

# Lake Shawnee News

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020

On behalf of our Board of Governors, a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy Hanukkah to all our members and their families.

Thank you to all who came out for our Annual Meeting. It was a beautiful day; we met outdoors and were finally able to get the business of the Club done. Reports were made, elections were held, and our bylaw revisions passed. After the meeting, we had an Open House, and I hope many got to see the new Clubhouse renovations. It was great to see everyone; we get to try it again in March!

A reminder, we have our Fall Clean-up scheduled for Saturday, November 7th; we start work at 9 am. If you have some time to lend a hand, our fall clean-up is usually a quick one as there is not as much work to do as our spring clean-up. Your volunteerism helps to reduce our expenses. We will have tickets available for anyone who volunteers to enter into our free membership raffle, which is drawn after our Spring Workday.

Great job once again by our Social Committee. They held a COVID safe Trunk or Treat event for our young ones. It was well attended and enjoyed by many. Are you getting your home ready for the East vs. West "Great Light Fight" Holiday Decorating contest in December? I cannot wait to see all the creativity our lake has to offer!

With the new bylaw revisions, our election process will change a bit. During the month of December, we usually start the nomination process for our Board of Governors. All five officers positions and four Board positions are up for election in March. We will be soliciting nominations in January for our March meeting. We will no longer conduct interviews, and there will now be a paper ballot at the Annual Meeting.

As our Lake starts to freeze and ice over this winter, we ask that all who venture out to please use good common sense. We post ice safety rules on our website to reference, but it is up to each person to be responsible for their safety. All who use the ice and lake for recreational activities do so at their own risk. Please educate your children as well as not to venture out without adult supervision.

Enjoy your holidays!

Eric Wilsusen
Club President
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### Highlights:

November 7th, 9:00am Fall Annual Cleanup

November 7th, 7:00pm Bourbon Tasting

November 14-15th
Scarecrow Competition

**December 10-13th**Christmas Light Fight



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

For Club Business and Rentals please contact our Office Manager,

Lisa Peter at 973-663-1307 or officemanager@lakeshawneeclub.org

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

### **Board of Governors**

### **Officers**

President	Eric Wilsusen	663-0596
Executive VP	Vince Matrisciano	663-5964
Membership VP	Milt Felter	663-1565
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Al Gazdalski	663-4698
Al Pichieri	663-5428
Lise Meisner	663-4553
Bill Carroll	945-9310
Christine Cumberton	557-3845

### **Property Maintenance Chairs:**

First Beach	Eric Wilsusen	663-0596
Club House	Lise Meisner	663-4553
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Third Beach	Al Gazdalski	663-4698
White's Cove	Al Pichieri	663-5428
Beaver Cove	Milt Felter	663-1565
North End	Milt Felter	663-1565
South End/Dam	Eric and Vince	

### **Committee Chairs:**

Swim Team	Bill Szekula	201-874-1254
Social Committee	Kristen White	255-9326
	Ruth Kuhl	222-2357
Fishing Committee	Peter Lyden	557-3845
Membership	Milt Felter	663-1565
Summer Night Patrol	Eric Wilsusen	663-0596
Lake Ecology	Jeff Keith	663-4230
Life Guards	Kristen Iaconetti	
LSC News Editor	Kristeen McConnor	n 769-0551

### lscnews@lakeshawneeclub.org

Newspaper Deadline 15th of the month prior to printing.

Interested in placing an ad in the LSC News go to www.lakeshawneeclub.org/clubhouse.html



### **CLUB HOUSE RENTALS**

### **Rates and Terms**

Members only

Full Day Rental: \$250

A deposit of \$200 and a signed agreement are required to secure your rental date.

Call 973-663-1307

Board Meetings are held on the first Friday of every month.

All members welcome!!

Visit our website frequently for the most up to date information:

www.lakeshawneeclub.org

www.facebook.com/groups/lakeshawneeclub

### TRUNK OR TREAT

Thank you to everyone who decorated their trunks and to all who came to go treating!



















