAGE: 10

MEMBER OF ITALIAN VILLAGE SOCIETY SINCE: 2007

FAVORITE I V BUSINESS OR INSTITUTION: Sunset Inn and Grocery (soon to be)

CURRENT OR PRIOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Home and Garden Tour captain for the Short North Civic Association representing Italian Village, Volunteer @ IV Society Booth at the 2010 Italian Village Festival, Block Watch member.

GOALS FOR ITALIAN VILLAGE: Increase status in the city as a historic and vital neighborhood. Also increase awareness of the village on social sites, business relationships, and geographic entrances to the village. Enhance membership drives and listen to what the residences want for the neighborhood. Work with the Ohio Heritage Association to acknowledge the village more visible.

QUALITIES AND SKILLS YOU BRING TO THE BOARD: Over 15 years of hospitality experience, public interaction on a large scale, event planning for large groups, effective listening, know how to navigate Facebook and am a 'admin' on the Italian Village page, am concerned about crime and familiar with the society.
BA in Hospitality Management from Northern Arizona University



NAME: Stephanie W. Harris

ITALIAN VILLAGE LANDMARK NEAREST TO YOUR HOME OR OFFICE: Columbus Early Learning Centers at Northside

OF YEARS IN ITALIAN VILLAGE: Northside opened at 94 E. 3rd in 1923, aunt and uncle owned home at 234 E. 3rd Ave. from 1920 through 1980-

MEMBER OF ITALIAN VILLAGE SOCIETY SINCE: 2006

FAVORITE I V BUSINESS OR INSTITUTION: Northstar and Short Stop

CURRENT OR PRIOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:
IVS Board since 2006

GOALS FOR ITALIAN VILLAGE: Increased membership, more active role in determining city policy in the IV/Short North area. Continuation of all efforts to improve the infrastructure, housing stock and to garner support for those efforts, both financial and political.



NAME: Michael Renner

ITALIAN VILLAGE LANDMARK NEAREST TO YOUR HOME OR OFFICE: The Goody Boy Sign

OF YEARS IN ITALIAN VILLAGE: 2 as a resident / 4 as a business owner.

MEMBER OF ITALIAN VILLAGE SOCIETY SINCE: 2010

FAVORITE I V BUSINESS OR INSTITUTION: Surly Girl Saloon

CURRENT OR PRIOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Downtown Commission: Santa Cruz, CA 2005
Appointed by Santa Cruz City Council

Downtown Association Board of Directors: Santa Cruz 2002-2005
*Elected to two terms by members in the downtown business improvement district of Santa Cruz.
Served as Vice President of the Social and Legislative Affairs committee from 2003-2005.*

GOALS FOR ITALIAN VILLAGE: I would like to foster a safe and friendly neighborhood through communication with residents, business owners and community leaders. I would like to promote recycling and block watch efforts within the IV. And I also want to educate and help members regarding the feral cat population by partnering with the humane society for a trap and release program.

QUALITIES AND SKILLS YOU BRING TO THE BOARD:

I believe my best quality is the willingness to listen and learn. Having served on a business association board and a city commission, it becomes quite clear that one needs to hear what others have to say about the community you represent. Being both a resident and a business owner in the Italian Village, I've had the pleasure to meet many great people in the neighborhood. They each have their own unique vision of and for their city. I look forward to work with many of them for the better of the Village.



NAME: Elizabeth (Beth) Simonetti

ITALIAN VILLAGE LANDMARK NEAREST TO YOUR HOME OR OFFICE:
Wonderbread

OF YEARS IN ITALIAN VILLAGE: 2 years

MEMBER OF ITALIAN VILLAGE SOCIETY SINCE: June 2010

FAVORITE I V BUSINESS OR INSTITUTION: Late Night Slice

CURRENT OR PRIOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Task Force Member of Italian Village Block Watch: Street Patrol Involvement

GOALS FOR ITALIAN VILLAGE:

I am interested in increasing membership for all people by actively promoting awareness. I would love to utilize the Italian Village Park in a more frequent manner. I advocate for proper care for the Italian Village Garden. I believe organizing monthly pot lucks is critical for building strong relationships amongst community members. I am dedicated in keeping Italian Village a safe, fun, and growing community.

QUALITIES AND SKILLS YOU BRING TO THE BOARD:

I possess a creative and fresh way of thinking. I enjoy event planning. I have envisioned and produced specific seasonal occasions with close friends. I am a highly ambitious individual. Although being a native of Ohio, I taught in Phoenix, AZ for several years. I believe in a strong unique community such as Italian Village and look forward to making a contribution.

