

# The Porthole News

May 2020

**Happy Mother's Day!**

**Check what we have  
been doing.**

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**Scholarship  
Winner Announced**





# Commodore's Message

Hello neighbors,

Congratulations to the Struble, Critchlaw and Richardson kids for winning the Easter Egg design competition. Many of us colored and decorated our eggs but none were more adorable than the winners...or their eggs. We also had good participation within the neighborhood regarding the window egg hunt. Our social committee did a nice job in bringing the community together in a time where there's never been more distance between us. Thank you and we look forward to your creative ideas in the future.

These are certainly trying times to say the least. Please understand the board is making decisions collaboratively and with the safety and security of our members and club as a top priority. Does convenience waiver at certain times? Yes and we're sorry about that inconvenience. Just please understand it is temporary.

It would be remiss of me to fail to address the current situation and our LFYC community. As the weather continues to get nicer we will see more and more members enjoying our beautiful property. Just please continue to follow the governor's orders and practice social distancing on our shared property. LFYC is a highly visible area from both land and water and people will surely take notice and take issue if large groups congregate. I would hate to see any negative repercussions occur based on the actions of a few individuals. As most of you are aware, the state and local governments have opened parks & recreation areas for passive recreation effective 6:00 AM on Saturday, May 2nd with restrictions & guidelines still in place. Using playgrounds, fields, courts and any activity where 6 feet of social distancing cannot be maintained is not permissible. The LFYC board feels this change is optimistic for decreasing the nonmember traffic to our area. Therefore, we have removed the temporary barrier to the parking lot. Thank you for your support and understanding of the decision we made to erect the barrier. We know it was inconvenient to our members especially those with boats in A dock and we appreciate your patience.

Be sure to take a look inside this edition on a very exciting announcement regarding our swimming and beach area for this summer season. We have been very anxious to share this new and exciting information with all of you. Also, please take notice and appreciate the hard work and time our members dedicated to improving our club. Justin Bosi created beautiful counters for our galley. Mike Kahwaty tiled the stage to protect it from constant wear and tear and minimize maintenance. There are also custom and stylish backings to protect the walls when using the dart boards created by yours truly. Thank you all, our members are what make LFYC a continually improving facility.

On Friday May 1 we would have held our semi-annual meeting to update members on club operations and to field questions and concerns. That meeting will now be held on June 18 at 7:00 PM. We also would have had the pleasure to announce our 2020 Lake Forest Yacht Club Scholarship Fund winner. This year's winner is a hardworking and dedicated upcoming 2020 graduate of Jefferson Township High School. She will be focusing on Environmental Studies at Florida Atlantic University in the Fall in hopes to one day make a difference by applying her knowledge at the lake we love. Best of luck and CONGRATULATIONS to Cassidy Esposito for being the 2020 LFYC scholarship winner. We know you will make your parents and Lake Forest proud as you engage in this new journey ahead of you. Also, thank you Frank Gutowski and the Scholarship Committee for their continual efforts in selecting the most worthy candidate.

The Lake Forest Vikings swim team is hopeful there will be a season this year. Please stand by as they finalize an online friendly registration form to be posted on our website within the upcoming days. Interested individuals between the age of five and eighteen are encouraged to register. Contact Bonnie Sabia for more information.

Moving forward as a club we will continue to adhere to the governor's orders. We will not be holding any social gatherings or functions although we will promote and plan them in hopes the order is lifted. Cancellations will be communicated through Facebook and emails. We thank you for your continued support throughout this difficult time and hope you are doing well. Please let us know if you need anything. We are a strong community with many resources and skilled individuals and we always support each other.



Thank you,  
Mike Malakuskie  
Commodore

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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**



**Thursday 9-1, Saturday 9:30-12:30**



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# Mark Your CALENDAR



May 5

Mother's Day



May 20

Graduate's pictures due



June 18-

Semi-Annual Meeting

## Opening Day Picnic

Stay Tuned.....



## Scholarship Winner Announced !

The Lake Forest Yacht Club Scholarship Committee met via video conference on Wednesday, April 29 and chose the winner of the 2020 LFYC Scholarship. Congratulations to Cassidy Espinoza future student at Florida Atlantic University.

