

The Shores at Berkshire Lakes MHOA, Inc.
c/o MAY Management Services
11100 Bonita Beach Road #101
Bonita Springs, FL 34135
239.262.1396

**SECOND NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
& ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**

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TO ALL MEMBERS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, March 26, 2026**, at **6:00 pm** the **Annual Membership Meeting of The Shores at Berkshire Lakes Master Homeowner's Association, Inc.** will be held to conduct such business as may come before the meeting.

There are four (4) expiring terms on the Board of Directors this year. There were six intents to be a candidate submitted. Because there are more qualified candidates than there are Directors to be elected, balloting will be necessary. The Candidate Information Sheets received are included in this packet.

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Certify Proxies and Establish a Quorum
3. Certification of Mailings
4. Reading of Minutes
5. President's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Results of Proxy Vote
8. Election Results & Introduction of the Board of Directors
9. Owner Comments, if any
10. Adjournment

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(Shall be held immediately following the Annual Meeting.)

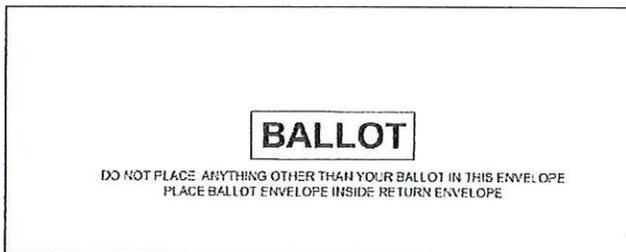
MEETING AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Establish a Quorum
3. New Business
 - Appointment of Officers
4. Owner Comments, if any
5. Adjournment

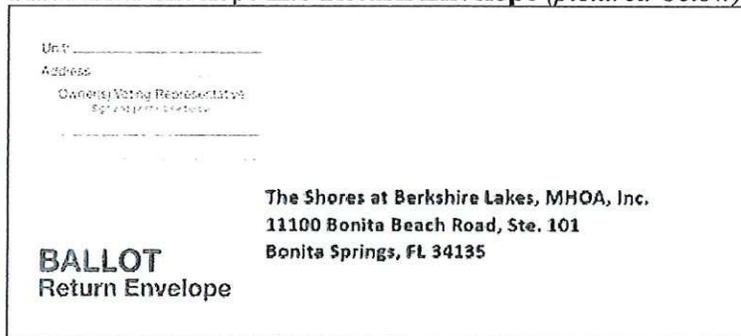
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◆◆◆◆ **BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS** ◆◆◆◆

- 1) Vote for no more than **FOUR** candidates.
- 2) Do **NOT** sign ballot (if the ballot is signed it will not be counted).
- 3) Place ballot into inner envelope (*pictured below*).



- 4) Place inner envelope into **Return Envelope** (*pictured below*).



- 5) Complete address in upper left corner of envelope.
- 6) Sign in upper left corner of **Return Envelope Only**.
- 7) Mail ballot to ensure delivery **prior** to **March 26, 2026**. Ballots must be mailed, or hand delivered to be valid.

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LIMITED PROXY

The undersigned owner or designated voter in Unit No. _____ of The Shores at Berkshire Lakes Master Homeowners Association, Inc. (the "Association") hereby appoints:

(Please print name of proxy holder, who must be at the meeting to vote in your place)

OR, if I have not appointed a proxy holder above, then I appoint the President of the Association as my proxy holder to attend the Annual Meeting of the members of the Association, to be held on **Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Master Association Clubhouse, 7845 Berkshire Pines Drive, Naples, FL 34104.** The proxy holder named above has the authority to vote and act for me to the same extent that I would if personally present, with the power of substitution, except that my proxy holder's authority is limited as indicated below:

Limited Powers: I hereby specifically authorize and instruct my proxy to cast my vote in reference to the following matters only as indicated below.

1. Should any excess amount of funds collected for the operation of the Association in the fiscal year 2026 be rolled over for use to pay operating expenses in the fiscal year 2027?
(A yes vote will make these funds non-taxable by the IRS. (The Board of Directors recommends an in-favor vote.)

IN FAVOR _____

OPPOSED _____

The undersigned ratify and confirm any and all acts and things that the proxy-holder may do or cause to be done on the premises, whether at the meeting referred to above or at any change, adjournment, or continuation of it, and revoke all proxies previously executed.

Dated: _____

Signature of Owner or Designated Voter

Print Name of Owner or Designated Voter

THIS PROXY IS REVOCABLE AND IS VALID ONLY FOR THE MEETING FOR WHICH IT IS GIVEN AND ANY LAWFUL ADJOURNMENT THEREOF. IN NO EVENT IS THE PROXY VALID FOR MORE THAN NINETY (90) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE ORIGINAL MEETING.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE BELOW:

1. **FILL IN PROPERTY ADDRESS.**
2. **DESIGNATE A PROXY-HOLDER (WHOM MUST BE PRESENT) OR LEAVE BLANK AND ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT WILL BE PROXY-HOLDER.**
3. **MARK YOUR VOTE**
4. **SIGN AND PRINT NAME**
5. **DATE**
6. **PLACE SIGNED PROXY IN PROXY ENVELOPE.**
7. **MAIL, OR EMAIL PROXY TO ENSURE DELIVERY PRIOR TO March 26, 2026.**
email: spalmer@maymgt.com; wbehrens@maymgt.com

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2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS BALLOT

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN FOUR FOR YOUR BALLOT TO COUNT

	Nelly Mercado
	Colleen Rinaldi
	Michael Smialkowski
	Rich Vinton
	Pat West
	Brian Young

This is a secret ballot; do not write anything other than your candidate selection(s) on this page.

