



Lake Shawnee News

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AUGUST 2022

Short and sweet this month.

I hope all are having an enjoyable summer!

We are seeing a few beach parties pop up at First Beach on the weekends, which is great that our members are enjoying and utilizing the properties, but many are not obtaining a Party Permit prior. We require a permit for parties of 7 or more non-member guests, max. of 20 (not including members). This is so we can ensure we have enough guards on duty and to avoid conflicts with multiple parties, clubhouse rentals and/or club events on the same day so we don't overburden the facilities. Please call the office at least a week (7 days) prior, first come, first served. If you fail to obtain a permit prior, you may jeopardize having your party on that day, so please call to avoid any issues.

Also, inside this edition are some Boating Rules to follow to keep our lake safe. Please be sure to follow these guidelines and State Laws while boating and other water activities on the lake to help avoid any needless tragedies. If you are following the news, it is sad to see drownings are up around the State, and most have occurred on small lakes.

Please check inside this issue for the many Social Committee events planned through the end of the summer. Kristen and the Social Committee still have lots of stuff in store for the rest of summer. Our last big event, our "End of Summer Celebration," is scheduled for Saturday, September 3rd; it is always a huge success and a lot of fun each year.

If you haven't done so, please be sure to RSVP for our 75th Anniversary Celebration in November. More information inside this edition.

Enjoy the rest of your Summer!

Eric Wilsusen

Club President

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Highlights

Aug. 4th, 7:00pm
Storytime at
3rd Beach

Aug. 5th, 1:00pm
Argh! Pirate Day
Kids Beach
Activities

Aug. 9th, 7:00pm
Ice Cream Social &
Bingo

Aug. 12th, 8:30pm
First Beach
Movie Night



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

All members welcome!!

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www.lakeshawneeclub.org

www.facebook.com/groups/lakeshawneeclub



Social Committee Events



Social Committee: Please join us at the clubhouse with any new ideas you might have. Our next meeting date is **August 2nd at 7pm**. If you can lend a hand at any of our events, it would be greatly appreciated. Please email social@lakeshawneeclub.org if you plan on attending or if you have any questions.

Shawnee Seniors Club: Our Shawnee Seniors Club meets **every other Wednesday at 1pm** at the clubhouse. The club is open to all Seniors Age 55 and older. Coffee and snacks will be served.

Baby and Me Playgroup: Bring the kids down to the Clubhouse to meet Moms and children of similar ages. Playgroup meets **every Tuesday at 5:00pm**. Pre-K and under. Please contact the social committee at social@lakeshawneeclub.org if you plan to attend.

Children's Storytime: Come join us for an evening of magical wonder as we read a story followed by a craft and snack. Dress in your jammies and bring your imaginations and blankets. Story time will be on **Thursday, August 4th, 7pm at 3rd beach**. While we invite ages 2-6 to attend, children of all ages are certainly welcome! Hope to see you there!

Argh! It's Pirate Day!! Kid's Beach Activities- Friday, August 5th - 1pm at First Beach. Come in your favorite Pirate gear and we'll have a pirate adventure, searching for buried treasure and sailing the high seas of Lake Shawnee.

Ice Cream Social Nights: Who doesn't love ice cream?? Stop by the clubhouse at **7pm on Tuesday, August 9th**. Enjoy a pre-packaged ice cream treat or ice pop to be followed by a few games of Bingo. All ages welcome.

First Beach Movie Night: Race over to First Beach for our last movie night of the season, on **Friday August 12th at 8:30pm**. Movie to be determined at a later date! And, as always, we'll pop the popcorn; you bring your beach chairs and beverage of choice. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact the social committee at social@lakeshawneeclub.org with any questions!

Save the date

Saturday, September 3rd - End of Summer Celebration
More details to follow



The Social Committee is now selling
Lake Shawnee Ornaments

Featuring a variety of choices along with a commemorative 75th ornament.

Click on the QR code below for more information or email the social committee with any questions.



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Questions, email social@lakeshawneeclub.org

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Baby and me 5:00pm Social Comm. Mtg. 7:00pm	3	4 Storytime 3rd beach 7pm	5 Argh! Pirate Day 1:00pm Board Mtg. 7:00pm	6
7	8	9 Baby and me 5:00pm Ice Cream & Bingo 7pm	10 Seniors 1:00pm	11	12 First Beach Movie Night 8:30pm	13
14	15	16 Baby and me 5:00pm	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Baby and me 5:00pm	24 Seniors 1:00pm	25	26	27
28	29	30 Baby and me 5:00pm	31			

We have more & larger boats on the lake; it is important to remind our members of a few of the NJ State regulations regarding boats. Even though we are a private lake, boaters must still comply with State Laws. In addition, while fun for sure, we are seeing young children w/o life vests on the outside front of many patio boats dangling their feet in the water while the vessel is underway. This is extremely dangerous and can result in severe injury and drowning.

