

# NEWS VIEWS

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## SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION

Election Information and Meet the Candidates

### ELECTION INFORMATION

- First Sunday after Labor Day, September 13, 2020 (as per bylaws)
- Voting: 9am – 3pm
- Annual Zoom Meeting @ 12:00 (required per bylaws)
- Using third party election company: Election Buddy
- All voting will be electronic. All members eligible to vote will receive a mailing from Election Buddy with additional instructions. You will need to save the postcard that you get. There is one postcard/vote per membership.
- The Clubhouse will open for the members who do not have the use of a computer from 9am to 3pm. Members need to bring the postcard from Election Buddy as well as ID.
- At the Clubhouse, masks must be worn and there will be occupancy limits in place.
- Candidate night will be done Via ZOOM meeting the Friday before election day. Time to be determined.

### 2020 SAMPLE BALLOT

#### TRUSTEES

##### President

Vote for 1

- Pulkit Desai
- Bill Sempier
- Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

##### Vice-President

Vote for 1

- Pulkit Desai
- Bill Sempier
- Tony Suprum
- Dharmesh (Danny) Desai
- Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

##### Financial Secretary

Vote for 1

- Tarak Bhatt
- Jenn DeStefano
- Rajnikant Patel
- Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

#### DIRECTOR DISTRICTS

##### District 1

Vote for 1

- Tarak Bhatt
- Bill Sempier
- Rinam Shah
- Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

##### District 2

Vote for 1

- Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

##### District 3

Vote for 1

- Mary Ellen Iradi
- Rajnikant Patel
- Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

##### District 4

Vote for 1

- Mike Crystal
- Deepa Tailor
- Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE HAVE YOUR CURRENT YEAR PHOTO BADGE FOR ADMISSION TO ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS AT THE CLUBHOUSE

The LPPOA Board of Directors will be taking action at all monthly meetings as it relates to financial, operational changes and management of the lake.

### EASEMENT ASSESSMENT LAWSUIT UPDATE

For information regarding the Easement Assessment Lawsuit, please visit [lake-parsippany.org/Easement-Assessment](http://lake-parsippany.org/Easement-Assessment)



NAME:

**Pulkit Desai**

CANDIDATE FOR:

**President  
Vice-President**

My name is Pulkit Desai and I am running for President to bring this community together.

I am a resident of Parsippany for 20 years and a veteran of the United States Marine Corp.

Last few years I have seen people angry towards LPPOA for making some difficult decisions.

I was one of them. After I read up on the facts I understood the need to maintain this lake and why the easement was needed. When the easement was introduced the messaging did not clearly explain everything. Approx 2000 homes still do not fully understand it and has asked many questions about the future, budget, fees, penalty, liens and rights. This event has fractured our community.

Those who say “this is our lake” need to consider that we now have members (all 2000+) who have never paid before are now paying to keep this lake healthy. That’s a good thing. At the same time the current full members who have been contributing before easement should also be appreciated. Over the years they have been paying and helped make this lake an attractive place to be. Now we all need to embrace each other. Those who have contributed in the past and those who will be going forward. I want to turn around this phrase into a positive and making it truly “this is our lake” where it includes all 2200 homes.

I am here to bridge this divide. Bring a fresh perspective, to improve and reform LPPOA’s reputation.

I understand I have a fiduciary obligation to LPPOA as an association and the membership as a whole, not to any particular member or group of members.

This is our community. This is not about Full members or Basic Members, we are all members.

There is no us, or them. We are all in this together.

The following is what I hope to accomplish with your support and I want to find common ground. I want to make our lake and LPPOA an attractive place for all members and new residents.

- Total Transparency - Improved communications - Reduce confusion.
- Control the budget, place annual cap on fees and promote transparency.
- Create committees and provide direction and a clear mission to accomplish goals.
  - Youth: Representation on the board per district for age 16-21. Let’s hear them out. The youth of today are one of the smartest we ever had in our country. Let’s utilize their energy. Let them come up with ideas, present them and let’s empower them to execute it. All within the confines that relates to our lake community. This experience will reap rewards for them for the rest of their lives. And possibly this could be an opportunity to add to their college essays. I want them to create memories, so in 10 or 20 years from now they can fondly recall and say what a great time they had growing up in Parsippany. Whether it is fishing, kayaking, swimming or just hanging out on the beach or club house.
  - Election: Create a solid process so future elections are run fairly.
  - Outreach: Create activities and events around different cultures to bring all members to improve neighbor relations. I want people of different ethnicities residing in Lake Parsippany to come and meet each other. Let’s learn from each other and share each other’s values. This could lead to increase in membership. And if they don’t they can still feel part of this community.

