

## MIC Board Members and Candidates – March 2015

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### RECOMMENDED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE – ON THE BALLOT IN 2015

**Joel Cope** – Joel was first elected to the MIC Board in 2005, served as Board Chair and is currently MIC's President and chairs MIC's Economic Development Committee. An attorney who lives in the Cooper Lake Road area, he has previously served as the Secretary and the Vice President of his HOA. Joel currently serves on the Cobb County Neighborhood Safety Commission, a citizens panel which acts as a liaison between the public safety community and the citizenry. Joel has served on the Cobb County Transportation Advisory Board, the Austell Road LCI Committee, the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee and the Austell Road Corridor Access Committees.

**Robin Meyer** – Robin is currently serving as MIC's Board Chairman, and has previously served as MIC's Board Treasurer. Robin chairs the Zoning and Code Enforcement Committees, and writes the monthly MIC newsletter. She also serves on the South Cobb Redevelopment Authority and is active in two quilting guilds. Robin has lived on Queen Mill Road since 1984 and is retired from state government. First elected to the MIC Board in 2006, Robin is interested in creating community in Mableton, providing more activities and events for residents, and in continuing to advocate for Mableton to county and state officials, developers and other organizations.

**Dr. Tia Minnis** – Tia has lived in the Cobblestone Creek area for 4 years and has been very active in connecting with neighbors. Tia currently volunteers in many areas with her church in Mableton and in the city. She has previously served with various community improvement organizations such as the Old Savannah Mission. In addition to her passion for bringing the community together, furthering education, and serving those in need, Tia desires to assist MIC with Volunteer Management.

**Ellen Russ** – Ellen joined the MIC Board in 2014 and has lived in the Fontaine Road area of Mableton for 8 years. She has served as president and treasurer of her HOA and is an active volunteer with her church. Ellen is the Human Resources Director for her company and wants to use her organizational and leadership skills to help build a stronger sense of community in Mableton. As a member of the MIC Board, Ellen is working on projects to support MIC volunteers and is interested in projects that help Mableton build on its reputation as a community of choice.

**Shoresh Seldon** – Shoresh's heritage continues for generations in Mableton and she currently lives in the Allen Road area. Shoresh has served as a volunteer and coach with a local Women's Center and has a strong desire to work with the youth in our community. Along with her drive to improve the opportunities for our children and to make Mableton a thriving community with our businesses, she would also like to serve in our Community Garden and with MIC volunteer management.

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**J.R. White** – J.R. was elected to the Board in 2013. He has lived in the area since 2003 and moved to Mableton in 2010. J.R. works in material handling solutions and is a graduate of Georgia Tech in Industrial Engineering. J.R. has been involved in numerous volunteer activities including refugee relocation, preparation and distribution of food for the poor, Atlanta Hospital Hospitality House, Habitat for Humanity, and a multi-year volunteer at the Festival of Trees. He is interested in the Mableton community and in helping guide the development to benefit its current and future residents. J.R. was very involved in the initial community resistance of the expansion of a waste transfer station in the River Line Area.

**Tony Womble** – Tony has lived in the Brookwood Drive area of Mableton for 10 years after serving 20 years in the U.S. Navy. He has served as treasurer for his homeowners association, volunteers at Westside Church, has served on a Board of Deacons, and has been an Assistant Scoutmaster. Because of his extensive experience in Systems Management consulting, he wants to assist MIC with Technology Management, Zoning and Land Use, and Economic Development.

### **SERVING THE SECOND YEAR OF A TWO-YEAR TERM – NOT ON THE BALLOT IN 2015**

**Cherri Belew** – Cherri lives in the Nickajack Road area of Mableton and was elected to the MIC Board in 2014. A self-described lifelong volunteer, she has served as President of the Mableton Elementary School PTA, volunteered at area schools and her church. Cherri is the Secretary of her neighborhood association and has served on the Board of Fellowship Pool. Cherri has developed MIC's marketing materials and served as assistant Secretary. She would also like to work for improvement in schools, safety in the community, improved parks or more parks.

**Bob Carreker** – Bob lives in the Cooper Lake Road area of Mableton and currently serves as MIC's Treasurer, having joined the MIC Board in 2014. As a CPA, Bob brings expertise in finance and business practices to MIC, along with a strong desire to improve Mableton. He is active in his church and has volunteered with Blind and Low Vision of North Georgia and with Omosaze, a local nonprofit organization providing tutoring to low-income children. Bob looks forward to working on zoning, finance and economic development as a member of the MIC Board.

**Michael Delano** – An Atlanta native, Michael has lived in the Nickajack Road area of Mableton since 2012 and joined the MIC Board in 2014. Mike is MIC's webmaster and co-chairs the Parks Committee with his wife Meggan. He enjoys working with groups to accomplish a goal, using his organizational and time management skills. Michael has also volunteered with PUSH America, a nonprofit organization serving people with disabilities. As a parent, he is also interested in working as part of the MIC Board on public safety and education issues.

**Broderick Santiago** – Broderick lives in the Queen Mill Road area of Mableton and pastors a church in our community. A frequent volunteer with community projects, he mentors boys at Lindley 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy and Lindley Middle School and also coaches a First League Team at Harmony Leland Elementary School. Broderick describes himself as "a proud Mabletonian" and wants to contribute to its growth and success. Broderick joined the MIC Board in 2014 and uses his social media, public speaking and public relations skills on MIC's behalf.