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Commodore's Message

Hello neighbors,

About a month ago I remember thinking, where is all the snow? The month of February answered that question. February has been a month to remember or forget when it comes to snowfall totals. Hopefully, the winter weather is behind us and we can continue planning for the Spring and Summer months as homeowners and as a club. It was nice to have a couple of days when the high temperature reached 50 degrees and we could get outside without winter hats and gloves. Let's hope for warmer days ahead.



Similar to last year, we will continue to plan activities and functions with the hopes of enjoying them together with or without restrictions, so please keep an eye on our upcoming events. Our Spring Cleanup day is scheduled for Sunday, April 11 so mark your calendar and be ready to help make our grounds Summer ready. I remember the late cleanup day we had last year and will never forget the "normal" feeling some of us had once the catwalks were installed. Come down and be part of the fun. It will be a very busy day as we put the catwalks in, hang the swim curtains, rake the beach, clean some indoor areas and pick up trash. Please bring your shovels, rakes, and other garden tools to be used that day. We will also have a light breakfast and will order lunch for those that help out.

As it is a problem every year, nonmembers are parking in our parking lot and accessing the ice to fish. Due to the large amounts of snow on the roads, it has been a larger problem and more cars are parking in our lot this year. Please know, appropriate signs have been ordered, and once installed the police will be able to take action against these individuals. Please remember to have your parking tags displayed in your vehicles while parked at the club. Also, we are asking any of your guests to have a temporary day parking pass displayed on their dashboard. Temporary guest parking passes can be obtained during office hours or by taking one from the outside bulletin board, please be sure the information on the pass is completed properly.

Please be sure to check the Porthole for information on spring and summer programs, employment with the club, dock rentals, Lake Forest Swim Team, boat safety course, and the Lake Forest scholarship application.

I encourage anyone to contact the Lake Forest office if they have suggestions or concerns regarding our club and its operation. The board meets often and communicates continuously for the neighborhood and member interests. The trustees will take all inquiries into consideration for discussion during our meetings.

Best Regards,

Mike Malakuskie

Commodore



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Let Us Hear from You!!!



We like to share the news and announcements from our residents in the monthly Porthole Issue. If you want to pass along a message such birthdays, anniversaries, birth announcements or other, 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 issue.



Babysitter List - *Red Cross Certified

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Mark Your CALENDAR



Johns

Member Since: 1978



ID # 0001

March 15 - Second Payment of the Membership Due



March 15- Dock Slip Agreement & Payment Due



March 28 Easter Egg Hunt



April 10 Boat Safety Course



April 11 Spring Clean Up



April 15 Scholarship Application Due Date



May 7 Semi-Annual Meeting

2021 Season Dock Rental Information

Dock Slip Renewal Deadline: March 15th, 2021

As we get closer to the start of the boating season, we want to remind all members who rented slips in 2020 that the March 15th dock slip renewal deadline is approaching. We already have several new member dock slip rental requests.

The 2021 dock rental fee for members is \$550.00. If you plan on renewing for the upcoming season, please return the completed and signed rental agreement along with a copy of your boat registration and payment by March 15th 2021. Also, please indicate if there is any repair issue that you feel needs to be tended to regarding your slip.

If you have no intention to renew your dock slip for the 2021 season, please contact the club office so that we may reassign the slip to another member.

After March 18th, we will assign the new member rental slips and open up available slips to members who want to rent a second slip.

On April 1st, remaining open dock slips will be made available to member guests, with a member referral, at a rental fee of \$1,575.

2021 Dock Slip Rentals in A Dock

We will have several A Dock slips open up this season due to several members who previously rented in A Dock having moved out of Lake Forest. This will provide an opportunity for our members in A Dock to relocate within A dock or members wanting to relocate to A dock. In early March, I will be managing the member requests in regard to this. Here is how the slips will be assigned in a 3 step process:

Members who had 2020 rentals in A Dock will have first choice of relocating. They'll have the opportunity to move further out, stay in current slip, or move further in if preferred. I will be contacting renters in early March individually in regard, starting from the end (A34) and working in.

