



2015 Candidate Statements

**December 1, 2015 8:00pm - Hunters Woods Rec Center Rooms 1-2-3
(Doors open at 7:30pm)**

To be eligible to vote in the Annual Election, you must be a Resident Member in good standing (i.e. all dues are current). If you have any concerns about your voting eligibility, please contact the Board as soon as possible at board@huntersgreen.org to resolve any issues prior to the Annual Meeting.

Board Positions

We have 3 vacancies on the Board this year. We will elect three new members to the Hunters Green Cluster Association Board of Directors. The terms currently held by Yanni Chryssomitis and John Lankau are up for election, and President Jeff Byrd announced that he will be stepping down and his seat will be filled during this annual meeting as well. Two of the vacancies are for 3-year terms, and one of the vacancies is for a 2-year term. Each household will be able to vote for three candidates. The two candidates with the most votes will receive the three year terms. The candidate with the third most votes will receive the two-year term.

Candidate Statements

The Board received 2 candidate statements (Yanni Chryssomitis and Hadi Damavandy) prior to the deadline and were included in your Annual Meeting Newsletter distributed on 11/22/2015. However, since the newsletter went to print the Board received two additional candidate statements – Bruce Ware and Tyler Willis. This document includes all 4 candidate statements the Board has received for 2015.

Yanni Chryssomitis

Yanni Chryssomitis has lived in Hunters Green Cluster since 2008 and has served on the Board for the last three years, two in the role as your Treasurer. He wants to note his accomplishments in helping build on the fiscal strength and security of our cluster, specifically in maintaining the crucial path in properly funding our capital reserve. Moreover, he strongly believes in inclusion for our silent majority who want to participate in community matters but who can't always make the time. He believes that the next year will be a truly transformative year for Hunters Green and has decided to re-run so that he can help the cluster transition through his perception of what will be a very critical time for our community.

When he is not studying up on the POA act and replying to the many NextDoor posts directed at him, Yanni enjoys spending time walking his amazing canine friend Dante (shameless plug for Friends of Homeless Animals - learn more at www.foha.org) around our equally amazing neighborhood.

Hadi Damavandy

Hello, my name is Hadi Damavandy. My wife, Jerri, and I just closed on our townhome on Hunters Green Court a few weeks ago and plan on moving in after some remodeling – just after the New Year. Currently, our family consists of two spoiled animals: Julio the rescue dog and Panky the stray cat. We hope to expand our family in the very near future and make use of the community playgrounds.

I have lived in Reston for about 20 years. I graduated from South Lakes High School and worked for about 7 years – 4 of which in the IT field as a Systems Engineer at the US House of Representatives. I ultimately returned to school and earned a BS in Biological Sciences from the George Washington University and my JD from the University of San Diego School of Law. I stayed in California for about two years after law school working with a small immigration firm and the San Diego Public Defenders Office before returning to Virginia to pursue a federal position. While studying for the Virginia Bar, I was presented with the opportunity to manage some rental property as a side job. As it turns out, by the time I was admitted to the Virginia Bar, I had my Realtor's license and was working full time as a property manager. I currently manage about 30 properties, most of which are in Reston.

Why Hunters Green? My wife and I love Reston and wanted to remain here and really like that it is within walking distance to the metro. Also, I really started to appreciate the style and differences between each home in the cluster after looking at all the vinyl siding units in Herndon. But the main thing that I liked about Hunters Green was the sense of community I felt from looking over the cluster webpage and emailing the board. Before submitting our offer for the home, I checked the cluster page and looked over the bylaws. I remember reading the parking policy and the FAQ about how the board reaches out to the car/home owner before towing the offending car or how you should try to be courteous to your neighbors and move your car to less used areas when you are traveling for extended periods of time – how reasonable! I remember thinking how nice it was that this board embraces and uses technology (webpage, Nextdoor, google docs, etc) to facilitate its functions. My emails to the board were answered quickly and thoroughly with a very friendly tone. It was such a pleasant change from our former condo association board. Heck, on our way to closing, we stopped by the condo to do a final walk through and met our next door neighbor who invited us to their Halloween party (which we enjoyed immensely). I thought that we had found the perfect place. Since then, I have joined Nextdoor and am starting to get a different impression. I can only hope that the negativity or “spirited discourse” is related to the election/parking expansion and not an ongoing issue.

If the community needs able-bodied, friendly volunteers to stay self-managed and keep assessments down, then I would like to be considered.