Let's all do our part to keep Lake Shawnee safe!

Here are some of the State Regulations:

Navigational Lights (while operating at night)

Power-driven vessels:

If vessel construction began after December 24, 1981, and the boat is 12 meters (39 feet) **or more** in length, it must display:

- A green light on the starboard (right) side of the boat
- A red light on the port (left) side of the boat
- A masthead light (225 degrees) and a stern light (135 degrees).

If vessel construction began after December 24, 1981, and the boat **is under** 12 meters (39 feet) in length, it may exhibit the same lights required for vessels under 20 meters when the construction was started before December 25, 1981.

Sailing Vessels and Vessels under Oars:

Sailing vessels under sail alone must display:

- Red and green sidelights visible from a distance of at least one mile on a dark clear night
- A stern light visible from a distance of at least two miles.

Sailing vessels of less than 7 meters (22 feet) must display, and vessels under oars may display, if practicable, the lights prescribed above, but if not, it must have ready at hand an electric torch or lighted lantern showing a white light.

Vessel Registration

Boats that fit into the following categories do not have to be registered:

- A non-powered sailboat or vessel used only on small lakes, ponds, or within private lands.
- Vessels 12 feet or less in length.
- A non-powered kayak or canoe.

Personal Floatation Device (PFD)

All vessels, except surfboards, racing shells, rowing sculls, and racing kayaks, must be equipped with one PFD of the correct size for each person on board.

All PFDs must be readily accessible and in serviceable condition.

Vessels more than 16 feet in length must carry one Type IV (throwable) USCG-approved flotation device in addition to the required number of wearable type PFD's.

Mandatory PFD Usage

All children 12 years old and under must wear a USCG-approved PFD while onboard ***any vessel including kayaks, and canoes*** that is underway. The PFD may be removed if the child is inside a fully enclosed, permanent part of the vessel that is designed by the manufacturer to carry passengers.

Thank you,
Lake Shawnee Board of Governors



Children's Storytime
Thursday, August 4th at 3rd Beach
7:00pm

Come join us for a story followed by a craft and snack. Dress in your jammies and bring your imaginations and blankets. While we invite ages 2-6 to attend, children of all ages are certainly welcome!



Argh! It's Pirate Day!! -
Kid's Beach Activities

1pm on First Beach.

Friday, August 5th

Come in your favorite Pirate gear and we'll have a pirate adventure!

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Summary of the Lake Shawnee Club Board Meetings

July 2022

Ms. Chrissy Chismar was present to discuss yoga classes being offered at the Lake. There was some confusion regarding the classes. It was decided that she could offer the classes either at 2nd or 3rd Beach to members and their guests for a reduced fee with proceeds donated to the Scholarship fund.

Social Committee reported on the various events that have been held in the past few weeks including Wine Tasting, an Ecology Seminar and Community Day. All events were very well attended. Plans for next years' Community Day include moving food sales to the Snack Shack and getting the Board and various other committee members involved in the day to promote all the various activities to the members. Upcoming events including two Ice Cream Socials, Storytime at 3rd Beach, Kids Biathlon and Color War, Movie Night, and Trivia Night. T-shirt and Ornaments sales continue, and the 75th Anniversary Committee is trying to get more information available to the members about the event scheduled for November 19th.

The Board discussed the issue with distribution of the June edition of the Lake Shawnee News. Ms. McConnon, News Editor, and Ms. Anne Meisner, News Publisher, discovered the issue with the bulk mail and asked the Board and all the various committees to please assist with better communication moving forward. The deadline of the 15th the month prior to the publication be required to ensure the newsletter is delivered on time.

It was reported that there are a lot of weeds in Beaver Cove, at North End and along the West Side up past 2nd Beach. With the lack of rain, water is not flowing in the Lake which causes the weed growth. As he was not present at the meeting, Mr. Keith will be notified of the issue.

Summer Night Security is underway although there is a need for more volunteers.

