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Work Experience:

U.S. Grounds, Inc	1967-2017	President/Owner
Gallery of the Lakes Shops, Inc	1992-present	President/Owner

I have extensive experience with the lake, our community members, our HOAs, facilities, properties and operational needs going back 50+ years to the inception of Emerald Green. I have been guilty of never offering my time for board service, thinking it best to make way for new and energized community members. This year is quite different and challenging.

BACKGROUND- Emerald Green:

Our company,- U.S. Grounds with 25+ yearly employees provided construction and maintenance services to over 300 original Emerald Green homes from 1971 on.

When EGPOA took over the pool, entertainium, grounds etc., from the bankrupt developer, they tasked us, U.S. Grounds, to restore, renovate, operate, hire staff and lifeguards- the derelict facilities.

EGPOA retained management role and we, USG, operational and staffing roles...we did this for several years until the Board hired its first manager and house staff...it was a great experience and tremendous familiarity with everything at the lake, facilities, and incredible families.

Golf Course:

For a brief period we worked with a subsequent developer restoring the Golf Course greens, tees, and irrigation system until the project was halted.

Lake Louise Marie Community:

We, U.S.G., managed and operated the Lake Louise Marie facilities buildings, pool, beach, grounds, lifeguard/staff for 25 years from 1967-1992 (which is why EGPOA reached out to us in need and trust in the 1970's).

Crescent Hill Synagogue:

We, U.S.G., designed and constructed the Crescent Hill Synagogue, donating our services and labor costs (even being non-Jewish) and it became the epicenter and pulse of our diverse community for years.

TODAY

We're in good shape with Michael, his staff and Anthony, who is key to making the water Co work.

Aside from our significant Project cost over-runs, I can't remember our Operating budget imploding during the past 50 years...mind you the Operating budget increase for 2022 was on par with the 9% inflation already. So we need to get to this.

I grew up in the Bronx, graduated Fordham HS, College, Grad School and got my first job here at the lake as a lifeguard in the early 60's...lived here with family for decades and love every inch of the place and the great people we have.

Our family business has been finance with three vice presidents of American Express and my dad who was forever EVP and U.S. Operations Chief there...we were brought up with the dictum to keep our numbers healthy and clear and we can do that here.

I am interested in a position on the EGPOA Board of Directors. I believe my background with the lake, residents and management office may be helpful with current challenges. Feel free to reach out to me.

We have quite a mess to sort out, but we can solve this, and we can do it economically and as a community.