

George Protopapas, *Current Tier II Trustee & Head of Grounds*

A local business owner and a third generation homeowner in Collings Lakes, George Protopapas has a clear understanding of what is fundamentally important when it comes to community. Helping those in need and future Generations. What we do today is for the benefit of our children and future generations to come.

Prior to his studies at Rowan University, George has sat on many committees benefiting the South Jersey / Philadelphia area. One closest to George was the Hamononton Brass where he was Director, President, and Chairman working with the Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation helping children with cancer and raising funds to help their families. Since his induction onto the Collings Lakes Civic Association, George has participated along side other board members in the restructuring of the board to the Non-Profit Corporation that it is. In addition, George has also aided the CLCA fundraising committee in increasing funds towards the betterment of the community as well as secured donors for future projects. With his previous experience with Non-Profits, he sees these fundraising opportunities as a time for the community to come together.

During his time on the board, George has developed a working relationship with the local State police, Atlantic County Sherifs Office, New Jersey Department of Public Health and Safety, and surrounding municipalities. In addition, George has a close relationship with the Atco lake Committee and Mayor to gain insight into some of their successes regarding their lakes and property. Since his time on the CLCA, George has opened Beach one in compliance with the States Standards and safety regulations, created action plans for the reopening of the future beaches, and donated material for the improvement of our beach property. This year, George will have committed to his promise to the community with the reopening of the beach one, preparation of the reopening of the additional beaches, refinishing of the storage and lifeguard posts, protection of our dams/property, and finally our new Collings Lakes welcome sign. George is committed to making our community and CLCA properties a better place for our residents and families.