- Representation on the board per district for Basic members. They feel they are subsidizing full member’s lifestyle. Let’s give a platform to hear their concerns.
- Review voting rights for ALL members and follow the law.
- Develop a short/long term plan to sustain the health of the lake and community.
- Create a financial payment plan for seniors, veterans and the disabled.
- Bylaws
  - Any changes to by-laws must be put to a vote.
  - Changes to by-laws need approval of a 2/3 membership quorum vote.
  - Amend the Bylaws to add annual caps to assessments increases.
  - Add an amendment to the bylaws restricting the conditions under which these changes can be made to these caps, on an emergency basis only.
  - Update/reform all bylaws to make them PREDFA complaint and more inclusive.
- Educate the community about history & importance of lake to gain more trust for LPPOA.

And finally.....I have been asked if I am associated with people who want to shutdown the lake. Some full members are focused on the fear that this lake can be taken away from them if their candidate loses this election. NO ONE is shutting down our lake. This is a rumor and it is categorically false. I did not know this existed and that it’s being circulated. I asked all my voting supporters and not a single one believes in doing this. If anyone wants to shut down the lake I don’t want your vote or support. Again this rumor could have been squash by the current board but they never came to that decision. But it helps them instill fear where it’s needed. That is not a way to bring this community together. As a Candidate for President of LPPOA I am stating here publicly that this is not a position I support. I will fight tooth and nail from ever letting that happen.



NAME:

**Bill Sempier**

CANDIDATE FOR:

**President  
Vice-President  
District 1 Director**

I am very much aware of the current climate of the community with all sorts of rumors and misinformation out there causing fear and anger. People are judging each other, and they don't even know the person they are judging. I have not and never will take another person's opinion of a person. To me actions speak volumes of a person's character. To judge a person because of their love and involvement is unwarranted. In my profession I work with people from many cultural backgrounds. I'm fascinated by the similarities and of the differences.

My mission work is truly a humbling experience. The team my son and I started 10 years ago, takes us to some of the poorest areas in the country. We see the people living there are some of the richest in character. Filled with hope and true appreciation for all that they have. We go to repair homes, to give people hope and to let them know they are not forgotten. In return we realize that having the newest iPhone or the best clothes is not that important.

I grew up here, I met my wife here who also grew up in the community. We raised two boys here. Their first jobs were lifeguards. I learned how the lake worked by getting involved. I remember my first project I helped with was installing the swings at Drewes. That small project introduced me to

community members I didn't know. I continued helping out with projects. I was asked to be a part of the maintenance team and later part of the dredging committee. I served as a district rep for many years learning the administration or business side of the lake. I took all these steps not for personal gain but because I loved the community.

#### **The Future:**

We can't rest on past success or be constantly reminded of failures; we need to always be looking to the future and what we can achieve together. We can no longer afford to look at the lake community of only 400, we need to look at a community of 2,200 homes. Nor can there be a divide if we are to take even one step forward. There must be communication, cooperation, consideration if we are to heal.

To that end if I'm elected, I will ensure that we continue to move forward in these areas.

#### **Communication:**

With the help of some of our tech savvy members if interested we could:

- Continue to improve our website
- Create an app that can alert members of upcoming events and other information.
- Consider the possibility of having online town hall style meetings during the year.

#### **Activities and Events:**

With volunteers helping we could maybe look to:

- Open the clubhouse during the week for seniors and others to have a cup of coffee and play cards or board games and socialize.
- Seek out members who would like to share their talents with kids and families with craft time at the clubhouse.
- Perhaps an event at the clubhouse on Friday nights, each Friday for a different age group.
- Family fun nights.
- Look to bring back concerts and comedy nights.
- Group events like baseball games, hockey, or Broadway shows. We could leverage group rates reducing your individual cost to attend.

