



Lake Shawnee News

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2025

On behalf of the Board of Governors and myself, I wish 2025 to be filled with joy, good health & happiness for all.

At the end of each year, I generally reflect on the Club's past year and review all my past messages and meeting notes. 2024 was a relatively normal year around the lake. We had our four-year draw down and were able to get the wall replaced at Second Beach. During the Fall workday, we did some work at White's Cove and North End with dock & boat rack repair, but there is still more work to do at the Spring workday.

We welcome all our new members to the community over the past year and hope you find Lake Shawnee a great place to live. Our community is all you make it, and we certainly encourage everyone to participate in our Club and its activities. Sadly, we saw a few longtime Club members passing in 2024: Jae-Lynn Duran, Milt Felter, Sue Iversen, Steve Walloga, Anthony Dragona, Dan Severini and William Child. I apologize if I missed anyone. Please keep all in our memories as we reflect on their passing.

Our Social Committee is always working hard to bring us an eventful year. You can find our 2025 Social calendar on our website, and in this edition. I also need to thank Social Chair Kristen White and the entire committee for always doing a fantastic job in bringing us many fun-filled events throughout the year. As always, we need volunteers to help with all our events.

Our annual Ice-skating party/Winter Carnival is February 2; our Polar Plunge is January 5.

A reminder to please use good common sense when venturing onto the ice. Parents should educate their children about ice safety and supervise them when on the ice. The Club does not evaluate the safety of the ice on the lake, and it is up to each individual to determine the risk when going out onto the ice. That said, Lake Shawnee has always been a desirable lake for ice fishing and excellent for ice skating. I must remind everyone that badges should be worn or available, especially for any member guests. We ask that you please do not invite friends to utilize the lake without you being present or issuing them a guest badge. Too often, we hear from non-members on the lake that they know someone, and it becomes difficult to verify. Remember that NJ Fish & Game requires a fishing license for anyone over 16, even on private lakes. Please be courteous to our residents, and no gas-powered ice augers before 8 am. All our ice fishing rules are posted on our website.

Please mark your calendar for our Annual Meeting tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 22, at 11 am. An official meeting notice will be mailed to all members. Be sure to see the information on board elections in this edition.

Thank you to the many members over the past year who donated their time and have contributed so much to make Lake Shawnee such a wonderful community!

Happy New Year to all,

Eric Wilsusen
Club President

**Happy
New Year!**

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HIGHLIGHTS

- January 4th, 7:00PM**
Texas Hold'em
- January 5th, 12:00PM**
Polar Plunge
- January 11th, 7:00PM**
Tequila Tasting
- February 2nd, 12:00P**
Winter Carnival
- February 8th, 7:00PM**
Texas Hold'em
- February 12th, 8:00PM**
**Full Moon
Celebration**
- February 14th, TBD**
Latin Dance Party



The Lake Shawnee Clubhouse is located at 4 West Shawnee Trail Wharton NJ 07885

For Club Business and Rentals please contact our Office Manager,

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The Office is open during the hours of 8:30am-12pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

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All members welcome!!

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www.lakeshawneeclub.org

www.facebook.com/groups/lakeshawneeclub

2025 Social Committee Calendar



Recurring

Social Committee Meetings
Shawnee Seniors
Yoga

1st Tuesday of each month- no meeting in Sept & Dec – 7pm
Alternating Wednesdays – 1pm
Sundays in the Summer at 6:30pm

January

Texas Hold'em
Polar Plunge
Tequila Tasting

Saturday, January 4th at 1pm
Sunday, January 5th
Saturday, January 11th at 7pm

February

Winter Carnival Clean Up
Winter Carnival
Texas Hold'em
Full Moon Celebration
Latin Dance Party

Saturday, February 1st at 9am **No Ice date February 22nd 9am**
Sunday, February 2nd at 12pm **No Ice Date February 23rd 12pm**
Saturday, February 8th at 1pm
Wednesday, February 12th at 8pm
Friday, February 14th – Time TBD

