

# Tell Me Tequesta

## Liz Schauer

Former Mayor, Council Member and  
Current Planning and Zoning Board  
Member



### **A Lifetime of Dedication: Liz Schauer Reflects on Her Time in Tequesta**

Liz Schauer and her husband, Ray, moved to Tequesta in November 1986. Just a year later, in 1987, she began working at St. Jude Catholic Church, where she remained until her retirement on June 30, 2018.

Liz also dedicated herself to serving her community. She was a member of the Village Council from 1997 to 2001 and served as Mayor from 1997 to 1999. Her commitment extended to the local school system, where she volunteered and served as the School Advisory Council Chair at Jupiter High School. Today, she remains the only original Planning and Zoning Committee member still actively serving on the board.

### **A Passion for Community Involvement**

Reflecting on pivotal moments in Tequesta's history, Liz recalled a time when the Village Council was discussing plans for Beach Road. She firmly believed the Village should have held a "charrette" to gather public input on the area's future, emphasizing the significant impact such decisions have on the community. Throughout her tenure on the Planning and Zoning Board, she learned the importance of adapting to change while ensuring her voice was heard.

When asked what she loves most about Tequesta, Liz highlighted the Village's growth and the increasing number of young families moving in. She also spoke about the vibrant use of parks, community events, and the local library—an institution she fought hard to establish during her time on the Village Council.

## **Heartwarming Memories and Historical Perspectives**

One of Liz's most cherished memories is the formation of Tequesta Fire Rescue in 1993. She reflected on how both the Fire and Police Departments have since evolved, becoming deeply involved with residents—especially children—through various programs and events. She acknowledged the initial challenges faced by the fire department, noting that under Chief Jim Weinand's leadership and expertise, Tequesta Fire Rescue transformed into the respected organization it is today.

Reflecting on our history, Liz credited Charles Martyn for his visionary leadership, which laid the foundation for the community's infrastructure and enduring legacy.

## **Lighter Moments in Public Service**

Among the many stories from her time in office, Liz recalled a particularly amusing Village Council meeting during her tenure as Mayor. Council Member Joe Capretta found himself in a heated debate with Dottie Campbell, the owner of Gallery Square North, over parking issues. Frustrated, he declared, "Before the week is out, we'll have meters in there, and everyone will have to pay!" Liz had to step in and call the meeting to order to restore the calm.

## **Influential Figures and Lasting Advice**

When asked about individuals who influenced her life in Tequesta, Liz spoke highly of former Village Manager Tom Bradford. She appreciated his willingness to listen, his balanced approach in presenting pros and cons, and his unwavering commitment to the Village. "He was very supportive of the Council Members, and I valued his integrity," she said.

She also fondly remembered Joe Capretta, a fellow Council Member and Mayor. She recalled his words of wisdom: "Don't think of yourself when you are up here—think of everyone else! You represent everyone and be respectful!" Liz described Capretta as unique, respectful, and deeply caring. "He loved this Village," she said.

## **Encouraging Future Generations**

When asked what advice she would offer to new residents of Tequesta, Liz's response was immediate: "Get involved with the community." She emphasized that people love living in Tequesta, and she encourages them to give back to the place they call home.

***With a legacy of service and a deep love for Tequesta, Liz Schauer remains a shining example of dedication and community spirit.***