

# 2024 Candidates to the Village Board of Directors

**Jesse Bump**



Jesse's affection for Mount Pleasant dates to 1997 when Rock Creek, the diverse community, and lively streets drew him into a basement apartment on the 18th and Lamont corner. Following years in Italy and Boston, he and his family returned to the neighborhood in 2012. Jesse joined the Village in 2017. His children are students at Bancroft school.

Jesse has an active interest in historic preservation on our business street and residential streets. He is the Executive Director of the Takemi Program in International Health and Lecturer on Global Health Policy in the Department of Global Health and Population at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and a Member of the Bergen Center for Ethics and Priority Setting at the University of Bergen.

## Barbara Churchill



Barbara is a native Washingtonian and has lived in and around D.C. her entire life. She moved to Mount Pleasant in 2011 with her husband, when they downsized from a house in the suburbs to an apartment in the city. They both retired in 2021 to focus on his care during a two-year battle with colon cancer.

Barbara received a B.A. degree in English with a minor in theater from Northwestern University and returned to D.C. to work behind the scenes in theaters in and around the city. She worked at the Kennedy Center for thirty years and held the position of Senior Treasurer. She also became active in The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, serving as president of her Local for nine years. Currently she is Vice President of Local 868, is on the executive board of the Metro Washington Labor Council, and is a delegate to the Northern Virginia Labor Federation.

She became involved in the Mount Pleasant Village after her husband died. Village friends and activities have been a lifeline to her since his death. She is currently on the Program and Diversity Committees and is participating in the Caring Card interest group. She participates in the walking and meditation groups and recently joined the End-of-Life discussion group and the grief support group. She has two grown daughters who live in the area and three stepsons.

**Jill Eden**



Jill has been in the D.C. area since the late 1980's and moved to Mount Pleasant in 2011. Now retired, her career focused on improving U.S. health care — mostly via research at the Institute of Medicine (part of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine) where she directed studies on a broad range of health policy issues. Originally from the south shore of Long Island, Jill went to Barnard College and earned M.P.H. and M.B.A. degrees from Columbia University. Jill has led the Village Clusters since their inception in 2019. She is especially passionate about family, friends, music, and nature.

**Josephine Escalante**



Josephine Escalante began volunteering for the Mount Pleasant Village in 2018, assisting in the Village's Raffle Fundraiser. Since then, she has assisted many committees and currently serves as Co-Chair on the Partnership and Membership Committees. Josephine is an attorney and mother of three. She has lived with her family on Newton Street since 2005. In 2018, Josephine suspended her work as a federal litigator specializing in intellectual property law to devote more time to her non-profit work. In addition to her work for the Village, Josephine serves as Past-President of the Alumni Association of her alma mater, St. John's College. Prior to her legal practice, Josephine was the founding Executive Director of New York non-profit, Filipino American Human Services, Inc. (FAHSI). Her work for FAHSI garnered The Banaag Award, among nominees from all over the world, for exemplary service to the Philippine diaspora.

## Carolyn Kari

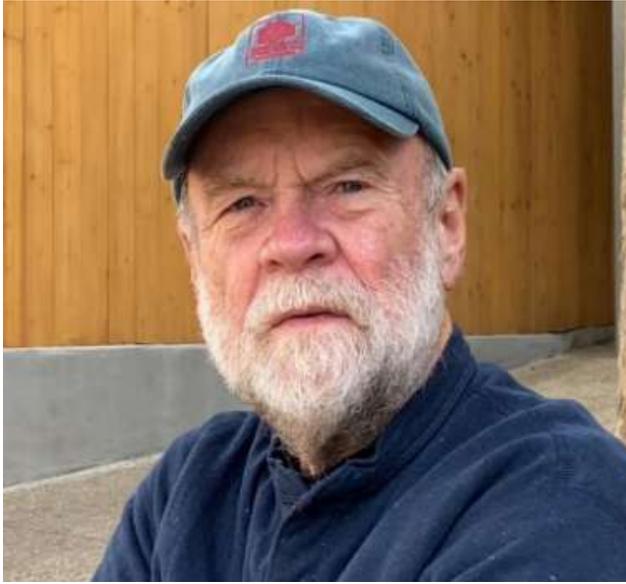


Carolyn moved to Mount Pleasant in 1995. Prior to this, she attended the Harvard Kennedy School and received a Master's degree in Public Administration. She also has a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Illinois, Urbana, and a Masters in Urban Planning from the University of Illinois, Chicago. Her thesis was an analysis of the effects of redlining in the city of Chicago. One of Carolyn's most rewarding experiences was teaching mathematics at a girl's high school in Kenya as a Peace Corps Volunteer. She has served on the National Peace Corps board of directors and is currently a member of the fundraising committee of the Women of Peace Corps Legacy.

