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Commodore's Message

Hi Lake Forest,

I first want to thank Linda for her years of service to our neighborhood. She has been instrumental in helping to keep our neighborhood up and running. A great new opportunity came up for her, and we all wish her the best from the Board. With Linda departing, we took the opportunity to look at the office and how we could make some adjustments to help service our community. One of the changes is that we hired 2 new Office Managers. They will be splitting the 20hrs a week, which is up from the 15hrs we had before. . This will allow a few things:

1) one more day / evening (TBD) the office will be open, and 2) a back up for when one office manager goes on vacation, so we will not need to close the office and will have a steady back-up plan.



The weather is warming up, which means it's time to clean up. Our Spring beach clean up is **April 19th** and will start at 9 am. We are looking for volunteers to help get our beach in shape for the summer. We will set up the Galley, pull out all the tables and shade sails, set up the catwalk and many more tasks to get the beach ready.

Also, with the weather getting nicer, we have had a few complaints of people riding their E-bikes on the baseball field and tearing it up a bit. Those bikes look like so much fun, but please tell your families that no electric or gas vehicles are allowed on the club grounds. This includes the field, around the Galley or Clubhouse sidewalks and on the grass or beach areas. Also, please be careful on the roads, and watch for people walking and walking their dogs. I have firsthand experience on this one of a high-speed run on Yacht Club Drive that came a little too close to us.

Thank you,
Peter



An Introduction!

I now am happy to introduce our two new Office Mangers



Jim Sutton

I have deep roots in the community of Nolan's Point, where I moved in 1969. I'm a proud graduate of Jefferson Township High School in 1981, My life has come full circle as my children and now grandchildren are growing up in Jefferson as well. In addition to my professional achievements, I have dedicated more than 25 years volunteering with the Jefferson Township Rescue Squad. Now semi-retired, I continue to enjoy life in town that I have always called home.



Laura Mazza

My husband, Mike, and I have been together since we were 12. We have been happily married for 38 years. We moved to Hopatcong in 1987 after we got married. We have two children, Krystle 34 and Jennifer 32. We are proud grandparents to Gianna 2 1/2 and Leo who is a little over a month old. I enjoy spending time with my family, going for rides on our motorcycle and taking the boat out on the lake.

Contacts Page

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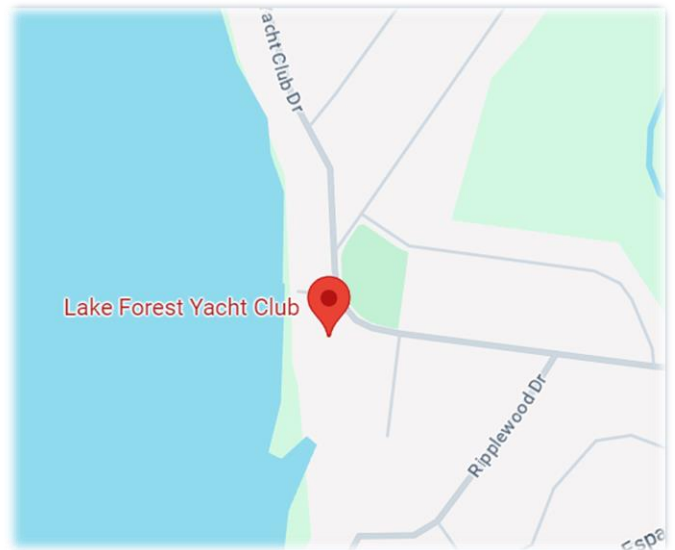
office@lfyc.org

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday 9-2

Wednesday 12-7

Saturday 9:30-12:30



Meet The Board of Trustees

Peter Moreland – Commodore, Communications (Porthole & Website), Docks

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Managers

Jim Sutton

Laura Mazza

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President

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Social Chair

Desirae Nigro

908-892-3679

Office Reminders / Notices



- **2025 Member Badge Stickers are in!**

Only members whose 2025 dues are paid in full may pick up the 2025 season badge sticker.

- ***Paperless Invoices & Payments***

If you're interested in receiving your invoices via e-mail with options to pay online, please contact the office.

