

Lake Improvement Project



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Board Secretary*

I'm writing you today to ask for your help. But first, I want to tell you who I am. Many of you don't know me but I am one of the three new Board members and your current Board Secretary. My family and I have been members of Lake Carroll for 16 years and absolutely love it here. We have experienced about all aspects of the Community including just being a lot owner and staying at Trailside...to having a camper in the Campground...to now owning our second home. It's safe to say we are here for the long term. Our passion has always been the lake as we have spent countless hours swimming, boating & floating in Swimmer's Bay with a cold beverage. Many miles around the trails and many shots taken on the Golf Course (I'm told I have a 32 handicap). I got involved with the Board because I wanted to make sure that our money was being spent properly. As most of you know, The Lodge topic was a hot button issue and I'll go out on a limb here and say I was not in favor of it. There are more pressing issues here and I believe most of you would agree that the Lake is Number 1.

Our Community is Called "Lake Carroll" and we need to take care of our most prized amenity. Our lake, like any other lake, needs attention and although we have been doing our best over the years, it's not enough. The time has come for a major overhaul, if you will. Why did we let it get to this? I am not going to comment on past Boards. I, like many, thought that I knew a better way to handle problems that Lake Carroll experiences. It wasn't until I got involved with the Board that I realized how difficult it is to make the day-to-day decisions necessary to uphold all that Lake Carroll has to offer. I am telling you that going forward, we are going to do what we need to and continue to have Lake Carroll a place we are all proud of. Now how are we going to do that? Well that's where we need your help.

By now you are aware of the funding mechanism (call it a Special Assessment, call it whatever you want) that we are bringing to you, the Membership, for a special vote on August 26th. I ask you to get as much information as you need to feel comfortable with this. The Lake Committee spent countless hours on the plan along with the Lake Manager Joe Rush; and the Finance Committee spent a lot of time figuring out the best way to pay for it. Now this is by no means a threat saying that if we don't approve this plan, we are doomed. What it is, is us answering the concerns of most of you saying you're tired of the condition of the lake. If this plan does not pass, then we will have to continue doing the best that we can with the funds that we have and it is going to take a lot longer and it's going to cost a lot more. This plan is going to allow us, not only to attack some large issues that we have with the lake, but it is also going to allow us to handle some of the other amenities that have been getting ignored due to a lack of funds. Now I want to be very clear. This is not a one-time fix all. This issue will come up again. How do we avoid another situation like we have now? We have to start saving for it. We, the Board, are going to start working on some different ways to do that and when that time comes, I hope you all agree. We live (whether its full-time or part-time) in a wonderful community that offers an awful lot; lets take care of it.

Now I know the questions are out there about us all of a sudden getting this large sum of money and either not doing what we told you or spend it foolishly on something else. I'm here to tell you that we will do everything we can to make sure the funds are spent correctly. The mistrust between the Membership and past Boards we hope can come to an end. There have already been some changes and I'm sure there will be more.

I will ask you again, please familiarize yourself with all the facts and attend one of the informational meetings so you are comfortable with this plan. A vote for this will assure a better and cleaner lake for all to enjoy. Thank you for your time.