- Exercise class at the clubhouse and beach
- Perhaps maybe even start a time capsule project.

#### **Community Awareness/Outreach**

- The first priority will be to get a solid committee started to look at the creation and implementation of a sunshine or hardship fund.
- The formation of a welcome committee that would be responsible for each district.
- Maybe start a community helping hands project where community members help our seniors and disabled with simple things like raking leaves in the fall or small home repairs.

#### **Financial:**

- Post a quarterly statement online for all to review.
- Determine if/how a payment plan could be implemented.

#### **Membership:**

- The financial secretary whose primary responsibility is the distribution of membership materials will be tasked with coming up with a solid plan to get badges to 2,200 homes.

People tell me I have lake water in my veins. I take that as an awesome compliment

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." "Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower." "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

Please come out on September 13th and let me be your president so that we may walk together as a community where there is no path made yet.



NAME:

**Tony Suprum**

CANDIDATE FOR:

**Vice-President**

- Property owner within the Original purchase track of Lake Parsippany
- Full member is good standing. Badge number 1376.
- Active with, membership, water quality control, security, maintenance and fishing rules and regulation for the LPPOA
- President of the Lake Parsippany Fishing Club
- LPPOA board member representing district 3

**A little about me:**

I am Tony Suprum. My parents bought a house in Lake Parsippany in 1968 and they still live in the same house today. I have 1 sibling, Karen. Elementary school I started at Brooklawn, then got transferred to Littleton, then back to Brooklawn for middle school and graduated from the Hills in 1983. I got married 9/14/2001. Yes 3 days after 911. We almost had to postpone the wedding as no one could travel from New Jersey to Pennsylvania. My wife is from Scranton, Pa. We lived in Scranton Pa for almost 4 years, but I commuted to Parsippany for my job. Then we moved to East Stroudsburg and still commuted to Parsippany for my job. We bought our current house in July of 2001. I stayed active with the lake even though I lived in Scranton and East Stroudsburg PA.

The lake, aka Lake Parsippany, Lake Parsippany Community and the LPPOA:

I am truly fortunate and blessed that my parents bought a house in Lake Parsippany. My parents are from coalminer country in Pennsylvania. It was challenging for them to move from coalminer country to Jersey City where I was born and ending up in Lake Parsippany in 1968. I have fond memories of swimming, fishing, and boating starting around 5 years old. I loved going to the lake at a young age and only love it more as an adult. The LPPOA and the Lake Parsippany community have contributed to the man I am today, and I am incredibly grateful for this wonderful Lake and community. The lake and the community have given me more than I can ever give back, but I try awfully hard to give back as much as I can.

For the LPPOA board, I am a District 3 director. I joined the LPPOA board in 2017. I am running for Vice President of the LPPOA.

**The Lake Parsippany Fishing club:**

I joined the fishing club when I was 14 years old. I was always the youngest person at the fishing club meetings by far, lol. I became the vice president of the fishing club when I was around 20 years old and became President in 2017. On behalf of the fishing club, I instituted and organized the Annual trout stocking event and added the young angler's trout stocking to get our young people involved. The young anglers really love this event. I knew it was successful when these young anglers asked me if we can do this again next year. Getting the young anglers involved started 8 years ago and the attendance continues to grow each year. It has become one of the most attended events for the LPPOA. I could not do this alone. So, I want to thank all the volunteers for their many years of dedication for without them the event would not be the success it is. The fishing club also hosts the, Kids Casting Clinic at the Lake Parsippany open house event. We teach the kids a little about fishing and teach them how to cast. Most of the kids that we help have never touched a fishing rod. Sometimes the parents get inspired to give casting a try because they have never held a fishing rod. We try to make a game out of this event. We put hula hoops in the water and tell the kids if they can cast the bobber into the ring, they get a prize. We give all the kids a prize no matter if they cast into the ring or not. The reward for the volunteers and I is introducing

fishing to young people. Hopefully, a few get the fishing bug like I did and get HOOKED on fishing. I could not do this alone. So, I want to thank all the volunteers for their many years of dedication for without them the event would not be the success it is.

