The Porthole News

April 2020

Spring is Here !

Happy Easter

Scholarship Application Due April 16

Upcoming Events

Check out the events and activities, the LFYC social committee has been working

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Dock slips assigned

Commodore's Message

Fellow neighbors,

Before we switched to a digital platform for creating and distributing the Porthole I thought the ten day lag between writing the commodore's message and everyone reading it was a long time. Think about where we were ten days ago. A lot can change in ten days, and most likely will continue to. Our community, state, country, and world as we know it are experiencing a situation we have never witnessed before in our lives. I'm not going to reiterate much of what we should be doing during this pandemic. Lake Forest and Jefferson Township have been very good at doing our part in social distancing. Please continue. I will leave you with one small statement. We will never know how badly we may have overreacted, but it will be clear if we do too little.

During this time of staying home unless leaving for essentials, please remember to check on our elderly and in-need neighbors to see if they are in need of anything and are in good condition. In addition, if you are in need of something, non emergency and non life threatening, please call the office. We will do our best to get you what you need. Although we have been in our homes for at least two weeks now and we may feel alone, we will all get through all of this together.

Of course we do not know when the current closures and restrictions will be lifted, but we will continue to promote our clubs' upcoming functions. We will provide an update at least one week in advance regarding the status of upcoming events. We are hopeful to have events in the somewhat near future and want you to be in the know if/when the ban is lifted.

To assist with any financial hardships members may be facing, the board has decided to waive the finance fees associated with late payment for the second half of membership and second quarter master lease payments. We will reassess the situation towards the end of the second quarter.

Lastly, many of the jobs for cleanup day require people to work in small teams and be in close contact with each other. We do not want to expose you to anyone you have not been in contact with lately by working at the club. We're continuing to discuss any possible ways to complete certain items. As always, please reach out to the office or any Trustee with any questions or suggestions you may have. Also, in all likelihood we will not be permitted to have the semi meeting scheduled for May 1. We are currently discussing options and will inform you once we come to a viable solution.

On behalf of the LFYC Board and office we wish you, your family, and your loved ones health, wellness, and safety over the coming days and weeks. Please get outside and enjoy the sunshine when you are able.

Sincerely,

Mike Malakuskie

Commodore

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Contact Page

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Office hours: Due to the COVID 19 the office is operating remotely . Use the mail slot in the office door to drop off items.
Monday 9-1, Wednesday 10-7
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Mark Your CALENDAR

March 15 - **Second Payment of the Membership Due Date**

April 4 - Spring Clean Up –postponed

April 5- Easter Egg Hunt –cancelled

April 16- **Scholarship Application Due Date**

April 19 - Boat Safety Course-cancelled

April 25 - Dancing Through The Decades-cancelled

May 1 - Semi-Annual Meeting

Hey Lake Forest Community!!!

Show us what you have been doing while staying at home or if you want to acknowledge a family member, community member or friend that is supporting us during this difficult time. Email us a picture or a story and we will post it on our website.

Opening Day Picnic

Save the date: May 23rd

9:00am – Firetrucks for the kids, coffee & donuts provided

2:00pm—Free Hot Dogs, Catering by the Brownstone, Horseshoe Tournament, 50/50, Music by DJ Earl, Bounce House, Face Painting, and additional entertainment to come for the kids. Beer and wine provided by the club. More details to follow

Lake Forest Yacht Club Scholarship

Applications now being accepted!

Members may now apply for the 2020 LFYC Scholarship, which we will be awarding to one of our members who is a 2020 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 16th 2020. **The scholarship will award $1,000 for the first year to help start off an applicant's higher education endeavor. The Scholarship recipient will be awarded $500.00 each additional year of college attended up to 3 more years - sophomore, junior and senior years after proof of 3.0 or better grade point average. Total available to be awarded to any individual over the 4 years is $2,500.00**
This award may be used for tuition, books and other school related expenses. The candidate must be a Lake Forest Yacht Club member in good standing as well as a 2020 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.

