

The Edgemont School Board Nominating Committee

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SBNC '25-'26 Short Bios

Sharyn Lewis, Chair (nonvoting)

My husband and I have been residents of Old Edgemont for 25 years, and our four adult children all grew up here. I've served on the board of the Edgemont Community Council in various roles for the last 4 years, and serve on the Public Safety, Environmental Education, and Programming committees. I'm a member of Edgemont LGBTQ+ Families and Allies. Previously, I served on the Old Edgemont Association Board, the Edgemont Scholarship Council Board, the SBNC (for two two-year terms), and on various PTA committees. I've also been involved in the effort seeking a vote on whether Edgemont should incorporate into a village. By training, I'm an attorney, but I've been working as a private college advisor for over a decade.

Lesley Alpert-Schuldenfrei

I moved back to Edgemont in 2008—I'm an alumna, Class of 1991—and currently live in the Longview neighborhood with my husband, Jon, and our two daughters. Zoe is a junior at UT Austin, and Hillary is a senior at Edgemont High School. I currently serve on the Edgemont School Foundation board, where I've been a member since 2020. I was also very active on the PTSA's ACE Committee for many years, serving as chair and as VP of Arts on the executive Board. I was also a long-time PTA volunteer. Professionally, I've spent several decades as a nonprofit executive, leading marketing and communications for leading museums, performing arts organizations, and currently for a large Manhattan synagogue. Fun fact: Since childhood, I've lived in three Edgemont neighborhoods—Longview, Cotswold, and Southern Greenville.

Adam Bench

I have been a resident of the Edgemont community, with my wife Sharon, since 2001. We have three children, the youngest of whom is a senior at Edgemont High School. Our other two children graduated from EHS in 2020 and 2023. I am currently serving my 3rd term on the School Board Nominating Committee representing the Greenridge neighborhood. I have served on the executive board of the Edgemont Recreation Corp and have been actively involved with youth sports in the community, including assisting in the formation of the Edgemont Youth Lacrosse Club and its annual jamboree tournament, and briefly served as the referee coordinator for the Edgemont Soccer Club.

Mariquita Blumberg

I've lived in Old Edgemont since 2008. I've had three kids go through the Edgemont Schools and they are currently a sophomore in college, a freshman in college and a junior at EHS. I volunteered for many years on the PTA including two years on the PTA Board as the treasurer and have been a Girl Scout leader for two troops. I was on the board of the Greenburgh Public Library for nine years, including serving as president for three years. I was elected to the Edgemont School Board in 2018 and again in 2021. I served as VP of the board for the 22-23 school year and then President for the 23-24 school year.

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Lisa Brasile

My name is Lisa Brasile. I have lived in Old Edgemont for almost 5 years and have 2 sons at Seely Place in the 1st grade and 4th grade. I have been involved in the PTA Programming committee at Seely Place. This is my second year on the SBNC.

Krista Cassaniti

I've been an Edgemont resident in Southern Greenville since 2021, and my husband and I have three kids at Greenville and EHS. I've been involved in the PTA the last 5 years and serve as an event director on the board of E-Club. As the Southern Greenville representative on the Edgemont Community Council, I also serve on the Programming and Environmental Education Committees. I am involved with both Elmsford Little League and Mad Dog Flag Football. I volunteer as a catechist at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Scarsdale. This is my second year serving on the SBNC.

Shula Darviche

Married to Michael Darviche

Moved to Edgemont in 2004- Greenridge Neighborhood

Three children: Julian, started at Seely and graduated from EHS 2019

Gabriel, started at Seely and graduated from EHS 2021

Madi, started at Seely and will graduate from EHS 2026

I've been involved as a class parent both at Seely and at EHS, organized (with Pam Montgomery) the Seely Class of 2020 graduation gift to the school, and am in my final year of my fourth time serving on the SBNC

Garrett Evers

My name is Garrett Evers and this is my second year on the SBNC. My family and I have lived in Edgemont (Fort Hill neighborhood) since 2019. We have one son, Devin, in sixth grade at Greenville. In addition to the SBNC, I am a multiple-season volunteer coach in the local Mad Dog Flag Football League.

Iraida Gonzalez

I live at Scarsdale Meadows on Central Park Ave, in the Northern Greenville neighborhood. I've lived here since 2017, with my daughter and husband. My daughter is a 9th grader. I've mostly been involved with the PTA, being a class parent since 3rd grade. This is my 3rd and final year on the SBNC.

Vasanth Gulappa

Has lived in the Central Park Ave neighborhood for more than three years with his wife and daughter. His son is studying engineering in Canada. He works for Regeneron Pharmaceutical Inc. He's an Active volunteer in Ronald McDonald House, Feeding Westchester, and local Indian Temple.

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Jeanette Leeds

I've lived in Edgemont for 18 years and currently live on Evandale Road in the ABC area. I'm a divorced mom with a son in 12th grade and a daughter in 9th grade, both at Edgemont High School. Around the neighborhood, I'm known as the "Halloween data and statistics house" because I've been tracking the number of trick-or-treaters for the past three years...and I tend to go a little overboard with my decorations! When I'm not decorating for Halloween, I run Leeds & Co., an advisory firm where I help HR tech companies scale and show business leaders how to put AI to work in real world ways. Over the years, I've been actively involved in the community, currently serving as a Board Member of the Edgemont Community Council and previously on the Edgemont Scholarship Council, which provides need based scholarships to graduating seniors. When my kids were in elementary school, I also volunteered as a class parent. I'm excited to be part of this year's SBNC!

Adam Lessler

I've lived in the Longview neighborhood of Edgemont for the past five years. My wife and I have two children who attend Greenville—a son in third grade and a daughter in first grade. I'm currently serving my second year on the SBNC and first year on the ECC Nominating Committee.