The official announcement and introduction will be at the semi-annual meeting . Thank you to the Committee for their time and service.





**Dear Lake Forest Community!**

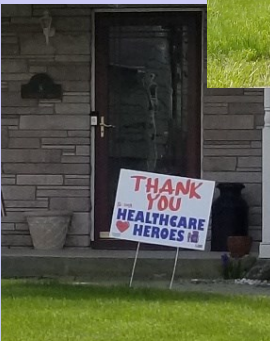
**We are so happy to share these photos and news of our members and neighbors staying busy and positive during this stay at home and social distancing time.**



Huge shoutout to Lake Forest ladies: Sharon Saporito, Donna Combos, Laurie Boucher, Carol Lynn Wallace, and Jessica Figueroa. Big thank you to the rest that donated money or supplies. Lake Forest ladies are part of the group that have been sewing and donating thousands of fabric masks and headbands to local healthcare providers. Keep up the great work girls! We are very proud and grateful to have you in our community.



Lake Forest Residents showing gratitude and appreciation for the healthcare and an essential workers!!!





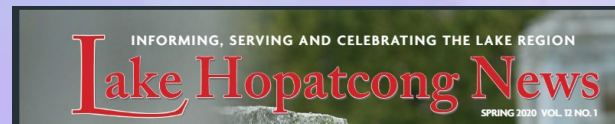
Lilly Miller wrote this beautiful poem illustrated with the picture.



Singing in a tree

Singing in a tree, is a good idea to me. It charms the animals, and tames the breeze. And makes me calm with the ping of some ease. Singing in a tree, is a good idea to me. It laps at the plant life, and cures the other trees. Singing in a tree, makes life way better. It calms you down and makes everything settle. You'll realize it soon. Sooner than later. Try it! It makes you feel... free!

Veronica Carrion's article about students adjusting to distance learning was published in the Lake Hopatcong Magazine!



Story by VERONICA CARRION  
Photos courtesy of the author

The following is a personal account of the impact the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic is having on

teaching students from afar while schools are shut down. Graduation requirements must still be met, pandemic or not, hence the rise of distance learning.

It's a fairly simple solution: students are given

be our new reality. We phone interviews with Jefferson Township High School insight into how people

"I don't have to worry about getting the end of a period," the high school, happy time, relax, without the school."

Another student, I something similar: "It difficult. The assignment enough."

Some students are time spent at home.

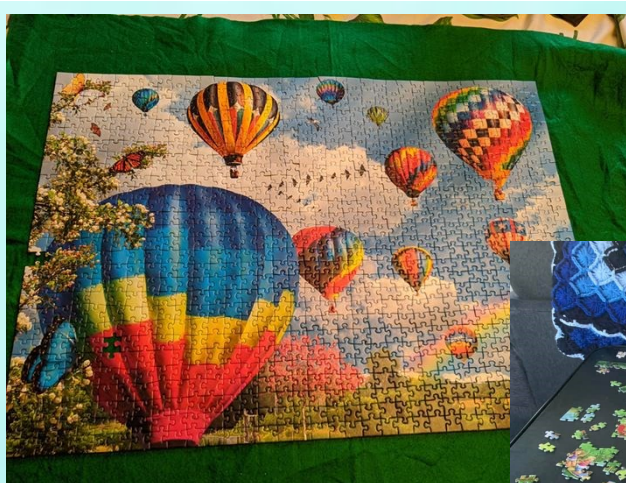
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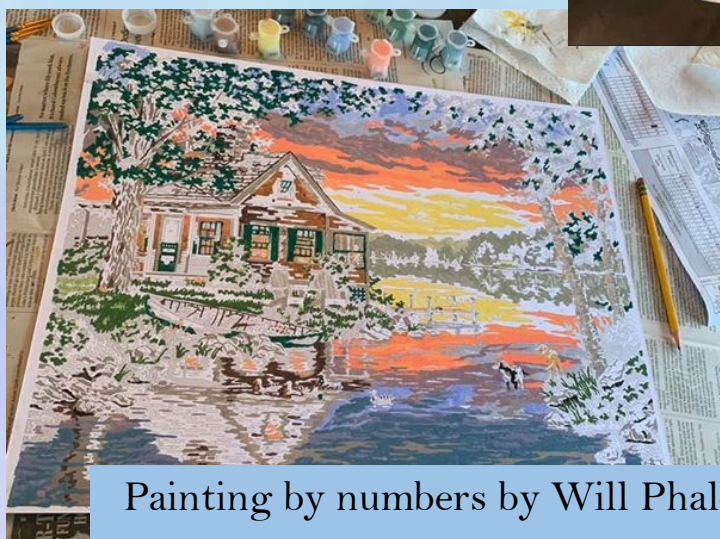




