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## **5 Candidates for 4 positions on the Middlesex Beach Association Board of Directors**

### **LEON G. BILLINGS**

**20 Addy Road**

Leon G. Billings is Secretary to the Middlesex Beach Association Board, a position he has held for two years. He is also President of Leon G. Billings LLC.

Mr. Billings served twelve years in the Maryland State Legislature, from 1991 through 2002. Mr. Billings was Chair of the Environment Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures for the 2001-2002 NCSL conference year. In 1995 he co-founded the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators, a group of state legislators committed to progressive federal and state environmental policies.

Mr. Billings is also President of the Edmund S. Muskie Foundation, a tax-exempt foundation endowed with a \$3 million appropriation from the Congress to perpetuate the legacy of Senator Muskie. He also founded and serves as President of the Clean Air Trust, a grass roots advocacy organization which Senator Muskie co-chaired with Senator Robert Stafford of Vermont.

Prior to January, 1981, Leon Billings was Chief of Staff to Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie. Before that Mr. Billings served as Chief of Staff to Senator Muskie from March, 1978, to May of 1980. From 1966 to 1978, as staff director of the Environmental Pollution Subcommittee, Mr. Billings had primary staff responsibility for writing the major environmental laws now on the books, including the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts.

Mr. Billings and his wife, Cherry Allen Billings reside in Middlesex. He has three children and four grandchildren.

### **GLENN HAMILTON**

**7 Dune Road**

I would like have the opportunity to serve on the Middlesex Beach Association Board. My family has been a part of this community since 1965. Mary Jane Hamilton, my mother, was the treasurer back in the 1970's and my father Bill Hamilton was head of the lifeguards. I spent all my summer time growing up at the beach and consider this community as home.

We have a great group of home owners around us and have many friends throughout the entire community. I would like to give something back to a community from which I have received so much. I was born in 1964 and I can say I really do not know a time without Middlesex beach and its homeowners I call friends.

### **JENNIFER KAZEMZADEH**

**6 Dune Road**

I have served on the Board for the past 4 years, including 2 as Secretary. I grew up in Maryland. My family usually went to the North Carolina and South Carolina beaches. I didn't discover the Delaware beaches until I was a teenager. My husband and I were lucky enough to find Middlesex Beach after owning a home in North Bethany, and have been here since 2003. We have always loved being anywhere near a beach and have really come to appreciate the amenities that Middlesex

Beach has given our family. I'm often reminded of the neighborhood that I grew up in with my five sisters. There are very few neighborhoods left that enjoy the safety, friendliness and the cleanliness that Middlesex has.

My three sons keep my very busy. I'm very involved in school and sport activities. I am also Vice President of our corporation of gas/convenience stations in the DC area. I volunteer at Brooke Grove Nursing Home and our local Church. I am hoping to be able to continue contributing the skills I've acquired to make a positive impact on our community, and wish to spend time working on plans to improve the physical appearance of the entire community. I look forward to meeting more neighbors and remain open to any feedback to preserve and maintain Middlesex Beach.

**JEFF STOIBER**

**23 Short Road**

My wife, Maggie, and I discovered Middlesex Beach and purchased 23 Short Road in 2005 while I was developing plans for the renovation of 28 Dune Road for the Aiyers. With our four children we have enjoyed the private beach, wonderful neighbors, large pine side lots, and our funky 60's cottage.

We live in the Chevy Chase area of DC, where I am a registered architect and run a small architectural firm I established 26 years ago. Our work at Stoiber + Associates is split between residential and commercial projects and features work on banks, associations, retail spaces and animal care facility design.

In addition to my architectural practice, I have a small development company, Craftsman Development, with my builder partner, Allen Curtis, of Cottage Construction. We began our development working in Washington and moved the operation to Bethany when Allen relocated here in 2006. We built and sold a house at 809 Garfield Parkway last year and are currently building a spec house at 513 Hudson Avenue for sale later this year.

I currently serve as the president of the Friends of Lafayette Park in Washington, and have served two terms as president of the Gonzaga Baseball Boosters Club, where both my sons attended and played baseball.

As a result of my architectural background I am specifically interested in maintaining and improving the community aesthetics of Middlesex Beach and am very interested in the windmill project.

**GERHARD THELEN**

**26 Bridge Road**

Gerhard Thelen and his wife Lynn have been residents of Middlesex Beach since 1990 and rented in the 10 years prior. Lynn was a professor and spent each summer at the beach with our two children, Leigh and Eric. Having moved around some, our children consider Middlesex Beach as the place they grew up. Both served as life guards at Middlesex Beach.

The current residence is in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Gerhard Thelen is Vice President Operations Planning & Support for Norfolk Southern Corporation, headquartered in Norfolk, VA. He is responsible for the corporation's operations planning, policies, budgets, and research and tests functions. He has a masters degree in engineering from Pennsylvania State University and an undergraduate degree from the University for applied sciences (Fachhochschule) in Munich, Germany.

In his 34-year working career, Gerhard has held management positions in engineering in the mechanical, electrical, civil and environmental areas and has been in charge of substantial construction projects.

Gerhard is very interested in the community and has recently been involved in assisting the President and the Board of the Middlesex Beach Association in reviewing the Bluewater Wind proposal.

Professional Activities: Vice Chairman of the research committee of the Association of American Railroads; Member of the Advisory Board of the Batten College of Engineering of Old Dominion University; Member of ASME and AREA; Holder of two patents, with one pending.