There was a discussion on the lack of guards, the need to raise salaries to be competitive with area lakes, and the possibility of covering the cost of certification in the future. The Board approved increasing guard salaries for the current season. There was a brief discussion on the Summer Security and Lifeguard Supervisor positions which are both vital for a successful season.

Swim Team reported that they held their 1st home meet vs. Lake Forest with a win. There was a discussion on the turn boards and brackets, which were removed, repaired, and replaced after several swimmers were injured. A Ribbon Meet will be held at Lake Shawnee on Monday. Gatwynn's has given permission for parking in their lot; volunteers will also assist with traffic and parking. An email blast will be sent to members to notify them of the event. The next home meet will be Saturday, July 16th followed by the Team Car Wash at the firehouse. Other upcoming events include a Lake Swim on July 19th, Home meet vs Saffins' Pond on July 20th, Team BBQ on July 23rd, Home meet vs. Roxbury on July 25th, Silvers on July 30th, Team Awards Breakfast on July 30th, and a water polo event. Email blast will be sent to members to notify them of any significant events on Club properties.

A new TV was installed in the Clubhouse (donated by Karen and Bruce Bulloch) and the lock was changed on the Social Committee closet door. The cable box and lights in the ladies' bathroom need to be replaced. The chain on the raft needs to be repaired; stainless steel chains have been ordered.

An email blast will be sent to members regarding the Beach Party Policy.

There was a brief discussion on the repair of the Second Beach lower stairs, railing, and wall. The work should be completed shortly after which the basketball court will be resealed, and the lines will be painted. An email blast will be sent to members to stay off the area while the work is completed.

Several abandoned boats will be removed from Club properties after unsuccessful attempts to contact the owners.

The Snack Shack opened July 4th for the season.

The Board discussed and approved the expense to remove a tree at 2nd Beach.



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.



Meet **Tuesdays** at **5pm**

Pre-K and under
Contact the Social Committee
at social@lakeshawneeclub.org
if you plan to attend.

Baby Sitter List

Name	Age	Phone
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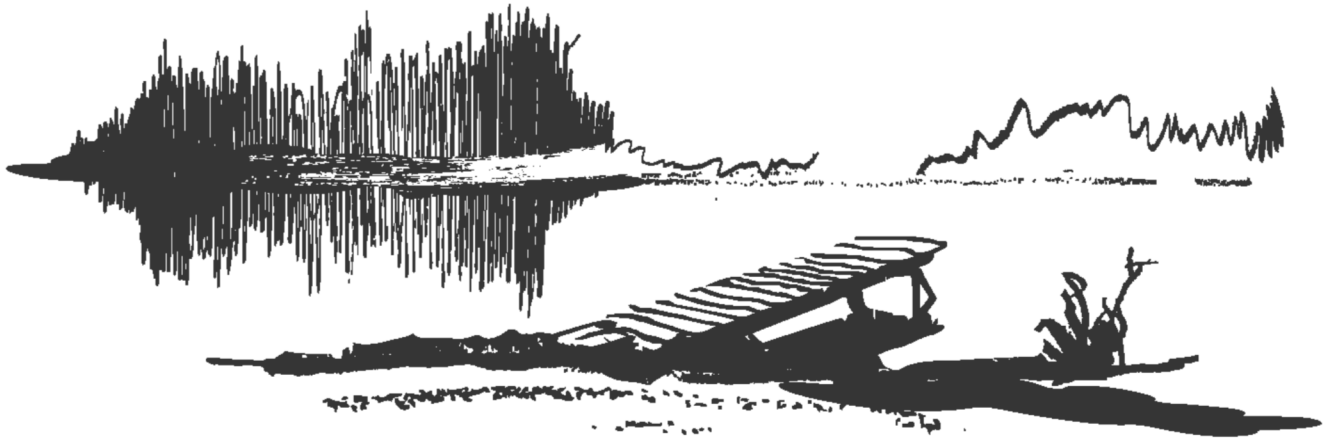
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Ice Cream Social Night
7pm Tuesday August 9th

Enjoy a pre-packaged ice cream treat or ice pop to be followed by a few games of Bingo. All ages welcome.



Movie Night
Friday, August 12th at 8:30pm

Movie selection to be determined! We'll pop the popcorn; you bring your beach chairs and beverage of choice. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

2022 Lake Shawnee Bass Fishing Contests



August 20 – Sat. (4:30 pm-9:30 pm)
September 10 – Sat. (6:30 am-12:30 pm)
October 22 – Sat. (6:30 am – 12:30 pm)

\$15 for LSC members / \$20 Guests
\$5 Big Bass Pool / \$5 Pickerel Pool.



