

CLARISSA (CLAIRE) ROOKS-GROENVELT PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Claire Rooks-Groenvelt has been a lifetime resident of the Village for a whopping 80 years! She was a 1961 graduate of Grand Haven High School and furthered her education by taking accounting courses at the Muskegon Business School. She started her working career at Spring Lake State Bank (now Chase Bank) and worked at North Shore Machine Works, Ottawa Area Intermediate School District, and retired from the Grand Haven Tribune in 2000 after 20+ years of service.

After retiring, Claire began volunteering at Christian Haven Home, a retirement home, where she performed accounts payable and billing duties as well as lots of computer work. When the COVID-19 pandemic came around, she retired again permanently. Claire is an active member of the Reunion committee of '61 and alumni women of Grand Haven High School, otherwise known as the "Brown Bag Ladies," and is working on four family genealogy trees with her husband.

Claire's interest in the Parks & Recreation Board stems from her desire to make the Village look great and keep it interesting for families who live here or are just passing through. Her favorite place to spend time in the Village is biking and walking the bike paths, as she and her husband used to love roller blading on these paths.

Claire is an incredible asset to the Village, having dedicated her life to her hometown and its people. She has a long and successful history of service, and her positive attitude and passion for her community is inspiring. We are grateful for all of Claire's hard work and dedication!