

Below you will find the biographies of the candidate(s) (listed alphabetically by last name) running for the 2025 – 2028 term (3 years) on the Board of Trustees of the New Albany Country Club Community Homeowners' Association (HOA).

**BOARD CANDIDATE(S) FOR 2025**

**Christopher Allen**

Christopher Allen graduated from The College of New Jersey with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and moved to Ohio to attend Capital University Law School in 2007. He has lived in New Albany for all but four of the past 17 years since in Hampstead Heath and now Ealy Crossing.

Formerly, he practiced intellectual property law, corporate governance and commercial contract negotiation at two local law firms, a renewable energy startup, and Honda North America from 2010 to 2020. Currently, he specializes in data privacy, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence and cloud platform licensing at Safelite AutoGlass.

Christopher and Kathleen celebrated thirteen years of marriage this October, and they, along with their children – Sophia (12), Annabelle (12) and Wells (5), and Theodore (9, the cockapoo) - will enjoy our third Christmas at 15 Hays Town. The Allens notoriously 'sail' a homemade pirate ship around Ealy, North of Woods, on Yantis and Market Street, and through Wivelscombe in late October for trick or treating on Halloween and distributing candy to children in the days leading up to it. When he is not a cosplay sea captain, he can be seen running the trails every morning.

Christopher is interested in pursuing the open position on the Board of Trustees for New Albany Country Club, because he believes in not only maintaining but enhancing the natural and architectural beauty of the community. This position will afford him the opportunity to pursue those goals while further developing my connections with the local families and surrounding communities. Finally, his rules interpretation and communication skills honed as an attorney will be an asset to the Board in executing on its various responsibilities.

In his current position on the Ealy Crossing Board, he ensured proper maintenance and repair of street signs, the pond bubbler and well pump, initiated and thoroughly reviewed the first engineering study to develop an HOA funding plan, kicked off Phase 1 of 3 for the first community wide fence painting project (including negotiating the contract with the service provider), and completed the first Corporate Transparency Act filing on behalf of the entire board. He will bring my strategic vision and task oriented effectiveness to the New Albany Country Club Board of Trustees.

**Jeremy Cram**

I have lived in the New Albany Country Club Community for nearly 10 years. My family and I live on Farber Court in the Upper Brandon section of New Albany Country Club. For most of my career, I worked in retail and supply chain management. Two years ago, I switched careers and now teach high school math at Johnstown High School.

The NACCCA (New Albany Country Club Community Association) has done an excellent job over the 10 years I have lived in New Albany. I want to ensure this continues. I am running for the NACCC board of trustees to ensure that NACCCA residents are represented on the board. While the \$625/ year we pay to NACCCA may seem small, collectively, this amounts to over \$1,000,000 per year I have three priorities that I would like to bring to the board:

1. **Transparency:** I believe that transparency is critical for any organization. For NACCCA this could include:
  - a. Emailing of Annual Meeting Materials
  - b. Open Board Meetings

- c. Posting of Board Minutes
2. **Sustainability:** Recently New Albany formed a Sustainability Committee in an effort to improve the City's Impact on the environment. In fact, this board was a recommendation of the City's latest strategic plan. Furthermore, The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has certified the City of New Albany as a *Sustainable2050*. To support these initiatives, what can NACCCA do to improve sustainability? What efforts are underway? Potential examples:
  - a. Gas Lamps: The Gas Lamps that have been installed in Highgrove, Ebrington, and now being installed in the new "East 9" development cost nearly \$350 per light, per year for gas. While these lights are attractive, for anyone supporting fiscal responsibility or sustainability, they do not make sense. Electric lights would use 1% of the energy and cost \$1/year.
  - b. Putting more focus on "Green" in our Green Spaces. No mow wildflower areas or other natural habitat?
  - c. Increased tree planting to replace trees that are being removed. In the 10 years I have lived in NACCCA, over 1/3 of the trees along the leisure paths have been removed (due to disease) with most not replaced. This results in the loss of mature trees and much needed summer shade.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility:** The NACCCA has done an excellent job in this area. I want to ensure this continues and believe we can do even better.
  - a. The Gas Lamps mentioned above will cost an estimate \$200,000 over the next 10-years. electric lights (with attractive "Edison Bulbs" or similar) could save nearly all of this, while providing a more sustainable solution.
  - b. Nearly \$200,000 will be spent in 2023 on fence maintenance and replacement. At this year's annual meeting, I learned that although these fences form a boundary between New Albany Country Club and NACCCA, the Community pays 100% of the cost for these fences. I believe the board should examine this and look at a potential cost sharing agreement.

