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***FINALLY,
AFTER 30+
YEARS OUR
WE GET OUR
DAM MONEY***

President's Corner

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful New Year as we welcome in 2009. As you have seen on the front page of our newsletter our Dam money has finally come in!! As everything begins to unfold we will keep the Association updated. It was a long hard battle to get to this point and I would like to thank everyone who has stayed the course and remained dedicated to the cause.

Some of you recently may have received a copy of a different newsletter "The Lake View Gazette", for those of you who haven't received a copy you're not alone. The editor's of this publication seemed to have their own interpretation regarding issues here in Lake Forest and somehow managed to lay out only a fraction of information. I won't take up too much of your time to address every point they failed to make, to do so would be ridiculous. However, one issue I will address "A neighborhood divided." To be honest I do not see a neighborhood divided, what I do see is a handful of individuals who refuse to move on from a difficult situation which took place almost 2 years ago, and are playing it for all that it is worth. In the article they dredge up the past and attempt to point blame of secrecy at the current administration. Let me make something very clear to everyone, this administration has made it a point to provide the utmost transparency. Our Treasurer brings with her to each monthly meeting our financial records, our Secretary brings with her a record monthly general and BOD minutes to each meeting for review by anyone. The Officers have given their phone numbers and e-mail addresses so that anyone could contact them at anytime. This Board DOES NOT hold "secret" meetings as has been past practice. The monthly BOD meetings are tape recorded for accuracy and available for review at anytime. As for not immediately releasing the names and salaries of all of our employees, I stated at the November meeting that I would check with our attorney to make sure we would not be in violation of breaching anyone's privacy.

The editor's attempt to "shroud" the association with only half truths which I find despicable. They point out that the BOD "fired" the Newsletter Editor/ Webmaster, this is absolutely true. The "then editor" Nick Povinelli stated there were no allegations of improprieties or negligence on his part, but I accused him of poor judgment because he did not seek my approval of the newsletter prior to print. The newsletter is supposed to be discussed at the BOD meeting and approved to go to print, the only time the newsletter was approved was the month of March and never submitted after that even after repeated requests. When the majority of the BOD objected to how the editor reported contributions made by Lifetime Members as "0", and objected to mailing financial statements in the newsletter, he became incensed with our objections and stated "if you want to do it go right ahead" and so it was done. The websites followed in suit due to the threatening remarks made by the same individual to shut them down, so rather than take the chance the BOD took them over. Please note both sites are up and are a current work in progress and remain free of charge.

At our December general meeting it was brought to the membership's attention by the Clearwater Committee that we were in violation of State Statutes and Public Acts concerning water diversion. After a lengthy conversation with the DEP and the City of Bridgeport, please let me clarify we are not in violation for not obtaining a permit for winter draw down. We have practiced winter draw down for several decades for many different reasons, one reason primarily for flood control purposes. According to the DEP we can continue the same practice in the future. Even after the Clearwater Committee was asked to submit their findings to the Board to review and I stated perfectly clear in the meeting that I would look into this situation and follow up, the following day the Chairman took it upon herself to register a complaint with the Commissioner of the DEP.

In the "Lake View Gazette" the editor's make reference to payroll bumps up, what they neglected to mention in their article was our rentals bumped up as well. Comparing the rentals from February – August 07 and February – August 08, our rental income had increased by over \$5600. So that would stand to reason why our payroll increased. In regards to the accountant, LFA "historically" has not had an accountant; we sought the services of one when we began renting to the Elks. The need of such service was no longer essential as our treasurer, allow me to add is a C.P.A.; is more than capable of handling our finances.

Ladies and gentleman we are fortunate enough to live in the most beautiful part of the city. Lake Forest would not be what it is today without the dedication and hard work of those who came before us. If we want to continue to remain as a wonderful community in which to live we ALL need to work TOGETHER as one, we can not have The Lake Forest Association and a small faction of others.

Over the past couple of weeks I have received quite a few e-mails from members. In some of those mails I was asked if they could be placed in the "Lake Forest News", because of these requests our newsletter is a bit longer than usual.

Should anyone have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at (203) 685-5823 or SueKohut@gmail.com

Hope to see everyone Wednesday—January 7, 2009 for our first meeting of the new year.