- ***Membership Fees Reminder***

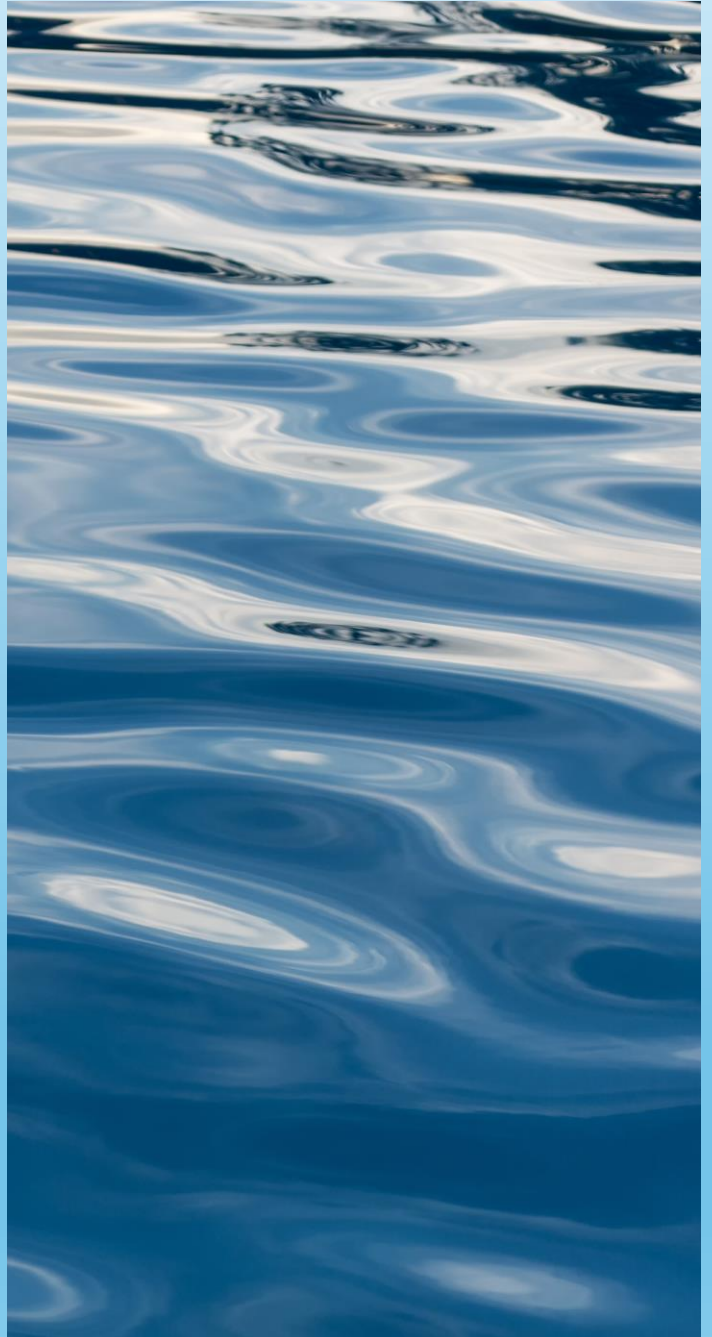
Master lease is due in full 15 days from invoice date. Beach Membership dues 2nd installments are due by 3/30/2025

If you are age 65, please contact the office to change your beach membership status and fees to senior. Proof of age is required.

Help keep our club clean

Please remember our club operates with volunteers and everyone's help is needed to keep it maintained!

- **Be sure your trash and recycling makes its way to the appropriate bins at the beach, playground, galley, restrooms, patio, and field while enjoying the property.**
- **Do not overfill the trash and recycling bins or leave any items next to or on top of the bins. Place pizza boxes directly in the recycling dumpster, do not stuff into recycling bins.**
- **If you see trash on the ground, please be kind and pick it up.**
- **If trash or recycling is full and you are able to take it to the dumpster, the help is much appreciated.**
- **Smoking is not permitted on the beach or near the galley or picnic tables. Cigarette butts are not to be left on the ground anywhere on the property, including the parking lots.**
- **Please refrain from moving Adirondack chairs, picnic tables, benches. It causes unnecessary wear and tear on these items.**
- **Close umbrellas in high wind on the beach, if a storm is incoming, or when leaving.**
- **TVs in the galley are continuously being left on overnight. Remotes are provided on the counter for your use, they must be turned off before you leave.**



