

**President's Report
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With Summer in full swing, it has been great to see our community out enjoying our many amenities. At the beginning of this month, we celebrated Independence Day and not only did we see the spirit of the USA, we saw the Spirit of Lake Monticello. The day started with the 9th annual 5K race, included many festivities from a parade, to sand sculptures to the Lake Swim and ultimately a fantastic fireworks show.

We have heard from many of you that you thought the fireworks were some of the best you've ever seen at Lake Monticello and you expressed your thanks for a great day. While the staff certainly deserves a lot of thanks for all of their hard work, ultimately, you should thank yourselves. At the annual meeting in 2009, you approved a dues increase that ultimately included money to restore the annual fireworks display. You saw the need and you responded. You made it possible for the fireworks, so thanks to you the members of LMOA for your votes in 2009 and for the fireworks.

Something that makes our Independence Day celebration so great is all of the work from volunteers. But it's not just on special occasions that volunteers make a difference at Lake Monticello. Every week, hundreds of hours of volunteer work make Lake Monticello a great place to live. Earlier this week, the Board had the opportunity to meet with the chairs of many of our committees. We heard about many of the projects they have been working on and we also heard about many of the needs for additional members. Almost every committee expressed either a current need or an upcoming need. I would like to personally encourage everyone to get involved in the community and lend your talents to make Lake Monticello an even better place to live.

As Mike will report shortly, the budget process is about to get into full swing. We will do our best to keep you informed along the way, but if you are interested in knowing what next year will hold from a financial perspective, watch the LMOA communications for announcements of budget workshops.