

# VOLUNTEER ADVISORY BOARD APPLICATION

BOARD/S YOU ARE APPLYING TO BE ON	· C-51 Canal Advisory Committee
NAME	Gael Silverblatt
RESIDENCE ADDRESS	Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460 United States
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DO YOU HAVE A DIFFERENT MAILING ADDRESS?	Yes
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ARE YOU A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES?	Yes
ARE YOU A REGISTERED PALM BEACH COUNTY VOTER?	Yes
ARE YOU A REGISTERED LAKE WORTH VOTER?	Yes
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT OF LAKE WORTH BEACH?	24 years
LIST ALL PROPERTIES OWNED AND/OR BUSINESS INTERESTS IN LAKE WORTH	home -
WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION?	retired artist
EMPLOYER?	was self employed as an artist
ARE YOU CURRENTLY SERVING ON ANY CITY ADVISORY BOARD?	No
HAVE YOU EVER SERVED ON A CITY OF LAKE WORTH BOARD?	Yes
IF YES, WHEN AND WHICH BOARD(S)?	City Tree Board from 2004-2013 and the Planning & Zoning Board from 2011-2012
DO YOU SERVE ON ANY BOARDS IN FLORIDA, OR ARE YOU AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOLDER, OR PALM BEACH COUNTY EMPLOYEE?	No
HIGH SCHOOL	Streetsboro, Ohio
DATE OF GRADUATION	05/23/1967
COLLEGE	Kent State University , Art Major
WORK EXPERIENCE	Full time working artist from 1974 through 2017

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**INTEREST/ACTIVITIES**

I am an avid birder and photographer visiting the Palm Beach County natural areas and agricultural fields. The opportunity to be able to walk for miles seeing birds in their natural habitat is gratifying. We live in an urban setting with small yards and busy streets but not too far away are open areas to take a deep breath and a walk in nature.

My photographs of the birds at Snook Islands Natural Area have been chosen to be included in the annual LagoonFest calendars for the past 6 years by the Department of Environmental Resources Management.

For about 4 years I've led Audubon Field Trips 3 or 4 times a year to the county's natural areas for beginning to advanced fellow birders.

I also enjoy gardening and have a back yard filled with native trees and shrubs.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

I have been joining community projects since 1994 when I designed and painted two 7'x14' panels on the Wall of Unity Mural on Wingfield Street. Later in 1994 I designed a 20'x40' mural for the Island WaterSports building across from the post office and with the help of 28 volunteers completed the mural over 2 weekends. The colorful mural of flying fish, amazon parrots, and Royal Poinciana trees remained for 12 years till the building was sold and repainted.

I was Chair of the City Tree Board from 2004 to 2013 and brought ideas for many community projects to the table including the Annual Festival of Trees where we invited native nurseries, fruit tree nurseries, and environmental organizations to educate the public and provide low cost healthy landscape material for their yards. Other projects were the annual Shade Tree Giveaway at City Hall giving away 1300 trees to residents and neighborhood associations and encouraging the trees be planted in front yards to provide shady sidewalks. Also the Outstanding Neighborhood Tree Contest for residents to nominate their trees and produced a map showing the locations of the trees. And the Good Neighbor Awards to residents who's yards enhanced the whole street.

In 2015 I organized the landscape plantings along the entrance to Snook Islands Natural Area and with the help of 100 volunteers we planted the entire area in one weekend using native trees and shrubs donated by local nurseries.

I've organized and participated in shoreline clean-ups.

Recently for about 2 years I volunteered at the Visitor's Information Center in the City Hall Annex and really enjoyed talking with residents and visitors.

**6. A - WHY DO YOU DESIRE TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD (FIRST PREFERENCE)**

I am very interested in being appointed to this committee as I would like to see the canal system between Lake Clarke and Lake Ida become a clean safe water amenity for kayaks, canoes and small boats.

Spillway Park is a gem of a neighborhood park. Birders know it well and have reported 94 species of birds since 2019 in the park. I would like to bring more native trees and shrubs with walking trails to the park. The park has some needs such as a kayak launching area and a better and safer system for fishing.

It is a quiet passive park that the neighbors enjoy so I would not want to commercialize the park.

**CONSENT**

✓ I agree to the privacy policy.

I understand the responsibilities associated with being a board/committee member, and I have adequate time to serve if appointed.

I have read the attached Ordinance No. 2010-29 and Article XIII (Palm Beach County) Code of Ethics and understand the policy on the City of Lake Worth Beach Code of Ethics. Within 30 days after appointment, I understand that I am required to participate in Ethics Training and submit an Acknowledgement of Receipt form to the City Clerk's Office in order to continue to serve on my appointed board.

\*THIS APPLICATION IS VALID FOR ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE DATE SIGNED ABOVE.

\*THIS APPLICATION IS NOT VALID WITHOUT APPLICANT'S PROOF OF RESIDENCY.

**SIGNATURE**

Gael Silverblatt