

**Lakeridge West Community Association**  
**PO Box 395**  
**Old Bridge, NJ 08857**

December 28, 2022

**Annual Meeting of Lakeridge West Community Association**  
**Saturday, January 28, 2023 1 to 3 pm**

**Location:** Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd  
3139 Old Bridge Matawan Road (Route 516)  
(entrance on 516 East or from Route 9 North ramp)

Dear Neighbors,

Please find time to join us at our Annual Meeting; your presence is important since we are at a community crossroad. As you are aware, the Board presented a referendum to increase our assessment to \$700 to keep us in the black for the foreseeable future. This referendum failed the first time due to lack of a quorum, and the second time by a narrow majority.

Without an increase in revenue, Lakeridge West faces challenges in financing our pool operations and supporting routine maintenance. **What is most puzzling, however, is that more than half of our homeowners didn't vote at all.** Yet, we all invested in our 6 ½ acre property that we collectively own and are obligated to support, as per our deeds.

As a compromise, the Board of Trustees reduced its proposal to increase the annual assessment from \$700 to \$650. You will recall that there has not been an increase since 2015. The annual assessment covers the cost of pool management, utilities, permits, landscaping, legal and insurance expenses.

This vote on the revised dues increase will take place at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 28, time and location at the top of this letter. We will need a quorum of 109 households for the vote to count. You may also submit a mail-in ballot (enclosed) if you cannot attend. If we do not reach a quorum at this meeting, a second vote will be scheduled on February 28, as per our bylaws. You will be informed further.

Also on the agenda of the January 28, 2023 Annual Meeting:

- A Look Back at 2022
- Financial review and presentation of 2023 budget
- Results of our Community Survey/Its Connection to the Annual Assessment

Take the survey here: <https://forms.gle/ywpXkaEz8qXJbxYV7> or use the QR code with your device



- Election of New Trustees
- Maintenance needs of our main and wading pools, fields, and common grounds.

Enclosed with this mailing is a nomination form for residents interested in serving on the LWCA Board of Trustees. At this time, there are three vacancies; current trustee Steve Bonavita plans to return for a full term, but trustees Jonathan Karten and Jerome Sheehan are completing their service. If you wish to be nominated, please submit the nomination form with one signature per household and send it to the address on our letterhead or email it to [pool@lakeridgewest.org](mailto:pool@lakeridgewest.org).

As mentioned earlier, this Board has been actively seeking your input into its decision-making and providing transparency for homeowners. Along with your neighbors, please fill out the survey and let us know your preferences for pool hours and days of operation, and several other areas related to our operation.

The mail-in proxy ballot that is enclosed must be returned to LWCA before the January 28 meeting. We hope you can participate in person at the meeting but if you cannot, please send in your mail ballot.

Many good wishes to you and your family this holiday season. If you have any questions about this letter or any other concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us [pool@lakeridgewest.org](mailto:pool@lakeridgewest.org).

Sincerely,

Karen Paton, President

Teresa Rafferty, Vice President

Tim Honig, Recording Secretary & Trustee, Grounds & Facilities

Randi Rutan, Treasurer

Steve Bonavita, Trustee-at-Large and Township Liaison

Jonathan Karten, Trustee-at-Large

Terry Monaghan, Trustee, Grounds & Facilities

Brenda Rollings, Trustee, Activities

Jerry Sheehan, Trustee-at-Large

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