

Tom Fitzgerald and his wife JeanAnn moved from Denver to Reno In 1989. Tom simultaneously relocated his printing company to Sparks, and hired 25 new employees. Then they moved into a Caughlin Ranch home for the next 24 years. In 2015 they decided it was time for a new house. After researching all options, they decided there was only one place they could call home and that was Somerset.

After learning so much about where Somerset has been and what some of its future challenges might be, Tom decided to call on his past experience on over 40 various Boards and so filed to run for the SOA Board. As one of three 2016 elected Board members, Tom is excited about working with the other Board members and SOA professional staff.

After 1 1/2 years on Somerset's Homeowners Board, Tom has found being its President is a worthy challenge. "Considering there are over 3,000 homes and about 7,000 residents, it is like being mayor of a small town. Our community faces some serious issues and we have about 7,000 opinions about what should be done about them. Sometimes logic doesn't work because our State Legislature has muddied the waters about what can and cannot be done. We have many neighborhoods, three of them semi-independent while still integral to Somerset Owners Association. It is imperative that we think and act as one cohesive unit to overcome the obstacles government has thrown in our path.

"Moving forward into the 2020s will bring on additional trials as our community continues its maturity. Working together with respect for our neighbors will bring us to solutions not yet envisioned but definitely needed."

Both Tom and his wife enjoy their decision to make Somerset their community and look forward to the positive future it provides.