**Commitment to the LPPOA:**

Commitment to the LPPOA is not about being on a committee, a sports team, a club or the LPPOA board. It is about doing what you can to make the Lake and the community a better place right now and in the future.

So, stand on the shoreline of the lake. Look over the water, what do you see, a turtle, a blue heron, a hawk, ducks, geese, swan and maybe even a fish. Also notice what you do not see, TV, computer, cell phone, inside of your residence or your job. Hopefully, you will see something while looking at the lake that you will never forget. That alone is worth the price of admission.

So please consider me for the Vice President position on the LPPOA board. You will be hard pressed to find someone that loves this lake and community more than I do.



NAME:

**Dharmesh (Danny) Desai**

CANDIDATE FOR:

**Vice-President**

My Name is DHARMESH (DANNY) DESAI. Many folks know me as DANNY DESAI. I am asking for your support for the position of Vice President. I have lived in Lake Parsippany since 2006. We heard the lake has a private lake association but no one from LPPOA tried to sell us a membership. We never got involved until we received our first Invoice by LPPOA in 2017. That's when I really tried to understand what LPPOA is and why we all should be members to keep this lake alive and healthy for the future. Now we are part of this common interest community and I feel I should get involved and volunteer.

Bring some new energy, new ideas and fresh management skills to run it cost efficiently, bring back transparency and trust between our multicultural communities.

**We all have common goal about lake so let's keep it alive and healthy as a part of a one common lake community**

I am a successful multi retail business owner since 29 years and I have plenty of operational and management experience and I am also elected as a marketing advertising committee member representing franchise owners.

I am also part of and volunteer my time at Lake Parsippany Township Recreation Committee.

I feel LPPOA BOARD REQUIRES SOME REFORM so I am asking you all to give me the opportunity to support and elect me as Vice President of LPPOA.

Let's try to make deference on following points

1. Each and every LPPOA paid member (basic Or Full) with good standing should be allowed to vote No exceptions. As per PREDFA
2. LPPOA current board's one way communication policy must change and priority is to gain trust and transparency from this multicultural community. This is the only way to heal and grow the membership. LPPOA does not need lawyers to answer simple questions; this current practice has been responsible for current fear for members and will lead to eventual raising of fees for our members.
3. LPPOA board must stop to exist as a private small group community and begin to function and behave as a one voice one community to around 2200 common interest members. This is a key to each and everyone so we can move forward and grow and preserve our lake.
4. LPPOA needs new energy with new ideas, out of box thinking, promotes community values & behaviors, provides and requests support, and is open to suggestions and feedback from the community. These are essential for progress, protection and preservation of our beautiful lake community.
5. Let's all unite & run this association with transparency, efficiency, responsibility, integrity, humility and dignity.
6. Let's educate everyone about the history of our lake and how we got here. Do not forget there was a big gap in time when no one had to pay assessment fees, so why now? We must educate everyone about the importance of keeping this lake and its community healthy, prosperous, and inclusive. Let's open our arms and hearts to around 2200 members and not only for a small group.
7. We must organize fundraising events and other events to increase LPPOA revenue so we don't have to increase fees every year. Also come up with a plan for the future to have a CAP on fee increases.
8. Let's not forget fixed income families & seniors We should not put them in a situation where they need to decide on medicine or lake fees.

9. I would suggest we have events for young adults & children such as beach dance, date night dinner at lake & cycling competitions. Rather than forcing and implementing my ideas only, I will engage our community members to provide suggestions and democratically implement a popular ideas
10. Connect and involve local and state legislators to request to find some types of yearly grants for this beautiful lake since city and state waters goes to this lake.

God bless Lake Parsippany and LPPOA.

Please give me one opportunity and vote for Danny Desai As Vice President



NAME:

**Tarak Bhatt**

CANDIDATE FOR:

**Financial Secretary  
District 1 Director**

My name is Tarak Bhatt and I'm currently running for the position of Financial Secretary in the upcoming election. You may be wondering, why is he running for this position? What does he know about Lake Parsippany? What does he know about the community? How will he be helpful as a financial secretary?