# November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Social comm. Mtg. 7:00pm	4 Seniors 1:00pm	5	6 Baby and me 10:00am Board Mtg. 7:0pm	7 Fall cleanup 9:00am Bourbon Tasting 7:00pm
8	9	10	11	12	13 Baby and me 10:00am	14 Scarecrow Competition Judging
15 Scarecrow Winner Announced	16	17	18 Seniors 1:00pm	19	20 Baby and me 10:00am	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27 Baby and me 10:00am	28
29	30					

# December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Seniors 1:00pm	3	4 Baby and me 10:00am Board Mtg. 7:00pm	5
6	7	8	9	10 Deadline for Christmas Light Fight Displays	11 Baby and me 10:00am Light Fight Judging	<b>12</b> Light Fight Judging
13 Light Fight Winners Announced	14	15	16 Seniors 1:00pm	17	18 Baby and me 10:00am	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26
27	28	29	30 Seniors 1:00pm	31		





# **Social Committee Events**

<u>Social Committee:</u> Please join us at the clubhouse with any new ideas you might have. Our next meeting is <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>November 3rd at 7pm</u>. <u>The November meeting will be our planning meeting for 2020 events!</u> If you can lend a hand at any of our events it would be greatly appreciated. Please email Kristen White or Ruth Kuhl at social@lakeshawneeclub.org if you plan on attending or if you have any questions.

<u>Shawnee Seniors Club:</u> Our Shawnee Seniors Club meets every other Wednesday at 1pm beginning November 4<sup>th</sup> at the clubhouse. The club is open to all Seniors Age 55 and older.

<u>The TLC Club</u>: Neighbors Connecting with Neighbors. The mission of the Lake Shawnee TLC (tender, loving care) Club is to bring companionship and friendship to our Lake Shawnee neighbors. There is no better place to do this than right here in Lake Shawnee. If you are interested in being a part of this club email Adrienne Najjar-Keith and Kristine Wilsusen at <a href="mailto:lakeshawneetlc@gmail.com">lakeshawneetlc@gmail.com</a>. If you, yourself or if you know anyone in our Lake Shawnee family who would benefit from a TLC visitor bringing friendship and companionship, please email <a href="mailto:lakeshawneetlc@gmail.com">lakeshawneetlc@gmail.com</a>.

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<u>Annual Christmas Light Fight Competition:</u> It's our Annual Great Light Fight...EAST vs. WEST. **Displays must be completed by December 10th.** See the ad in the newsletter for more details!

## COMING SOON...

### LAKE SHAWNEE CALENDARS

We will be doing a fundraising event selling calendars compiled of those pictures taken by our residents and chosen to decorate the walls of the clubhouse. More details to follow!



Shawnee Seniors Club

Meet every other Wednesday at 1pm at the clubhouse beginning November 4th.

The club is open to all Seniors Age 55 and older. Coffee and snacks will be served.



# Baby and Me Playgroup Meet every Friday at 10:30am

Pre-K and under Contact Chris White at 973-255-9326 if you plan to attend.



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### **Summary of the Lake Shawnee Club Board Meeting**

September 11, 2020

Email blasts were sent to the membership regarding the upcoming drawdown to begin on October 1st and notice to remove boats from Club properties by November 1st.

Social Committee had a fantastic summer with a great turnout at all events. Their ice cream socials were packed, and Surf and Turf with Scoot on Down had a huge turnout. Upcoming events include Texas Hold 'em, the annual Dog Walk and Trunk or Treat. Deadline for submissions for the photo contest is Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. Plans for the Club's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary (October 2021) will begin in the new year.

The LSNews is back to every other month format beginning in September and all advertising contracts have been updated for the year.

The last treatment for the season dealt with 2 acres filamentous and 12 acres tape grass. The North End of the lake was treated, and it was highly effective. In cooperation with the fishermen, they treated a small section of lilies although more will have to be removed in the spring since they are getting rather large. Mr. Keith noted that until mid-July the Lake looked incredibly good but then things took off once the weather warmed up.

