

## Ruth Withey

Education: Bachelor of Arts, Michigan State University: English, Education, Journalism

Master of Arts, The University of Michigan: School of Information

Career: Teacher, 20 years, English, Journalism, Library

### Community Service:

- Headed Annual Cystic Fibrosis Fund Drive, 2 years, Jackson, MI
- Adopt-a-Grandparent volunteer through Jackson County (MI) Social Services, 4 years
- District Library Board member, Jackson, MI, 4 years
- Jackson High School Band Board & Band Camp Counselor, 5 years
- Chelsea (MI) Education Association Board, 2 years
- Homes Association President, Wilshire, Leawood, KS 1996-99, navigating the critical & contentious turnover of Wilshire from developer Leo Ashner to the Wilshire Homes Association
- Free Hot Soup Belton, current
- Village of Loch Lloyd Board of Trustees, 2 years

Why I'm running: Like everyone seeking a seat on the village Board of Trustees, I love Loch Lloyd, my home for the past 26 years.

Loch Lloyd became a village in 2003 so that we would have safety from annexation by nearby cities. Our trustees over the past 22 years have done a good job in regard to safety issues, zoning issues, emergency preparedness, public health, and much more. In looking at the growth of the village these last few years, we must elect people to the board who will protect the integrity of the village with the health and well-being of the community as a whole driving decisions as to how we should grow.

It has been a pleasure to serve this wonderful community in my first term. I would like to provide some continuity by serving one more two-year term as a trustee with some particular goals.

The most important way in which our village board can improve is in open communication with the community and in communications with Loch Lloyd's HOAs, our water board, and other entities that provide services to us and help us maintain our integrity as a municipality. Our community will continue to grow both with new homes and families within the village and with homes just outside the village boundaries but included in our homes associations. In anticipation of this growth, in order to ensure planned and desired growth, the whole community came together just over a year ago and created a new Master Plan to guide our growth. We need to protect that plan. We need to carefully select those — consultants, attorneys, board members, and others — who would shepherd us through these next years.

I promise you that I will always be as open and as honest as possible in serving you. Decisions that affect the quality of life for all who live here should be made in the light of day. The voices of all who live here should be heard and included in all the decisions that lie ahead.