Jackie, Briana, Cassidy and Matthew Espinoza playing Scrabble.



Schultz, Lawrence and Brennan Families completed some very difficult puzzles.



Painting by numbers by Will Phalon.



Rainbow Toast Breakfast by Fiona and Malory Struble. Yum!



Arts and Crafts by Julia and Anton Critchlaw







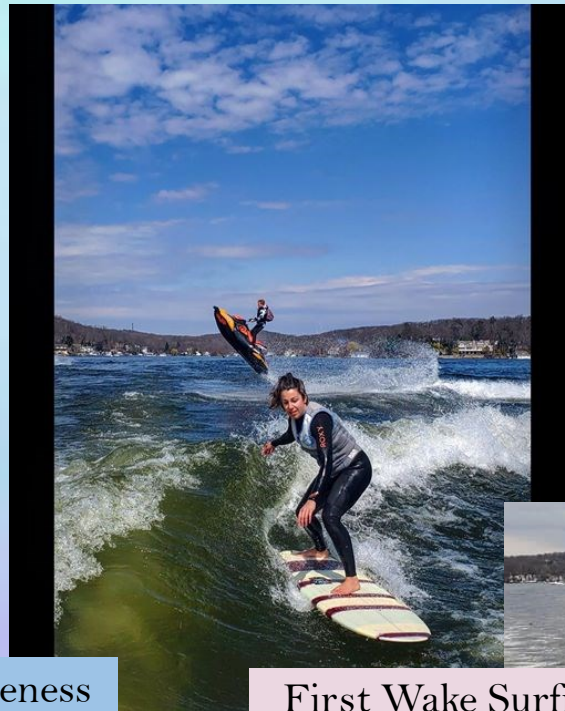
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Firetruck and  
playing dress  
up by JP and  
Luke Wilpert.



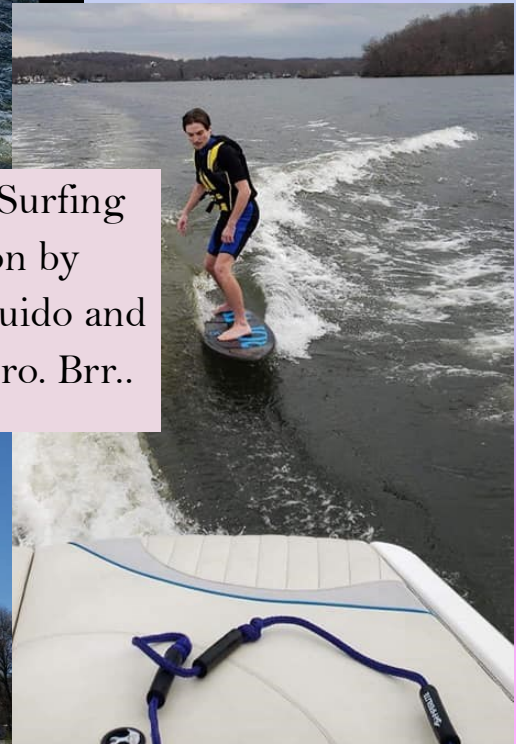
This beautiful screen  
door painting by the  
Struble Family.



Mako, the Great Pyreness  
dog, gardening in the  
Evans's backyard.



First Wake Surfing  
this season by  
Alexandra Guido and  
Luke Calogero. Brr..



First boat rides of  
the year on the  
Lawrence's and  
Fenske's boats.



