

Lakeside Town Hall Meeting – October 23, 2023

Time and location: 4 p.m. EST, on Zoom

Notes taken by: Isabelle Chen

Attendance:

- **Committee members:**
 - Alina Thokkadam
 - Isabelle Chen
 - Allison Tang
 - Justin Sheen

 - **University:**
 - Michelle Ruggia
 - Amber Serrano

 - **ACC (American Campus Committees)**
 - Gloria Yuen

 - **Residents:**
 - Arseniy Adreyev
 - Dina Kussainova
 - Sneha Srinivasan
 - Gabi Leon
 - Samuel Moore
 - Sophia Koval
 - Christopher Catalano
 - Christian Kragh Jespersen
 - Ishita Chaturvedi
 - Jan Ertl
 - Marielle
 - Loydes Nieves
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Agenda

Candidate Statements for Lakeside Election

- For Chair: Allison Tang
- For Secretary: Isabelle Chen
- For Treasurer: Arseniy Andreyev
- For Treasurer: Dina Kussainova

- For Social Chair: Sneha Srinivasan
- For Social Chair: Sophia Koval
- For Vice Chair: Justin Sheen
- For Webmaster: Ishita Chaturvedi
- For Garden Coordinator: Christian Kragh Jespersen
- For External Relations: Sophia Yoo (Proxy: Isabelle Chen)

Lakeside Garden update

- Colder season expected this year, so growing season will likely end a bit earlier. We may do an end-of-season social in early November, in collaboration with this year's new Garden Coordinator.

External relations

- Temporary signs (A-frame signs) for mailrooms have been ordered. Once they arrive, we will place them in front of all the apartment buildings, including 200 Lakeside Road.

Sports equipment

- Sports equipment has been approved, ordered, and is ready to go! Isabelle will soon send an email to Lakeside residents regarding rules and regulations. Lakeside residents can borrow equipment on an honor system basis, to be returned in a timely manner (i.e., within the day). Isabelle can share the equipment box code with any resident who wants it.

Updates from admin

- From Amber: people have been requesting package lockers, which she lets us know is on her radar and is being considered.
- From Gloria: update on the intercom system. We are working on finalizing the sign-up process after Fall Break. If anyone has had difficulty with the link we sent out regarding this, please reach out to Gloria.
- From Michelle: more information to come soon about Room Draw. We will have more webinars to answer everyone's questions, particularly about Meadows. Keep in mind that the upcoming Room Draw is for the 2024-2025 AY.

Open forum

- Arseniy: roundabout outside Lakeside is very dangerous for cyclists, especially at night due to lack of lighting and signage reminding cars to yield.
 - Michelle's response: We are notified of this concern very often. Every year, we do a Safety Walk, which has been recently taken over by the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, which has an official lighting committee; in order to suggest better lighting in certain places, please fill out their feedback form and notify them—the more who complain, the more effective it will be. Students are also welcome to join the Safety Walks; if they'd like, Michelle or Amber can connect them to the staff managing them.

- The bushes being cut down in the middle of the roundabout was the result of a past safety walk.

Resident feedback from the anonymous form

- Possible to install EV chargers in the Lakeside parking structure?
 - Gloria: we've been asked this in the past, but unfortunately the garage isn't currently equipped to handle it. However, it is a possibility for the future (for both the Lakeside lot and Lot 20), as many garages are being renovated. Gloria will update us as she hears more from TPS.
- Cars parking long-term in the temporary loading areas in front of 600 and 720 Hibben Magie.
 - Gloria has notified TPS and sent photos.
- Why does Lakeside admin send emails in images as opposed to text?
 - Gloria: the format is due to the mailing system ACC admin uses. It's also to make sure that, in the context of this system, admins' messages don't go to spam. However, they're looking into a more efficient system.
- Residents have questions about how security deposits are handled and returned.
 - Gloria: the policy is that when you move out, you submit an intent to vacate, Lakeside sends move-out instructions, and once they receive your keys, they enter your unit and check for damages. They also calculate the final electric bill and any outstanding charges, which they send to Housing, who then return the remainder of the deposit. If residents have specific questions about their deposits, they may reach out to Gloria and Anne.
 - If students transfer to another unit within University Housing, their security deposits roll over.
 - Michelle shared the following link: <https://hres.princeton.edu/graduate-housing/move-in-move-out/move-out>
- Are students allowed to make accounts directly with the electric company, or do we have to go through Lakeside?
 - Gloria: it is required to go through Lakeside. If the system changes, we'll let everyone know. Part of the reason behind this is so that security deposits aren't too high, and also so that people who are unable to make the payment before their arrival (i.e., international students) aren't penalized. Another benefit to the current system is that it takes into account move-in and move-out of individual residents, as there are often many transitions within and between units that PSEG cannot account for.
- What is the timeline for replacing the lights in the Lakeside garage?
 - Gloria is working with TPS on it. Residents' cars will have to be moved to do this work, so this will require extensive logistical planning; plus, it's a big job, as they

are replacing all of the lights, as opposed to just a few. She will update on the timeline as it progresses.

Announcement of election results

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