2020 Season Dock Rental Information

5 Dock Slips Still Available for 2020 Season

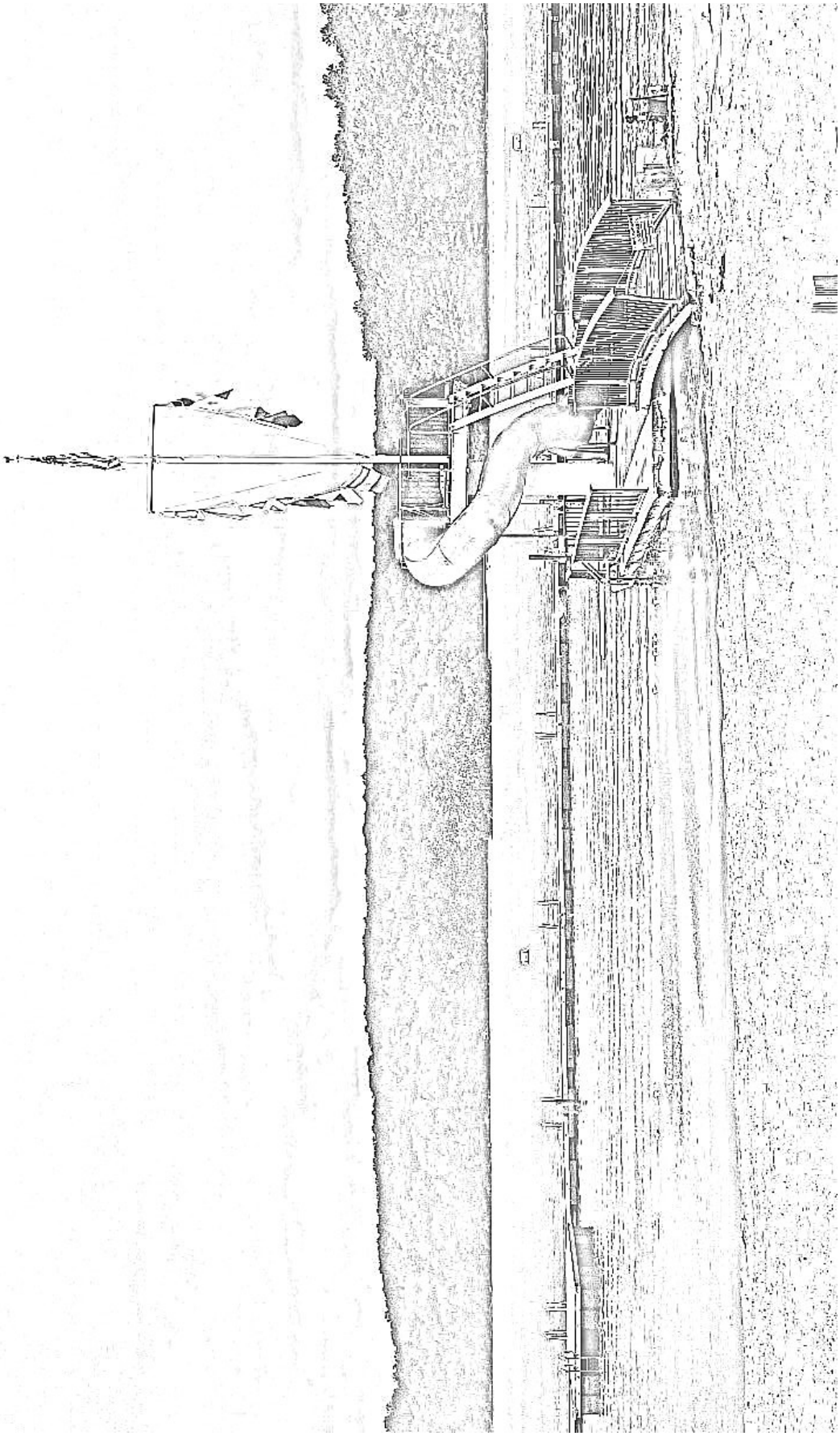
Member dock rental renewals and new member rentals are completed. We have approximately 5 open dock slips available for rental.

Member rental fee for the season is $550.00. The member guest dock rental fee for this season is $1,575. Only guests referred by a current club member may rent a slip for the season.

While using the ramp please don't leave your vehicles with trailers for extended period of time on the ramp and make sure your vehicle with the trailer /boat stays clear from the path to access the ramp.

