2026-06-01 Lakeside Town Hall

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 1, 2026
Time: 4:00
Location: zoom

In Attendance
Committee members
- Cece Ramsey, Sophia Koval, Chris Branner-Augmon, Isabelle DeSisto, Yiying, Yuqi Zhang, Philip Raftopoulos, Jan Ertl

University
- Michelle Ruggia

ACC (American Campus Committees)
- Lo Nieves, Dominique Simpson

Residents
- Chris Catalano

Useful documents/background
- https://lawrence.princeton.edu/move-out-resources/

Committee Updates

- Welcome to our new garden coordinator, Yuqi!
- All constitutional amendments were passed. The constitution has been updated on our website: https://lakesidecommittee.princeton.edu/lakeside-committee-constitution/
- This is our last town hall of the school year. We'll start back up in the fall and the new committee will take over in October.
- We've been told we will soon be able to send our own emails! Thanks to the Grad School / Housing for listening to our concerns about this. Please let us know how/when we can start doing that (update from Shawn TBD).
- Updates from Lakeside/ACC
    - Roof project is coming to an end this week, and the scaffolding will be coming down next week.
    - Welcome to new manager Dominique! Lakeside will host some kind of meet & greet soon.
- Any upcoming social events? Philip Raftopoulos

    - Committee is aiming for 2 events with snacks, and other free events over the summer. See budget section below.
    - Lo: recommends Costco shelf-stable snacks so we can reuse them.
- Options for social events
    - Bird Watching ($0)
    - Exercise / Gym event (before 5pm) ($40)
    - Run Club ($30-50)
    - Movie Night ($50)
    - Free Food Event?
    - July 4 / Coloring Event
    - NBA finals watch
    - World Cup watch (partner with GSG)
- Communicating future social events: what about using partiful?
    - Still have to register the event with the Grad School and create the MyPrincetonU event. Can add Partiful as a way to communicate with people but it would have to be in addition to the usual pathway.
- Budget
    - Remaining funds — $700
        - Majority of money went to appreciation events ($1000 to pizza and chipotle). We started the year with $3000.
        - We can spend the remaining funds on summer events.
    - Add sports equipment?
        - Risky to purchase expensive equipment. Need to use bright tape and labeling. Add lock to the sports box (over by the sand volleyball court).
        - Approx. $50 for volleyball and lock.
        - Reminder to consider some kid-friendly sand toys too.
        - Possibly ask for GSG funds? Fiscal reset is in July.
    - Have we figured out the charges for the gym/TigerWell grant? Christopher Branner-Augmon
        - Chris: We've submitted all necessary paperwork by the deadline and I'm awaiting confirmation of their receipt.
- Greening Move Out
    - Follow up from GSG facilities chair, Noah Zahn: Sustainability is unable to host a large donation area due to budget cuts and the cost of trucks. But Noah and Yiying and coordinating to get clothing donation bins in place at Lakeside.
    - Jan: heard this morning from sustainability that they are cancelling the GRAD greening move out under budget constraints.
    - See additional move out resources put together by Lawrence: https://lawrence.princeton.edu/move-out-resources/

    - Committee will prioritize organizing something next year (around May-June) if Sustainability won't be offering options for grad housing going forward.
    - Lo: Anything that is left around the dumpster, the Lakeside staff has to move into the dumpster.
- Thank you to ACC for filling the potholes and for removal of the porta potty from the parking garage!

HVAC problems

- Updates from ACC on progress
    - Have completed 11 full HVAC replacements. Trying to wrap up by end of June.
    - From current resident feedback: it has taken between 1-3 days to do the replacement. Not all ceiling hatches have been replaced for those with the new units but that will happen in the next phase of hatch repairs (with new budget going into effect in July).
    - Some scheduling difficulties, so ACC has shortened from notifying 2 weeks out to 1 week out.
- Messages we received on Slack and asked residents to contact the office
    - Residents in townhouses have complaints about AC on 3rd floor: Its getting up to 83 degrees and the AC gives up and has to be turned on/off again a few times, difficult to lower the temp again. Another resident said their 3rd floor AC was replaced last year, during the hot days this month it was struggling to keep up but was at 75 not in the 80s. Another complaint: HVAC was supposedly repaired last year but still struggles to keep temperatures below 75 deg C. Lakeside townhome. Both upstairs and ground level have this issue.
        - Best strategy: Contact Lakeside and file maintenance report, so maintenance can come check and make sure there's coolant and cool air.
    - Resident getting HVAC repaired but didn't have any HVAC problems
        - Should contact Lakeside. They have prioritized units with HVAC problems over the past 3-5 yrs.
    - HVAC replacement not completed on second day, leaving residents without AC on a 94 degree day
        - Lakeside will be better prepared for future heat waves to have fans ready to go.

Package theft

- Updates on Amazon lockers?
    - Michelle: No update at this time.
- Regular posts about missing/stolen packages.
    - Note to residents: Continue reporting to DPS (609-258-1000) so the university gets the data.

- Another complaint about no reply back after multiple emails to set up a locker at Frist.
    - Michelle: sent a notification over to Frist.

