

I was raised in St Paul Minnesota in a family of five in a quiet neighborhood similar to Hillcrest Village. I attend the University of Minnesota and received both a bachelor's and master's degrees in business finance and management.

I worked the majority of my career in financial services for several firms, the major ones being Allis-Chalmers and General Electric Capital Corporation.

I lived in four different suburbs in the Twin Cities area of Minnesota. After retirement, at the end of 2022, my wife of 38 years and I moved to Hillcrest Village to be close to my daughter and her family, which now numbers 3 grandchildren. We also have a son up in Minnesota.

I have served on numerous boards and committees in the various churches to which we belonged and other civic organizations, serving as chairman or vice chairman of several. I feel my financial and management experience could contribute in a positive way to the oversight of Hillcrest Village. We enjoy living here and appreciate the quietness, wide streets, large yards and friendly neighbors.

With the water, sewer and bonding issues we are facing as a city, my past experience in finance and management would be beneficial in finding ways to keep these projects affordable for everyone. I don't claim to have all the answers, but I do feel I know many of the questions we need to be asking to get the right answers.

I would also like to see the city come up with better ways to communicate with its citizens and to receive more input from them. I have several ideas we could explore to accomplish that. My belief in democracy is that the leaders get their direction from the people.

I would like to ask for your vote and look forward to discussing anything and everything if elected. Thank you.

John Gallup

Candidate for the City of Hillcrest Village Alderman