

Annual Meeting Includes Past, Present and Future



On a recent Saturday morning, Lakeridge West residents, including several newcomers, gathered to hear President Karen Paton's annual update to the community. Karen described the 2025 season, its activities, expenses, and repair projects. Self-management continues to generate cost savings for residents along with the volunteer efforts of homeowners (thank you, Brian Banzaca) and individual guest memberships that were sold in 2025.

Among the repair projects that were completed in 2025 were tree and fence removal, painting of the baby pool, door replacement and installation of a check-in window in the pool office.



Residents approved the 2026 budget that includes roof and culvert fence replacement, and the beginning of some furniture replacement.

The 2026 Activity Schedule was also presented along with a new check-in policy. This is a Photo ID/Bar Code entry system that will strengthen safety and security for all residents. With a snap of your photo, all household members and seasonal guests will receive a photo ID for entry.

In the midst of our snowy winter, the Annual Meeting presented an opportunity for residents to catch up in person, and anticipate a great summer season. Welcome to our new homeowners!

OB Police and Office of Emergency Management Speak with Residents



Just a few hours before last weekend's big snowstorm, Mike Petschauer of the Office of Emergency Management provided homeowners at LWCA's Annual Meeting with urgent tips, phone numbers, and other safety measures. He discussed potential power outages, location of warming centers, emergency hotlines, JCP&L streetlight issues, and coordination with other county and state agencies.



Detective Mike Bucci discussed traffic and speeding concerns, community policing and resident awareness, and home, mail, and package security.

Homeowners had an opportunity to address general concerns and ask specific questions.

Introducing Stephanie Fernandes, our new Treasurer



One of our newest homeowners, Stephanie Fernandes, has stepped up to fill the role of Treasurer for the Lakeridge West Community Association. An account with the Elizabeth Board of Education, Stephanie is a second-year resident and the mom of a two-year-old.

Stephanie follows in the path of Treasurer Cara Stevenson who has filled the position for three years. In addition to her fulltime responsibilities at Merck & Co. and family obligations, Cara has worked tirelessly to institute policies, organize records, and provide oversight of LWCA's finances. She and her husband Mike plan a move in the near future. Many thanks, Cara!

We All Have Other Lives, Don't We?

Last month, we highlighted two of our younger residents who perform in area theatre and choral groups. This month, let's recognize LWCA Trustee Lou Talamo who was recently appointed by the Mayor to the Old Bridge Planning Board. LWCA Vice President Teresa Rafferty was appointed to the Board of the Old Bridge Public Library and the OB Cultural Arts Committee. Resident Gina Talamo was elected President of the Library Board. Keep us informed about your off-season activities, Email info@lakeridgewest.org.

Lakeridge West Community Association

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