Nelly Mercado – Candidate for Re-Election

The Shores at Berkshire Lakes MHOA

I am submitting my application to be consider for a position on the Board of The Shores at Berkshire Lakes MHOA. I have served on the Board since December 2026, my time being a board member has been short but would like to have the opportunity to serve my community on a longer term.

I have an associate's degree in legal studies, which enabled me to serve at the Collier County State Attorney's Office for seven years. I have also worked as a Police Dispatcher in the 80's in Miami, Florida. Currently I work as a Surgery Scheduler for Physicians Regional and enjoy helping my patients. I volunteered for three years at the Collier County Domestic Animal Service and operated my own Pit Bull Rescue Adoption program, providing animals with opportunities for new homes.

Over the last 3 months I have volunteered with the Board and have learned the ways and rules of acting as a board member to a community that I moved into in May of 2025. I would like to make a difference in this community that houses 55+ resident and long term. I hope to continue contributing to the board and introduce fresh ideas that will help make our community a lively and secure place for everyone.

The Shores is a very nice place that I enjoy calling home as a new resident. I would like to get the opportunity to keep serving and learning, thank you for your consideration and time.

Nelly Mercado

7849 Stratford Place

Colleen Rinaldi – Candidate for Re-Election, Board of Directors

The Shores at Berkshire Lakes MHOA

I am seeking re-election to the Board of Directors of The Shores at Berkshire Lakes MHOA, where I have proudly served since being elected in March 2023. My husband John and I are grateful to have made The Shores our home since December 2020.

During my time on the Board, I have held the positions of **Secretary**, **Director**, and currently **President**, a role I have served in since March 2025.

I hold a **Bachelor of Science degree in Information Systems from New York University** and spent my professional career in the **finance industry as an international securities trader in New York City**. I co-owned and operated a AAA Four-Diamond Bed & Breakfast for 17 years in Lake Worth Beach, FL in Palm Beach County. My finance background and entrepreneurship has given me a strong foundation in risk management, accountability, transparency, and disciplined decision-making—skills that directly translate to effective association governance.

In addition to Board service, I have been a **volunteer with the Social Committee**, supporting the sense of connection and community that makes The Shores a desirable place to live.

At the heart of my service is a deeply held belief: **ownership means something**. It is more than a deed recorded at the courthouse. Healthy governance requires more than enforcement; it requires understanding the purpose of rules and ensuring they serve homeowners rather than diminish them.

Over the past nine months, the Board has worked to materially improve the condition of the Association. This includes implementing new contracts, addressing long-delayed maintenance projects, working collaboratively on lake maintenance issues, and correcting problems that had gone unresolved for years. We are also in the midst of a significant transition to **MAY Management**, a company offering a much broader range of services, improved oversight, and stronger compliance support.

I would appreciate the opportunity to continue serving to help ensure a **successful transition** of MAY Management and to focus on the following critical areas:

- **Compliance with County Regulations:** This was a primary reason for changing management companies. Under prior management, required permits and compliance obligations were not properly obtained, tracked, or closed before vendors were paid.
- **South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Compliance:** correcting years of missed monthly pumpage reports. MAY Management is now on track to return us to full compliance without fines and with proper ongoing monitoring.
- **Preserve Management Plan:** Working with Collier County and landscapers to establish a proper plan to enhance usefulness and safety of our preserves.
- **Board and Management Communication:** Continue to work in establishing open and transparent communication with residents.

The Shores is truly a wonderful place to live, and with proper management and a Board that works well together—bringing experience, perspective, and a shared commitment to balanced, accountable governance—we can continue to guide our community forward together.

Thank you for your consideration.

Colleen Rinaldi
7839 Berkshire Pines Drive

Michael Smialkowski
7947 Wexford Drive
Naples, FL 34104
(201)-919-8952

Resident of The Shores for 9 years.

- **US Navy Veteran**
- **Married – 4 Adult children / grandchildren**
- **Member of Who's Who in America – 2024**

- **Founder and Managing Member of East Coast Floor Distribution, PA [16 years]**
- **Attended Bloomfield College and County College of Morris, NJ – Business Major.**

- **Lay Leader / Preacher / Board of Trustees Chairperson** at Rockaway Valley United Methodist Church NJ. [15 years]
- **Former Lecturer** at Ross-Allen Institute Reptile, Silver Springs, FL.