SENIOR SOCIAL

Calling all
Lake Shawnee Seniors

Looking to meet some other Seniors on the lake?

Come on down to the clubhouse **every other Wednesday at 1pm.**
We offer new and different activities and are always open to new ideas.

We play cards! We laugh! We talk!

It's a time to get together and enjoy each other's company!

The club is open to all Seniors Age 55 and older.

Coffee and snacks are served.

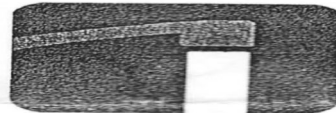
Attendees are welcome to share a special treat as well!

Pizza or sandwiches are provided several times a year!

Meeting dates can be found in the newsletter and on the Lake Shawnee website.

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Swing was King during the Big Band Era!



The Social Committee is pleased to offer **FREE dance lessons** in fun and relaxed group settings to **those who will be attending Lake Shawnee's 75th Anniversary Big Band Bash on November 19, 2022.**

- 1) The **Big Band Era** is frequently referred to as the **Swing Era**. It was a time when Swing was the most popular music in the USA.

Swing dance classes will be held in the Clubhouse at 7:00 PM on **September 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6, 12, 20, 27**

- 2) International radio networks introduced music from Latin America to large audiences throughout the USA during the Big Band Era.

Latin dance classes will be held in the Clubhouse at 7:00 PM on **September 19, 26, October 3, 17, 24**

Contact Pat Reis to **reserve your spot** in one or both of these classes. patreis114@gmail.com or 973-449-8606

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Contacts

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Lake Ecology

Jeff Keith

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Weed Treatment - We had another outbreak of Filamentous Algae. The areas affected this time were Beaver Cove, North End, and the western shoreline from North End to the boat launch. Warm water, abundance of sunshine and calm waters in those coves give it a perfect place to flourish. We treated 9 acres with Chelated Copper Sulphate. The chelated part of this herbicide is a coating that is attached to the copper that allows it to attach quickly to the algae and stop the dilution process when it goes into the water. It is many times more effective and is safer for small invertebrates that are necessary for the beginning of the food chain. As of this writing and after my own surveys, we believe the treatment was extremely successful. Of course, the chelated copper is more expensive, but it is money well spent because it is safer and more effective.

Water / Sprinklers - Conserving water in our community (as I've written many times) should be a priority all the time. As I ride around the lake on my bike, I've observed sprinklers on for many hours during the day. I know our lawns are hurting from the lack of rain but there are better, more efficient ways to take care of our lawns.

If I may lend a few suggestions:

Please do not water during the day when the sun is out. We are losing about 50% of the water to evaporation as it comes out of the sprinkler. Water early in the morning before 9 am and at night from about 6 pm or later (as long as the sun is not out).

Secondly, we only need to water an hour or so. We do not need to saturate our lawns for hours. Lawns will do just fine with less and watering for more than an hour or so is just wasting this precious natural resource.

New lawns need more to get established. So, water those morning and night. In the morning, let it run for two hours so it has a good soaking for the warmth of the day. After a week or so you can cut back.

These suggestions are not just mine. They come from landscapers, garden centers, and people who have been gardening for years.

One last thing we can do to help save water (before I get off my soap box LOL) is to sweep or blow our driveways. PLEASE do not "hose it", which is a terrible waste of water.

Thank you for trying these ways to help save some water. We all need to do what is necessary to preserve this natural resource which is essential for life on this planet. Any questions give me a call.

Jeff



Swim Team News



The Lake Shawnee Swim Team is off to an outstanding start to their season and has set itself up for a strong finish after the first half of the season! Major kudos to all the amazing new swimmers this season; Camden Gatt, Hannah & Jack Mignanelli, Sebastian Roth and Harper White!

The Tribe started the season with a big win over local rivals Lake Forest! The night started fast when Max "The Muscle" Russell won the 15-18 Boys' 50M Freestyle race. Everett Johnson and Jeffrey Smith kept the excitement levels high with a 1-2 finish in the 11/12 Boys' Breaststroke. Our swimmers dominated in the Backstroke events where Kameron Knudsen (Boys' 8 & under), Liam LaRose (Boys' 9/10), Bella Russell (Girls' 11/12), Kris Castle Dalton (Girls' 13/14), Andrew Doerr (Boys' 11/12) and Alex Johnson (Boys' 13/14) all took home first place prizes. A big first place victory from Billy Kuhl in the Boys' 13-18 Individual Medley helped ensure the team win.