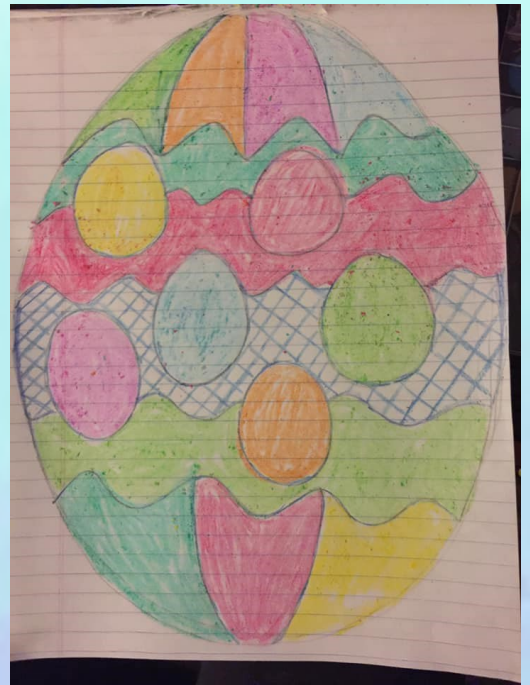


# Our hardworking Social Committee organized this virtual Easter egg contest.

Good job to all of the talented participants and winners of the event.









Although the Clubhouse is officially closed, a lot of work has been going on behind the curtains. Absolutely gorgeous countertops were brought in by Justin Bosi, a wine cork dartboard was made and hung up by Mike Malakuskie, and wooden tile paneling was installed in the clubhouse by Mike Kahwaty. Frank Gutowski coordinated repairs on B& C docks, as well as new slip numbers. The catwalks were installed by a small group of the members.

**Thanks to all of the volunteers who took the initiative to do this!**





# Lake Forest chosen for two new technologies to improve the water quality!

We have been eagerly awaiting the moment when we could share some exciting news, and the time is finally here!

As you all know, last summer was a bit of a struggle at the LFYC, as well across much of the lake, due to the Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs). Of course in true LFYC style though, we pulled together and made the best of our summer and for that we are grateful!

Since that time, we have been in touch with a company named Princeton Hydro. They work closely with the Lake Hopatcong Foundation and Commission. Our goal was to learn from them what we could do to be proactive ahead of this coming summer to possibly avoid having a problem with HABs.

During a recent conversation with them, we were VERY happily surprised to learn that our beloved LFYC site has been chosen by these organizations to be the recipient of TWO new technologies aimed at improving water quality! We have gone through 2 site evaluations to date and it's been confirmed we are a GO!!! Funding for these projects is being made possible through grant money awarded from the state and matching funds from county and local levels.

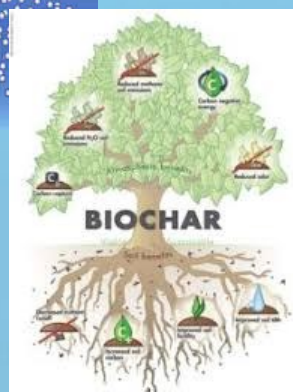
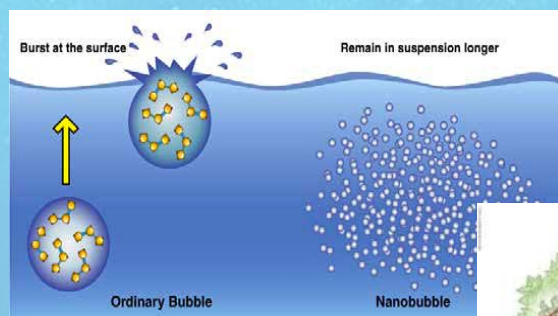
The first technology is called biochar. It is material that will filter and trap certain nutrients needed for HAB growth, thus, potentially limiting HABs. Biochar may be placed at stormwater inlets in our area

or in free standing water.

The second technology is called an ozone nanobubble system. This system will be set up in the vicinity of in our swim area and will produce microscopic bubbles to reduce the competitive advantage of cyanobacteria by maintaining healthy levels of dissolved oxygen. Nano-bubbles do not immediately float to the surface of the water and pop but instead spread out within the water body of water for many days.