Garden Updates

- Plan Early Summer Garden Q&A and hand out garden plot name tags (aim for June 6th)
- Started with $280, spent around $80 but looking into it further
- Hand-off tasks for new garden coordinator
    - Yuqi needs PRIME access and to figure out past deposit chartstring / GSG student organization role transfer
        - Jan sent email with instructions
    - Lo: added access to the storage closet for Yuqi
- The wiring on the bottom of the fence needs to be reinforced to keep out rabbits. Clément might have worked on this with Lo, Yuqi will follow up and check.

Open Floor for Questions

- Chris: questions about move out policies and charges
    - For painting and wall repair charges: spot painting is $50… but isn't some of that normal wear?
        - Lo: we take into account normal wear & tear. The most common problem is when residents rip off hooks and it requires spackle/repair. Charges are not for a smudge from a couch, it's more likely from something like TV anchors in the wall. Pin holes are okay but bigger than that is a charge.
    - Will maintenance take pictures of damage?
        - Lo: photos of damage will be taken and will send a notice to resident when charges are submitted to the housing office.
    - For ppl stuck in between move-out and move-in between campus locations.
        - Michelle: ppl have 24 hrs

Anonymous Feedback

- Cece: Proposing a trashcan/recycling at playground (near the entrance steps)
    - Sophia: garden could use a trash/recycling too!
- Had a number of pest issues in the Slack channel (including wasps), which were deemed "not urgent"
    - Lo: unsure of this specific situation, but have had a handful of wasp complaints. The pest contractor has not been concerned, no nests or anything so far bc it's not wasp season.
    - Lo: it is ant season though!
    - Isabelle: Pest control comes on Wednesday, so make sure to have your requests in before then if you want pest control to come.

- Several more complaints about package theft issues (see above).
- Complaint about roofing work on 751 Hibben Magie being loud before 9am, when ACC said they would try to keep noise to a minimum.
    - Staff reply: Concern has been received.
- More complaints about “rancid trash juice” around 351 Lemonick Court – both on Slack and the Anonymous Feedback Form. Resident isn’t sure who it is but suspects “411-415 unit group” based on trail of said trash juice. Thinks this person should be identified and contacted by management directly.
    - We also have this problem in 151 Taylor Ct, although it seems its frequency has diminished
    - Sophia: write a note on the person’s door! Confrontation in life can be healthy.
    - Lo: Lakeside can send general reminders, but can’t identify any individual.
- We got an email that said “Please be advised that the Housing Office will post all future charges through Student Accounts at the University, not through ACC, and that payments will no longer be accepted on the ACC portal. If you have a past due balance with ACC, it will be transferred to your Student Account with the University.” How does this affect our security deposits that are with ACC? How does it affect move out charges?”
    - Michelle: Reach out to ThePoint@princeton.edu and they can work through it with you.

Action Items

- Cece will share move out resources in the Slack
- Sophia needs to take a photo of the grill to post the instructions
- Yiying will contact Noah Zahn and Sustainability about Greening Move Out
    - Aim to at least get clothing donation bins.

See below for Gym equipment tutorial photos. (Thanks, Philip!)

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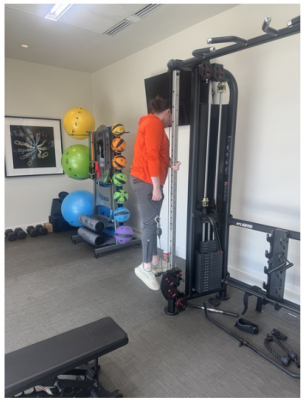
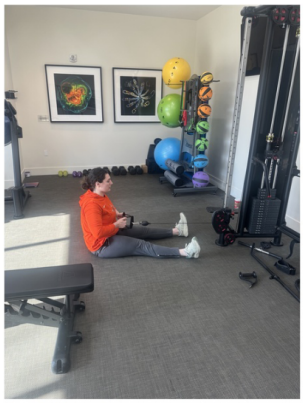
Leg Extension

Step-Up



Bicep Curl

Seated Row



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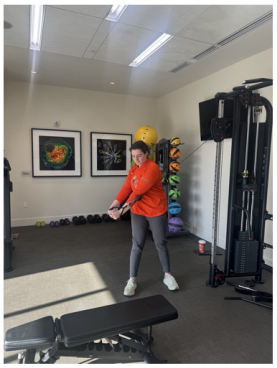

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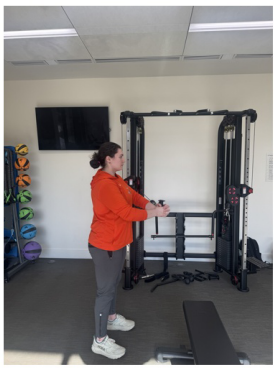
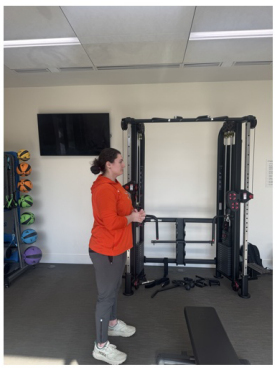
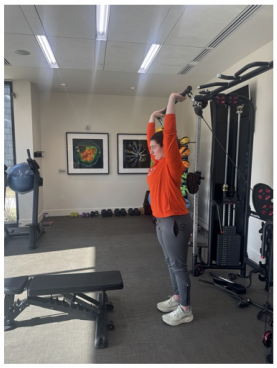



Ab Crunch

Tricep Extension



Bench Press

Tricep Pushdown