2025 Kayak Rack Slip Rentals



- The club office has mailed out the 2025 Kayak slip rental agreements to all members who rented Kayak slips in 2024. If you plan on renewing for the upcoming season, please return the completed and signed rental agreement along with payment.
- We have 36 Kayak slips available to rental each season, season starts on April 20th and concludes on October 31st. The Kayak Racks may only be used during the rental season and vessels need to be removed at conclusion of the season.
- Only Kayaks, Stand Up Paddleboards (SUP) and Canoes may be stored on the racks. None may be stored on the ground. Members that would like to rent a slip on the kayak rack need to complete the kayak rack rental agreement and provide the rental fee payment of \$25 for the season. Each renter will receive a Kayak Storage Permit sticker to attach to their vessel. Each sticker is individually numbered for member identification of property.
- Reach out to the club office to rent a slip as numbered in the image above as well as on the kayak racks. Kayak rack slips 31 to 36 is reserved exclusively for SUP's. All other kayak slips are open for kayaks, SUP or canoes. Just like how we manage our dock rentals, members who rent in 2024 will have first right to renew for the following year.
- The rental fees collected will be used for kayak rack repairs and new racks built. . This is the best way for us to provide structured assignment of these racks for members as well as using those fees collected to maintain, improve and replace, when needed.



2025 Scholarship

The \$2,500 Lake Forest Yacht Club Scholarship

**Applications now
being accepted.**



Members may now apply for the 2025 LFYC Scholarship, which we will be awarding to one of our members who is a 2025 graduating high school senior. Applications are available on our website: www.lfyc.org. The deadline for submission for this scholarship is April 11th 2025.

2025 Scholarship Submission:

The online application is in MS Word and pdf format and all entries must be typed. No handwritten applications accepted. Use a pdf editing application on your computer, such as Adobe, to enter all your data. Adobe also permits electronic signature of the applicant or print, sign and scan. Electronic signature or hand signed will be accepted.

No mailed or hand delivered applications will be accepted. All applications with scanned supporting documents must be submitted via email to the club office by 11:59 PM on April 11 2025. Applicants are recommended to send e-mail with “delivery receipt” to confirm timely submission. In the event of any discrepancy regarding application submission, it is the responsibility of the scholarship applicant to provide proof of e-mail submission by the required deadline.

Only applications emailed to our club office at, office@lfyc.org, will be accepted. Do not send completed applications through school submission portal.

The scholarship will award up to \$2,500 to help toward an applicant’s higher education endeavor. The candidate must be a Lake Forest Yacht Club member in good standing as well as a 2025 graduating high school senior. Each applicant will write an essay explaining why they are the ideal candidate to be the recipient of the LFYC Scholarship as well as provide three (3) letters of recommendation. Complete details of the application criteria will be found on the LFYC Scholarship Application

Scholarship applications must have an e-mail delivery date no later than 11:59 PM on April 11th, 2025. The five members of the 2025 LFYC Scholarship Committee will evaluate all applications and make a decision on who will be the recipient of this year’s LFYC Scholarship. The recipient will be notified on or before May 1st, 2025.

April Events



- **4/13 Easter Egg Hunt**
- **1:00pm**



- **4/19 Spring Clean up Day**
- **9:00am**

- **COMING UP**



- **5/2 May Semi Annual Club Meeting**
- **8:00pm**



- **5/3 LFYC Fishing contest**



- **5/24 OPENING DAY BBQ EVENT!**

Spring Clean Up Day

On April 19th starting at 9am we are looking for the community to help get our beach and grounds ready for the spring and summer season.

With this harsh winter finally over there is a lot to do so we all can enjoy the beach.

Here is a list of a few jobs/projects that we are looking for assistance with.

Coffee and Donuts for those who come to help. Please have children 12 and under accompanied by a parent.