Bruce Ware

It is with a genuine passion and enthusiasm that I respectfully submit my application to serve on the Board.

My interest in serving derives from my desire to work with the people of neighborhood towards a greater good.

I have worked in a management capacity in various fields such as finance and telecommunication, as well as a two year stint as the community liaison coordinator for the US Embassy in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.

I lived in the Hunters Green cluster for over a decade from 1982 to 1993 and moved back in 2010.

I believe I have a clear grasp of the issues that face this community and that I can contribute tremendously towards it's betterment.

Please see my LinkedIn profile below.

Thank you

[Bruce Ware](#)

Tyler Willis

I am originally from San Antonio, TX and have lived in the Washington, DC metro area since 2003. I became a resident of Indian Ridge Rd in January 2014. I have come to love this community and would like to volunteer my time as a member of the HGCA Board. I earned my undergraduate degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN and my graduate degree from George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. I am currently a Senior Executive for a Maryland based healthcare information technology company supporting the Federal Government. I am responsible for the operational and financial management of a corporate division within the company. I also oversee all corporate strategic initiatives and support corporate operational management. In my free time, I am training for my first small triathlon this summer (so far very poorly), training in Brazilian Ju Jitsu (currently recovering from a back injury), trying to learn Spanish (also very poorly), and trying to spend more time reading interesting novels.

With regards to service as a HGCA Board Member, the most critical support I can provide includes transparency, inclusiveness, and accountability. To further explain my position, I feel that Board activities, including internal and external communications and rationale for decisions, are the business of the entire community without limitation. I would like to see all materials collected, disseminated, or used in decision making on behalf of the community (e.g., correspondence, vendor quotes, financials, etc.) to be made available on the website for any community member to see at any time. I feel that conflict is healthy. When important issues arise in which people disagree, I feel it is the duty of the Board to be more open and create opportunities for discourse. Understandably, this may take more time and is challenging...but when people feel they are not being heard is when discourse becomes unhealthy and unproductive as they seek any means to be heard. I also think that proper process is important when acting as the steward of other people's home investments. I think that expediency is important, but not at the expense of options and community engagement. I know people make mistakes, as I have made a tremendous amount in my 35 years on earth. However, an important part of being a Board Member is admitting those mistakes and correcting to ensure that all processes are fair. Finally, I think the language we use is important when conveying ideas and that is even more important when operating as a representative of a larger group. I think people look to place trust in leaders, so when the language we use is not carefully considered improperly worded material becomes the basis of people's decisions...only further distancing ourselves from the best interest of the group.

There are several important issues currently being discussed within the community. I would like to share my feelings on them so you can understand my approach and decide if I am someone you would like volunteering for the community.

Repaving and Road Widening – I feel that these two issues are not dependent upon each other and should be treated separately. I do not believe it is productive to put a road widening plan, which is not well vetted within the community or discussed in any great detail, to be lumped with a critical function needed in the community that has been planned for several years.

Parking – The community seems split on this subject. I am not for or against parking expansion. I am against a single option. I feel that all members of the community are competent enough to consider 3-5 parking options and vote on the one they feel best meets our needs. Single options create an “all or nothing” thought process which is neither helpful nor accurate. I intend to vote against the parking proposal for this reason. If elected, I would put forward a motion to reinstate the parking committee to provide 3-5 parking proposals to the community for a vote within 12 months. I would suggest that the

parking committee distribute their recommendations several weeks prior to a town hall meeting (which would precede the vote). I would suggest that the recommendations include total cost, per household cost, distribution of parking, alternative ideas (e.g., elimination of reserved spots, cap and trade parking, etc.), and cited materials used to develop the proposals. Then the parking committee should hold the town hall meeting for no less than 2 hours several weeks before the community vote to answer questions. Those questions and answers should then be sent out to the community for those unable to make the meeting. Finally, a community vote would be held. I think this is a good framework for community-based voting (e.g., common grounds and standards).

Communication – I feel that communication is the life blood of any organization. I would like to see creative ideas brought forward on how to address issues within the community before they become argumentative. I am sure some of these have been used in the past, but some examples may be: newsletters, Board Q&A sessions with no agenda, conflict resolution meetings, guest lectures on various topics (e.g., HOA financial management, HOA trends, HOA best practices, etc.), and many others.

I hope this description, though long, gives you a sense of who I am and what I am able to offer if elected.

Sincerely,

Tyler Willis