

Hello, my name is Carolyn Strater. I am the only full-time resident in The Enclaves, and one of the first to build in our wonderful community. I was raised in NJ, moved to NC in 2020, and quickly fell in love with Lake James. It reminded me of my childhood spent camping at Lake George, NY....but with a shorter winter. Once I found my lot, the building process went fairly quickly for me, and there are many things I learned along the way. My home was complete in February 2021, and I have lived here ever since. However, I spend a couple of months each winter living in the Florida Keys, with my sister. In January 2022, Chris Schroder posted a video of The Enclaves on YouTube which showed my dog Sedona having fun in the snow! (see link below)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=csF38fKOISE>

When guests come to my home, I tell them it is the happiest place on earth. The Enclaves has beautiful winding roads, positive energy, and a lot of usable water line. I truly feel we have an amazing opportunity to be the most well-run and sought-after community on Lake James. There are three core focus areas that I believe will help build our community.

- Strong community connections: neighbors respecting neighbors, neighbors helping neighbors
- Well-maintained common areas: cleanly used, regular maintenance
- Minimize cost: well managed budgets, thoughtful expenditures, get the best bang for the buck

My whole life I have been a puzzle person, which naturally lead to an accounting career. I graduated from Rutgers University, School of Business, with a BS in Accounting in 1996. Directly out of college, I spent two years in a large public auditing firm, Deloitte & Touche (now known as Deloitte). Ultimately, I landed in the insurance industry, with the last 20 years in one company, Chubb Insurance. I have held roles that allowed me to hone my accounting, operations and project skills. My company has afforded me with a fully remote role, which allows me to enjoy Lake James on a daily basis.

I enjoy swimming, boating, paddling, hiking....or just being in the woods. When I need a break from the stresses of my career, I literally walk out to the woods and relax. However, my favorite hobby is riding my motorcycle. My dog, Sedona, loves the outdoors as much as I do and regularly joins me on my adventures....except of course the motorcycle. For those who drive down Ivy Rays Way, you may see me outside working in my yard or in my woods. Please stop and say hello.

I have been a single mom of two amazing girls for over two decades. I raised my girls with a love of the outdoors, a sense of fairness and the grit to face their challenges. My oldest, who lives in NJ, is about to graduate Rowan University with a degree in Biology and a handful of minors. My youngest, who lives with me, is studying art at Appalachian State in Boone, NC.

I would like to add value to The Enclaves by joining the Board, specifically with a focus on the annual budget, which is the best use of my expertise.

We are dog people, so please if you are stopping by...bring your pup! I hope to meet more of my neighbors soon!