LFYC Spring Cleanup Checklist

Install

- ☐ Catwalks
- ☐ Weed Curtains (determine which ones need replacing and measure)
- ☐ Goose guards
- ☐ Diving Boards
- ☐ Ladders on dive tower
- ☐ Countertops
- ☐ Hang TVs

Clean

- ☐ Galley
- ☐ Galley bathrooms
- ☐ Lifeguard room
- ☐ Playground

Labor

- ☐ Blow sand off galley and patios
- ☐ Shovel sand away from the beach wall
- ☐ Rake playground
- ☐ Shovel sand from parking lot
- ☐ Move/paint lifeguard chair after sand has been spread
- ☐ Remove ice eaters
- ☐ Unwrap Weedoo, save wood
- ☐ Remove shutters over windows in lifeguard room
- ☐ Put out football table/connect 4/BBQ grills
- ☐ Put out garbage cans along the beach patio
- ☐ Put out bar stools
- ☐ Inspect/fix Adirondack chairs/picnic tables
- ☐ Build NEW Blackstone Grill
- ☐ Put out existing foldable picnic tables from galley

Trash Pickup

- ☐ Parking lot/gardens
- ☐ Softball field/basketball court
- ☐ B&C lot/Wall Ball/dock areas
- ☐ Clubhouse/Commodore Room area
- ☐ Swim team point
- ☐ Tennis court
- ☐ Horseshoe Pits

Miscellaneous

- ☐ Move garbage can to basketball court
- ☐ Paint chains
- ☐ Stain picnic tables
- ☐ Stain dive tower bridge
- ☐ Paint wall ball court
- ☐ Put out yellow slide into water securing with black bags in water
- ☐ Put together new picnic tables in the galley
- ☐ Tighten bolts on the chairs around the galley



Easter Egg Hunt

The Lake Forest Yacht Club

Easter Fun Day

Sunday April 13th, 2025 @ 1pm

**Get ready for our annual Easter Egg Hunt & Pictures
with the Easter Bunny**

**Join us for an afternoon of family fun. Hunt for colorful
eggs filled with treats and snap a photo with the Easter
Bunny himself!**

**Kids of all ages are welcome.
Don't forget your baskets and cameras.
Bring a snack or Dessert to share.
Be sure to hop on over!**

Want to be part of the Easter magic?

We're looking for volunteers to help with:

- ❖ Event setup
- ❖ Fun activity ideas!
- ❖ Someone to be the Easter Bunny
- ❖ Picture backdrop idea and set up



The Social Committee Needs Volunteers



Our annual Opening Day celebration is coming up, and we need your help to make it a success! While ticket sales help offset the event costs, we rely on volunteers to make it truly happen.

We're looking for assistance with:

- **Event setup (tables, chairs, coolers, and ice pickup)**
- **Post-event cleanup**
- **Tournament coordination (Horseshoe, Cornhole, or Pickleball) your choice**

I understand everyone's time is valuable, but a little help from you would make a huge difference.

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Desirae Nigro,

Text or call 908-892-3679

Take me out to the ball game!

Hello. My name is Dylan Simonelli and I am a Life Scout in Boy Scout Troop 95 from Sparta, NJ. I am currently working toward my Eagle Scout rank, which is the highest rank in Boy Scouts. One of my requirements for this rank is to plan and execute a project that benefits the community. I was born here and have lived in Lake Forest my entire life.

My Eagle Scout project is to refurbish the baseball field across from the Lake Forest Yacht Club. It is my hope that with a newly refreshed field the community will get more use out of this space. My family and I have enjoyed many hours playing and practicing sports there and I would like to see this continue for other children and families.

In order to continue, I am beginning to raise funds for this community project. I would like to raise at least \$4,000.00 and 100% of the funds collected would be utilized for the materials needed for this endeavor. The materials include baseball field clay mix and bases. Any amount donated is greatly appreciated!

There are a few ways to contribute to the baseball field renovation:

Checks can be dropped off at the Lake Forest Yacht Club office during office hours. Please make checks payable to: Dylan Simonelli and be sure to put Eagle Scout project in the memo.

Or you can use the Venmo link below to donate to this worthy cause. I hope you will consider donating!

YIS,

Dylan

Dylan Simonelli

@Dylan-Simonelli-4



venmo



Beach Lovers: Help Us Stock the Concession Stand!

Want to contribute to the fun at our beach this summer? We're looking for a few awesome volunteers to help us keep our concession stand stocked with all the good stuff. It's a super easy way to get involved and make a real difference!

What's Involved?

We need 5 volunteers to be part of our Concessions Crew. Don't worry, it's not a huge time commitment! Here's what you'd be doing:

- **Menu Planning:** Help us decide what treats to offer – from refreshing drinks to yummy snacks and everything in between!
- **Smart Shopping:** Use your savvy shopping skills to find the best deals on supplies (we'll reimburse you!).
- **Keeping Things Stocked:** Help make sure the concession stand has plenty of everything throughout the summer.