March

Full Moon Celebration
Texas Hold'em

Friday, March 14th at 8pm
Sunday, March 16th at 1pm

April

Easter Egg Prep Night
Full Moon Celebration
Bunny Brunch and Egg Hunt
Kid's Cooking Class
Kid's Painting and Coloring Class
Texas Hold'em

Thursday, April 10th at 7pm
Saturday, April 12th at 8pm
Sunday, April 13th at 12:30pm
Monday, April 14th at 11:30am
Friday, April 18th at 1pm
Saturday, April 19th at 7pm

May

Jewelry Making with Nina
Full Moon Celebration
Spring Storytime
Yard Sale

Thursday, May 1st at 7pm
Monday, May 12th at 8pm
Thursday, May 15th at 7pm
Saturday and Sunday, May 17th – 18th – 9am-3pm

June

Lake Day
Ecology Seminar
Wine Tasting
Full Moon Celebration
Adult Movie Night
Beach Bonfire Party
Trivia Night

Date and Time TBD
Wednesday, June 4th at 4:30pm
Saturday, June 7th at 7pm
Wednesday, June 11th at 8pm
Friday, June 13th – Time TBD
Friday, June 20th at 6:30pm
Saturday, June 21st at 7pm

July

Fourth of July Bike Parade
Kick Off to Summer Day
Ice Cream & Bingo
Full Moon Celebration
Kid's Bi-Athlon & Color War
Movie Night
Story time at 3rd Beach

Friday, July 4th at 9am
Friday, July 4th til 8pm **Kick Off to Summer Rain Date Saturday, July 5th til 8pm**
Tuesday, July 8th and 22nd at 7pm
Thursday, July 10th at 8pm
Friday, July 11th at 4pm
Friday, July 18th at 8:30pm **Movie Night Rain Date Friday, July 25th at 8:30pm**
Thursday, July 31st at 7pm

August

Kid's Pirate Day
Bonfire Party
Full Moon Celebration
Ice Cream & Bingo
Movie Night
Goodbye Summer Celebration

Friday, August 1st at 1pm **Kid's Pirate Day Rain Date Friday, August 8th at 1pm**
Saturday, August 9th at 6:30pm
Saturday, August 9th at 8pm
Tuesday, August 12th at 7pm
Friday, August 22nd at 8:30pm
Saturday, August 30th at 12pm **Goodbye Summer Rain Date Sunday, Aug. 31st at 12pm**

September

Lake Day
Full Moon Celebration
Dog Walk & Costume Parade

Date and Time TBD
Sunday, September 7th at 8pm
Saturday Sept. 20th at 10am **Dog Walk Rain Date Sun., Sept. 21st at 10am**

October

Full Moon Celebration
Halloween Story time/Fall Festival
Halloween Trunk-or-Treat

Monday, October 6th at 8pm
Friday, October 10th at 7pm
Sunday, October 19th at 3pm **Trunk or Treat Rain Date Sunday, October 26th 3pm**

November

Full Moon Celebration

Wednesday, November 5th at 8pm

December

Full Moon Celebration
Holiday Party and Tree Lighting
Holiday Light Fight Awards
New Year's Eve Celebration

Thursday, December 4th at 8pm
Saturday, December 13th – Time TBD
Sunday, December 14th – (judging December 12th – 13th)
Wednesday, December 31st – 9:30pm

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day	2	3 Board Mtg. 7:00pm	4 Texas Hold'em 7:00PM
5 Polar Plunge 12:00PM	6	7 Social Comm. Mtg. 7:00PM	8	9	10	11 Tequila Tasting 7:00PM
12	13	14	15 Seniors 1:00PM	16	17	18 Ice Fishing Contest 6:30AM
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Seniors 1:00PM	30	31	

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Winter Carnival Clean up 9:00AM
2 Winter Carnival 12:00PM	3	4 Social Comm. Mtg. 7:00PM	5	6	7 Board Mtg. 7:00pm	8 Texas Hold'em 7:00PM
9	10	11	12 Seniors 1:00PM Full Moon Celebration 8:00pm	13	14 Latin Dance Party	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Seniors 1:00PM	27	28	

Tequila Tasting

Saturday
January 11th

7pm at the clubhouse

The cost is \$35/pp and includes tasting of five different tequilas and a small plate of food to match. Reservations and prepayment are required as space is limited. Contact Vince at 862-258-7783 to reserve your spot!