Sue Lesko-Kohut, President

2009 Lake Forest Elections

The 2009 Lake Forest Elections will be held Wednesday—January 7, 2009; during our General Monthly Meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting and vote in person, you can submit an absentee ballot to our Association Secretary—Annie Carson (625 Lakeside Dr.). Please note, each household is entitled to cast 2 votes. Please make sure your envelope is sealed and your address is clearly marked on the outside of the envelope. You may also designate a family member from your household to deliver your proxy vote on the night of the meeting.

Dam Project Update

After years and years of meetings with the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) in Hartford and Bridgeport, meetings at the Mayor's office, working with State representatives, Interviewing contractors with the DEP, reading documents, etc. Governor Jodi Rell placed the Lake Forest Dam Project on the Bond Commission's agenda and the state Bond Commission approved \$2.2 million for the project. Once the work gets started, according to the last word we received from the DEP, around March 2009 it will take approximately 6 months to complete. The beach chairperson is already working on plans for extending the beach area to ensure we have a beach and swimming area.

I think it is no more than right to give credit to as many people as I can remember who have given their time to help push this project forward. They are as follows: Dan Rogers (deceased), Jack Goldring (deceased), Fred Castaldo, George and Janet Arsenault, Bob Corris (deceased), Al Pinciario, Mike Rastelli, Bob Keleey, State Rep. Chris Caruso, Jeff Kohut, Pat Laturco, Joe Ganim (Mayor), Betsey Meyer, Verna Kearney, Sue Kohut, State Sen. Rob Russo.

This approval should help all of us, especially people who live below the dam, to sleep with a little more peace of mind.

Submitted by: B. Barfield

Calendar of Events



January 2009:

- 1st— News Years Day
- 7th— Crime & Safety Comm. Mtg 7:30 P.M.
General Meeting 8:00 P.M.
2009 LFA Elections
- 19th—Martin Luther King Day
- 20th—Presidential Inauguration
- 21st—BOD Meeting 8:00 P.M.

February 2009:

- 1st— Super Bowl Sunday
- 2nd—Ground Hog Day
- 4th— Crime & Safety Comm. Mtg 7:30 P.M.
General Meeting 8:00 P.M.
Installation of Officers/ Pot Luck Dinner
- 14th—Valentine's Day
- 16th—Presidents Day
- 18th—BOD Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 24th—Fat Tuesday
- 25th—Ash Wednesday

Anyone wishing to submit an article for the Lake Forest News may do so by emailing:

LakeForestAssociation@gmail.com

Or by stopping by the monthly Board of Director's meeting, the third Wednesday of each month.

At the December General Meeting the Clearwater Committee alerted the Association that we were in violation of Connecticut General Statutes pertaining to water diversion. Allow me to share with you information provided by the DEP.

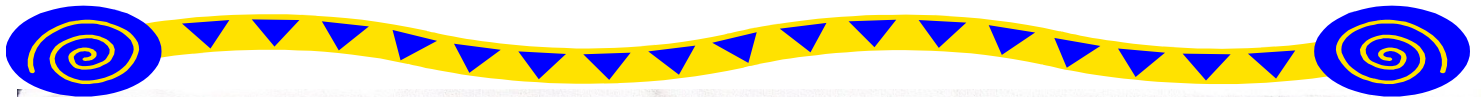
Sec. 22a-377(b)-1. Exemptions from the Connecticut water diversion policy act.

(a) In addition to those diversions exempted in section 22a-377 of the General Statutes, and subject to the conditions set out in subsection (b) of this section, the following diversions are exempt from the provisions of sections 22a-365 to 22a-378, inclusive, of the General Statutes: (16) Diversion of water caused by drawing down the surface elevation of an impoundment and subsequent refilling for the purpose of aquatic weed control, water quality control, or inspection or maintenance of a dam, gate house, discharge structure, reservoir, shoreline or dock, provided: (A) the surface elevation of the impoundment is lowered only to the elevation and for the amount of time necessary for aquatic weed control, water quality control, or inspection or maintenance of dam, gate house, discharge structure, reservoir, shoreline or dock; (B) such impoundment was registered or permitted pursuant to sections 22a-365 to 22a-378, inclusive, of the General Statutes; and (C) no less than seven days before such diversion commences, written notice thereof is given to the Commissioner and to any water company, as defined by section 25-32a of the General Statutes, which may be affected thereby.

According to the DEP we are exempt from obtaining a permit per the above information, it was asked that LFA when practicing draw down in the future submit a letter to the DEP about a week before we open the valve.

According to Mr. Bromely from the City of Bridgeport, we are not in violation from the Wetland Commissions view either.

