

## **John Cress**

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Homeowner in The Villages for twenty-one

Nominated by VGC MPMA Board

My wife Pam and I moved to The Villages of Garrison Creek (VGC) in 2002. For most of our forty six-year partnership, our family has enjoyed the advantages of living in planned communities with good homeowners Associations (HOAs). The Villages of Garrison Creek is, by far, the best of these because of its beautiful common areas and walking trails; dedicated cohort of hard-working volunteers, including our board members; and the association's commitment to open and transparent leadership and positive association management.

Throughout our time as a VGC homeowner I have been a consistent and vocal advocate for best practices in membership self-governance by the Master Property Management Association (MPMA) homeowners and for a healthy reserve fund to keep this lovely place lovely and its property values high for individual homeowners/investors.

First elected as a member of the MPMA Board of Directors for 2018, I have served several terms as Director and, most recently as MPMA Vice President. I have promoted the mission, vision, and land use standards of the VGC and worked to support and strengthen our hard-working volunteer team that makes this such an attractive place to call home. I will continue to listen carefully to members' ideas and concerns; maintain high standards of personal integrity, openness, accountability, and forthright communication in harmony with my passion for this community and commitment to servant leadership.

I am proud of The Villages and look forward to working with my fellow homeowners to complete the necessary update our governing and operational documents consistent with the latest RCWs and best practices for communities like ours. We have important, unfinished work to do, and I would consider it an an honor to serve as one of your MPMA Directors in the coming year.