SHAWNEE SENIORS

**Meets at the Clubhouse
every other Wednesday at 1pm**

Are you looking to meet other Seniors in the lake?
We offer different activities, like card games and special celebrations. It's a time to get together and enjoy each other's company. We are always open to new ideas.
Members aged 55 and older are welcome.
Coffee and Snacks will be served.

Please check lakeshawneeclub.org
for all meeting dates.

**Questions?
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FULL MOON CELEBRATION

Join us in a
gathering of
fellowship on
Wed. , Feb. 12th
Clubhouse Patio at 8pm
Recharge under the
moonlight and set your
intentions for the new year.

We will have two fire pits burning, but
please dress warm and bring something to
sit on. Matt Rossett will be guiding us in a
Crystal Bowl meditation to end the evening.

Note: There will be no Full Moon Celebration in January.

Come Join Us...

LAKE SHAWNEE CLUB'S

Winter CARNIVAL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND FROM 12 - 2PM
EVENT RUNS ICE OR NO ICE

LAKE SHAWNEE'S CHILI CONTEST RETURNS!

Think you make a mean pot of chili?
Enter yours and see how it stacks up against
the competition

All contestants should bring at least
1lb of chili in a crock pot with
a serving spoon.
Prizes will be awarded!



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LAKE SHAWNEE CLUB, INC
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

This is to inform all members of Lake Shawnee Club that the period for soliciting candidates for the following positions on our Board of Governors is now open.

President (term of one year)
Executive Vice President (term of one year)
Membership Vice President (term of one year)
Treasurer (term of one year)
Secretary (term of one year)
Member At Large (four positions, term of two years)

Any member of the Club currently in good standing is eligible for candidacy to any and all positions listed, including incumbent officers and at-large members of the Board. Persons interested in being a candidate may be nominated by another member or may nominate himself/herself.

Descriptions of each position as well as the definition of a member in good standing can be found within the Club Bylaws on the Club web site, lakeshawneeclub.org.

Voting for all open Board positions will take place at the next Annual Meeting of the Club, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 22, 2025. Voting will be accomplished via paper ballots at this Meeting only.

The name and proposed position of all nominees must be provided in writing to the Club Office Manager NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2025.

Nominee names may be provided in person at the Club Office when open, by mail to the Club Office at 4 West Shawnee Trail, or by e-mail to officemanager@lakeshawneeclub.org



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Shawnee Spotlight

Welcome to 2025 Lake Shawnee! As we prepare to kick off the new year, there's no better way to look forward than to take a look back at some of the brilliant achievements from Shawnee's future.



First up this month, a huge shout out to competitive gymnast Allie Graham! A freshman who has already earned her varsity letter competing on Roxbury High School's gymnastics team, helping the team to a 9-2 record this season. Allie is flipping and flying her way into the record books, literally, having broken the state record in 2022 on Bars. She hasn't slowed down since, having won 3rd place on bars at leagues and clinching herself 1st team All-League in Floor Exercise. But, wait... she's not done yet! Graham took home the Region 7 all around championship before finishing 3rd place in the all-around at Nationals last season. Allie also won the Most Dedicated and Kount on Kindness awards at International Gymnastics Camp in Stroudsburg, PA.