Summer Night Security had a quiet season. Ms. Kristen Iaconetti, Lifeguard Supervisor, and Ms. Jaci McConnon, Summer Beach Security, had a great season offering swim lesson, increasing lifeguard trainings, and adding end of the season evaluations.

There was a discussion on the removal of damaged trees in front of the Clubhouse after a recent storm. The pine tree had been donated by the Fishing Committee in the 1980's; plans were discussed to plant another tree once renovations have been complete, as well as possibly planting a tree for Ms. Marilyn White for her generous donation to the Club. Shrubs and ornamental grasses have also been donated for landscaping around the new Clubhouse.

The Swim Team had a great season with a young team. The coaches did their best despite Covid-19 and the Lake enjoyed the horn honking following their mock meet.

The Board discussed the need for more racks on all Club properties, especially with the increased usage during the current health crisis. After all boats are removed on November 1st, new racks will be discussed further.

Final inspection on the Clubhouse renovation contract was pending, and some minor projects still need to be completed by the Club that were not included in the contract (installing sound system/speakers, installing outside cameras, gas hookup, oil tank removal, etc.). A temporary CO was issued, and the Board will address the issue with the concrete wheel-chair ramp.

#### October 1, 2020

Ms. Pam Etzold was present to update the Board on the activities of the newly formed Slow Down Shawnee committee. The purpose of the committee is to bring awareness to drivers, walkers, runners, and bikers on safe travel on the roads throughout the lake. They recently sold "Slow Down Shawnee" signs and currently over 50% of streets within the Reservation have signs posted. All agreed that the signs seem to have helped as have the electronic speed signs recently placed on Mallard Drive by the JTPD.

It was reported that the low-level outlet was opened for the scheduled lake drawdown; the Club's permit is posted on our website. It was noted that the drawdown gives lake front homeowners and the Club an opportunity to clean up the shoreline and aids in weed prevention if a deep freeze occurs.

It was reported that there was a water main break at the Clubhouse. The plan is to keep the current line and dig a new line from the main and reconnect it. It was noted that there is also a leak in the hydrant that the town will have to repair.

The Social Committee reported on recent events including the Dog Walk which did not have a great turnout due to cold weather, and Texas Hold 'em with 8 players in attendance. Upcoming events include Texas Hold 'em, Trunk or Treat on October 18<sup>th</sup> and Bourbon Tasting on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Over 150 pictures were submitted for the Photo Contest. The Social Committee will select the top photos and perhaps have the final winners selected on Facebook. Winning photos will be printed on canvas and displayed in the newly renovated Clubhouse. Finally, there will be an Open House of the new Clubhouse on October 18<sup>th</sup> following the rescheduled Annual meeting and prior to the Trunk or Treat event.

Fishing Committee held a contest on September 19th.

The Board discussed rentals of the newly renovated Clubhouse especially with restrictions during the current health crisis. The current occupancy limit is 18 inside the Clubhouse, with more allowed outside, but there is no option for bad weather. The Board voted to increase Clubhouse rental fees starting January 1st. The rental fees will increase to \$250 along with a \$200 deposit. Half day rentals will no longer be offered.

The boardwalk at Second Beach will be repaired in the Spring and the kayak racks will be redesigned to allow for better storage and more spaces. Extra pavers from the Clubhouse renovation were used to install a 10 X 4 handicap access walkway to the playground, as well. Finally, there was a discussion on the new house being built on North Parkway by Habitat for Humanity.

It was noted that any boats remaining on Club property after November 1st will be removed on Fall Work Day on November 7th.

It was reported that Annual meeting notices were mailed to the membership for the rescheduled Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 11am and the updated bylaws were posted on the Lake Shawnee website. The meeting will be held outside to allow for proper social distancing.

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# **Slow Down Shawnee!**

The group's purpose is to increase safety for pedestrian and vehicle traffic along Shawnee Trails.

Thank you for helping to increase road safety awareness by placing 50 signs around our community!

Other ideas are being explored. This takes time, research, education, and persistence. If you would like to get involved, please join the Facebook group, Slow Down Shawnee, and help make our community safer. Next meeting to be announced on our Facebook page.