And so, here I am, to tell you about it. I moved to Parsippany in the year 2008 with two lovely kids and a very supportive wife. I was a senior accountant in HYUNDAI MOTOR in India. I am a successful business owner in the USA and know how to handle finances.

I currently work in the healthcare field. I actively participate in numerous organized charities and volunteer programs. My passion is to help others.

The decision to pursue the financial secretary position came as a surprise. Many of you, including myself, who were AND are affected may have received a letter from the LPPOA stating to pay mandatory dues. When I read this letter, my first impression was that the letter was more of a threat rather than simply asking to pay dues. Threat to collect obscure late fees and ultimately put lien on houses if their demands were not met. Dividing people between two tiers as basic and full members to further create conflicts with voting rights. This may be a violation of PREDFA law.

I would have happily paid the easement if this was disclosed in my deed when

I bought the house in the year 2008. However, there was no such mention of these mandatory/easement fees or any communication sent out by LPPOA. Fast forward to 2017, LPPOA had 9 years from the time I moved into this lake community to send me a welcome letter or any kind of gesture to make me feel part of the community or even stating that I will need to contribute to the maintenance fees towards our beloved lake. I really admire and respect the lake as it is a great asset to Parsippany.

Nevertheless, I was always in the impression that the LPPOA was a private club just like the YMCA. I believe that the LPPOA failed to communicate to its residents that it was a common interest property until they desired. Around 2016, LPPOA saw a big decline in its revenue collection as members started leaving the club. This triggered them to panic and create rumors about selling the lake if the people of Lake Parsippany did not start paying.

So LPPOA contacted NJCOLA and with the help of legal advisors, they figured out how to impose a grandfather deed dated back in 1933. Who would have thought that such a deed existed and later would create havoc for many of us who moved to this amazing area?

However, apart from bad communication and management, I decided, rather than arguing about who was wrong or right, it would be better to become part of the system and help resolve these types of conflicts. Finally, I decided to join as a full member, so that LPPOA will accept me as a candidate and give me the right to vote. But I firmly believe that voting right is our constitutional right and should be given to all members of the community irrespective of their membership tie, especially when this is a non-profit organization.

More so, after speaking with the Mayor during the Town Hall meetings, it was brought to my attention that the town also pays towards the maintenance of the lake and LPPOA.

At this point, I was not able to get a clear concise answer whether the \$115 is a correct easement to be collected among approximately 2200 properties. So, as a financial secretary I want to help Lake Parsippany residents by making all the transactions visible to the public. Be transparent in everything. Improve communication with residents of Lake Parsippany. Rather than creating problems, I want to work to resolve problems and

bring a common solution that allows us to keep the lake functioning and safe.

Some of the items I would like to address in my agenda are as follows:

- Work with seniors who only have social security income
- Work with people who are living on tax freeze income.
- Work with people who can't physically work and struggle to pay their basic expenditures.
- Restructure for those who never use any of the lake amenities.
- Work with youth, involve and invest in them

If I get elected as your financial secretary, my first step will be to form a committee that can advise the board with various issues that currently exist. Prepare a better plan for seniors. Thrive to make our community a welcoming place for all.

Create fundraising events and activities throughout the year to generate extra revenue for the welfare of our lake. To start, some of the events and activities that we can implement to raise funds and be not limited to certain group of members are as below:

- Start weekend movie nights at the clubhouse or on the beach.
- Start a chess club, board game club, badminton club, and create some tournaments
- Have a club that focuses on yoga, karate, meditation for all ages
- Start culture activities
- Do summer BBQ PARTIES at the beach, not limited to only a certain set of members but allowed for all.
- Have a carnival at Lake Parsippany Park, help the local community, kids' activities, and bring the community more closely together

I believe the sky's the limit and there are so many ideas that we can bring to the table and work as a community to make Lake Parsippany a peaceful place to live. The current board has not thought of effective solutions, so it is time to explore all the other options. My promise to you, as your new financial secretary, is to try to provide new and effective solutions to bring the community together and make membership affordable. This is the time for change and give me the opportunity to help you and the community!