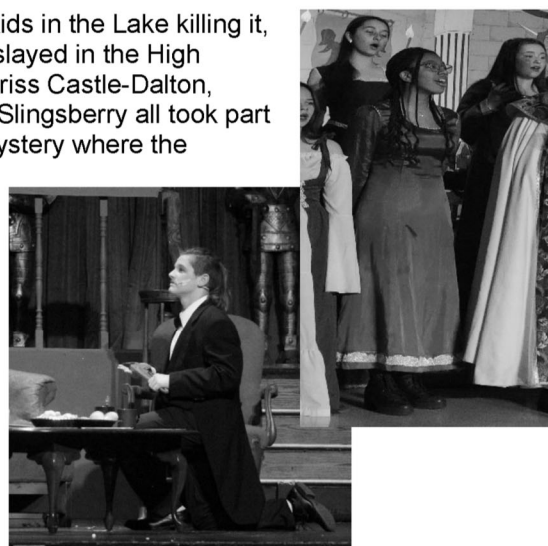
Leaving the mat to head over to the pitch, Cali Hartnett has been making quite the name for herself in NJ field hockey. The sophomore standout found herself traversing the country for skills showcase in Tampa and playing as part of both the CLC and BBL club teams. She also helped to lead the Jefferson Township High School team to a 12-7 record and the Conference Championship this fall, earning herself an honorable mention for the All-Conference team thanks to her 4 goals and 9 total points this season. Never one to take a break, you can find Cali competing all year long with Field Hockey along with Lacrosse and high school swim.



You may have already heard about the Jefferson girls volleyball team winning states earlier this season. The next generation of champions belongs to Lake Shawnee as incoming lifeguards Isabella Russell & Phoebe Szekula took the JV team to great heights, finishing with a 15-5 record. Isabella set, stuffed and spiked herself into the role of right-side hitter (front row, a position known for its versatility on both offense and defense). Phoebe took home the team's Sportsmanship Award as libero (back row, defensive specialist). Expect great things from these sophomores as they continue to grow, on and off the court, in the coming years.



Hard to speak about the kids in the Lake killing it, without mentioning the future stars who slayed in the High School fall drama "Murder in The Air." Criss Castle-Dalton, Madelyn Crinnian, Kayla Lee and Wyatt Slingsberry all took part in the interactive and hilarious murder mystery where the audience helps vote on a different ending each night. You may also have seen Criss (Lady Erin of Ireland), Madelyn (Lady Catherine of Arrogant) and Kayla (Lady Penelope) as members of the Royal Court when JTHS presented Madrigal at Ye Olde Castle Jeffersonshire.



Congratulations to all! Lake Shawnee is proud of you!!!

**Warming up your winter with some sunny news!
It's Time to Kickoff The 2025 Lake Shawnee Swim Team Pre-Season Activities!**



2024 Tribe - LSC Swim team

2025 REGISTRATION: SAVE THE DATE!

It's almost time to register for the 2025 swim season and the Tribe is excited for new and returning faces! Registration will occur on **Friday, April 25th @ 6 pm** at the Lake Shawnee Clubhouse, more details to come.

The Lake Shawnee Club Swim Team (LSST) is a summer recreational swim team and participates in the North Jersey Regional Lakes League (NJRLL). Our many members range in age from 5 – 18 years old and swimmer's abilities range from beginner to elite. The primary goal of LSST as a recreational swim team is for all swimmers to have fun. In addition to this goal, the coaches and swim team board will work to foster participation, develop good sportsmanship, build team spirit, a good self-image, and above all, to help all swimmers improve both their skills and their times throughout the season in a friendly recreational swimming environment. LSST also promotes a sense of community that will endure beyond the swim season.

Please visit our website for more information about our team, its history and our calendar by using this QR code below. *(hover over this QR code with your mobile camera and it will bring you directly to our webpage)*

LSST Website QR code:



Yum!

A huge thank you to all who participated in the Swim Team fundraiser at Red Robin on November 6. As you all know, our team is nothing without the support of our community and families.

Now accepting 2025 Sponsorships:

Each year we reach out to our community and local businesses and are truly grateful for your support. Our sponsorships help out the team tremendously; keeping our registration costs low, cover team activities, supplies and help maintain/update our swim equipment and much more. We have received an average of 30+ sponsors, ranging from small to large sponsorship options. If you own a business or know of a company that may be interested in sponsoring our team, we would greatly appreciate your support and any monetary donations are acceptable.

Check out our sponsorship form to see how you can help. If you are able to support our team, please feel free to complete the form and mail or drop it off at the Lake Shawnee Clubhouse. We accept any type of monetary donation as well; no donation is too small. Any questions can be directed to the Swim Team committee members by emailing us at LSSTribe@gmail.com.