She transferred her mathematical skills to computer programming in Oracle as a systems analyst at both Peace Corps HQ and Americorps from which she retired in 2019. She lives on Hobart Street, has served as the cluster representative for the past two years, and is a member of the Membership Committee. She especially enjoys the programs offered by the Village as well as meeting people at the Meet the Street events.

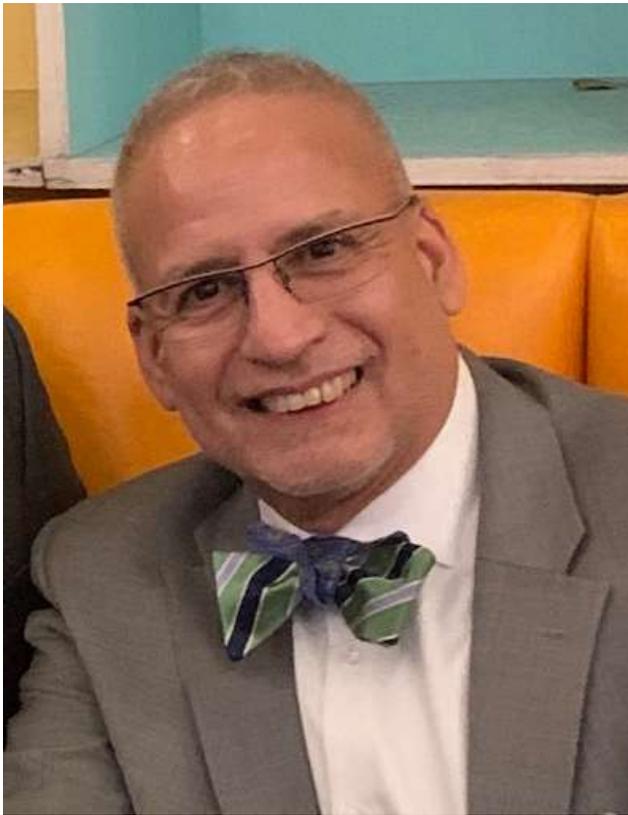
She has a daughter who attended Jackson Reed High School (formerly Wilson) and the University of Colorado and has been accepted as an AmeriCorps member.

## Fred O'Regan



Fred and his wife Nancy first moved to Mount Pleasant in 1983. Fred's career has focused on poverty-alleviation and environmental conservation, domestically and internationally with a focus on Africa, the Middle East and the former Soviet Union. He holds a B.A. in Philosophy and Biology and an M.S.W. He began his career as a community organizer in Cambridge, Mass., after serving in the Peace Corps as a science teacher in eSwatini (formerly Swaziland). He currently serves as Vice President of the Mt. Pleasant Village.

## Leo Sanchez



Leo M. Sanchez has been an influential member of the Mt. Pleasant Village community since around 2018, actively serving on the Village Board for the past three years. Having been a resident of Mt. Pleasant since 1996 he appreciates the area's historic Latino heritage and proximity to the National Zoo. In addition to his role as an active Cluster Coordinator for the Bancroft Cluster, Sanchez helps engage neighbors by keeping them informed about the Village's mission and programs. For about a year, he has also served as Co-Chair of the Diversity Committee and is a board member of WAVE, the Washington Area Village Exchange. His focus is on creating practical solutions to bridge age and economic gaps, helping residents who want to age in place while fostering connections with younger residents who share a love for the DC Metro area.

Beyond his community work, Sanchez is an active committed grandfather, an avid swimmer, a certified Master Gardener and a dedicated horticulture volunteer and garden docent at Hillwood Estate Museum and Gardens. He enjoys hosting diverse gatherings filled with conversation and food on his back deck. A two-time cancer survivor, he celebrated eight years cancer-free in December 2023.

Sanchez retired from Federal Service in 2016 after a career that began as a Civilian Intelligence Officer for the Department of Air Force, and culminated with the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) where he helped small businesses access government markets.

	<p>Additionally, he served on the Latino Economic Development Corporation Board in the mid-1990s, assisting the organization in becoming an SBA approved micro-lender.</p>
<p><b>Martha Sipple</b></p>	
	<p>Martha originally moved to Mount Pleasant in 1982 and lived on a number of different streets--Park, Ingleside, Lamont, and Irving. In 1987, she moved to a cooperative building in Lanier Heights, where she has served on the co-op board for about a decade.</p> <p>Martha joined the Village in 2019 and has been a board member since 2021. She has been an active member of the Diversity Committee and its Hello Neighbor campaign, and is a founding member of the Waste Management Interest Group, which seeks to make Mount Pleasant a community model for Zero Waste. Martha is a communications strategist in international development focused on poverty alleviation.</p>