

2026-09-28 Lakeside Town Hall

Meeting Minutes

Date: Sep 28, 2026

Time: 4-5

Location: zoom

In Attendance

Committee members: Cece Ramsey, Sophia Koval, Philip Raftopoulos, Christopher Branner-Augmon, Yiyang, Yuqi Zhang, Jan Ertl

University: Lisa DePaul, Shawn Copeland

ACC (American Campus Committees): Lo Nieves, Ashley Sosa, Dominique Simpson

Residents: Daniel Jorge, Will Zhao, Harry Furey-Soper, Vahid Yazdian, Erfan Hosseini, Kiera Lowman, Alkin Kaz, Yuxin, Erin O'Neil

General Updates

- Mail room updates
 - Lisa DePaul: There will be **Amazon package lockers at Lakeside**. Expected late fall (perhaps by end of October).
 - Lo: Lockers will be on the concrete pad across from the Commons, near the bike pump station, replacing the two benches there.
 - **Students will have to indicate the delivery place** (e.g. PU Meadows, PU Lakeside, PU Lawrence). Amazon lockers are not restricted to residents or students, but we don't anticipate too much community use.
 - More to come from Michelle at next Town Hall.
 - Lo: **Students need to keep reporting package theft**. If campus receives multiple theft reports then they will increase surveillance (possibly cameras or other kinds of public safety response).

Elections

- Nominations
 - Accepted September 30–October 7 @ 5pm.
 - To nominate yourself send your candidacy statement to lakesidecomm@princeton.edu. Statements will be posted to the Lakeside website.
 - You can only nominate yourself for one position. Check [Constitution](#) for details.
- Voting

- Open October 8–20 @ 5pm
- Unlike previous years, there is no election meeting. All statements will be posted online and all **voting is asynchronous via google form**.
 - Shawn Copeland manages the google form and counting votes.
- We still **need 1 more person on the election committee**
 - Yiyang and Philip are currently on the committee (because they are not re-running for this year). We are looking for one more election committee member.

Social Events Updates

- Meet Your Neighbors Happy Hour
 - Great attendance! Big hit.
 - Spent around \$400 on snacks/alcohol, plus another \$500 on food.
- October events
 - Perhaps another meet-your-neighbor type event?
 - Philip looking to plan a family-friendly event like pumpkin painting. Possibly Oct. 27? Stay tuned for details.
- Food/supplies
 - Committee has enough snacks to run another event (in the Committee closet). Would just need to order beverages.
- ACC events
 - ACC mostly hosts events during working hours (9–5) whereas Committee tends to plan outside of working hours.
 - Lo: ACC is happy to collaborate!
- Office of Innovation interested in doing something at Lakeside sometime in the spring.
- Quality of life events/resources
 - **Plawking** – walking and picking up trash.
 - **Birdwatching** – low budget and great way to connect with nature.
 - Possibly joint event with **SHARE** to help promote resources.
 - **Community toolbox** – the current hold-up is that someone (on the Committee) would have to manage the toolbox to ensure the tools are returned. There's also some liability concerns.
 - Perhaps a box with a tiger card scanner?
 - Tools are available for checkout at the [Makerspace](#). (Drills, hammers, nails, etc.)
 - The honor system has not historically worked very well at Lakeside. The Committee replenishes sports equipment because items go missing.

Garden Updates

- Events

- Pesto-making
 - Open to more garden events for the community
- Garden clean-up preparation
 - To be scheduled for mid-to-late November

External Relations

- No news to report.
- Yiyi sent a follow-up email to check on latest news regarding the vending machines survey.

HVAC Updates

- Have ceiling closures started?
 - Lo: Panels have been ordered. There's a list of units to circle back to and add ceiling closures.
- Next units to get replaced
 - Lo: HVAC replacements will resume this fall. Units identified as having frequent issues have been done. Now ACC will start working one building at a time. They're finalizing the counts of equipment needs and then will resume.
- Reminder to residents: **Be sure to respond to emails about HVAC replacements.** If scheduled for repair, please be mindful and **do not cancel last minute** (it impacts other units).

Budget

- No updates.
- We should be receiving \$3000 as our fresh allotment.

Questions/Concerns from Slack

- Request for trashcan near the playground.
 - ACC says this is an easy add.
- Manhole outside the parking garage
 - This was done by PSE&G (not ACC).
 - Lo: Aware of the situation but no timeline on changes. ACC is working on this!
- From Slack
 - **Hot water issues.** 151 Taylor Ct experiencing issues with the hot water not getting hot enough, especially late at night (3 people, posted 8pm on Tues Sep 22)
 - Check all fixtures (shower vs sink).
 - Be sure to **file a maintenance request** if you're having water issues!
 - **Report the time/date/issue** and **specify which fixtures** (sink, shower, etc.).

- Lo: We have tankless hot water heaters that feed the entire building. There are 3 for buildings 5, 6, 7 (151 Taylor Ct is bldg 6). There might be a lag but you should still have hot water.
- **Stapler.** Can we get a stapler next to the printer?
 - Chris: The printer has a stapler built into it.
 - Submit ticket to OIT if there's anything missing with the printer.
 - The Committee will add a stapler.
- **Mold problems.** If a student has mold and places a maintenance request, what can they expect in terms of timely treatment? If they're feeling sick, what are next steps?
 - Lo: Every case is different. Registers in the living room and kitchen area can accumulate dust that resembles microbial growth (on the ceiling). Our maintenance team will check for moisture. If there's no moisture then more than likely it's dust not mold. It will just be cleaned and repainted. If there is moisture/mold, then maintenance will mitigate that; EHS will often come check to verify that we're reducing conditions leading to mold.

Open Floor for Questions

- 151 Taylor Ct. water pressure is lower.
 - Advice to residents: file maintenance request with detailed report so ACC has more data on the issue.
- Leakage around gutters leading to water hitting the windows.
 - Ashley: Possibly something due to roof repairs from last year. Will touch base with maintenance and follow up with resident.
- Spider webs around door areas/halls in 151 Taylor Ct.
 - What is frequency of hallway cleanings?
 - Dominique: We have a new housekeeper (we were short-staffed). So common areas should be cleaner going forward.

Anonymous Feedback Form

- Package theft.
 - Reminder: report to DPS! Call the Department of Public Safety Communication Center at 609-258-1000.
- Delivery blocking doors.
 - Packages are being dropped in front of doors blocking accessibility.
 - Reminder to residents to **bring packages inside!**
 - Do not block egress or door switches for accessibility.
 - Chris will put up signage. (See Shawn for lamination.)
- No 20 lb weights in gym (only 15 and 25 lbs).
 - Reminder: free weights belong to individuals, not the Committee or ACC.

- 151 Taylor Ct. water drainage problems and insufficient hot water.
 - Be sure to report to ACC. If you've reported and not received solution, then escalate it to the Committee.
- Abandoned cars in the parking lot.
 - Dated August. Sophia reached out to TPS over the summer because there was a booted car, and another with 4 tickets. Those two cars are no longer there. Transportation does fairly regular sweeps of the area.
- We were short on time so we could not address all submissions from the anonymous feedback form. Those who provided an email address will hear back from Sophia if their issue was not addressed above.

Action Items

- **Cece** will check nominations (ensure they have attended at least 1 mtg) then forward statements to Jan.
 - **Cece** to add link to [join Lakeside gCal](#).
 - **Jan** will create election page on the website and post the statements.
 - **Chris** Print out signs to ward package deliverers away from putting packages beneath the accessible door switch.
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Next Meeting

- Stay tuned for voting! The new Committee will arrange the monthly Town Hall for end of October.