

We are writing in response to the Letter to the Editor in the September 6, 2007 edition of the *Lake Forester* regarding the newly brick-paved parking lot at Lake Forest High School which is concerning to one of your readers.

Lake County stormwater management regulations require any hard paved impervious surface improvement, such as an asphalt parking lot, retain rainwater for a certain period of time before being released into the public system. In the case at the high school, it would have required underground storage of rainwater since no land on campus is available for stormwater detention. The brick paving system however is highly pervious, eliminating the need for compensatory storage. The incremental added cost of the paving system over a standard asphalt parking lot is more than offset by the cost savings of making an underground storage system unnecessary. The pavers require less maintenance than an asphalt surface and, in our case, are more economical than the full scope of a standard asphalt parking lot.

Reference is also made in the letter regarding "...what we do not see that is the larger and more troubling issue to me." To that inference we would like to respond that we have attended a number of construction meetings and have seen the thoughtful process that is taking place between school administration, architect and construction manager in resolving issues. We have all been in the industry more than 25 years and subscribe to the methodical approach exhibited at the problem solving sessions. Difficulties arising from unmarked buried utilities, structurally unstable soil and torrential rains have been carefully evaluated, options discussed and, in each case, appropriate action taken.

As residents, parents and volunteers to the Construction Advisory Team, we believe that the school administration, architect and construction manager should be commended for quietly striking the delicate balance of cost, quality and schedule, which we have witnessed on the project.

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