After A Dock renewal assignments are completed, I will offer up open slips on A Dock to any member who rented in 2020 on B or C Dock to have opportunity to relocate to A Dock. Please reach out to the club office or me in regard to adding your name to that list for possible reassignment.

New Members renting for first time in 2021 may then select any remaining slips in A Dock still available.

We will have at least 5 A dock slips open for rental this season. Not until completion of Step 1, will I know available slips for B or C dock rental reassignment or new member rentals. I anticipate that those available slips may likely be deep into the cove and may not

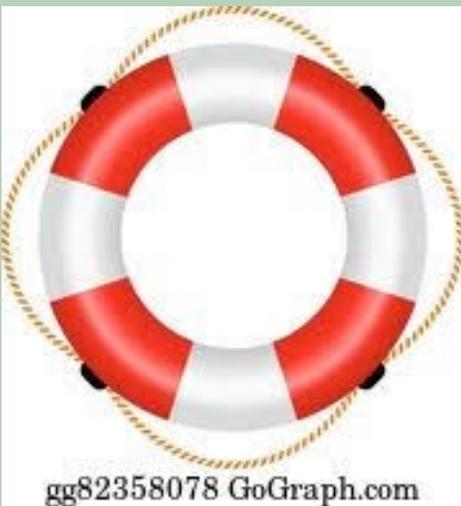


2021 Boating Safety Course

4/10/2021

To register go to:

www.boatingsafetyfirst.com



Lake Forest Yacht Club Scholarship

Applications now being accepted!

The \$2500.00 Lake Forest Yacht Club Scholarship

Application period starts in less than 30 days!

Members may now apply for the 2021 LFYC Scholarship, which we will be awarding to one of our members who is a 2021 graduating senior. Applications are available on our website: www.lfyc.org or at your school guidance office. The deadline for submission for this scholarship is April 15th, 2021.

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 2021 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 should be addressed to the LFYC Scholarship Committee and be mailed or e-mailed to the LFYC with a postmark or e-mail delivery date no later than April 15th, 2021. The five members of the 2021 LFYC Scholarship Committee will evaluate all applications and make a decision on who will be the recipient of the 2021 LFYC Scholarship. The recipient will be notified on or be-





Easter Egg Hunt

Hop on over Lake Forest to join us for our
annual Easter Egg Hunt

Date: Sunday 3/28

Time: 12-2pm

We will offer pizza, refreshments, desserts, a craft for the kids, and of course Easter Egg Hunt.

This is an outdoor only event (weather permitting) and is open to members and their non-member guests. Please bring your own basket.

As always please social distance and masks must be worn



LFYC is looking to interview new and returning lifeguards for 2021 summer season.

Weekend beach operations begin mid-May until school is out and then daily operations begin the first full week after school ends. Contact the LFYC Office for more details about scheduling, days required to work, etc. Lifeguard training and Red Cross Certificate including Waterfront are required BEFORE you can begin employment. Returning lifeguards will need to re-apply for the position.

An application can be obtained in the office or you can request one be sent via email. Our email address is office@lfyc.org. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the office at 973-663-0158



Please be aware that the ice bubblers/ice eaters are now in the water at Lake Forest Yacht Club B&C dock and working to prevent dock damage.

Be EXTRA careful if venturing out on the ice and remember it takes a minimum of 4" of solid ice to walk on.

LAKE HOPATCONG COMMISSION
Ice Eaters Regulations for Lake Hopatcong

- the affected area of ice created by the ice-retardant system shall not extend more than 25 feet beyond the protected structure or more than 25 feet, measured along the shoreline, from the protected structure.
- no system shall be designed or operated in such a way as to prevent ingress or egress to any portion of the water body or to foreclose the formation of ice across a channel.
- all ice-retardant systems shall be marked with an appropriate sign placed along the shore or on the protected structure specifying "Danger, Thin Ice."