Submitted by: S. Lesko-Kohut



SPINACH WITH ARTICHOKE

- 1 14 OZ CAN PLAIN QUARTERED ARTICHOKE HEARTS
- 1 16 OZ PKG SPINACH (BABY SPINACH IF POSSIBLE)
- 2-3 CLOVES FRESH GARLIC SMASHED OR MINCED
- OLIVE OIL TO SAUTE
- PARMESAN CHEESE AS DESIRED
- SALT AND PEPPER TO TASTE

IN A LARGE FRYING PAN, SAUTE GARLIC BRIEFLY. ADD ARTICHOKE DRAINED, LIQUID RESERVED WASH SPINACH AND ADD ARTICHOKE WET. COVER JUST LONG ENOUGH TO WILT SPINACH. UNCOVER. ADD SALT AND FRESH GROUND PEPPER TO TASTE AND TOSS WITH ¼ - ½ CUP PARMESAN CHEESE. TRANSFER TO SMALL BAKING DISH OR CASSEROLE. SPRINKLE WITH ADDITIONAL PARMESAN CHEESE. BAKE IN 375° OVEN LONG ENOUGH TO MELT CHEESE. BROWN TOP CHEESE IF YOU LIKE BUT TRY NOT TO OVERCOOK.

4-6 SERVINGS (Don't blame me if there's none left!)

THIS CAN BE DOUBLED OR EVEN TRIPLED FOR A CROWD OR BUFFET. BJ'S SELLS A 3 LB BAG OF BABY SPINACH. I HAVE ADDED A SMALL AMOUNT OF RESERVED LIQUID OR BROTH IF NEEDED. THE TRIPLE RECIPE FITS WELL IN THE ALUMINUM HALF-PAN.

Jake's recipe as adapted by Betsey
ENJOY!!!

Commentary on the Lake View Gazette half truths and misleading statements:

“Accountant fired and payroll bumps up” Since I have 25 years experience as a CPA preparing financial statements and dealing with payroll and payroll taxes, it was decided by the Board of Directors that I take over the task of preparing the monthly summary of income and expenses, as well as the preparation of payroll checks and tax reports, that had previously been performed by the accountant monthly. This saves our association approximately \$1,800 per year. Our tax return will continue to be prepared by an outside accountant, as it has always been. I think it is a good idea to have an outside review at least once a year and I have never proposed a change.

As far as the payroll is concerned the classification of employee or independent contractor is currently an Internal Revenue Service hot topic. I reviewed with the Board of Directors the criteria for outside contractors and they concluded that our outside contractors should probably be considered employees. This will protect the association in the future from unnecessary reclassification of outside contractors as employees, with the attendant payroll-related taxes, plus interest and penalties, should the IRS decide to look at our books and records more closely. This is not a bump up in payroll so much as a reclassification on our statement of income and expenses.

“Lake Forest Forecast 2008-2009” Publication of this financial information was not authorized by the association. We never gave permission for our financial statements to be published by a group who freely admits it is not a publication of the Lake Forest Association and should not be confused with the officially sanctioned communication by the association. This report was in fact prepared by me and distributed to the members at the October meeting. Any member could have asked me for a copy. I would have been only too happy to send it to them.


Under the caption *“Santa brings Cheer”* The “paid rental” so proudly proclaimed was for \$144, with \$44 paid for the employee who oversaw the event, for a profit of \$100.

“Secrecy shrouds LFA employees’ names and pay” (Issue 1) and *“Secrecy persists over employee payroll specifics”* (issue 2) For a typical rental, we pay for event supervision \$11 per hour for generally 6 hours, a rental agent fee of \$40, a cleaning fee of \$40 and a \$4 fee to open the doors for the event. The bartender is paid \$75, which is covered by a separate fee charged to the renter. We currently have 11 employees who perform the above tasks.

I question the motives of the requestor of this information, Nick Povinelli, a contributing editor to the Lake View Gazette. As an employer, we have an obligation to protect our employees’ privacy. But we also have an obligation to report to our membership. If I believed that the confidential information about our employees would be protected by the requestor, I would not hesitate to disclose such information. However, given the nature of the articles in the Lake View Gazette, I am concerned about how this information would be used (or misused).

The Lake View Poison Pen might be a more appropriate name.