In our second meet of the season, Lake Shawnee traveled to Randolph Park in a losing effort against the Rams. Everett Johnson started off with a first place in Boys' 11/12 100M Individual Medley. Perpetual 8 and Under, Sierra Crinnian earned first place in the Girls' 8 and Under 25M Butterfly. Anthony Cascone raced his way to a 2nd place finish in Boys 8 and Under 25M Breaststroke, while Casey Hartnett finished 1st for the Girls' 15/18. Mike Hall finished strong, attaining a third place finish in the Boys' 15/18 Backstroke while Kelty White also brought points to the team score with a 3rd place finish in Girls' 8 and Under 25M Freestyle.

Another away meet brought the team to a pool party at Mt Olive, the only Lake League team without a lake. Outstanding performances from Rosie Carroll and Bry Liptak led to a first-second finish for the tribe in the Girls' 11/12 Individual Medley. The Breiten children proved nepotism has nothing to do with things as Charley captured 2nd place in the Girls' 9/10 50M Freestyle while Gavin Breiten followed with a first place finish in the Boys' 13/14 50M Breaststroke. Maura White earned points for the Tribe with her second place finish in 15/18 50 breaststroke. Next up was backstroke where Everleigh Boucher earned 2nd place for the 8-u Girls and Kayla Lee took 3rd for the 13/14s.

Despite a facilities issue at Cranberry Lake threatening the matchup, some quick action from the board members and coaches allowed the meet to go on with the uncommon away meet held at Lake Shawnee. The Tribe's "Prodigal Son" Ethan Sarles returned from holiday in Prague with a herculean performance, finishing first in the Boys' 15/18 Freestyle, Breaststroke, and Backstroke. Phoebe Szekula (13/14) and Brea Johnson (9/10) both earned second place in Individual Medley. Breaststroke saw first place finishes by Donnie Andrews (9/10) and Rosie Carroll (11/12). The meet ended with a photo finish as the Boys' Step-Up Relay Team were narrowly beaten by 2 tenths of a second!

On July 11, The Tribe hosted all available clubs in the NJRLL for a ribbon meet between our 12 and under swimmers. Our Snack Shack volunteers managed to fend off a constant stream of hungry swimmers while the young swimmers across North Jersey were awarded with lots of ribbons and volunteers were rewarded with tons of smiling faces!!

Another away meet, as the Shawnee swimmers traveled to Rockaway to face off with Parks Lake. Goldsberry brothers, Gavin and Gunnar finished 1-2 in the Boys' 8 and Under 25M freestyle while Mia Fischetti took home a first place finish in the Girls' 13/14 50M Breaststroke. Angie Andrews captured second place in the Girls' 8 and Under Backstroke and a nail-biter in the Girls' 11/12 50M Backstroke as Isabell Russell and Madison Dalton finished first-second. Ivy Jones proved herself a jack of all trades in the water placing in each of her events at Parks Lake. Big win for The Tribe!

The team also wants to thank all of the volunteers who came out on the 4th of July weekend to help repair our damaged turn boards, we even had a couple members of the community with no ties to the Swim Team show up!

Thank you to all who came and supported our Car Wash Fundraiser! Stay tuned for the 2nd half of the season! We hope to see you all in the bleachers.



Good Luck to all the Swimmers and to the entire Shawnee Tribe at their upcoming end of season events.
Sat., July 30th – 17th Silvers Invitational Championships
Thursday, August 4th – NJRLL Trails
Saturday, August 6th – NJRLL Finals
SWIM Fast! GO Tribe!

