

Patricia "Patt" Heise



I have to admit that until I was asked to consider being appointed to the board, I had never heard of the Squaw Creek Drainage District. Before I made a decision, I tried to do some research and learn about it. Unfortunately, there is not much information available online. I was able to find an EPA report on it, but it was dated 1975. I'm sure that—given the increased Lake County population since then—there must be updated information that I was unable to locate, and I am eager to learn.

However, I am a long-time member of the Sierra Club and live on a small lake in Saddlebrook Farms (Grayslake), so the issue of water quality is a concern of mine. Prior to now, I was vaguely aware of the algae problem due in part to farm runoff but didn't realize the degree of its impact. I'm new to Lake County (having moved from Cook County three years ago), so rural living in an area with a lot of lakes is new to me; and I would like to learn more about drainage issues here in Lake County and perhaps help to make the environment cleaner for its citizens.

Below is a brief resumé. Thank you for your consideration.

EDUCATION

M.A.	Roosevelt University
B.A.	Valparaiso University

WORK EXPERIENCE

2005-current	Work part-time for husband's law firm doing bookkeeping, billing, payroll, taxes, and collections.
2001-2005	Special education teacher
1999-2001	Teacher aide while earning M.A. in Special Education
1991-1999	Owned and operated tutoring center with up to 175 students per week
1986-1991	Administrative assistant to Superintendent of Schools
Prior to 1986	Worked as administrative assistant to vice presidents of large corporations

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Current	Democratic Precinct Committeewoman, 108 th Precinct
	Fremont Township Democrats voter registration chair