

Nominees for 2022-2023 Board of Directors

<p>Matt Berzok</p> 	<p>I have lived in the neighborhood since 2007 with my wife Jennifer and children, Ben and Lexi. My son Ben has autism, and over the pandemic, the pool was an oasis of reality for our family, especially Ben. He started on the Dive Team and spent hours and hours at the pool. We were so grateful for the outpouring of support from the kids on the team, their families, and the families at the pool. I wanted to run for the Board, not only to repay that kindness but to expand opportunities for other families who have children or young adults with Special Needs. We have found Little Falls Swimming Club to be a wonderful community for our family. If elected, I will endeavor to ensure there are programming opportunities for all our members and expand our community.</p>
<p>Cary Devorsetz</p> 	<p>I'm a long-time user of the Little Falls pool, along with my family (wife, Jenny, and children, Ethan (8) and Ellie (10)). I welcome the opportunity to become more involved in the pool.</p> <p>Last year, I spent my after-hours time as President of Westbrook Elementary's PTA, and – now that I'm no longer involved with the PTA – I have the time to volunteer in our community in another capacity.</p>
<p>Nancy La Vigne</p> 	<p>(Seeking re-election) Nancy La Vigne is running for re-election after serving on the pool Board during the COVID seasons of 2020 and 2021 as president and vice president, respectively. Most recently, she led the competitive process to review and select a new pool management company for LFSC. Nancy and her family - Tom, John, and James Marder - have been a part of the Little Falls community since 2007. Nancy previously served on the Board for four years in the roles of secretary and Swim & Dive Team rep. She has served as both a Swim Team A rep and a Dive Team rep. She also enjoys early bird swimming and all the wonderful social events LFSC has to offer. Nancy is currently Senior Fellow at the Council on Criminal Justice. She serves on the board of the PreTrial Justice Institute, the Correctional Association of New York (a prison oversight & monitoring entity), and the Consortium of Social Science Associations.</p>
<p>Maren Matal</p> 	<p>(Seeking re-election) I am seeking reelection to the Board for a second term. If reelected, one of my goals would be to try to get the necessary County approvals (etc.) to extend the length of our pool season -- at least on weekends through the end of September.</p> <p>Our family has lived in the neighborhood since 2002, and we love to be at the pool to spend time with friends. Our three kids (ages 12-19) have done and continue to enjoy participating in the Little Falls Swim and Dive Teams. In 2022, it will be my fifth year as the parent co-rep for the LF Dive Team, which we've grown from a small team to one of the bigger teams in our league.</p> <p>Work-wise, I am an in-house attorney for my favorite airline -- Southwest.</p>
<p>Eric Rosenkranz</p> 	<p>Eric Rosenkranz has lived in the community for more than 12 years with his wife Taryn and Little Falls Swimmers/Divers Reese (13) and Sam (11). He can also be found running the grill at LFSC during dive meets and other special events. He uses dedicated utensils for the veggie burger grilling because he cares that much.</p> <p>Professionally, Eric joined Google in 2016, after a successful 15 year run at Microsoft. Eric's educational background includes an MS in Data Science from Brandeis University, a BS in Computer Information Systems from American University, and the Level 1 Instructor Certification at Brown University in Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR). In addition to sailing and skiing, he also spends time contributing as the co-founder of World.On.Pause, a non-profit providing free online meditation and yoga instruction to the masses.</p>
<p>John Thompson</p> 	<p>I grew up in the neighborhood and have been a Little Falls member off and on since 1982. I remember when there was a high dive! I'm both an alumnus of the Little Falls Dive Team and a Dive Team parent. In 2018, I was a member of the working group that recommended changes to the Little Falls waitlist system, most importantly getting rid of proximity to the pool as a factor. I live on Newport Avenue with my wife Aggie, ninth-grader Roxy, and seventh-grader Luca. On most summer weekends, you can find me catching rays at the pool, and I use the courts year-round (well, almost year-round) for tennis and pickleball. When I'm not at the pool, I'm a government lawyer. The club has given me a lot over the years, and I hope to give something back by serving as a Board member.</p>
<p>Steve Volkers</p> 	<p>Steve is seeking a third term on the pool Board. In his first term, as Treasurer, Steve managed the financial oversight during the reconstruction completion and led the Club through the management impact of losing both the bookkeeper and pool membership manager. During his second term, Steve served as the Membership Chair providing thoughtful governance and systems while streamlining and documenting processes.</p> <p>Steve and his wife, Amy Houser, and their two children, Emma and Will, have been members of Little Falls since 2013 having moved into the neighborhood in 2006. The pool is a big part of their summer and the kids have been Swim Team members, coaches, and lifeguards. Steve is a volunteer MCSL official and Amy was co-lead of the Penguin B Team for five years. Steve has worked for The Nature Conservancy since 2001 where he is currently head of development for their Asia Pacific Program. Prior to the Conservancy, Steve spent 15 years in the IT private sector working for IBM, Microsoft, Target, and high-tech start-ups.</p>
<p>Matt Wexler</p> 	<p>What more can I say than I love Little Falls? Since Becky & I moved to Malden Drive in 2008 and welcomed Hannah (now 11) a few years later, the Club has been front & center in our family's life and it would mean so much to me to serve on the Board when the Club is such a focal point of our community. Over the years, I have been a Board member of a multitude of D.C.-based organizations such as the Friends of Guy Mason, BUILD D.C., the Adams Morgan Commercial Development Coalition, LightHouse DC, and the Adams Morgan Business Improvement District, yet I have never formally stepped up in my own backyard and I'm truly excited to do just that. At Little Falls, I play tennis year-round and enjoy all summer at the pool, especially cheering on the Penguins and shooting hoops while pretending to swim. My service to Little Falls has been primarily as a volunteer during swim & dive meets, and I really enjoyed announcing the home dive meets last summer. When I'm not at Little Falls, I do commercial real estate development and investment. I look forward to preserving the special place that Little Falls is in our community as well as working to expand the hours that the pool can be open.</p>
<p>Eric Zuckerman</p> 	<p>My wife, Catherine, and I moved to Green Acres in 2013—five houses up Smallwood Drive from the pool—and before we were unpacked our name was on the waitlist. We have been members since 2018 and spend most summer afternoons at the pool with our two young children, Vivienne (6) and Will (4). Last year you may have seen me flipping burgers at the Fourth of July and Labor Day parties. Our children learned how to swim at the pool and love spending time there with their friends. We value the Little Falls community, which has become an integral part of our lives.</p> <p>For the past 15 years, I have owned and operated a high-end residential construction company, and I am confident that my professional experience would be an asset to the pool Board. As we consider future improvements, I believe that my knowledge and expertise can help guide the team and the decisions it makes, from concept, analysis and budgeting to implementation. I'm looking forward to another great season.</p>