NAME:

**Jenn DeStefano**

CANDIDATE FOR:

**Financial Secretary**

**Board Position:**

The Financial Secretary position that I am hoping to obtain requires management of the membership process. While this process has always been a challenge, this current year, I have witnessed more frustration than previous years, due to the new badge process. I am already researching different methods for our members to pay and receive their membership. Part of this research is an open forum with the beach managers to come up with a better way to handle this current method and make it much easier for our future, for both members and staff. I am completely aware of the serious time commitment that this position requires. The long hours will be a sacrifice that I am prepared to give in hopes of creating a better way and future for our community. In addition to this position, I am also anticipating working towards creating a "Hardship Committee" to better help our neighbors who are in need, and I already have some ideas for new clubs and activities to create better ways for our members to enjoy the lake community.

**About Me:**

I was born and raised in Morris Plains. My husband and I bought our home here in Lake Parsippany in 2002 yet have lived here since 1998. We have 4 children that we have raised in Lake Parsippany. Our eldest, and his spouse, are now Lake Parsippany homeowners and our youngest is a sophomore at Parsippany Hills High School. We have been members of the LPPOA for 17

years and have been involved in numerous committees to benefit our community. I have been involved with the swim team since 2007, where I have volunteered for swim meets; helped organize fundraisers and swim team social events; and in 2013 (approximately), I became a member of the Parent Representative Committee. In 2016, the Lake Parsippany Swim coaching Staff honored me with the Bob Herzog Award for 'devoting of time, talent and enthusiasm to the sport of swimming'.

**My Vision**

If there is one thing our entire community can agree on, I think it would be that we are a very divided group. There is also one thing we agree on, and that would be our love for the beauty of the lake. I feel like we all are over this and want to move ahead. Change does not come easy for some, especially when you are passionate about those things that are about to change. I do believe it is 100% possible. This can only be achieved by working together as one cohesive group. It will take communication and respect from everyone. Most of all, it will take time. I hope I am given that time to work towards healing our community.

**LPPOA Commitment:**

While I have been incredibly involved in raising my children and helping different areas of our community. I have only just recently been appointed as District Representative for District 4, in March of 2020. Currently, I am working on advertisements for the News & Views along with assisting with the bi-weekly beach payroll. In July, I became involved with Election Committee. On a typical summer day, I can normally be found on Hoffman beach, sunbathing, relaxing, and when necessary, assisting the beach managers during special events.

While I have had almost 17 years of being an active member and volunteer of our community, I am someone who has the heart to help others and I genuinely enjoy giving back into Lake Parsippany. I have seen many changes to our lake, neighborhoods, and schools. While there has been such a large divide in the past few years, I am eager to see our fractured community move forward, come together in a positive way, and neighbors standing side by side. I know that this will take change, and I am eager to be a part of it to see it come to fruition. I would like to make a positive contribution to the great people of our

community and help it return to flourish. I am confident that with hard work and dedication, we can all rally together and move forward in a way that is best for the entire community.

**In Closing:**

I believe that my dedication and genuine concern for all in our community would be a great asset to the LPPOA and am ready to dedicate more of my time to this role. I understand the requirement of more hours out of me and am fully prepared for the challenge. I would also like to add that I can certainly relate to all our community's reactions and feelings regarding the easement, yet I am confident that we are resilient and will all come together. Whether or not elected, I would welcome the opportunity to work on continuing to create a positive dialog with all members of the community.



NAME:

**Rajnikant Patel**

CANDIDATE FOR:

**Financial Secretary  
District 3 Director**

My name is Rajnikant (Raj) Patel and I have lived in the Lake Parsippany community for the last 35 years. I am currently running for the position of Director of District 3.

I am running for this position because I like to make very positive changes into LPPOA organizations by allowing open channel of communication, bringing the diverse lake community together (promoting harmony), freedom of all members to communicate openly with LPPOA board members, and to display the transparency of work (accountability).

Educationally, I have a master's degree in electrical engineering. I had worked for IBM, North American Philips and many companies in my Engineering profession. I got my real estate license in 2001 and since then I joined ReMax Real Estate Agency.

