



**Michaela Hicks**  
**Annandale**

Personal: Wife; History Teacher; Doctoral Candidate at Piedmont College

Favorites: my dog, Molly; watching Jeopardy; research on cognition and behavior; coffee

Least Favorites: the dentist; people who don't use turn signals; fruit on pizza

Legacy Park Activities: Tennis player; active interest in the facilitation of events for children and teenagers; Op-ed participation in the monthly newsletter

Serving our neighborhood on the Board for the past two years has been a privilege. Some of the activities and areas that I have been involved in include advocating for our teenagers through Cram Jam (which was so successful last year); advocating for the lightening at the basketball court; urging a timely update to our amenities' vending machines; assisting the neighborhood swim team as a USA certified official; entertaining discussions of controversial topics with grace; and, upholding the decisions of the Board and the office with high esteem.

My greatest attributes that would encourage that I am a candidate worthy of election involve interpersonal skills, a reflective disposition, and the ability to increase engagement and participation. I currently have three degrees, all requiring research and synthesis, that confirm my ability to effectively communicate through written and verbal methods. Further, through my current job, I have experience in mitigating and advocating for a diverse body of people, implementing fundraising, managing a local account, earning respect through disciplined leadership practices, and maintaining professional standards and ethics. Whereas some may see my age as lacking experience, I would argue that I offer a diverse and needed perspective for our growing neighborhood, an extensive awareness of technology and best practices in social media communication, and a heart for community as a whole.