Submitted by Gail Carey, Treasurer



Dear Madam President and Lake Forest Members,

I am writing to express my disappointment in certain members of our association. The actions of a few are interfering with the good work and harmony of our community. Lies, deceit and back-door actions have torn apart our association for too long now.

I call on all members and members of the board; To take a stand and say **'NO MORE!'**

No more insulting of other members.

No more twisting of the truth to suit their needs.

No more acting on whims without regard for community.

NO MORE!

The chaos has gone on for far too long. My family and the families of our neighborhood, deserve to have the community we moved into. For some of us who have had families here for generations, we have NEVER seen such actions, and I for one am done!

I ask one question, in closing, had they won the election would there be such turmoil?

Sincerely, Jermaine Panza

Rebuttal to December's Lake View Gazette

Dear Friends,

I received my unsolicited copy of the Lake View Gazette today and read it with a growing sense of disappointment and finally outrage. This "independent newspaper" has an undeniable theme of poisonous antagonism and negativity. We should be concerned as members of the Lake Forest community that much of this antagonism is directed against us. Facts are twisted in subtle and sometimes not so subtle ways, to make the membership of Lake Forest and its elected officers seem ignorant, selfish, and even dishonest. Our membership's vote not to appoint a separate committee to manage a retaining wall project, for the very good reason that such a project is already underway, is characterized as "nixing" beach improvements. Protecting the privacy of LFA employees in regards to their income is characterized as "secrecy". According to the anonymous critics of the Lake View Gazette, we are too ignorant and crass to realize that we are responsible for destroying the ecology of Lake Forest. Also, did you know that those intrepid Lake View Gazette reporters (whomever they are) claim that our elections last year were fraudulent and rigged? Where is the evidence to support these claims? Good question, I would like to know myself.

I ran for election last year (for Treasurer) and lost. I do not believe that there was any fraud or dishonesty. The membership voted for whom they wanted to vote for; I have no ill will about it. We are a community founded on good old fashioned American democratic principles. The vote of the membership should stand. The membership's elected officers and board members have our implicit trust. I feel strongly that a small minority of disaffected members of the Association is attempting to upset our community. Their tactics are to mask their intentions behind high minded rhetoric. They talk about "transparency" or "change" or "progress". These are all desirable things, but I doubt the sincerity of these motives when there is so much more activity devoted to trashing the reputations of our elected officers and denigrating the membership in print as well as in word.

I admit that last year I was approached by Linda Elder and asked if I would run for Treasurer of the Lake Forest Association. In the spirit of community service, I agreed and met with Linda and several other people to discuss changes that we might be able to bring about. It was not long, however, before I began to grow concerned and alarmed at the appetite for gossip and insult that Linda displayed. She was much more concerned with "getting" people and "exposing" people than about putting forward positive suggestions or plans. Now she has her vehicle of choice, a printed propaganda rag spewing venom on the rest of us who do not share her twisted view of our community. Looking through the dark prism of The Lake View Gazette, we are a community of ignorant, greedy, dishonest people led by corrupt and crooked officers. I do not share this view. I respect and admire my neighbors and the efforts of those who volunteer their valuable time to service our community. Change and progress are wonderful things, but they must be implemented in a way that preserves our sense of community and friendship. A splinter group of disaffected and bitter people should not feel that they are entitled to attack and insult other members of our community. Our community membership should be a united whole, dedicated to preserving an atmosphere of courtesy and respect in our dealings with one another. Differences of opinion are welcomed; however, this is not an excuse to make inflammatory accusations and insinuations during meetings or through a printed pamphlet. We really need to work together in a spirit of friendship, not attack each other in an attempt to divide and conquer.

Submitted by Gregory S. Carson



Dear LFA Members,

In 1997 Bob Corris who was on the Nominating Committee asked me to be on the BOD, I accepted. In 1999 we were asked to take over as the Rental & Club Manager. We have been doing this for 9+ years, Nancy does the office scheduling with renters and I meet with the renters at the hall to sign and go over contracts. In all of this time we have never seen such dissention among some members of this Association and we have been members for 43+ years. Things come up that make no sense at all. The lake is in better shape now than it was in the past, I see swans, eagles and all types of birds. When I take my great-children fishing we see all kinds of fish, turtles, wildlife and plants.

Hopefully these people will see that the people who are saying things that are untruthful and vicious are trying to divide LFA Membership.