Snow Storms Parking and Snow Removal Reminder

During snow storms we get many complaints for parking in the roadway. Please make sure all your vehicles are parked completely off the roadway during snow removal and/or salting operations.

407-7 Prohibited parking.

Parking of vehicles on Township Streets during snow removal and/or salting operations, or when there is at least 1/4 inch of accumulation of snow or ice on the roadway is prohibited.

We also respond to residents placing snow or ice on the roadway while clearing your driveways and vehicles.

407-4 Deposit of Snow on Streets Prohibited:

No person, firm or corporation, the owner, tenant or occupant of any premises abutting on any street, shall throw, place or deposit any snow or ice into or upon any street in said Township, it being the intent and purpose of this provision to prohibit all persons from throwing, casting, placing or depositing snow and ice upon the streets in the Township of Jefferson. Check on your neighbors who may need assistance during this storm, and void, if possible, any unnecessary travel when snow removal operations are in effect.



Grounds/Beach Clean Up

April 11 th

We are looking for the community help to get our beach and grounds ready for the spring and summer season. With a long winter getting on its way behind us. We are looking forward to the spring clean up. Here is a list of a few jobs/projects that we are looking for assistance with:

- ♦ Assemble the catwalks, weed curtains, goose guards
- ♦ Clean galley, galley bathrooms, ERR, BBQ Grills
- ♦ Clean playground, parking lot, B&C lot, softball field , tennis court
- ♦ Hang the TVs
- ♦ Plant flowers—by the playground and by the office
- ♦ Install galley countertops

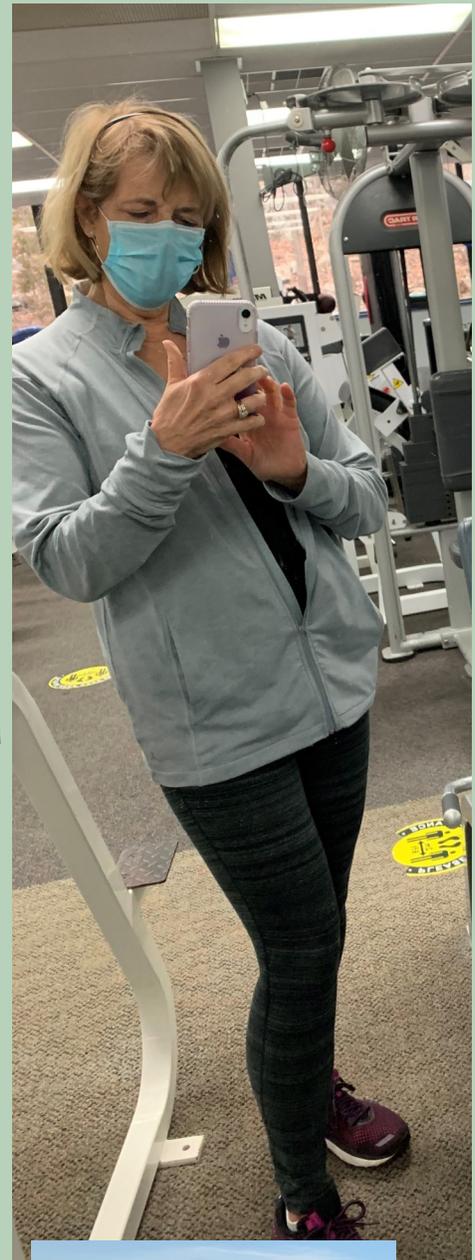
Please have children 12 and under accompanied by a parent.