Our 2025 Sponsorship form can be found on our Swim Team page found on the LSC website under Activities and Groups. *(hover over this QR code with your mobile camera to be directed to our sponsorship form)*

2025 Sponsorship Form



First Parent Meeting of 2025

Please join us on February 27 at 6pm in the clubhouse for the first parent meeting of 2025. We can't wait to hear about everybody's off-season, and look forward to the chance to speak to our community and parents about how we can make the swim season more enjoyable for our swimmers.



**VOLUNTEERS DO NOT
NECESSARILY HAVE THE TIME;
THEY JUST HAVE THE HEART.**

ELIZABETH ANDREW

The Social Committee is Seeking Volunteers

In order to ensure the success and continuation of this year's events, we need more volunteers to come out and lend a hand. Without increased involvement, we will be forced to cancel events that we have all come to love. A large commitment isn't necessary. We are asking members to sign up to chair an event(s). New ideas are always welcome. We will share experiences and help you every step of the way. Grab some friends, pick an event and let's work together!! If you are interested, please email social@lakeshawneeclub.org.



First, I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. Let's make this our best year yet. Secondly, I would like to thank all those lake-front homeowners and anyone else who helped clean up the lake while it was down (logs, tires, stumps and debris that had accumulated over the years). I really do appreciate the effort to make Lake Shawnee the amazing lake that it is. As I always say, it takes a village and you always step up. Thank you!

Yahoo, we have water back in our lake! I get worried when the lake is so low with frigid temperatures. The lack of water and freezing conditions can have a very serious effect on the health of wildlife that live in our lake. Fish have less oxygen, especially when ice covers everything (the gasses they breathe out cannot be released into the atmosphere) and our many invertebrates (which is the beginning of the food chain) that so many animals depend on to survive. That is why we can only keep the lake down for a short period of time in the fall which is determined by Fish, Game and Wildlife. Ironically, we usually have a hard time keeping it down. With four feeder streams bringing water into the lake, the lake keeps filling up even with the sluice wide open. But this year was the perfect storm, lake lowering and the drought.

Seeing coves with no water is a reminder that we have to be vigilant in treating weeds early so they do not add to the natural eutrophication (weeds dying and turning into sediment on the bottom of the lake). If anyone waded out into lake when it was down, you know what I'm talking about. As many of you know, we have hydro raked in the past to help remove this dead vegetation that contributes to the muck on the bottom. For those who are not familiar with the hydro raking process, let me explain. It looks like a backhoe on pontoons but instead of a bucket it has an attachment that resembles a rake and this picks up dead weeds and a lot of soil.

We are planning to do it again but on a much bigger scale. Also, the rules have changed. We now need a permit and the soil removed has to sit and dry out and it has to be tested to make sure it is clean. The big challenge is finding areas where we can get rid of a large amount of soil. And another big challenge is paying for this work. We have already had samples of the lake bottom tested by a lab and it's clean so we jumped that hurdle. We will be forming a committee on the Board to try and get all our ducks in order. In the past, we have many residents request the soil for fill in their yards. When the time comes, we will put it out there again so people can sign up to get this material. More on this as we move forward.

That's it for now folks. Our next paper will be in March, so we can talk about preparing our lawns for the summer. I also want to share information about a very special animal, the Monarch butterfly, which is in trouble. I will share how we can help

Jeff



With Our Deepest Sympathy



On behalf of the Board of Governors of the Lake Shawnee Club, we offer our thoughts and prayers to the family of long-time member, Dan Severini, Sr. who passed away on November 26th after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 68 years of age. Dan was born in Somerville, NJ and raised in Wharton before settling in Lake Shawnee in 1982. He was the owner/operator of Severini Plumbing and Heating which he started in 1982. His passion was fly fishing the rivers and saltwater fishing with his buddies down Sandy Hook. He loved his family and enjoyed vacations with them by the beach or ocean and he also enjoyed riding bikes with them along with antiquing. He valued his lifelong friendships along with business associates who became friends over the years. His grandchildren were close to his heart and he loved them dearly. Dan is survived by his wife of 42 years, Patricia, his three sons Daniel, Jr., Dale (Bonnie) & Jamie, his two grandchildren Jackson & Finley, his two brothers Jody (Becky) & Matt, and two sisters Carol Lally (Matt) & Claire Mills (Stuart). He will be deeply missed by all that knew him.

