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Neighbors,

Fall is upon us. This is both my favorite time of year and one of the busiest. I know that for me, it's easy to get caught up in what's going on in my own little world and I certainly know how it feels when the day is done but my "to-do" list is not. Even so, this time of year I like to take a few extra moments to be thankful of the many wonderful things that are happening around me. I am dedicating this article to showing my appreciation for the progress LHA has made in 2014.

I want to thank Gerry Montmorency and Mary Merrick for their many years of service to LHA; both are retiring from their positions on the Board this year and we owe them our thanks and gratitude.

I thank our volunteers who continue to work at keeping our parks clean and beautiful. A surprising amount of what is accomplished by LHA is done by volunteers. Not all of us have time in our schedules to serve our community in this way, and I hope you all join me in appreciating the time each of these people puts into maintaining our beautiful neighborhood. I especially want to thank the Parks Committee and Board Director Chris Metcalfe who did an amazing job working with neighbors in designing the beautiful renovation of Larkspur Circle. It's a triumph and certainly sets a standard that we hope to repeat in the future.

Our administrative staff donates a great deal of time and energy above and beyond what we pay them for, and I owe them a great deal of thanks for their work in keeping the Association running smoothly.

I thank our Cluster Captains for what was a fantastic National Night Out in August! I visited one of these events outside my own block and was thrilled to see all the neighbors gathering that evening as I walked down Trestle Glen.

Finally, I want to thank all of the members who have made the effort to stay informed, attend meetings, get their projects approved before starting them, and to especially thank those who have taken the time to show their appreciation to LHA volunteers AND those who disagree with LHA and take the time to respectfully communicate their opinion. We won't always have 100% of our members agreeing on issues, but when we respect one another and the policies that are in place and we open a dialogue centered on the health and well being of our entire community, wonderful things happen.

Which brings me back to being thankful for all of the wonderful things that have happened in LHA this year. Thank you all for being a part of it, and I hope to see all of you at our Annual Membership meeting in November.

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President