Lake Shawnee Club Policy
Policy for use of Club Properties for Parties/Events

- 1) Beginning the first Friday of Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, any member utilizing Club properties for any private party/event on weekends or holidays where non-member guests will exceed 7 or more guests, the hosting member is required to notify the Club office at least one week prior to the party/event to detail the type of party/event to be held which can be subject to Club approval.
 - a. All approved private parties/events will be issued a permit for the day. Failure to obtain a permit in a timely manner will result in denial and/or cancellation of the party.
 - b. This section does not apply to any clubhouse rentals and or member only parties/events.
- 2) Picnic tables are limited to one per member family, this applies at all times.
- 3) Any private parties/events, non-member guests cannot exceed 20 guests.
- 4) The Club reserves the right to deny any private parties/events based on scheduled Club events, clubhouse rentals and other reserved parties the same day. Private party/event permits will be issued on first come first serve basis and at no time will exceed three private parties per day per property.
- 5) Members are responsible for all their non-member guests and their adherence to Club rules at any private party/event.
- 6) Pop up(EZ up) tents are limited to one per party not to exceed 10x10 within the beach/picnic areas and 20x20 within the dock/grass area at first beach. This applies to member only, club events and private parties.
- 7) Set up of private and/or member only parties/events should not occur before 6am the day of the party/event. This includes the reserving of picnic tables for any purpose.
- 8) The Club requires wrist bands be worn by all non-member guests at any private parties/events which will be provided by the Club.
- 9) Any member who wishes to enter into any rental agreement for party rental equipment, inflatable's or any other equipment to be used on Club property that may require an insurance liability waiver must contact the Club for approval prior to signing of any contracts.
- 10) The rights of Club members and common courtesy, including but not limited to the use of any music, should be paramount when hosting private parties and events on Club property.



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 and friends of Anthony "AJ" Dragona. AJ passed away suddenly on June 20th at home at the age of 26 years old. Born in Morristown, he lived his entire life in Lake Shawnee. AJ is survived by his parents Maureen and Anthony, his brother Nicholas, and his dog Ruthie.



An Observation

I consider myself to be a fairly normal person, and probably more "in tune" with nature than most. While I won't disclose my exact age, I've spent many decades fishing, hunting, and hiking in the outdoors. I've seen my fair share of weird and unusual things, too.

Sometimes, however, certain events transpire that actually take my breath away, both figuratively and literally. I'd like to relate to you one such event.

A few weeks ago, there was a bald eagle on our lake. This is not uncommon, but it is always an exciting moment for me. I consider the bird to be simply magnificent; an apex predator who rules all before it. I noticed that the bird seemed just a bit listless as it visited our lake. It would rest in the trees at first beach a bit, then fly across the lake to perch in a tree near my house. It would rest only a few moments, then take to the air again. It did this circular rotation three or four times. I got the distinct impression it was waiting for something.

The last takeoff was accomplished by a muted "skreee!", and the bird powerfully disappeared up the lake from first beach. It was the last time I've seen the eagle since that fateful day.

Notice my use of the word fateful. It is most appropriate. That particular day was the time when we lost our former Lake President, Ron Wolfe. He passed quickly and at home, at a much too young of an age. Having been his neighbor for several years, I knew him quite well and liked him very much. It only took me a few moments after receiving that sad news to realize what I had been witness to.

I believe that the eagle was Ron's spirit guide. It is my belief that it came to welcome him to the next world and guide him on his new journey. That is one hell of an honor, folks. And Ron truly deserved that honor. Dear reader, you may interpret these events any way you desire. I, however, know in my mind and my heart what I saw and heard. Power, majesty, and honor. Rest easy, Ron. You are with kind spirits. You may be gone from us, but you will never be forgotten.

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*Big Band Bash Celebration
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Saturday, November 19, 2022
7:00-11:00pm*

The newly renovated venue offers a banquet hall with a large dance floor, features an outdoor area overlooking the beautiful golf course and is handicap accessible. The evening will consist of a one-hour cocktail hour with appetizers, followed by a cash bar, dinner with choice of chicken and beef or vegetarian, and dessert. An 18-piece band will provide entertainment and lots of opportunities to dance the night away. A slideshow of photos memories will play throughout the evening and other Lake Shawnee memorabilia will be available to view. We will also test your knowledge of Lake Shawnee with a friendly trivia game, and everyone will receive a special gift to remember the occasion.

Come join your Lake Shawnee friends old and new for an evening of celebrating our great community.

Reservations are now being taken online at lakeshawneeclub.org, by emailing social@lakeshawneeclub.org, or by calling Kristeen McConnon at 973-769-0551. Deadline for reservations is *October 15th* and fees are non-refundable. Requests can be made for table assignments (Max 8 per table). We will do our best to honor all requests. Reservations will only be held once payment has been received at the Club Office (Cash or Check payable to Lake Shawnee Club). Cost is \$100 per person. This is an adult only (18 +) event. Dress code is semi-formal.

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Saturday, November 19, 2022

7:00-11:00 pm

The Club at Picatinny

Price: \$100 per person

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1. Chicken and Beef
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Number of people selecting CHICKEN & BEEF meal option _____

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