Create a self-portrait or your family drawing on the Lake Forest Beach.

Post it on the Lake Forest Facebook Group or email it to us and we will post it on the website. HAVE FUN!



Lake Forest Members-Students Domestic Service Providers

Babysitters - *Red Cross Certified

Shanna Leek *(16) 973-663-1904

Kristie Thompson * (17) 973-663-2027

Samantha Gowers (16) 201-704-7658

Nicole Kahwaty* (17) 973-479-0773

Rebecca Schultz * (17) 973-876-0362

Elise Gilligan* (15) 973-440-7166

Tutors

Veronica Carrion (17) 862-803-4101 –English, math, science (Lake Forest community only)

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 good news, 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.

the message

Blast from the Past

LFYC Ski Club

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TREE SERVICE

Tree removal—pruning –stump removal

Hedge trimming - 24 hour emergency service

Storm Damage –Land Clearing –Crane Service Available

Free Estimates –No job too big or too small

Firewood

Fully insured –Residential –Commercial

10% off any job $300.00 or more

973-713-8488

COLDWELL BANKER

RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

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I Know You're Going to DO IT ...
You Know You're Going to DO IT ...

If you or someone that you know is thinking about making a move Give me a call 973-294-6823

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LFYC Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 11, 2020
Location: LFYC Office
Meeting called to order: 7:15 pm, Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 pm
Attendance: Mike Malakuskie, Vanessa Luke, Jaime Evans, Brian Richardson, Chrissy Gilligan, Vinny Gowers
Special Guest: Brian Kleczkowski

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Brian introduced himself as a commercial photographer that would like to contribute to the LHF and lake community by creating an event of an art show/gallery and silent auction. He presented sample prints of the lake to the Board. The event will benefit the Lake Hopatcong Foundation. He would like to host it in the Lake Forest Clubhouse.

The event would be open to the public, there will be no entry tickets and the starting bid per print will be $200. Would involve use of clubhouse and patio.

Question regarding how the photos will be displayed without damaging the clubhouse walls.

Brian assured that he will be using adhesive materials that will not affect the walls.

Point raised that fall is still busy with the Clubhouse rentals, events, and beach usage. After the presentation, the Board further discussed Brian's request and decided to seek more specific details from him before the vote.

Mike Malakuskie - Commodore/ Grounds

-The Board decided to renew the contract with our current landscaping company.

-The board members in charge of the maintenance and the beach will start preparing the details for the cleanup day. Anna will email Mike K. the list of the tasks from the previous years.

Vanessa Luke - Secretary

-Rentals approved

Jaime Evans - Treasurer

-The playground fundraiser thermometer was purchased but it needs to withstand the outdoor elements, so Jaime decided to modify it.

-Anna will create a bank sub-account for the playground funds.

-The First Hope account needs to be closed by a Board member in person

-The by-laws changes suggested at the annual meeting in December need to be revised and included in the semi-annual meeting notice to the members .

Mike M. for Mike Kahwaty— Maintenance/Clubhouse/Wakeoff

- Kegerators were purchased and installed.

-The Club will be hiring a maintenance contractor. Necessary paperwork will be provided.

-Mike K. has been working on upgrading and repairs to the aeration pump by the swim lanes.

-Wakeoff- Contract to be revised with exclusion of the softball field as a parking lot.

Brian Richardson –Docks

-B&C docks numbers were ordered.

-LFYC needs to sign the contract with the swim team for an upcoming season.

Chrissy Gilligan—Social/Scholarship

-Texas Hold'em - cancel due to developing COVID 19 outbreak.

-Chrissy reported she is still researching winery trip.

-Easter Egg Hunt event is in progress - the social committee needs to discuss the budget for the event.

-Decade Dance is scheduled for April 24.

-Opening Day Picnic - the social committee is working on the details. They are planning activities, entertainment, and catering.

-The application was emailed to the JTHS and posted on the website. The deadline to apply is April 16.

Vinny Gowers– Beach/Galley

-Vinny has been communicating with Amanda regarding rehiring the lifeguards from the previous season.

-Anna will schedule de-winterization of the Galley bathrooms and snack shack. The ice machine needs to be cleaned.