The best part, You don't have to work at the concession stand itself. We have a great team for that. You'll just be helping behind the scenes with the fun part – choosing the goodies and keeping them coming!

Why Volunteer?

- **Support Our Community:** Help make our beach the best it can be.
- **Easy and Fun:** It's a low-key way to get involved and meet other beach lovers.
- **Make a Difference:** Your help will ensure everyone has access to their favorite snacks and drinks all summer long.

Interested? Call or text Desirae Nigro 908-892-3679

 Snack Stand Menu			
Drinks:		Lunch Items:	
Koolaid	\$0.50	Cup of Soup	\$2.00
Water	\$1.00	Mozzarella Sticks (6)	\$3.50
Seltzer	\$1.00	Chicken Nuggets (6)	\$3.50
Soda	\$1.00	Chicken Pot Pie	\$2.00
Gatorade	\$1.00	High Bites	\$3.00
		Macaroni Cheese	\$2.00
Snacks:		Ice Cream/Ice Pops:	
Planters Nuts	\$1.00	Freeze Pop	\$0.25
Skinny Pop	\$1.25	Ice Cream Sand/cup	\$1.00
Applesauce	\$0.50	Twin Pops	\$1.00
Chips/pretzels	\$1.00	Cookie Sandwich	\$1.50
Slim Jim	\$1.00	Cookies	\$1.50
Cookies	\$1.00	Strawberry Pops	\$1.00
Veggie Straws	\$1.00	Twix	\$1.00
PopTarts	\$1.00		
Candy:			
Air Head	3/\$1.00		
Skittles/Starburst	\$1.50		
Ring Pop	\$0.50		

Lifeguards Wanted



Certification Class on June 7th & 8th

MUST be 16 by July 1st

Recertification cost - \$200

Full certification - \$400

Contact Scott at 973-534-6778

Interested in Swimming?

NJRL Small Division Champs 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019!!

The Lake Forest Viking's Team is a summer swim team that competes in NJRL.

It is open to all swimmers ages 5 to 18 year of age.

Everyone is welcome on the Lake Forest Swim Team

You do not have to live in Lake Forest

Have questions and don't want to wait?

Contact Kristen Brown at 973-768-6958

or kristenbrown34@gmail.com



Show some Lake Forest Pride with some great apparel!

Order forms are on the website or in the office.



Red/ Lt Blue/ White ink on Navy T-Shirts
Placement: Left Chest
3" W x 3" H



Gray and Navy

Red/ Lt Blue/ White ink on Navy T-Shirts
Placement: Full Back
11" W x 11" H

Custom AA Crafts

PRICE INCLUDES FRONT LEFT CHEST & LARGE BACK CENTER LOGOS
ALSO AVAILABLE IN GRAY 2XL & UP - ADD \$3

 Tee - \$22	 Long Sleeve - \$24	 Zip Up Hoodie - \$32	 Polo - \$24
Sweatpants - \$22			
 Crew Sweatshirt - \$26	 Hoodie - \$28	 Unisex Tank - \$24	 Ladies Tank - \$24
			

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**Get your advertisement in the monthly
Lake Forest Yacht Club Porthole News**

- Please contact the office for any inquires and submissions.
- Business Card size ad for \$20 a month.
- Our site averages 14 hits a day.



Regina Ashworth

Sales Representative

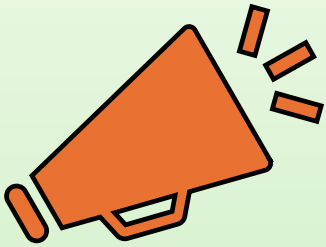
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Let us hear from you!



We like to share news and announcements from our members in the monthly Porthole Issues. If you want to pass along a message such as birthdays, anniversaries, birth announcements or engagements, etc., we encourage you to share it with us.

If you provide the information by the 15th of the month, the news should appear in the upcoming month's issue.