Al & Nancy Pinciario

In response to the article in the Lake View Gazette entitled "Membership nixes study of beach improvements", I was at the meeting in which the article speaks of. It goes on to state that the 'An association officer said at the December general meeting that a retaining wall may be needed to shore up a cut in the land that was made to allow access to machinery brought in during the summer of 2007 to spread sand on the beach.The member supporting additional work suggested engaging a civil engineer to study the slope and water runoff problems. The same member moved to refer the matter to the Board of Directors or an appropriate committee for further study.' First of all, not once does this article mention that the cut in the land exposed the root system of 3 HUGE trees that will more than likely die as a result of this. If these trees were to fall over due to their poor health from having their roots exposed in such a manner, the chances of someone being seriously injured or killed on Beach 1 is very likely. Secondly, this is not the first time that sand has been added to the beach. On previous occasions, the trucks coming in to dump the sand backed down through the double gates at the entrance to Beach 1 and dumped sand onto the beach where it was then raked across the entire beach. There was never a need in the past (or now for that matter) to slice through the slope off to the side of the entrance. If this slice had not been made, the trees' root systems would not be exposed and there would be no retaining wall needed to ensure their health and the safety of people on the beach. This action by another association member has caused expense to the association that should not have been necessary. I might also add that at the December general meeting, the motion voted on that was overwhelmingly denied, was to hire a civil engineer (another HUGE expense) to come in and assess the situation. One look at the situation by a laymen will tell you that a retaining wall will definitely be needed.

LJ Theilman



To whom it may concern:

My wife and I have lived in Lake Forest since 1984. I have served as an advisor to the Board of Directors, Beach Chairperson, Dam Project Chairperson, Vice President and President. I have always tried to serve with the best interest of Lake Forest in mind. I have seen a lot of things in Lake Forest but in the last year I have seen things that have divided and lowered the integrity of this great association. After returning from our Thanksgiving vacation I was shocked to see in our mailbox the so called The Lake View Gazette which was mailed out to Lake Forest members. It did not surprise me that a Lake Forest Board of Director was a part of this publication. There are a lot of untruths in this publication. As if this wasn't bad enough we received a second publication of The Lake View Gazette which lied about me personally. Basically the article on voting is saying I rigged the election in 2007. My name was not used but I was the President and it was my responsibility to make sure that the meeting was run properly. There are two people I know for sure who are responsible for this publication and they are Linda Elder and Nick Povinelli and there may be more. What you do not know is that I had to chase Linda out of the vote counting area twice to prevent her from interfering with the counters as they were counting the votes. The votes that were close were counted for a second time by two different counters. What the article also does not tell you is up to November 16, 2007 Bruce Elder, Linda's husband has been voting at Lake Forest general meetings when there was a vote taken and he was not a property owner in Lake Forest. According to the City of Bridgeport records his name was placed on the deed of his wife's property on November 16, 2007. There is a lot more that could be said on this and other matters. This time these two members have stepped over the line. Based on our by-laws, this is conduct unbecoming a member and they should be expelled from the association. The publication comes from the home of Linda and Bruce. They both should be expelled along with Nick Povinelli. All three persons should be removed from the nominating slate. Whether you want to believe it or not there is a group who is trying to take over the Board of Directors. It seems to me this group wants Lake Forest to be a public association. If they succeed, it will be a sad day for The Lake Forest Association.

Bill Barfield

In My Humble Opinion,

After receiving two editions of the Lakeview Gazette I really quite honestly did not know how to react. Both editions are filled with innuendo and half truths accusing the current Officers and Board of Directors of everything from graft to throwing the last Lake Forest general elections. The fact that the editors are just now bringing up last year's election results (right before the next general election) smacks of shameful character and reeks of a petulant five year old who didn't get his/her way.

The attacks that have come at Bill Barfield's expense are low, dirty, cheap and uncalled for. Bill is man who has given a great deal of his time and effort to this community. Whether you agreed with his (and the boards) decisions or not you could always approach and speak with him in a friendly, diplomatic, polite, neighborly fashion.

The Gazette writers talk of healing and a neighborhood divided when they themselves are the ones doing the dividing by pretending to publish a newsletter which in actuality is, pure and simply, thinly veiled propaganda. Propaganda to push forth their own political agenda for the association. If this wasn't so maddening it would be humorous. We are a lake association not the UN.

Being a member of the association I simply want three things: A clean lake to fish and swim in, a safe, clean family friendly beach to bring my kids to and a well maintained clubhouse and boat dock area. Pretty simple really. If the association can rent the clubhouse and make some money on the side, great.

