

Adam Wachter

My wife Rachel and I purchased our home in Merrymount in 2021 after vacationing at Lake Gaston for many years with our family. We love the community feel of Merrymount and have enjoyed meeting and getting to know our neighbors over the past 2 years. My interest in joining the MPOA Board comes from a desire to be actively engaged in the governance of our community, and to contribute to the conversation and decision making process on issues that impact all of us. As an academic hospitalist physician leader at Duke Regional Hospital in Durham, I have been involved in a variety of leadership and quality improvement initiatives over my 14 year medical career. I have extensive experience working collaboratively in team-based settings on projects that require balancing the priorities of various stakeholders. I pride myself on being an effective communicator and consensus builder who places a high value on integrity, credibility and reliability in my interactions with others. My quality improvement experience has given me insight into how to design and optimize systems and processes to achieve desired outcomes, and how to recognize when existing systems are not working as intended. My experience as a clinician has taught me how to navigate stressful and emotional situations with individuals from a variety of backgrounds, and how to balance the human element with other aspects of medical care. More recently, I have gained experience as a small business owner in comanaging short-term rentals of our Merrymount home with my wife. Over the past year, I participated in the community discussions around short-term rentals, took an active role in addressing concerns raised by members of our community, and helped establish best practices for Merrymount property owners who choose to rent their homes. I feel that the qualities and experiences described above will make me an effective MPOA Board member.