

Lakeside Town Hall Meeting, September 23, 2021

Time of the meeting: 4:00 pm

Notes were taken by: Sara Sussman

Present at the meeting:

Committee members

Chair: Will Smith - present

Vice Chair: Julia Marino -present

Secretary: Sara Sussman -present

Treasurer: Emily Cuddy - present

Social Chair: Lindsay Willmore - present

Webmaster: Matheus V. X. Ferreira - present

Garden Coordinator: Jessica Wilson -absent

External Relations Delegate: Maria Curria -absent

University

Kevin Fleming

Michelle Ruggia

Ted Borer

ACC (American Campus Communities)

Gloria Yuen

Residents

Sadhika Malladi

Allison Tang

Justin Sheen

Crystal Lee

Renee Waters

Courtney DelPo

Sayeri Lala

Amy Chan

Roh Majumdar

Calvin Spolar

Alina Thokkadam

Pooja Ramamurthi

Solar Panel Project

-Discussion of ongoing solar panel construction project for Lakeside. The goal of the project is to bring Princeton U. from getting 5% of its electricity from renewable sources to getting 19% of its electricity from renewable sources (produced by solar, on campus). The goal is to reduce Princeton's carbon footprint without costing Princeton extra money.

-A resident emailed us with concerns regarding the safety of the solar project (particularly about items falling from the roof of the parking garage onto things below). Ted Borer addressed this at today's meeting. He says he was not aware of such an incident before we raised it to him and that at all times that items were being lifted up and down from the roof, a designated safety person was present to monitor the proceedings. He says that all of that lifting/moving work is complete, and that the remaining work on the project is doing the wiring on the rooftop. He says that if anyone sees anything falling or any situation on the site that looks dangerous that they should contact Gloria (GYuen@americancampus.com) .

Introductions

-ACC, University, Committee

Packages

-Several residents have had packages go missing from both outside and inside the mail rooms at Lakeside.

- 1) Gloria says that the majority of the missing packages are eventually located, either on a different shelf in the same mailroom (not on the proper alphabetical one corresponding to your last name), or in a different mailing room.
 - a) Do check all the shelves of your mailroom for your package- your package might not have been dropped off to the properly alphabetized shelf, but rather to a different shelf in the same mailroom.
 - b) If you let Gloria know your package is missing, Lakeside staff can assist you in searching for it.
 - c) If you contact the shipping company (e.g. Amazon), they can give you the exact GPS coordinates for the location that they dropped your package off at.
 - d) Please do not move others' packages that you believe might be delivered to the wrong location. That way the original GPS coordinate won't be disturbed and the package owner can locate their package.
- 2) Another option is to send your packages to the main office (Attn: Your-Name-Here, 200 Lakeside Rd, Princeton, NJ 08540). In this case, Gloria will email you when she receives the package and then you can pick it up.

Bike Rentals

-The University is providing semester- and year-long bike rentals, using the bikes formerly operated by Zagster. This seems particularly helpful for residents of Lakeside who sometimes have a long distance to travel to get to campus and should be advertised.

-If you are interested in obtaining a rental bike (for instance, the form for renting bikes might have closed but bikes may still be available over time), you can inquire with the Princeton Transportation department by emailing thepoint@princeton.edu

Events

-The grad activities fair went well, and Will met several residents.

-On Tuesday Sept 21 there was a Meet and Greet with Alexis and Gloria in the Lakeside commons. It was fun and well attended, Gloria says “our doors are always open to you!” and that they are both excited to meet residents in person.

-The Lakeside Barbecue is coming up (9/27). Come to the basketball courts from 4:30-6:30 pm to enjoy a fun barbecue sponsored by the Graduate School! Vegetarian and gluten free options will be available.

-Please let lakesidecomm@princeton.edu know if you have suggestions for events you want to see happening around Lakeside!

Dog Park

-A resident has expressed interest in exploring the idea of a dog park at Lakeside. However, Michelle Ruggia explained at the meeting that the Grad Housing Advising Committee recently explored this possibility re: the Lawrence apartment complex and found that the town of Princeton requires dogs to be on a leash if they are on public property, and that the rules about this were quite strict. So as of now we don't have a path forward on how to create a dog park at Lakeside.

Book Club

-Three fall book club meetings scheduled by Julia! Hopefully the high attendance and involvement of residents (and others!) will continue. If you missed the email about book club meetings let lakesidecomm@princeton.edu know and we will send it again to you. You can get reimbursed for the books through the University.

Garden

-Going well, no major updates.

CSA

-Going smoothly, no major updates. Eight weeks left in the program. Short on night-time volunteers to distribute boxes.

Garage

-Several incidents were reported where residents, while parking in the Lakeside garage, scratched or bumped a neighboring car and then left the scene without leaving a note. What can we do about this? Cameras? Signage? At today's meeting we brainstormed ideas:

- 1) Gloria will speak with Public Safety to get ideas for how to better enforce good practices and protocols in the Lakeside garage. The University cannot install cameras in the garage for privacy reasons but there are perhaps other methods to enforce good practices regarding reporting accidents.
- 2) Signage in the elevator reminding residents of proper practices and protocols regarding reporting accidents. Speed limit signs. Perhaps a flashing sign saying "A car is exiting the garage" so that collisions are less likely.
- 3) Email reminders to residents which explain the proper practices and protocols regarding reporting accidents.

- 4) If residents are very concerned about this issue, it was pointed out that they can buy a commercially available mini camera for their car which is motion sensitive and triggers if there is a collision, capturing the license plate of the car which collided with them.

Elections

-Elections for the Lakeside Committee will be coming up after this meeting. We will need to have an elections committee to run the election itself. Please let Will know if you are willing to serve on this committee. The committee is only open to those who are not running for a position.

Open Forum

Michelle Ruggia brought up the upcoming Safety Walk that Facilities/Housing does 2x per year. Send Michelle an email at mruggia@princeton.edu in the next few weeks to suggest areas nearby Lakeside that could use improved lighting or are potentially unsafe for residents. Michelle notes that she is already aware of the lack of lighting near the Faculty Road intersection.