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Introducing .....

The Tender Loving Care Club

Neighbors Connecting with Neighbors



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If you, yourself or if you know anyone in our Lake Shawnee family who would benefit from a TLC visitor bringing friendship and companionship, please email lakeshawneetlc@gmail.com

### **TEXAS HOLD'EM WINNERS**



### **TEXAS HOLD 'EM**

**POSTPONED!**Given current safety concerns and the approaching holiday season with families coming together, we will not be holding a tourna-ment in November. Keep a look out for a new date in January!

### September 12th

### October 10th

- 1 Chris White
- 2 George Kulich
- 3 John Swayze
- 4 Mike Nardone
- 5 Bob Genung

- 1. Joe LaGuardia
- 2. Walt Kuntz
- 3. Lori Calderone
- 4. John Swayze
- 5. George Kulich

## ALL BOATS MUST BE REMOVED FROM ALL CLUB PROPERTIES BY **NOVEMBER 1ST!!!**



## The Social Committee is Seeking Volunteers

In order to ensure the success and continuation of next 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 also share experiences and help you every step of the way. Unfortunately, if we do not get people to chair more events, they may be cancelled. So gr ab some friends, pick an event and let's work together to make 2020 an exceptional year!! If you are interested, please email social@lakeshawneeclub.org

## In School or Home School???

If you need any help with High School / College Biology or Chemistry; give me a call (973-663-4698).

I have helped a number of students boost their grade point average over the past few years. Call me and we can arrange for a study plan. Leave a voice message if not home, and I'll get back to you.

Al Gazdalski

### ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST WILL CONTINUE VIRTUALLY!



The celebration of the upcoming holiday season will indeed be a unique one this year. Like so many other events being canceled due to the current Covid-19 restrictions in place, the 15th annual Christmas in the Village celebration has been canceled. However, the annual Gingerbread House contest sponsored each year by the Jefferson Arts Committee during this event will be held virtually this year.

The 2020 theme of the Gingerbread House Contest will be "Home for Christmas" with five age divisions: 4-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 / 13-16 / 17-adult. Medals/Ribbons will be awarded for First, Second, and Third places and Honorable Mention in each category.

Those wishing to submit a contest entry will submit photo entries of their creations along with an entry form and a \$5 fee (to cover the

cost of prize medals). Entries must be received by Friday December 4th and will be limited to the first 30 sets of photos with a matching entry form and entry fee. Judging will be based on use of different edible materials, creativity, originality, and following the theme.

The winning contest photo entries will be on public display at the Jefferson Township Public Library and will be announced and posted on the Jefferson Arts Committee's website and Facebook page, and other local Facebook group pages. In addition, The Jefferson Chronicle has agreed to be the JAC's media partner and publish the winning entries in its online news vehicle.

Please refer to the official flyer/entry form and detailed information sheet available on the JAC's website www.ieffersonarts.org or email artscommittee@jeffersonarts.org for this information.

Hopefully, this virtual contest brings the community some joy and excitement this holiday season giving both children and adults the opportunity to be creative in designing and decorating their very own gingerbread house to enjoy.



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### **Annual Christmas Light Fight Competition**

Dust Off Your Ladders....Get Out Those Extension Cords....Start Planning Your Display....
We are doing it again! It's our Annual Great Light Fight...

EAST vs. WEST

East Side - Starts at the dam and continues toward Stanlick ending at Shenandoah Crescent/West Lakeview West Side- Starts at the dam and continues toward 2nd Beach up to and including Shenandoah Crescent, West Lakeview and Shawnee Parkway

Displays must be completed by December 10th. Judging will take place Friday, December 11th & Saturday, December 12th

We will see which side of the Lake shows the most holiday spirit!! Who will win?!? East or West!!

Our Judges will also choose one Overall Winner from each side of the Lake.

Prizes will be awarded.

The winners will be announced on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> on Facebook.