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FISHING COMMITTEE

As the new year begins, there is always hope that “this will be the year” to land high honors and be named Angler of the Year or LS Bass Master. Make sure to check out those who have been awarded those titles on the plaques just outside the clubhouse office.

It is also with high hopes that we can host an ice fishing contest this year. So, keep fingers crossed and come out on **January 18th** (backup date on Feb 15th) and try your luck in a 3-category tournament.

RULES:

HEAVIEST FISH MUST BE WEIGHED IN LIVE to qualify to win a Bass/Pickereel/Pan fish category.
NO GAS AUGERS BEFORE 8:00AM, otherwise be disqualified.

Registration: Clubhouse 6:30AM-7:30AM, also at Weigh Station (located on lake off the tip of Deer Trail Point) 7:30AM-10:00AM.

Start time is 7:00AM. Last weigh-in/winners announced at weigh station 3:00PM sharp.

Cost: \$15-Adults. \$5-Kids

REMEMBER...ICE SAFETY will determine whether or not this contest will happen. We must have 4 inches to run a tournament safely, so be advised this contest could be canceled the day prior if necessary.

NOTE: Over the years, ice fishing rules and ice safety cautions have been posted in LSNews and on our website. Please take the time to review and follow those rules and per NJ Fish & Wildlife rules, renew your NJ fishing license. Remember that NJ anglers 70 and older do not need a license, just carry your driver's license!

If you have any questions, please phone or text Bobbie Harris 973 725-9002.

Back by popular demand there will be a kids' clinic/ tournament this summer with a TBD date. And for all our other warmer weather anglers, please jot down these summer fishing dates.

April 12, May 17, June 21, July 19, Aug 23, Sep 20 & Oct 11.

All tournaments times are 6:30A-12:30P with exceptions July (4:00P-9:00P) and Oct (7:30A-1:30P).

All of us on the committee, thank you in advance for your continued support and hope 2025 is a festive year filled with laughter and joyful times!

Ice Fishing Rules

- No motor vehicles on the ice.
- Member, guest or fishing badges must be worn while on the ice.
- No use of gas-powered augers before 8 a.m.
- No fishing closer than 50 feet from the shore of anyone's property unless it is your own.
- No fishing closer than 100 feet from the beach areas and directly behind the Clubhouse.
- Drill no more than 10 holes per person per day.
- No fires allowed on the ice other than cooking on grills.
- Unprotected glass containers are prohibited on the ice at any time.
- All fish you do not intend to eat or otherwise take with you should be returned to the lake alive.
- When you leave, take everything off the ice with you including fish, garbage, coals, firewood, cans, etc.
- All NJ Fish & Game Rules must be followed.

Gas augers may be used after 8 a.m. during ice fishing season but should be inspected to prevent pollution from leaks and removed from the ice as soon as possible, preferably immediately after use.

Ice safety: The determination of the safe condition of lake ice is the user's sole responsibility.

Summary of the Lake Shawnee Club Board Meetings

November 1, 2024

JP Tree Works completed tree removal and trimming as requested. One more at White's Cove will be removed on Work Day.

It was noted that all outstanding project bills have been paid including the trees and the final payments on the new docks. The sea wall at 2nd Beach, which was estimated at \$31,000, came in under budget at \$25,000. To date this year, the Club has collected \$20,000 in initiation fees and \$6500 in lien revenue.

Recently, 2 homes sold within the Lake, 3 are under contract and one home will be on the market soon; the average sale price was \$388,600.

The membership welcome letter and questionnaire will be updated as well as the Club's current email list.