I can bring my engineering and real estate knowledge and expertise to the LPPOA board to preserve and maintain this beautiful lake community.

In my last 35 years living in this Lake Parsippany, I have been full members of LPPOA in past many times and currently I was full member last year and also I am this current year full member too.

I am very much involved in public and community service in Parsippany. Currently last five I am a President for Indian American Seniors Association of Morris County. I have hold so many

other places very important position to serve the community and many religious organizations in New Jersey.

Currently, LPPOA lacks communication at so many different levels. I am sure that many of our members faces same motion as myself. Besides, as mentioned before, due to the lack of awareness and communication sent to the community, it was impossible to do better job for all members.

I want to now focus on improving communication by welcoming new homeowners and effectively outreaching to the existing community. If elected, I will work on improving openness and communication by your support. I am very much interested to bring harmony in the community. I am aware that there has been a lot of negativity and frustration among people for not getting clear communication or any kind of transparency. Right now, we are forced to enforce everything that the current board decides. If elected, I like to be the representative for my district supporting the all members and community to come up with innovative and helping ideas.

I pledge to work with the members and the board to implement new changes to promote harmony. LPPOA must be a common interest community and with that I strongly support all members of the community

I like to make very positive changes in our lake Parsippany community. I like to have basic members right to vote. If LPPOA is collecting money from basic members, then they must have right to vote and their voice must be heard.

If I get elected, I want to make Lake Parsippany much better place to live and everyone voices and concerns will be heard with heartily. I like to bring open communication, transparency and positive changes in our community. And control the expenses to have less financial burden to all basic members.



NAME:

**Rinam Shah**

CANDIDATE FOR:

**District 1 Director**

My name is Rinam Shah and I have lived in the Lake Parsippany community since 2016. I am currently running for the position of Director of District 1. Reason to run for this position is to reform LPPOA by allowing open channel of communication, bringing the diverse lake community together (promoting harmony), and to display the transparency of work (accountability).

Professionally, I am an Environmental Engineer; heavily invested in working with a lot of Environmental and Safety related activities such as storm-water management, legalities and waste-water management. I have a thorough understanding of rules and regulations in obligation to EPA and NJDEP. With that said, I can bring technical expertise to the LPPOA board to preserve and maintain this beautiful lake community.

I have lived in the lake community for 5 years and yet was never approached nor welcomed to join LPPOA. In addition, I was always given an impression that LPPOA is privately owned club. My very first interaction with LPPOA since 2016 was when I received a bill in my mailbox earlier this year (2020) owing \$430. After diving deeper into my search, I immediately realized that LPPOA lacks communication at so many different levels. And, I am also very certain that many of you faced the same motion as myself. Besides, as mentioned before, due to the lack of awareness and communication sent to the community, I was not involved in

the past. Therefore, I want to now focus on improving communication by welcoming new homeowners and effectively outreaching to the existing community. If elected, I will work on improving communication with your support.

I am all about bringing harmony in the community. I am aware that there has been a lot of negativity and frustration among people for not getting clear answers or any kind of transparency even so just forced to enforce everything that the current board decides. If elected, I like to be the representative for my district supporting the community members to come up with innovative and engaging ideas. I pledge to work with the members and the board to implement new changes to promote harmony.

LPPOA is a common interest community and with that I strongly support all members of the community. I believe in creating a community where everyone including basic members can voice their opinions.

If elected, I will focus on reforming LPPOA by improving communication, promoting harmony, and driving transparency.



NAME:

**Mary Ellen Iradi**

CANDIDATE FOR:

**District 3 Director**

My name is Mary Ellen, and I am running for District 3 Representative. I have lived in Lake Parsippany for 21 years and have been a member of the LPPOA for 21 years. My husband and I decided to settle in Lake Parsippany because we loved the lake community. Our children have grown up attending LPPOA events and spending summers at the lake.

In 2006, I decided to step up and volunteer as secretary on the board of directors. I served for 10 years in that role and then became a District 3 Representative. I also volunteer as co-chair of the kayak club, serve on the open house committee, and run the annual Breakfast with Santa. I attend as many LPPOA events as possible, including social events and lake clean-ups.

