Beth LaVasseur

Candidate for Re-election | Board of Directors, Summit Village Association (SVA)

A LIFELONG CONNECTION TO SHANTY CREEK

I fell in love with Shanty Creek in 1974, when I was 12 and learned to ski on a family vacation. In 1978 our family built a chalet on Ridge Run, and it has been a multi-generational gathering place ever since. During high school and college, I spent several summers working at the Lakeview Hotel (then known as “the Lodge”) and the golf course. My husband, Bob, and I now live full time in that same home. My father, Tom Craigie, served on the SVA Board in the early 2000s.

BOARD SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

I have been honored to serve as SVA Board President since October 18, 2025. Working with a talented and dedicated Board, my focus has been on improving processes, transparency, communication and fiscal accountability, and on welcoming volunteers to our committees and projects.

- Chaired the Roads & Grounds Committee this year, leading a five-member team whose combined experience and energy have made the committee effective and efficient.
- Expanded participation by supporting video conferencing for Board and member meetings, which is essential in a community where so many owners use their SVA property as a second home.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

I enjoyed a 37-year career with Trinity Health in Southeast Michigan, most of it devoted to cancer research and cancer program leadership.

- 15 years as the Executive Director of a 13-hospital, multistate Cancer Research Consortium funded by the National Cancer Institute.
- For the last 5 years of my career, I served as the Executive Director of Cancer Programs and Research overseeing 5 cancer center facilities and all operations.
- I served in leadership positions for 10 years in a statewide initiative funded by Blue Cross Blue Shield to improve cancer care in the state.
- I also held an Adjunct Clinical Instructor appointment in the University of Michigan PhD Nursing program.
- In retirement, I continue to work part-time as an auditor for the National Cancer Institute reviewing quality in cancer centers around the county who participate in investigational treatment trials

I would be grateful for the opportunity to continue serving the SVA community.



EDUCATION

Bachelor’s Degree, Nursing
University of Michigan

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