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Education

Fire Science Technology, A.A.S., Red Rocks Community College
Political Science, Public Policy and Administration, B.A., University of Colorado-Denver
Master of Arts, Adult Education and Communication, Graduate Honors, Regis University
Doctoral Student, Dept. of Education, Instructional Technologies, University of Wyoming (Active)

Related Experience:

- Council Member, Town of Parker, CO elected 2018.
- President, Great Parker Foundation, appointed 2019
- President/Vice President/At Large Board Member, Crystal Lakes Road and Recreation Association, 2012-Present
- Crystal Lakes property owner 2002-present.
- United States Air Force Academy Colorado Parents Club, 1997-2003.
Executive Board of Directors with my husband, 1998-2001.
- Colorado Safe Kids Coalition, Burn Task Force, 1985-1997,
- Executive Board of Directors, Colorado Safe Kids Coalition, 1993-1997,
President 1996-1997
- CPR Instructor, 1983 - Present.
- Founding Chairman, Town of Parker Parks and Recreation Commission, 1988-1990
(Member 1988-1994) Coordinated Development of Master Plan, Established
Funding and Coordinated Construction of Trails, Parks, and Recreation Center
- Board Member, Douglas County Parks and Open Space Commission, 1986-1988
(Chairman, 1987-1988). Coordinated Funding and Construction of Regional
Parks
- Citizens Panel for the Development of the Douglas County Master Plan 1974-1975.

Professional Experience

2001-2016	Program Administrator/Emergency Services, South Metro Fire Rescue
2002-2016	Public Information Officer, Douglas County Incident Management Team
1986-2016	Executive Director, South Metro Safety Foundation
1984-2019	Local, State, and Federal grant writer and manager.
1983-Present	CPR Instructor
1982-2004	Public Education Specialist, Lifesafety Educator
1975-1991	Firefighter, Volunteer and Dispatcher, Parker Fire Protection District
1989-1992	Served as Agency Liaison for Denver Regional Council of Government
1975-1991	Volunteer/Part-Time Dispatcher, Parker Fire Protection District

Affiliated

2004-Present	Adjunct Instructor, U.S. Fire Administration, National Fire Academy
2004-2006	WMD Instructor, Colorado Regional Community Policing Institute
2001-2004	Consultant, U.S. Department of Commerce, NTIA, TOP
1991-Present	Consultant, U. S. Fire Administration

1999-Present	Advanced Public Information Officer Certification, FEMA
1996-1998	Vocational Credential, Colorado State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education
1995-Present	Grant Writer and Grant Manager U.S. Department of Commerce, NTIA, TOP <i>“Evaluation Of Bi-Directional Data and Interactive Video Training For Emergency Service Responders And Command Leadership”</i> 2001 “Colorado 4.9GHz Project: An Evaluation of the 4.9GHz Spectrum for Public Safety Agencies,” 2006
1995-1996	Coordinator, <i>National Juvenile Firesetter/Arson Control and Prevention</i> Program, Funding by FEMA/USFA (EMW 95-S-4780) to the Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety.
1990-Present	Additional Grants and Grant Management U.S. Fire Administration/FEMA Federal Bureau of Justice-OJJDP U.S. Fire Administration National Institute of Health, Maternal and Child Health National Institute of Health, Centers for Disease Control National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Colorado Dept. of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety Colorado Dept. of Health and Environment Colorado Dept. of Transportation Colorado Forest Service University of Colorado Medical Center, Dept. of Surgery Numerous Private Grants

Please answer the questions under background and the five questions for board candidates. When answering, it is important that you adhere to the word limit posted to the right of each question. If your answers are too long, editors will trim them. Please return this questionnaire to the R & R Basecamp Office by 5 p.m. **Friday, February 28, 2020**, and include a high-resolution head shot of yourself. Please use additional paper if necessary.

Background

- How long have you been a property owner in Crystal Lakes?
 - Since 2002
- Profession: Retired from Parker Fire/South Metro Fire Rescue (42 years of service)
 - Instructor for the National Fire Academy
 - Instructor and founder of the South Metro Safety Foundation
 - Council Member, Parker, CO
 - Douglas County Housing Partnership, Board Member

Questions for board candidates

- Why are you seeking this office? (Answer in 75 words or fewer.)
 - I have served on the Board since 2012 and have worked on many projects over the years including the revision process for our incorporating documents and bylaws. I have also been involved in setting up many of our operating documents and handled several legal issues.
 - Our community is growing rapidly and with this growth we are experiencing the impacts of this growth and the pressure unfortunately will continue.
 - Since I have been on the Board, I have helped to work through staff changes, level of service changes, legal issues, and insurance revisions.
 - With this experience and the professional experience I have in management and fire mitigation, I would like to share the knowledge I have with our community.
- What makes you the best choice for this office? (Answer in 75 words or fewer.)
 - I love Crystal Lakes and hope to not only enhance our community but also maintain our “home town” feel. I am currently part of the management team for a population of almost 60,000, as such, I work with many community professionals and their expertise is available to me when needed.
 - My educational background has given me many skills with degrees in fire science technology, public policy and administration, education and technical communication, and graduate work in instructional technologies. Additionally, I have worked with many federal, state, and local agencies; developing applicable skills along the way which I would like to share with Crystal Lakes.
- What are the most important duties of the board of directors? (Answer in 75 words or fewer.)
 - To me this means maintaining a fiscally sound entity, implementing and providing a means to support our CCRs, Bylaws, and Policies. Along with these responsibilities, maintaining infrastructure is a critical responsibility and this also requires that we provide competent staff along with fair compensation.

- What should be done to ensure a high quality of life for property owners? (Answer in 75 words or fewer.)
 - We have all seen the devastation potential of wildfire, it is our number one threat and has to take a top priority; doing all we can to encourage competent mitigation. Enforcing our policies on fire pits, slash, and open burning are all part of this process.
 - Speed control has been difficult due to the type of incorporated entity that we are and the limitations we have placed on us by Larimer County. We need to continue the search for viable solutions.
 - Maintaining our infrastructure is critical to maintaining/increasing property values.
 - Our committees provide so many activities that enhance our quality of life, we need to support our volunteers as much as possible.

- What will your top priority be if you are elected to this office? (Answer in 75 words or fewer.)
 - Listen to property owners, help them understand their responsibility to support our community, and enforce policies and CCRs.