

Statement of Interest

My name is Jeff Lewis. I moved to St James with my wife, Mary, and my dog in March of 2023 from Arlington, Virginia. In Virginia we lived in a close-in neighborhood where people knew their neighbors, walked to the grocery store and church, and participated in an active Citizens Association that sponsored Chili Cook-Offs, neighborhood fairs, and had street parties on holidays. We love that St James has that same neighborhood style of living.

After living here for a short while and getting to know St James through street activities and golfing groups, I came to see the work that volunteers do that makes St James the great community it is. A friend introduced me to the St James Fire Department and I volunteered because having our own Fire Department protects the community and provides us all with a level of safety many folks outside the community do not have.

Working with the Fire Department exposed me to issues the Town is facing with managing storm water, Emergency Preparedness, 211 construction, and new developments planned along 211 that will have a significant impact on our community as well as issues with the sand mining at the Mirasol property affecting the aquifer that supplies our drinking water. I have researched these issues on my own and learned more about them and the opportunities they present while participating in the Leadership St James Program offered through the Property Owners Association.

I decided to run for a seat on the Town Council as another way to contribute to the community. The Town of St James is at an important point in its development. Our Town leaders have worked effectively with the POA and Troon to maintain the infrastructure and amenities, created reserves that will enable quick recovery from emergencies and fund the Fire Department, and maintained a low tax rate and conservative financial management practices. I want to keep that approach to managing the Town as we grow.

Resume

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Empoyment History

I retired from US Postal Service in 2013 with 40 years of service including time in the military.

I started as a letter carrier going to school at night. After graduation, I was promoted to a position in the Finance Department at USPS Headquarters where I was on a team that computerized a manual budgeting and forecasting process. Over the course of my career, I held several positions with increasing managerial responsibilities in the field and at Postal Headquarters including working with the Engineering Department in the development and deployment of automated mail processing equipment and as an expert witness in proceedings with the Postal Service's regulator, the Postal Regulatory Commission. My last assignments were executive positions in the Planning Department at Postal Headquarters and as the Manager of Delivery Programs for the territory that covered the Mid-Atlantic states from Maryland through Georgia.

I am currently employed as a financial consultant with IPFC, Inc since 2013. There I support and run a model that develops front-end data for the development of the USPS annual budget and provides financial documentation that Postal Regulatory Commission requires to support Postal Service pricing proposals.

Education

I have a BS in Public Administration from George Mason University and an MBA from the George Washington University.

Volunteer Experience

I have been a volunteer with the St James Fire Department since November 2023.

I am working with a group restarting the Birders of St James Club. I serve as the Vice President of the club.

My prior volunteer experience in Virginia includes participation in Lyon Park Citizens Association, teaching English as a second language, and coaching youth sports in Arlington County.