

## **Lakeside Town Hall Meeting – March 28, 2024**

**Time and location:** 3 p.m. EST, on Zoom

**Notes taken by:** Isabelle Chen

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### **Attendance:**

- **Committee members:**
    - Allison Tang
    - Isabelle Chen
    - Justin Sheen
    - Arseniy Andreyev
    - Christian Kragh Jespersen
    - Sophia Yoo
  
  - **University:**
    - Amber Serrano
    - Michelle Ruggia
  
  - **ACC (American Campus Committees)**
    - Gloria Yuen
    - Lo Nieves
  
  - **Residents:**
    - Elijah Gallimore-Repole
    - Pearl 神龙 Thijssen
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### **Agenda**

#### **Book Club update**

- There is a book club meeting coming up on April 18th. Allison will be hosting it. So far, about 10 people have signed up. (Capacity is ~15.)

#### **Garden update**

- We will be doing another seed-starting event for gardeners this coming Sunday, March 31. Christian will take stock of the seed collection in the shed, and will go buy more if necessary.
- We had 38 applications for the garden this year, and we managed to squeeze everyone in. Christian is still waiting to see if the garden orientation will be the 21st or 28th of April, depending on when the soil and mulch arrive. “Last frost” in NJ is supposed to be late

April to early May, though climate change is pushing this ever earlier, so Christian would like to aim for the 21st for the start of the garden season.

- The large pile of dirt has been removed by the 151 Taylor Court cul-de-sac.
- Important: someone left the gates to the garden and the doors to the shed open again. This has been happening repeatedly. The doors to the shed have gotten twisted a bit and are hard to lock, so Christian has put some metal wire around the lock to keep it closed. But, reminder to gardeners and residents to make sure everything is closed when you're finished!

### **Social events**

- Sneha wants to let everyone know that the Grad Student Appreciation lunch is next Saturday (4/6) in Lakeside Commons from 12-2 p.m. It's one of the largest events the Lakeside Committee does, and we anticipate a high turnout.

### **External relations**

- Updates from Transportation and Parking Services meeting:
  - Sophia collected some feedback from residents before going into the meeting with TPS. There were a few questions related to parking: one resident asked whether TPS could not give overnight parking tickets in the 30-minute spots, especially on the weekends.
    - Answer: the parking policy will not be changed. 30-minute spaces will remain so, and there can't be selective enforcement on weekends vs. weekdays. However, TPS would like to work with us to make more transportation resources known for grad students, for instance after late-night parties where alcohol was involved. Grad students can actually call a Lyft and get reimbursed by the university, between certain hours of the night. There's also the On-Demand circulator bus, which runs after normal bus hours are over, around 10 p.m. More info here: <https://transportation.princeton.edu/getting-around/tigertransit/late-night>
  - A student said it would be nice to have designated parking spots for families with young children. (Referencing the roundabout by 751 Hibben Magie, specifically)
    - We recently got the 15-minute zones extended to 30 minutes, in response to a similar request. So, we're going to see how the 30-minute limit works out for now. If temporary exemptions are necessary (like medical exemptions for expecting mothers or people with injuries), these are available through UHS.
  - Why is the parking lot near the soccer field restricted on the evenings and weekends?
    - This is because there is some research going on around these areas outside of business days/hours, and some of it involves people with reduced mobility, so this is why that lot is off-limits.
    - TPS would also like to remind everyone that the long parking space off of Guyot Lane is exclusively for those with medical permits.

- Students asked if we could reduce the number of ADA parking spaces in the Lakeside garage.
  - No, because it's a government regulation, and the garage currently has the minimum possible number of ADA spots.
- A resident was saying that it would be convenient if Route 2 (from Lawrence/Lakeside to campus) could also run on the weekends.
  - TPS is actually already considering this, as well as some other changes to weekend bus services. From now until mid-April, TPS will be doing some outreach to collect feedback regarding transportation services, and will hopefully be able to implement changes during Fall 2024.

Update from Gloria about the parking lot and other transportation matters:

- All the safety mirrors have been installed.
- For floors 1-2 of the parking garage, we need to reschedule the urethane coating until late April, because the coating needs over 50-degree weather (day and night) to cure properly. Ideally, it will be done well before graduation season.
- The sign outside 351 Lemonick Court, in that long space: we are still looking into putting an "Authorized Vehicles Only" sign there, but we'll have to see if that will be in addition to the current sign, or if it will replace the current sign. We want to make it as noticeable as possible, as it's in kind of an odd location.

#### **Resident feedback from the anonymous form**

- Fire pit behind Taylor Court: is this part of ACC property? Is it operable?
  - It's not regulated by Lakeside/ACC, and while you can walk around it and sit out there, it's very complicated to actually use the fire pit. All requests to use it involve a detailed checklist, permission from the municipality, and a \$100 fee.
- What is the random wooden structure by the lake and garden?
  - Gloria is going to check it out.
- Is the grill operable?
  - Yes, people have used it recently, we just request that everyone cleans it after their use!
- A Lakeside resident had an encounter with a mail delivery person who was rude to them. (Carrier not specified.) Also, another person got a note in their mailbox requesting again that people not leave mail lying around.
  - Gloria spoke to the Carnegie Center supervisor about those recent notes regarding the stray mail. We have relabeled the cubby areas in every mailroom to reflect that misdelivered mail / mail for previous residents should be labeled "Returned to Sender" and put in the outgoing mailbox.
  - Apparently, our typical USPS delivery person was on vacation for the past month, so we had a different one who was likely leaving the notes for residents.

- Landscapers have recently been using leaf blowers before 9 a.m. Is it possible to delay that until business hours?
  - It's tricky, because they sometimes go by the weather, especially on days where rain is expected. But, Gloria will still speak to them about not using the noisy tools early in the morning.
  - The landscaping schedule has also increased, because they were rained out in recent weeks, so you may be seeing landscapers more frequently around the premises these days.
- For the Lakeside gym, could the treadmills be reoriented to face the windows instead of the walls?
  - Gloria: we'll have to see, because the window is a bit smaller than the wall. Perhaps we could reorient one or two of the treadmills, but likely not all of them.

### **Miscellaneous updates**

- From Amber: it's Grad Student Appreciation week! On Monday, we'll have a swag giveaway with cupcakes, and then fun events throughout the rest of the week. More info available via MyPrincetonU.
- She also confirmed with Mamoun's that the order for the Lakeside event on April 6th was received and will be ready/delivered to us around 11 a.m. that day. Committee members, please come help set up! Residents, please come eat and celebrate! 😊

**Next town hall : Thursday, April 25th at 3 p.m., on Zoom**