\*\*Judging is done by anonymous families who do not live in the lake\*\*



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Planning for you future vacation is difficult right now, but searching for things you might want to do when this situation is behind us could help get you through the days of isolation.

So think to the future what you would like to do. When the time comes we can help get you booked for a great vacation.



Got Ideas? Looking to Get Involved? Social Committee Needs You!

Monthly Meetings
Please email: <a href="mailto:social@lakeshawneeclub.org">social@lakeshawneeclub.org</a>
if you plan on attending or if you have any questions.



# <u> ASK JEFF</u>

Lake Ecology
Jeff Keith
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For those of you who were not at the Annual Meeting on Sun, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, I wanted to give you an update of our lake treatment program during this season. We were surveyed nine times starting in April. Our surveys consist of water chemistry such as dissolved oxygen, PH (basically the amount of acid in the water), and turbidity (water clarity). Then, the biologist and I survey the whole lake for any invasive weeds that maybe starting to grow, so we can come up with a treatment plan. The biologist (Jeff Horn), who treats our lake, has been doing it for over 29 years and is extremely knowledgeable. He knows our lake very well and his recommendations are always "spot on" to take care of any problems.

Normally, our biggest problem in Lake Shawnee is Eurasian water milfoil. Last year, we used a new product called Percellacor to control it. It was supposed to give us two years coverage and it did. There were a few plants here or there, but it was almost gone. The lake was in great shape until the end of July. We had a good balance of some non-invasive weeds and lilies. Some weeds are good for a lake because they provide oxygen through photosynthesis and provide cover for bait fish.

We had high dissolved oxygen numbers, PH at 7 (neutral) and water visibility at 5 feet. But in nature, often when you take care of one invasive species, you remove competition, and another species comes on strong. So that is what happened with the amount of tape grass this summer. We had about 7 acres which is controllable, and I am told that it is a great plant for fishing. We treated 3 acres where pontoon boats would go so their propellers would not get entangled. Warm weather and minimal rain and the tape grass took off. (When the lake heats up, weeds grow quickly).

In mid-August, we treated 12 more acres of tape grass. There were about 20 acres on the lake at that time. The 12 acres we treated were the heavy patches. We left scattered patches for fishing. We need to balance the needs of those who use the lake such as boaters and people who fish. So, we will have to watch this plant very carefully next spring and manage it early.

Our other problem is filamentous algae. It occurs mostly on the western side of the lake where there are small coves where the water is still, and it has a chance to colonize. It is not attached and during a good rain, it will go over the spillway. With little rain it grows quickly, and it looks unsightly and has a pungent odor when decomposing. We treated twice for this during the summer covering five acres.

Two very good things that were present on the lake this year were freshwater jellyfish and an algae called Bryozoa. Both are indicators of very good water quality with high oxygen content. They were in abundance at the end of August. The jellyfish are not harmful to humans. Bryozoa is generally in a ball and looks like a human brain. It is usually attached to something like a stick, a log, or a stone.

The last thing I wanted to share with you is that I am starting a column in the paper called "ASK JEFF" about the many frequent questions I am asked about the lake. After 38 years of taking care of Lake Ecology, I hope I can help. We will publish the questions and the answers in the next month's paper. Just email me your question (email above) and I will get you an answer. If I do not know, I will research it and find out. With those questions and answers, there will also be facts and things you should know about living on a lake and the responsibilities that go with that. The more we all know about this wonderful place we live, the cleaner our lake will be and a more informed and responsible community we will become.

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.

### **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. 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.

Source: American Red Cross

# LAKE SHAWNEE ICE FISHING RULES

- No use of gas-powered augers before 8 AM
- 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 ten holes per person per day
- Return all fish to the Lake alive that you do not intend to eat or otherwise take with you
- When leaving, take everything off the ice with you, including fish, garbage, coals, firewood, cans, etc.
- No glass bottles allowed on the ice at any time
- · No fires allowed on the ice other than cooking on a grill
- Member or guest badges must be worn while on the ice

These rules must be followed in order for all of us to continue enjoying our ice fishing on Lake Shawnee!

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