Both technologies are cutting edge and are going to be installed professionally and at no cost to us aside from the electric required to run the system in the swim area. Princeton Hydro will be regularly monitoring the systems and our water quality and will be sharing the results with us.

We are honored to have been chosen for this wonderful opportunity and hope you will all share in our excitement! As we learn more in the coming days we will be sure to keep you updated!





# Lake Forest Members-Students Domestic Service Providers



## **Babysitters - \*Red Cross Certified**

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Elise Gilligan\* (15) 973-440-7166

## **Tutors**



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



## **Graduates Wanted !!!**

For the June Porthole we wanted to celebrate all of our 2020 graduates. Whether your student is graduation nursery school, kindergarten, middle school, high school or college - we want to celebrate their accomplishments! Please email a photo and a congratulations blurb to the office at: [office@lfyc.org](mailto:office@lfyc.org) by May 20th

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.







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# LFYC Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 8, 2020

Location: Conference Call – Google Meets due to the Covid- 19

Meeting called to order: 7:06 pm, Meeting Adjourned: 8:37 pm

Attendance: Mike Malakuskie, Vanessa Luke, Jaime Evans, Brian Richardson, Chrissy Gilligan, Vinny Gowers, Mike Kahwaty joined 7:57

## **Mike M. – Commodore,**

### **Grounds/Security:**

-A member proposed hosting a blood drive on LFYC premises. The member was made aware LFYC clubhouse use is for private functions only.

-Mike reached out to a potential new security company but with the current circumstances, they did not get back to him by the time of the meeting.

## **Vanessa Luke- Secretary, Office, Communications**

-All rentals for April were canceled or postponed.

-Members have been contacting Trustees reporting an increased number of trespassers on the property. The Board discussed options to prevent non-member traffic. Hiring security would be expensive for the number of hours that would be required, and personally addressing trespassers has led to issues. Trustees decided to order additional signs stating that LFYC is a private/members only property and place them at the entrance of the property.

## **Jaime Evans - Treasurer, Financials, Legal, Insurance**

-First Hope Bank account was officially closed.

- The new playground subaccount has two \$450 payments from the savings on printing and mailing the Porthole newsletter.

## **Mike K – Maintenance/**

### **Clubhouse/Wakeoff**

-The Club has hired a maintenance contractor. Necessary paperwork

is being gathered.

- One of the LF residents has offered to replace the Clubhouse floors with epoxy flooring at a reduced cost. Mike M. will reach out to member to ask if there are any options that will not be slippery when wet and further research cost.

## **Brian Richardson - Docks, By-Laws, Swim Team**

-AAA performed the evaluation of the docks. This year LFYC will perform only repairs that are essential for the slip to properly function. There are \$20,000.00 worth of repairs that need to be completed within the next 5 years.

- Almost all the slips were rented. 3 slips open at the time of the meeting

-Boat Course was canceled. As of now there is no new date reserved.

## **Chrissy Gilligan - Social, Scholarship, Nominating**

-Dancing through the decade event was canceled

- Social committee met via conference call. They are still planning for the Opening Day picnic. DJ and bounce house are still reserved.

- The Committee is planning some events that will comply with the social distancing order. There will be an egg decorating contest. The art will be posted and voted on Facebook.

## **Vinny Gowers- Beach/Galley/Lifeguards**

-Vinny has been communicating with our head lifeguard regarding rehiring the lifeguards from the previous season. The Club has a group of lifeguards secured for the season.

-EColi testing will be scheduled as soon as it will be permitted.

## **Actions/New Business:**

-The new galley countertops look amazing. The Board would like to recognize Justin Bosi in the May Porthole.

- The picnic tables that were delivered for the Clubhouse patio are still in the box and need to be assembled. The task requires a few men working together to put that many tables together.

- Semi-Annual meeting needs to be postponed. The by-laws allow that but no later than July. The Board decided to reschedule it for June 18, 7pm. Anna will mail the postcards with the date change.

The agenda remains the same.

- The facility still needs to be maintained and ready for the season as soon as permitted. Working through what people can assist with at this time.