The editors of the Gazette call for accountability, okay lets have some accountability. Other than Linda Elder, who wrote about the winter draw down of the lake, who are the authors of these articles? If you're going to accuse people of wrongdoing and shoddy management at least have the temerity (I'd use a different term but this is a family newsletter) to put your names on the articles. That way I can at least have a discussion with you about some issues I have with your newsletter.

And while there are numerous issues to talk about I'd like to talk about a couple.

1: The secret board and officer nominations. What? Since we've lived here and became members in December of '02 we've read the Lake Forest News Letter. Every year in the news letter there is a general announcement for board members and officer nominations. If you fail to read the newsletter guess what? The association has a little event the first Wednesday of every month called the Lake Forest Association meeting. The meetings have information about Lake Forest, public safety and all matters pertaining to the association including board and officer nominations. And guess what else? Anybody can attend, you don't even have to know a secret password to get in. In fact there's nothing secret about it.

If the people who wanted to be nominated felt left out of the process I would suggest reading the news letter or going to the meetings. What's next? The Gazette is going to accuse the board of having a secret meeting to put non-paying members on double secret probation.

2: The winter draw down of the lake. I don't have an issue with draw down of the lake. It allows those of us who are fortunate enough to live on the lake to be able to work on our retaining walls and docks (which I have). In six years here I have seen no ill effects on fish, bird or plant life. The association has been drawing down the lake for 50 plus years and I think by now the natural inhabitants of the lake have adapted. I'm not sure but I think it's called survival instinct. Maybe we should hire a fish whisperer and try and find out from the fish themselves.

As for the legality of the draw down if Ms. Elder had done her research she would have found out that with any lake under 100 acres you don't need a permit to draw down. Our lake is 77 acres, you do the math.

While I feel bad for the toads that's not just a problem confined to our lake. For the last couple of decades toads, frogs and snake populations have been declining throughout New England due to acid rain and climate change.

3: The above mentioned rigging of last years election. I hope you have proof Gazette. I was not able to attend the meeting the votes where tallied but the people I spoke with said five different members counted the votes. You're saying all five people were in on the caper. Why? What possible reason could they possibly have to rig a Lake Association vote? So they could put in countless hours at a mostly thankless job helping run an association and move up the rough and tumble Bridgeport political ladder.

There are others such as the whole retaining wall article which I won't delve into but getting back to accountability I would ask Ms. Elder why as Clearwater Committee Chairperson she didn't respond to repeated calls from Sue Kohut when a possible hazardous contaminant leaked into one of Lake Forest's canals. And why it was Meaghan Monahan who repeatedly called Bridgeport City Hall and eventually Hartford to contact the DEP. And why in the aftermath it was Dave Pavlik (a board member) who waded upstream with the DEP to find the source of the contaminant. And why it was Sue Kohut who followed up with the DEP to find out what the contaminant was. That's not your duty as Clearwater Committee Chair. You should write an article about it in the Gazette.

Or the Gazette could write about Rocco Guarnieri (who is running for vice president) renting out the Lake Forest clubhouse to Luigi's Bakery without contacting clubhouse manager Al Pincairo. Only problem was it was the same day the Lake Forest Christmas party was to happen. Nobody found out about it until Al spotted a flyer from Luigi's advertising their make your own gingerbread house at 30 dollars a pop party. Thankfully after Lake Forest contacted Luigi's about the scheduling conflict the situation was resolved. Maybe the Gazette can ask Rocco what he intended to do with proceeds from the party.

Or the Gazette could do an article about Lake Fest and find out about the proceeds and get down to the dime where the money went and how it was spent.

Or the Gazette could ask how 180 fob keys to the beach went missing and unaccounted for the previous two years and that lead to repeated encounters with non Lake Forest members who were either trying to take boats that didn't belong to them or acted in an improper fashion on the beach. Thankfully Vice President Michael Panza rectified the situation this year and we had little or no conflicts on the dock or at the beach this year.

I know I could go on and on and it probably seems like I have but I'll end it here. This past year the current group of officers have done an outstanding job running the Lake Association. I will vote for them again come January. They genuinely care about the lake and the neighborhood, they hold themselves accountable and you can call them anytime day or night. They don't resort to name calling, cheap innuendo and keep things diplomatic and straightforward. I wish the same thing could be said for The Lake View Gazette.

Alec Theilman, 879 Lakeside Drive