

Name: Steve Sokoloski

Area: Central Lawrenceville/ 9th Ward

How long have you lived in Lawrenceville? 10 years

Why did you move to/ stay in Lawrenceville? The neighborhood's diversity and potential were irresistible! After friends and family saw it, they came here too and now I never want to leave!

Current Employer/ Job Title: Comcast Spotlight / Regional Account Executive

Please list Community Service, Non-Profit, or Board Experience: Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council BOD – Fall 2009 thru present, Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council – THRIVE Board (Young Professionals) – Fall 2014 thru present, PERSAD BOD – 2013, Leadership Pittsburgh LDI XV Graduate – 2008/2009

What makes Lawrenceville unique? Why? The neighborhood is geographically huge, yet residents are extremely tight-knit and diverse. The change that is happening within our neighborhood is unique and has been noticed by other areas in Pennsylvania. We are being looked at as a model for responsible growth & gentrification.

What is was one thing you would like to work on within the neighborhood? Why? Affordable housing option. I've seen too many of my own neighbors forced to relocate due to increased costs of housing in Lawrenceville.

What LU program or project most interests you? Why? Events/membership because I believe that is one big way to attract/retain engaged and supportive residents. Most of my friends/family is aware of LU because of our signature events.

What is one fun fact that others might be surprised to know about you? I am an avid runner and am currently running 2 marathons per year with my twin sister (also a Lawrenceville resident) with a goal of running on in all 50 states.