



Consolidated Elections

April 6, 2021

The Village of Trout Valley will have four candidates for three **Village Trustee** positions on the Ballot for the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Elections:

David Hall, Robert Antrim, David Peterson and Michelle Gilbert.

Please review the candidate's short introductions below.

The Village of Trout Valley (ALG 23) polling place is at the Cary Park District, 110 Briargate Road, Cary IL. Early voting is encouraged and the dates/locations are listed in the link below:

<https://www.mchenrycountyil.gov/home/showpublisheddocument?id=102807>

Please contact Tonia Gonzalez, Village Clerk (tvclerk@yahoo.com) if you should have any questions.

CANDIDATE INTRODUCTIONS

***David Hall**

I was first elected as a Village of Trout Valley Trustee in 2005 and have served four terms. As a Village Trustee, I have served on the Security Committee for sixteen years. I have also served on the Village's Forestry Committee and spearheaded the effort that resulted in Trout Valley Being designated as a Tree City. Additionally, I prepared and submitted an application for a \$9k matching fund grant to the Morton Arboretum on behalf of the Village of Trout Valley. The grant application was successful, and through it, we were able to plant 47 trees in Trout Valley in 2020. The Village of Trout Valley's funding of the Fen restoration project has been under my direction. I have worked with other residents in volunteering our time and efforts to the restoration project. I made an application for a \$10,000 matching fund grant from ComEd on behalf of the Village of Trout Valley. The grant application was successful, and we were able to plant a monarch butterfly pollinator habitat and a wooden boardwalk in the Fen.

As a board member of the Trout Valley Restoration Society, I have coordinated the purchase of a new 30 foot flagpole to be installed at the entrance to Trout Valley on the corner of Country Commons and Turkey Run. Funding for the flagpole was provided by a benefactor, who resides in Trout Valley. I am also assisting with directing the work that the Restoration Society is funding in the Fen. Ringers Landscaping have been contracted to clear out dead timber in the Fen in accordance with the TVA deed restrictions. I volunteered to be the Lodge and Barn Rental Coordinator for the Trout Valley Association and have held that position since 2018.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the Village of Trout Valley as a Trustee.

***Robert Antrim**

I have been honored to serve as a TV trustee for the first term, and I look forward to serving another term. My wife Jody and I discovered Trout Valley in 2015 when we decided to move closer to our two daughters and five granddaughters. Trout Valley was a perfect choice! Jody and I enjoy many of the TV activities and amenities. We enjoy daily walks, pool time in the summer with the kids, and participating in the bird watching group. We frequently participate in the other fun TV special events that are offered. In my spare time I am usually working on a list of home “endless” improvement projects. I serve on the TV forestry board, and I enjoy volunteering as a “Fenster” to help maintain Trout Valley’s common area. I regularly “pitch in” when needed for other TV projects as well.

I enjoy the work and the challenges of serving as a TV trustee. For the past four years I’ve learned much about the Village history, and how the board plays an important role in funding essential projects. Trout Valley is a unique community, since we have both an HOA and a Village board. Sometimes things get a little “complicated”! But our dual Village and HOA governance model has been successful in the past. My interest is to support this unique partnership, with the goal of having an even better community for all residents.

My work background before retirement was mainly in the accounting field. In my consulting career I was engaged in many engagements related to preparation of cost allocation studies for state and local governments, and other related client projects.

***David Peterson**

The residents of Trout Valley will elect three Trustees to serve the community for the next four years. I am asking for your vote. After reviewing my qualifications and accomplishments, I believe you will agree that I am the person best suited to advocate for mutual cooperation between the Village, the TV Restoration Society and the Association to strengthen ongoing efforts to enhance fiscal responsibility. The following outline summarizes my qualifications and highlights of initiatives I have either spearheaded or had a significant part in implementing during my tenor serving the community.

General: 27year TV resident ▪Financial Advisor to Assn. for 3 years: -Implemented QuickBooks accounting, Created cost center financial stmt format, Accelerated annual budget process and Enhanced past due dues collection procedures ▪Catalyst for Change ▪Chairman then member of Pond Committee: Dredging, restocking & weed control ▪Prepared permit and collaborated w/ Army Corp on Marina reconstruction and river front shoreline stabilization ▪Active member of several Committees: Forestry Board, Pond Committee, Road Committee ▪President –TV Restoration Society ▪Created the financial systems and financial statements for the Village, Trout Valley Restoration and the TV Restoration Society (501c3)

Village Specific Accomplishments (Funded by Village):▪Storm water 24” pipe replacement \$500K ▪Lodge Zoom room and audio system upgrade ▪Contribution to infrastructure projects: Road reconstruction (Village contribution)(2016 -\$41k , 2018 - \$48k, 2021-\$118k), Marina reconstruction 2019 -\$15K, Fen Restoration –thousands annually, Rip rap shoreline (2006 & 2016), Pond Silt Removal and Trout Stocking ▪Forestry Board Member: Annual Tree Planting/Pruning/Care and mosquito spraying -Installation of pollinator ▪Equipment Purchases: AED Equipment & Dog Waste Disposal Systems

I regularly attend Association, Village and 501(c)3 meetings and am well versed on issues of concern in Trout Valley. I routinely provide proposals promoting interaction between the three governing bodies. While considerable progress in mutual cooperation is evident, more can be accomplished. As a Village Trustee and President of the Society, I can continue to be more effective in promoting Village and Society support of Association objectives. While the Village is a PUBLIC entity with restrictions on expenditure of public funds, creative strategies have in the past and can in the future lessen the financial burden on Valley residents. Please vote for me and allow me the opportunity to continue to promote Village initiatives to provide a higher level of support for the mission critical infrastructure and operating needs of Trout while adhering to its original objective of providing a minimalist form of government.

Michelle Gilbert

As a Trout Valley Resident since 2016, Michelle is a Northwest Suburb native, wife, mother of two, writer, designer, and avid equestrian. Michelle attended St. Viator where she played Soccer, and graduated from University of Illinois and studied post-graduate at Miami Ad School. Her studies allowed her to travel the world for an entire year, and Michelle ultimately ended up in Los Angeles writing and designing ad campaigns for Automotive and Entertainment brands.

Michelle and her husband AJ found out they were expecting their first baby in 2016 and decided to raise a family back “home.” Michelle currently works as Creative Director at Razorfish Chicago, leading and growing the business for their large client, Eli Lilly. She believes that raising a family in Trout Valley is an invaluable experience,

and one of the best decisions they've ever made. The proximity to nature, access to invaluable amenities, and strong sense of community and kinship makes it beyond special. Her passion for horses was realized upon moving to Trout Valley, and people can frequently see her riding and training around the neighborhood. Last year, Michelle joined the TVRC Board as Treasurer. Michelle has also spearheaded the successful addition of several new riding club bylaws, all in partnership with the TVA.

Michelle promises to bring her creative instincts for problem solving, her people-first philosophy and fresh perspective to the Village and help make our one-of-a-kind neighborhood reach its full potential. She is deeply connected to the Valley (she even gave birth to their youngest son here) and wants to ensure it thrives and is run efficiently and effectively. Her mission as Trustee will be to seek out ways to maximize our partnerships with the TVA and the Preservation Society to ensure our neighborhood is able get these restoration projects done right, done timely, and done to budget.