

Kathleen Ortiz

Kathleen Ortiz, a new part-time resident at 370 Hawtree Way, graduated from the State University of NY at Albany with a degree in Political Science in 1986. She went on to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and was awarded her law degree in 1989. While in law school, she was commissioned as an officer in the US Navy and upon graduation from law school began active duty where she was stationed in Norfolk and Portsmouth, Virginia at a variety of commands. She was honorably discharged in 1994 as a Lieutenant and continued public service with a brief period of employment as an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney in Portsmouth, VA, and then joined the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission in 1995.

After working in the public defender offices in Franklin, Portsmouth and Norfolk, she was selected to become the inaugural Public Defender for the newly created office in Chesapeake, VA, which she opened in 2004. Between 2004 and 2020 she was responsible for staffing the office, management of all daily activities, supervision of 22 employees and administration of a \$1.5 million dollar budget, while also representing countless clients charged with criminal and traffic offenses.

After 26 ½ years Kathy has decided that the time has come to retire from state service to allow her more time to devote to her mother, who is also a resident of Chesapeake, and to pursue other interests, including becoming involved in the Merrymount Homeowner's Association.

Joe Duffy

Born in Pittsburgh, PA (Yes, I'm a Steelers Fan!). Left Pittsburgh in 1994 and moved to Chapel Hill, NC, to start a business. I still own and manage the business today. The company is successful in the technology industry; with key markets in medical, legal, government, and law enforcement.

We moved to Merrymount in 2018 and I have served on the board for the past year.

Happy husband of the very popular Cynthia Duffy, and father of two wonderful daughters and Grandfather to one and soon to be two great kids.