Nothing stops these guys from playing Pickleball







The Daltons



The Stankus
Family





The Malakuskie
Family







**Jackson Macchia
and
Ryan Moran**



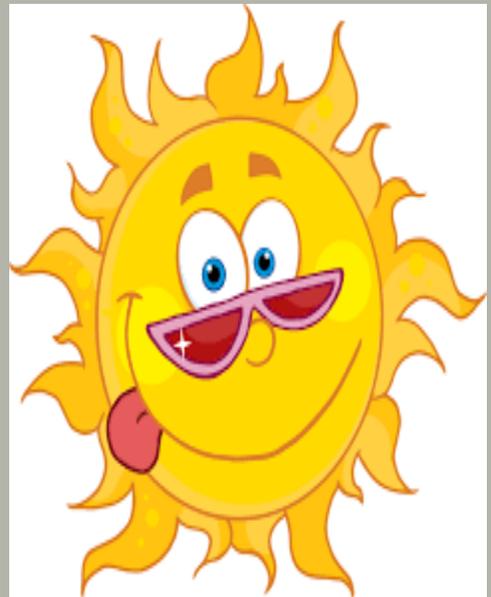
Gowers
Family



**The
Verdis
Family**



Marie and Sam
Chidiac





The Richardson Family



Trustee Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2021

Location: Clubhouse

Meeting called to order: 7:11 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:37 pm

Attendance: Mike Malakuskie Vanessa Luke, Vinny Gowers, Chrissy Gilligan, Peter Malenda, Misty Verdis and Linda Sobieski

Mike M. – Commodore, Grounds/Swim Team

Mike has been in touch with Lakeview Landscaping regarding winter cleanups. The cleanup from the large storm was significantly delayed.

Board discussed public using the property to access the lake for ice fishing and parking in our lot. It's been an issue every winter. Further discussed improving our signage, discussing with police department, and looking into whether towing is an option, etc.

Two truckloads of sand will be ordered for cleanup day (not the super fine – it blows too easily)

Princeton Hydro recommended we purchase aeration heads to install inline with the bubbler system in the swim lanes. They recommended purchasing them before prices go up in March. Misty is looking at options.

Vanessa Luke- Secretary, Office, Communications

Vanessa will send out an email blast looking for members to send in pictures for the March Porthole

Linda will send a calendar out to everybody showing current rental and event dates.

Jaime Evans – Treasurer/Facebook/ By-Laws/Financials/Budget Legal/Insurance

Not available for meeting

Misty Verdis – Boat Safety/Wakeoff/ Welcome/Membership

Misty updated on her research for a new vendor to supply the engraved paving stones for future orders since the previous company has gone out of business.

Outreach regarding Wakeoff is in progress and the Board reviewed some of the details that need to be covered like permits, insurance, etc.

Minutes continues:

Peter Malenda- Clubhouse/Docks/Security

Discussed dock bubblers at B and C and how to operate/adjust the timers and the regulations regarding the area of open water allowed.

Chrissy Gilligan – Social/ Nominating/Scholarships/Grants

Board discussed difficulty in scheduling any social events at the present time. Social committee will be looking at the calendar to book bands for 'Band on the Beach' days. Easter Egg Hunt will be scheduled and info will be provided for Porthole.

Since there are currently no events and rentals, we will move trash and recycling pickup with Blue Diamond to once per month temporarily to save some money and revisit this in April. We will also ask them if they can dispose of the old slide from the playground.

Vinny Gowers- Beach/Galley/Lifeguards/Tennis/Maintenance

Agreed galley restrooms will be cleaned every other Friday beginning in April and it's been suggested they're cleaned by the cleaning company every Friday from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day.

Looking into whether we can fix the Waterslide.

New AC for office will be installed, message board outside the office, and the office storm door will be fixed shortly.

Reaching out to the lifeguards to see who will be returning this summer. Anyone interested in lifeguard position needs to complete an application, a direct deposit form, and a W-4 form. If they are 16, working papers are needed. All lifeguards must have the required certification.

Cleanup day will be on Sunday, April 11 rain day is April 17 starting at 9:00

Vinny will give Linda measurements to get a price on the windscreen for the tennis courts