#### **Laurie Hill**

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Laurie has lived in New Albany for the past 25 years with her husband, Tom Hill. Her career focus was teaching. She has a Bachelor's degree from Grinnell College and a Master's from Washington University both in Political Science. She also received a Master's in Counseling from The Ohio State University. She taught a variety of subjects and grades for 34 years, spending her last 29 at Dublin Coffman High School in the Social Studies Department, where she was named to the Coffman Hall of Fame as Teacher of the Year in 2006. She also served as a teacher representative in the Dublin Education Association for many years. When Laurie retired from teaching after 34 years her focus was golf, gardening, and grandchildren (she has 7). She also started volunteering for non-profits with great enthusiasm and commitment. She served for 2 years as the President of the Crichton Club, a town-gown lecture society which is celebrating its 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year! She is a sustaining member of the Franklin Park Women's Board, which she joined in 2007, and served on its Director's Council. Laurie is also a Junior League sustainer, a member of the Columbus Bar Association Alliance, **New Albany Women's Network (Swans)** and serves as an HOA representative for the New Albany Country Club. Her most creative focus is as newsletter editor for Rose Run Presbyterian Church in New Albany.

#### **Gregory A Munster**

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As an experienced financial advisor since 1992, I focus on providing a comprehensive approach to wealth management. With a passionate style of delivering advice and service for a select group of clients, I aim to exceed their expectations. My areas of focus include: helping clients set goals towards wealth management, transition planning and problem solving. Over the years, I have worked with many clients while coordinating their tax and legal advisors to help achieve their goals. After beginning my career with Morgan Stanley and Merrill Lynch, I established Munster Financial, LLC, in order to truly serve the best interests of my clients.

I received my degree from The Ohio State University with a double major in Marketing and Real Estate / Urban Analysis. I completed the required coursework to earn a nationally recognized designation as a CFP® (Certified Financial Planner) and Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor®. I spent time in New York City working on the fixed income and equity trading desks. I am a NFLPA Registered Player Financial Advisor. [i] My community involvement includes current and past roles as a board member of LifeCare Alliance, alumni board of The Columbus Academy, member of The Ohio State University Alumni Association and participation with the Columbus Jewish Foundation and Federation. In addition, I am a member of the New Albany Chamber of Commerce and the New Albany Rotary Club. I am also a volunteer and member at Muirfield Village Golf Club that hosts the Memorial Tournament that benefits Nationwide Children's Hospital. I live in New Albany, Ohio with my wife and three children. When away from the office, I enjoy coaching my children's sports teams along with golfing, biking and skiing.

**BALLOT FOR 2025**

The undersigned, owner or co-owner(s) of address \_\_\_\_\_,  
hereby chooses to cast my/our ballot for Trustees of the Association as follows (**choose 3**):

- Christopher Allen
- Jeremy Cram
- Laurie Hill
- Gregory A. Munster
- Write in \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Homeowner

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Date

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Signature of Homeowner

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Date

This ballot will need printed, selections marked and emailed to [jgrooms@ohioequities.com](mailto:jgrooms@ohioequities.com) or you can mail back to us by  
December 9, 2024

New Albany Country Club Community Association  
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***\*Members must be in good standing with New Albany Country Club Community Association for votes to be valid. You may contact Sarah Peebles at [speebles@ohioequities.com](mailto:speebles@ohioequities.com) to ensure you are in good standing.***