Red Cross Certified **Babysitter List**



Aubrey Gilligan 973-461-3900

Maddie Luke 973-800-5541

Lake Forest Board Meeting Minutes

LFYC Trustee Meeting

Date: 3/12/2025 at 7:09PM Ended at 8:44

Meeting Recorder: Joe O'Donnell, Secretary

Attendees, Dan Vinson, Justin Bosi,

Joe O'Donnell, Dmitry Bohdan, Peter Moreland

Minutes/Actions

Peter Moreland - Commodore: Communications, Website, Porthole, Docks

- Discussed electronic speed sign on Yacht Club Drive, Peter to speak with the Town.
 - o The only way we will get something Perm is we need to get it ourselves. Pete to speak to the town again if the answer is no ask Linda to draft a letter to the town requesting this more formal and to put into the town budget being approved for June.
- Docks:
 - o Critical B and C Dock analysis with Walt at AAA Docks Peter to reach out to Frank
 - o Dock rentals update provided all filled by all members
 - o 3/15 deadline for payments

Evan Kurzman, Treasurer: Financials, Budget, Grant and Scholarship & Wakeoff

- Finance Update
- Evan review electronic payment
- Mortgage information
- Master Lease Increase verbiage needs to go on April Invoice ? Is this required?
- I think we should start to look at other options for our banking given their lack of investment options (only offering CDs that pay less than United States treasuries), online resources, and lack of Zelle for business. I'll do some research.
- Pete read update as Evan on vacation

Joe, Secretary: Office, Beach, Legal & Insurance & Swim Team

- Legal / Insurance
 - o Pending getting legal contact Dolan and Dolan in Newton?
- Beach Sand May
- Lifeguards Minimum wage went up to \$15.49. Approved increases approved.
 - o Joe to review with Scott age of 16 and responsibilities



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Minutes/Actions

Joe, Secretary: Office, Beach, Legal & Insurance & Swim Team

- Gates on cat walks and dive tower
 - o Joe to get gate installed on catwalk prior to cat walks going in the water
 - o Weed curtains to may install part way prior to installation of cat walks
- Joe to start the process for review of Master Lease at Termination
- Office Update
- Review Clubhouse Rentals and Repairs
 - o Current rental requests for review approved 2/29/25 4/6/25 5/3/2025 8/3/2025
 - o Swim team approved for clubhouse 5/17/25

Dmitry Bohdan: Grounds, Maintenance, Tennis Courts & Nominating Committee

- Grounds
 - o Clubhouse Patio Drainage Project to eliminate erosion.
 - o Electrical issue- Review Estimates
 - o Reviewed quotes Haws Electrical approved
 - o Club Maintenance to do list
 - o Catwalks need repair asap
 - o Septic cleaning- Estimate. Earthcare approved
 - o Tennis courts to add carabiners to the wind curtains
 - o Kayak Racks do we need to do any updates to them

Dan Vinson: Social, By-Laws, Clubhouse, Welcoming new membership

- AV Closet lock
 - o To be completed
- Sliding doors to be worked on when Tom comes back



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- o Fan and Ladies room Draw broken.
 - o Ladies room fan disconnected new fans will be installed
- o By-law meeting
 - o April to start this
- o Welcoming New Neighbors
- o To start next month with new names
- Social :
 - o Roasted breadfruit for opening day in process. Details reviewed
 - o Family night coming up
 - o 5/3 kids fishing tournament

Justin Bosi: Security, Boat Races, Boat Safety Course

- Replace rotted out poles around basketball area
 - o Justin has them he just needs to get them here.
- Review of the boat safety course.
 - o This weekend.
- Septic Covers needed Justin to handle.
 - o To be done in the spring
 - o Need a cover for the water shut off for gally
- Security Update
 - o LADD Security Update
 - o Security Camera to be added to clubhouse storage room.
 - o Need to provide Linda dates for when we want Security



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Minutes/Actions

Tom DeSena:



NEW Business:

NEW Business & Action Items:

- Eagle scout project for baseball field approved.
 - o Reviewed
- Discussed cleaning out maintenance room.
- Other Action Items/Follow Up:
 - o Legacy Porthole issues update/ all is in process
- Improved Audio at Clubhouse and Beach Galley
 - o NO UPDATE: Still pending on Casey Johnston availability.
 - o Casey Johnston has this on his task list. Install date TBD
 - o Clubhouse audio both outside and inside first.
 - o New wiring, speakers, microphones, AV Closet renovation

New projects

- Pete parking lights has info and will call
- Light by the ball field Dmitry to work on
 - o Completed