

Marianne Q. Kilpatrick

A native of Washington State, Marianne Kilpatrick graduated from Gonzaga University with a degree in political science and a commission in the U.S. Army. She began her active duty career at Fort Bliss, TX as an air defense artillery officer. Subsequent assignments led her to various Army posts, including Fort Bragg, NC; Fort Polk, LA; and Fort Jackson, SC. As a PATRIOT missile specialist, she deployed to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia for six months accumulating 200 hours of missile monitoring time. Her final active duty role was as a personnel and logistics officer assigned to the U.S. Army Recruiting Command in Columbus, OH.

Marianne's transition into a civilian career brought her to Michigan where she worked for a Fortune 500 medical device company. As the leader of a multi-million dollar manufacturing team, she was directly responsible for production, capital equipment, material procurement, quality assurance, and hiring and recruitment activities. Marianne left the corporate world to pursue her dream of a law degree at the University of Notre Dame. While there, she was both a student and an Army ROTC professor. She earned her diploma the same day her husband was awarded his MBA. Both remain devoted Fighting Irish football fans.

Marianne is trained in various legal areas, including contracts, personal and product liability, employment law, legislation, property rights and real estate. Her longtime interest in trial advocacy and criminal law, however, led her to a career as a prosecuting attorney. Marianne handled cases in Seattle, WA, and Kalamazoo, MI.

Upon the birth of her daughter, Marianne commenced her lifelong vocation, that of mother. A stay-at-home mom, she is an active member and former president/board member of the non-profit MOMS Club of Flower Mound-North, a Bridlewood Playgroup Coordinator, and member of the Bridlewood Evening Book Club.

Marianne is an avid reader and when time permits she enjoys playing the piano, cooking, travel, and bargain shopping. She and her husband, Pete, are proud parents of toddler Mackenzie and have been Bridlewood residents for over two years.

I want to help make a difference. This sounds trite but our Bridlewood community has lived through great adversity this past year—economic uncertainty, depressed real estate markets and more significantly, the recent turmoil over the prospect of gas drilling in our neighborhood. I sadly witnessed our community clash over matters that could have brought out the best in us. We have an emotionally driven desire to provide for our families. We have a wealth of diversity and expertise among our residents. We share the same goals of bettering our lives and maintaining a high quality of life. I think that with the introduction of new ideas, better transparency over governance, improved systems and organization, dedicated outreach to tap into the insights and experience of our fellow residents, and a focus on consensus-building, the Board can make a difference.

My leadership background is built on motivating groups of people toward a common goal—from battle-tested Army soldiers, to hardworking skilled machinists, to dedicated fellow mothers. In addition to my commitment to introduce and follow through on initiatives, my legal background gives me special perspective on fiduciary responsibilities. My strong personal desire to serve, however, is what prompts me to run for the Board. I truly care about our neighborhood and want to do all I can to help make it better for everyone.

I ask for your vote. Like the "other" election taking place this month, our voices need to be heard. The future of our Bridlewood family is too important. Thank you.