Social Committee recently held a Fall Story time, a Beer Tasting event and Trunk or Treat. Upcoming events include Trivia Night, the Light Fight, and the End of Year Celebration and the Social Committee Planning meeting.

It was reported that we had a great year with minimal weeds despite the warm temperatures, with a breakout of tape grass at the end of the season that will be monitored. Next year, we need to address and control the geese that are coming in from the canals under Route 15. Email blasts were sent to remind members of the drawdown and to ask them to clean the shorelines and not blow leaves into the lake. The sluice gate was only opened for two weeks due to the lack of rain and the lake remains low. The areas to hydro rake especially in the coves were able to be determined and tests results on the soil were finally obtained. The results will reveal if the soil is sellable. We are responsible for trucking and finding a location for the material removed.

Fall Work Day is scheduled for Sat. November 9th. A Sign Up Genius and an email blast will be sent to the membership for volunteers. At North End, they need to finish ripping out the old dock, cut out or rip out the steel poles, install the new dock system, build new double layer racks for 16 boats to replace the low racks and build a paddle board rack. At White's Cove, they need to finish the boards on the dock next to the ramp, install the new dock system, and brace the existing boat racks. Dumpsters will be at both locations. Coffee and bagels will be provided at White's Cove in the morning and there will be a drawing for a free membership.

The Annual fishing banquet was held on Sunday, October 27th. A list of awards was posted on Facebook and will be included in the next edition of the LSNews. They determined seven summer contests dates and an ice fishing date in January or February (dependent on ice). The kids fishing event will be held again; date TBD.

The Swim Team has a Dine to Donate scheduled for November 6th at Red Robin (20% of the proceeds to the team). They are planning for Team Xmas Caroling on December 8th or 15th.

The Clubhouse needs some electrical repairs on outlets and the upstairs dimmer switch; an electrician has been contacted.

The Board discussed a recent COLA meeting regarding legislation on lake reserves; the presentation is on the COLA website as well as on hydro raking information.

The work on the 2nd Beach seawall is 90% completed; the area still needs to be cleaned up and leveled off. They opted for a railroad tie top to be finished with a paver walkway which will be installed going back to the stairs. The stairs on top still need to be replaced which will be added to the budget for the property for next year. The entire project came in under budget; they also cut a swale in earth and brush was removed to pitch water away and prevent erosion.

It was decided to remove half day rentals of the Clubhouse in the future.

There was no December meeting for the Board of Governors

Ice Safety

Outdoor ice sports and activities can be safe and enjoyable, but there is no such thing as 100 percent safe ice. Anyone who spends time near the ice should first determine the ice conditions, and then take precautions to stay safe.

Always use good common sense when venturing out onto the ice. Parents should educate their children about ice safety and supervise them when they out on the ice. The Club does not evaluate the safety of the ice on the lake and it is up to each individual to determine the risk when going out onto the ice. Member, guest and or fishing badges should be visible.

Ice that forms over open water when the following conditions are present may be unsafe:

- Springs or fast-moving water
- Wind and wave action
- Waterfowl and schooling fish
- Decomposing material in the water
- Water bubblers (devices designed to keep the water near boat docks from freezing thick)
- Discharge from storm drains
- Objects protruding through the ice, such as tree stumps

Preventing Ice Accidents

Follow these guidelines to avoid accidents when on or near ice:

- Check the ice thickness before going out. To be safe, ice should be solid and at least 4 inches thick for a single person. Remember, the ice may not be the same thickness over the entire area of a lake or pond.
- Test ice thickness by using a chisel, cordless drill or ice auger.
- Be safe—the more people on the ice, the thicker it should be.
- Use ice on smaller, shallower and slower-moving bodies of water for ice activities, it is usually more solid.
- Look for objects sticking up through the ice and mark them as hazards.
- Do not go out on ice that has recently frozen, thawed and then frozen again. This happens in the spring and early winter as temperatures change often. Wait until the outside temperature has been below freezing long enough that at least 4 inches of solid ice forms over the entire area.
- Always stay with at least one other person and have accessibility to a ladder or rope in case of rescue.

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