A few years ago, I took on the role of Entertainment Committee Chairperson. My goal was to set up regular activities, either in Lake Parsippany or other locations, for members to attend. My ideas included snow tubing, ice hockey games, baseball games, host trivia nights, and a variety of other ideas. At the time, I was looking for a committee to help me run these activities and there was not enough interest. My plan will be to get these ideas up and running with community support. I feel this is an important way to bring the community together.

In addition to volunteering with the LPPOA, I am also involved with my church and workplace. I teach at one

of the elementary schools in the area. Lake Parsippany is a diverse area. There are many languages and cultures represented. One challenge I am noticing is that not everyone is feeling included and a part of our beautiful community. I would like to see this change and welcome an open forum where members can reach out with ideas and concerns. This could be done in person or through email.

Having served on the LPPOA board for many years, I feel that I have proven my dedication to the lake and community. I recognize that there is room for improvement and change, but my goal has remained the same, and that is to cherish and conserve our beautiful lake resource. I will do everything I can to keep the lake clean and bring our community closer together.

Please help me achieve my goals by voting for me for District 3 Representative.



NAME:  
**Mike Crystal**

CANDIDATE FOR:  
**District 4 Director**

My name is Mike Crystal, and I have lived in Lake Parsippany for approximately 25 years. My wife and I moved to Lake Parsippany from Long Island. We chose the lake area because we thought it was an idyllic place to raise a family. Our three children loved playing at the beach, belonging to the swim team and participating in the annual across the lake swim. Lake Parsippany has been a beautiful backdrop to many special moments in life: proms, birthdays, family reunions and soon a family wedding!

While I do not have a specific platform, I do have a love of the lake and want to work to maintain the beauty of Lake Parsippany and increase participation in the lake community. In the past, I have attended lake meetings, volunteered as a swim parent, Hub Lakes representative, and volunteered time for clean-up and repairs around the lake. The lake is a community gem, and if I become a member of the board, I will work hard to maintain it.



NAME:  
**Deepa Tailor**

CANDIDATE FOR:  
**District 4 Director**

I am Deepa Tailor and have lived in the lake area ever since I first came to this country in 2007. I am currently running for the position of the Director of District 4.

I am a Computer Engineer by education and seasoned IT Integration Architect by Profession. I have travelled to lot of states/cities in US for work and eventually decided to set foot in Parsippany, get married, buy a home and have family. I love this area and the community and plan to raise my family here. For the last 8 yrs. I volunteer at a community temple for religious education for kids and young adults as well as for various community events happening throughout the year. This gives me the knowledge and experience working with the community in a very effective & efficient manner.

While I have lived here for last 14 years, spent 9 yrs. in the apartment right across the road from the lake, every time I had come to the lake, have seen the boards about LPPOA private association and that's about it. It had always portrayed as a private association for a private community, not open nor welcoming to anyone who does not belong to that

community. Fast forward 9 yrs., my husband and I bought a house in the area in 2015, but again no welcome by the association nor outreach about joining the lake, being member or volunteer for any activities etc... and one day suddenly I receive an invoice about the mandatory easement fee or else pay fine or worst yet have a lien placed on my house without any regards for my financial situation. Many of you will relate to this as many of you faced this exact reality. This created a big divide in the community.

There was no communication about what easement is and why it was being enforced to all lake community members now after so many years since its inception. As I knew more and understood that the easement is so that the lake can be maintained as it should be, I became on board with the idea of contributing to that. Right communication at the right time as well as involving the entire community in the decisions being made that affect the whole community would go a long way to bridge the divide that has been created. In my profession I deal with integrations, generally between two or more completely different applications and the set of people who manage those application. That provides me great deal of understanding and ability to work with people with different viewpoints and create a harmony between them.

I was not involved before, but I am now and am invested. If elected, I plan to represent my district as well as the members of the entire community and work with board to improve communication and build a cohesive community.

I believe my educational, professional and personal background gives me the perfect opportunity to help with the issues concerning the community at the same time enhance the associations position for the years to come. Would want to see the lake flourish and the community with it. I am looking forward to your support and an opportunity to do the same.