Martha Lee Mellis

Greenville side - Fort Hill neighborhood. Living here since 2006 (19 years).

Three kids: EHS 2019, 2022 and 2024 (2 years out of college, senior in college, and sophomore in college)

Haven't been too involved in Edgemont organizations in recent years. Second year on SBNC and historically volunteered in PTA, etc. Involved in outside community organizations.

Christine Nayal

I've lived with my husband and two children in the Southern Greenville neighborhood of Edgemont for the past 9 years. Both of my sons attend Edgemont Jr/Sr High School (10th and 7th grades). Some of my community involvement includes being a founding member of Edgemont LGBTQ+ Families and Allies, a founding member of Edgemont for All, and serving on the school district's All Means All Committee. In the past I've volunteered for PTA activities such as Snacks for Staff and Pride Day. This is my second year serving on the SBNC. I'm a clinical psychologist and have worked in a wide range of settings including hospitals, nursing homes, community mental health centers, and my own private practice. I currently work as a consultant for the MTA paratransit program.

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Tamim Nazif

I have lived in lower Westchester 15 years, and in Edgemont 8 years. I live in the Cotswold neighborhood. I have 3 kids - 1 each in Seely, Junior High and High School. I'm on the board of the Edgemont Community Council, and I'm active in the Cotswold Association.

Laura Nukho

I live in the North Greenville neighborhood and have enjoyed being part of the Edgemont community for many years. My husband and I have three children in elementary, middle, and high school who are active members of the community through their involvement in academics, sports, and theater. I have been actively involved in the Edgemont PTA/PTSA in a variety of leadership and volunteer roles, helping to organize events and initiatives that support our schools and bring families together.

Lauren Ricci-Warren

I have lived in the Old Edgemont neighborhood for 25 years. I have two sons who graduated from EHS - one in 2020 and one in 2023. I am returning for my second year on this committee and this is my second time serving on the SBNC (I was an alternate on the 2016-17 and 2017-18 committees). Through the years I have been involved with the Old Edgemont Association serving as president from 2008-2011, the ECC, and district strategic planning and hiring committees. I served as secretary and president of the PTA and on several PTA committees (2007-2017). I served on the board of the PTSA and on several PTSA committees (2014-2023).

Deborah Shane

Hi, I'm Deborah Shane. I've lived in Edgemont since 1999, for 25 years on Old Army Road and for the last year in Northern Greenville. I was treasurer for the Cotswold Association for 13 years. I previously served on the School board Nominating Committee for 2 years. My two sons are now in college. My youngest graduated from Edgemont in 2023.

Amanda Sherwin

I've been a resident of the Fort Hill neighborhood in Edgemont for the past 17 years, where my husband Jeff and I are raising our two children, currently in 9th and 7th grade. Over the years, I've remained involved in the community, serving on the Edgemont Scholarship Council board and coaching with the Edgemont Soccer Club. I'm excited for the opportunity to continue contributing by serving on the SBNC. Professionally, I work as a Human Resources Business Partner at a financial services firm, where I support several banking divisions on all people-related matters.

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Suri Singh

Edgemont neighborhood: Central Park Avenue.

I've lived in Edgemont for 6 years.

A brief family description: Married. 2 daughters. 1 in 9th grade & 1 in 6th grade (Greenville)

I'm involved with Edgemont for All, I'm on the Board of the Edgemont Community Council, and this is my second year on the SBNC.

David Stone

I'm David Stone, and I live in the Cotswold neighborhood with my wife, Lisa Schein, and our son, Benjamin. Benjamin is 9 years old and attends Seely Place School. We moved here in September 2021. (I grew up in Ardsley.) This is my second year on the SBNC. Lisa is active in the PTA, having previously served on the PTA Board.

Gaurav Tejwani

I've been a resident of Westchester County for about 18 years, with the last 10 years being in Southern Greenville. I've two daughters, with the older one having just started 5th grade while the younger one is in 3rd grade. We live on High Point Road and have been deeply embedded in the community for many years now. In addition to volunteering or helping in school activities every now and then, I run the Math Kangaroo program for all of Edgemont. Starting this year I'm also involved with the Math olympiad (MOEMS) which will now have an Edgemont team. I've also been engaged with other parents and the school administration this year on the class size debate for 3rd graders, and was part of the think tank that worked with the administration to further explore the issue. In terms of background - My schooling was in India. I graduated as an engineer and then did an MBA before moving over to New York about 25 years ago to work in the financial industry.

Clara Thomas

I live in the Central Park Ave neighborhood.

I've lived here 13 years

I have two daughters. Ava is a college freshman at WashU. Lauren is a junior at EHS. I served on the PTA when the girls were younger.

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Laura Wilker

I've lived in the Greenridge neighborhood of Edgemont since 2003. I served on the PTSA Board from 2018-2025, most recently as co-president. I served as class parent for each of my three children (Sam '17, Ben '22, Naomi '26) numerous times, served on the PTA Board as VP Membership, Secretary, and Class Parent Co-Chair, and ran Photo Day, the Parent-Child Book Club and Green My Locker for multiple years each. I was a director of the Edgemont Community Council from 2021 to 2023, where I organized and ran Edgemont-wide service events, and was a Girl Scout troop leader from 2015 to 2022. Career-wise, I'm a communications and marketing professional, primarily for financial and professional services firms.

Sophie Xie

My name is Sophie Xie, an Edgemont High School senior and the Student Representative! I've lived in Edgemont for 10 years now and have a younger sister in 9th grade. I'm a part of multiple school clubs like Mock Trial and Debate and am involved in the local chapter of a national non-profit organization called OCA-WHV! At OCA-WHV, we advocate for AAPI rights and inclusion, and I organize the annual Meet the Candidates Forum where citizens can communicate with local politicians running for office.