It would be an honor to serve on the HOA board at the Shores, and I look forward to enhance the camaraderie between friends and neighbors, and bring together common interests and views that would strengthen this community. I will strive to make the Shores not only a better place to live, but to enjoy all our community has to offer.

“There's no right way to do a wrong thing.”

Thank you for your consideration

Michael Smialkowski

Richard T Vinton

PROFILE

I'm a retired, seasonal resident of The Shores since March of 2019. Prior to The Shores, we owned a condominium for 6 years in Sherwood.

EXPERIENCE

The Shores

Served on the MHOA Board as a Director and Treasurer, stepped down when Colleen Rinaldi was elected President.

St Gregory The Theologian Greek Orthodox Church, Mansfield, MA.

Served on the Parrish Council from 2018-2022, responsibility's included building and property issues, monitor budget and was point person ensuring regulatory compliance during COVID compliance. Projects include whole roof replacement, kitchen appliances upgrade, parking lot sealing. Four years as team lead for the church's annual golf tournament.

Raytheon Company (retired after 45 years)

Senior Manager, Quality System Audits

- Established corporate wide audit approach to ISO9001/AS9100 Quality Systems Certification.
- Achieved and maintained certification of 50+ locations throughout the US and Canada
- Responsible for \$6M annual budget
- Voting member of both the Americas Aerospace Quality Group & the International Aerospace Quality Group, responsible for the generation, certification and oversight of Quality Standards throughout aerospace supply chain, both National and International.
- Voting member of National Aerospace and Defense Contractors Accreditation Program, management committee, responsible for generation and certification of key/special processes utilized by the aerospace industry.

SKILLS

Familiar with Microsoft applications; Word, Excel & PowerPoint

Strategic and tactical planning and execution.

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The Shores Self Nomination for Open Board Position

Date: February 2, 2026

Nominee: Patricia West

7660 Meadow Lakes Drive, Unit 1604

I have lived in the Shores community for 10 years. As an owner in the Preserve Condo Association, I have served on that Board for the past 8 years and am now in year 9 – nominated to fill a vacant position during our last Preserve Annual Meeting. As a Board member, I served as President of the Association for 6 years and Treasurer for the past 2 plus years.

During my tenure as President, the biggest challenge our Board faced was reaching a settlement of our insurance claim for damages caused by Hurricane Irma. Our claim was originally denied by the insurance carrier at which time we hired a Public Adjuster to assist in our dealings with this insurance carrier. The process to reach settlement was very drawn out and took more than 3 years. During this time, our insurance carrier's position forced us to hire a second Public Adjuster, an Attorney and an Arbitrator. We won our claim during arbitration, but our insurance carrier went bankrupt prior to settling. The state took over the claim and ultimately awarded the community more that \$10 million dollars in damages.

The second challenge the Board faced was a major construction project to remediate the damage to our buildings. The selection of materials and colors was a community effort and there were several owner votes for each element and the ultimate product was a result of these community votes. We achieved the final outcome of new roofs, soffits, gutters as well as new hurricane impact windows, sliders and entry doors, and several buildings needed foundation stabilization. All forty-seven buildings were painted and many fixtures – such as building light fixtures were installed. This construction project took approximately 2 and ½ years.

I have learned a great deal as a Board member and would love the opportunity to expand my knowledge and offer my contributions to the Shores Master Association.

My husband and I are originally from Massachusetts and moved to Florida when our first grandchild was born. My son and daughter-in-law also live in Florida. My grandchildren are now 19 and 22. Now, I can't imagine returning to the cold northeast winters!

I hold an MBA from Simmons University in Boston and have more than 25 years of experience in health care management. I was also President of our physician led Health Center's Board of Directors. Prior to moving to Naples and The Shores/Preserve, I held a Florida Real Estate license and a CAM license.

I care about the community I live in, am proud of our community and am always willing to assist in resolving issues the community may face as a Board Member.

**THE SHORES AT BERKSHIRE LAKES
MASTER HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.**

CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM

Return February 18, 2026

NAME:

Brian Young

UNIT ADDRESS:

7711 Berkshire Pines Dr.

PERMANENT ADDRESS:

4121 Michael Dr., Lambertville, MI

EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Toledo

PERSONAL and/or PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- I currently contract in Cyber Security to nuclear power plants that keeps my organizational skills and technical skills up to date.
- I have had a career for over 45 years at Nuclear Power Plants.
- Licensed in Plant Operations as a Reactor Operator and Senior Reactor Operator
- Performed Engineering activities that required me to work in teams to perform troubleshooting and problem solving to resolve power plant and organization issues.
- I have taught in Training at a Nuclear Power Plant

PRIOR RELATED EXPERIENCE:

- Currently serving on the MHOA Board. Appointed to the MOA Board in March of 2025.
- I have been selected to be on the initial HOA Board for the subdivision I live at in Michigan once the developer turns it over to the homeowners.

COMMENTS ABOUT BOARD CANDIDACY:

Even though my time on the board has been short, I have found it to be interesting and enjoyable. I have already used my technical skills to help others in the community to understand the need for some expenditures or decisions and identify the most cost effective use of our MHOA dollars.