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New Leadership In The Village

A new group of leaders has joined the Village of Fox Point team. These include new Village Board members Elizabeth Sumner and Martin Tirado, and Village Manager Scott Botcher.

Elizabeth Sumner

7720 North Fairchild Road



Liz, 40, and her husband, Nathaniel, purchased their first home in Fox Point in 2013. They decided the village would be a wonderful place to raise their children Molly, 4, and Charlie, 2. Liz ran for the village board to give voice to people with young families.

Liz grew up in Shorewood and graduated from Shorewood high

school. Marquette University awarded her a bachelor degree in political science and French. She then lived and worked in Seattle for three years and in Chicago for eight. She completed a master's degree in business administration at the University of Chicago.

But the Milwaukee area has its own special draws, and Liz moved back to open, with her mother Mary LeBlanc, a woman's clothing and accessories store in Shorewood called **SHOP**.

Liz has been impressed with the broad range of issues that the village board is called upon to consider or address. She is focused on how the village can attract and keep young families. Towards this end, she believes, the board should keep its eyes on the special amenities that the village offers, including the pool, the library, and the parks and open spaces.

Interestingly, Liz and Nathaniel's first "date" was taking the Lake Michigan polar plunge on January 1, 2008 (they had met the night before). Apparently, things warmed up after that.

Martin Tirado

7627 N. Lake Drive



Marty Tirado, 42, grew up in the Genesee Depot area. He graduated from Kettle Moraine high school and played varsity tennis at the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay. In the summer of 2005, Marty and his wife, Bre, found the house they had long been looking for on Spooner Road and fell in love with the village and the North Shore. In 2013, the Tirados purchased the home belonging to former village manager Susan Robertson on North Lake Drive. The Tirados have two sons, Isaiah, 10, and Cameron, 6.

Marty also works in the village. He is the Executive Director of the Snow and Ice Management Association (SIMA), a non-profit trade association. SIMA provides resources, leadership and support for snow removal and management professionals across the U.S. and Canada with a focus on training related to snow plowing, ice management, and

business management. The office is at 7670 N. Port Washington. SIMA has a staff of eight and moved its headquarters from Erie, Pa., to Fox Point in order to attract and keep Marty as its executive director.

Like Liz Sumner, Marty ran for the village board to provide a fresh voice for families with young children. In addition to overseeing and supporting basic village services, Marty wants to make sure that the village allocates resources to assets that are important to families, the pool among these. Marty believes that the village should consider a long-term plan for the pool that would include a new snack bar and facilities for birthday parties.

Scott A. Botcher



New Village Manager Scott Botcher, 52, has lived and worked in the North Shore for many years. He grew up in the Twin Cities area (Minn.) and graduated from Winona State University with a bachelor of science in public administration. He has earned a master of public administration degree from Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn.,

and a master of business administration degree from the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota.

Scott has served as the village manager of Bayside, the administrator of the City of Delafield, and the manager of the City of Chanhassen, Minn.

Scott and his wife, Sandy, are the parents of young adults Lauren, 22, and Bryan, 19. When Sandy was hired for a legal position with Northwestern Mutual Life, Scott became a stay-at-home parent. He re-entered the workforce in 2006 as an assistant vice president and team leader of a portfolio management group with U.S. Bank. Scott left the workforce for a second stint as a stay-at-home parent when NML promoted Sandy to its executive ranks.

Lauren is now an analyst with Bank of America. Bryan is a freshman at Babson College outside of Boston where he will also play goalie for Babson's Division III hockey program. With the kids out of high school, Scott was again available for duty and the village grabbed him.

Scott is excited about the new job. It is, he said, "the position I wanted and the location I wanted. Fox Point is a terrific community. It is stable and desirable. I will focus first on base level services and then branch out to maintaining and preserving the special amenities that the village offers its residents. The village leadership in the last two years has undergone some challenges and I hope to bring a steady hand to the helm and chart, under the village board's guidance, a reasonably smooth course."

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