



Joel Wimbiscus, Resident

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Resident

OCCUPATION: Project Manager at LAND Studio

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BA in Psychology, Kenyon College
JD, University of Memphis Law School
MUPPD, Cleveland State University

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO SERVE ON THE OHIO CITY INCORPORATED BOARD OF TRUSTEES?: I was born and raised in Cleveland, and I love living in Ohio City. With education and experience in urban planning, I wanted to use my skills and interest to contribute to the positive evolution of this dynamic, diverse and intergenerational community.

DESCRIBE YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS, COMMITTEES, PROJECTS OR BLOCK CLUBS: I have been on OCI's Board of Trustees since 2007. During this time, I have served two terms each as Secretary (2010-2012) and Vice President (2012-2014). Currently, I am the Chair of the Real Estate & Land Use Committee. I organized the Ohio City Run & Crawl from 2008 thru 2011 and have been a coach in the Near West Rec League. I am involved as a parent with our neighborhood's Near West Intergenerational School and Mi Casita daycare.

DESCRIBE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES: As a urban planner at LAND Studio, I manage public space, public art and urban trail projects both within Ohio City and throughout Cleveland. As a parent, I enjoy exploring the neighborhood on foot or on bike with my wife and five young children.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SEASON IN OHIO CITY AND WHY?:

Fall through Christmas: Crisp, cool air. Harvest Moon Festival. Cheers from Wasmer Field. Finding that the squirrels attacked the porch step pumpkins. Selecting a Christmas tree from Market Square Park and pulling it home in the wagon. Buying a few of my favorite things from the West Side Market. Shoveling snow is my sport. Welcoming, hosting and celebrating with family from near and far for the holidays.