

LWCA NEWS

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Board Scales Back Proposed Increase



After two unsuccessful votes on a proposed increase in our LWCA annual assessment, the Board has reduced the proposed increase to \$650, a 13% increase over our current \$575 dues.

The original request for the dues increase was 22% over the current assessment. The proposed annual assessment will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 28, 2023 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Route 516, Old Bridge.

Despite the uncertainty surrounding the 2023 funds, the Board must be in the process of securing proposals from pool management companies for the summer season. Even if the proposed increase passes, the budget must be balanced (our expenses cannot exceed our revenue); therefore there is a strong possibility that services will be curtailed.

Our assessment covers not only the cost of pool management, but also utilities, permits, landscaping, legal and insurance expenses, and routine maintenance.

The proposed annual increase is the first in the assessment since 2015, and amounts to 21 cents per day per household. The US inflation rate since 2015 is 25%.

In order for the January 28 vote to count, we need a quorum of 109 households at the Annual Meeting, or mail-in proxy ballots (recently sent to all households) that total that number. For the increase to pass, we need a two-thirds majority of those voting.

If you cannot attend the January 28 meeting, please email your ballot to pool@lakeridgewest.org, or mail it to PO Box 395, Old Bridge NJ before January 28.

Background information on this topic can be found on our closed Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/lakeridgewest.

Annual Meeting Also Includes Election of Trustees and Survey Results

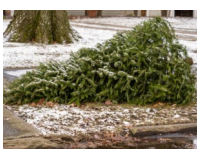
Elect New
LWCA
Trustees

For the first time in recent memory, LWCA is seeking direct input from our membership on operational issues such as pool hours, collection of dues, choice of capital improvement projects, etc. Quite honestly, each of us speaks to a few people and we should know what the majority thinks about the future. This survey can be found at <https://forms.gle/ywpXkaEz8qXJbxYV7>. You can also scan the QR code at the left to take the survey. Just go to your camera setting, scan the box, and click to open the survey. These results will be announced at the Annual Meeting.



The Annual Meeting will also include the election of new trustees. Those wishing to serve should fill out the Nomination Ballot that was included in the recent mailing to all households. In January there will be three vacancies on the Board. Current trustee Steve Bonavita plans to return but trustees Jonathan Karten and Jerome Sheehan are retiring. Please consider serving on the Board and reach out to any current member for more information or email pool@lakeridgewest.org.

Getting Rid of a Christmas Tree?



Lakeridge West is split between two Wards and the township has different schedules for each. In Ward 2, trees will be picked up the weeks of January 2, 16, and the 30. In Ward 4, trees will be picked up the weeks of January 9, 23, and 30. In all cases, trees should be at the curb the Sunday night before your scheduled week and kept outside, rain or shine. Storm emergencies will take priority over tree removal.

Because of recent election confusion about where the wards in Lakeridge West start and end, you might want to just put your tree at the curb whenever you take it down and be on the safe side.

Check out the Old Bridge Library



Residents are fortunate to have a great resource in our midst that offers Mommy and Me literacy groups and games, crafts, teen and adult activities including book clubs, technology training, tutoring, yoga, free theatre and music performances, passport services, and much, more more. All for a small portion of your tax dollars.

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