

Lake Forest Yacht Club
The Porthole
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Commodore's Message

Hello LFYC,

Fall is in full swing with leaves and temperatures falling and beach clean-up complete, but we still have some fun to be had with upcoming events this year.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped on clean-up day and beforehand. Many hands made for quick work and we were able to store the catwalks on the same day.



Also, I would like to thank the Social Committee and volunteers for another great summer season. From the Opening Day BBQ, Bands on the Beach, Closing Day Picnic, Wakeoff, Boat Races, and many other events, there were countless hours spent to make these a success. Your dedication to the club and its members does not go unnoticed. This month's Porthole includes a **Social Committee Spotlight**, to highlight what goes into planning and executing these events and how you can get involved.

Mark your calendars for the events coming up this fall/winter. More details are included in the newsletter.

- Halloween House Decorating Contest - October 25-27
- Mahjong Nights – Mondays through 2026
- Footsteps for Fred 5K – November 15
- Tree Lighting – November 29
- Annual Meeting – December 4
- New Years Eve Party – December 31

There are still a few initiatives the board is working on this year to benefit the club, including the gate arm project and by-law update proposal. Be on the lookout for more information on these and updates to be shared at the Annual Meeting.

See you at the club!

Dan

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LFYC Social Committee Spotlight

*Neighbors
Friends
Great Times!*

PLANNING • CELEBRATING • BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER

A Look Back at an Unforgettable Year in Lake Forest—and What's Coming Next!

Dear Lake Forest Community,

What an incredible year it has been for our Lake Forest Yacht Club social events! As your Social Chair, I want to take a moment to look back at everything we've accomplished together—and share a little behind-the-scenes look at how the magic actually happens.

Our Social Committee is the creative heart behind the events that bring Lake Forest to life. Throughout the year, our mission is simple: to create memorable, fun, and inclusive experiences for neighbors of all ages. We brainstorm at our planning meetings, look at what's brought the most joy in past years, test out fresh ideas (like our new sound baths or Mahjong nights), and listen to feedback from community members. What does it take to pull it all off? A lot of teamwork, creative planning, vendor coordination, and hands-on setup! But honestly, being on the committee is such a blast. You get to collaborate with wonderful neighbors, bring unique ideas to life, see the instant joy on kids' and adults' faces, and directly shape the community culture we all love.

*Great Events
Stronger Neighbors
A Brighter Lake Forest*

Thanks to the hard work of our hosts, volunteers, and the enthusiasm of our amazing neighbors, we've made so many unforgettable memories together this past year! From Trunk or Treat and the Tree Lighting to Family Game Nights, Winter Fest, Comedy Night, Opening Day, Winedown Wednesdays, Bands on the Beach, the 4th of July Parade, Ice Cream Socials, Crafts on the Beach, and so much more — every event was a success because of YOU!

While keeping a watchful eye on swimmers is only one part of the job (for our lifeguards), our social events also depend on the same kind of dedication. Our volunteers and hosts make it happen — setting up, decorating, coordinating vendors, cooking, scooping ice cream, and always bringing fun and energy to the club.

As we head into September, don't miss our Closing Day BBQ on September 5th and our Back-to-School Beach Bash with a Friday night campout on September 11th and Breakfast on the Beach on September 12th.

A special thank you to Teri for always saying yes to handling the decorations for the majority of these events!

We are always looking for new faces, fresh ideas, and extra hands to join the fun. If you're interested in joining the Social Committee or volunteering for an event, please leave your name and contact info with Jim in the office, and he'll pass it along!

Thank you again to everyone who hosted, volunteered, cooked, scooped ice cream, and came out to support these events—Lake Forest truly is the best place to be!



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS YEAR

- Trunk or Treat
 - Tree Lighting
 - Winter Fest
 - Comedy Night
 - Super Bowl Party
 - Easter Egg Hunt
 - Kids' Fishing Tournament
 - Opening Day Celebration
 - Bands on the Beach
 - Ice Cream Socials
 - Beach Crafts
 - 4th of July Parade
 - Sound Baths & Wellness
 - Monday Mahjong
 - Community Day
- ...and so much more!



WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON?

- Halloween House Decorating
- Tree Lighting
- Holiday Decorating Contest
- New Year's Eve Party
- Comedy Night
- Super Bowl Party
- Fish & Chips Dinner
- Opening Day Celebration
- School's Out Bash
- Bands on the Beach
- Christmas in July
- Mermaids & Pirates Day
- Monday Mahjong Sessions
- Closing Day BBQ
- Back-to-School Bash & Campout
- Lots to be added!



A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE!

Nicole, Rick, Teri, Dana,
Samantha, Kate, Julie, Katelyn,
Amy & Kristin

And thank you, Jon,
our LFYC Social Trustee!

With Gratitude,
Desirae Nigro
LFYC Social Chair



Good People • Fun Events • A Stronger Community



LAKE FOREST YACHT CLUB: UPCOMING EVENTS AGENDA



Halloween House Decorating Contest

- **Date:** October 25 – October 27, 2026



Mahjong Night

- **Date:** Every Monday through December 28, 2026
- **Time:** 6:30 PM



Footsteps for Fred 5K

- **Date:** Sunday, November 15, 2026



Tree Lighting

- **Date:** Sunday, November 29, 2026



Annual Meeting

- **Date:** Friday, December 4, 2026



New Year's Eve Party

- **Date:** Thursday, December 31, 2026



LAKE FOREST
YACHT CLUB



Good Friends
Great Games
Stronger Community

MAHJONG MONDAYS

Play ♥ Learn ♥ Laugh ♥ Belong

EVERY MONDAY



6:30 PM



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Know How
to Play?
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YOU!

All
Are
Welcome!

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Good
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Great
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Lake Life Brings Us Together



LAKE FOREST YACHT CLUB HALLOWEEN HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST!

 **MEMBERS ONLY** 

★ DECORATE YOUR HOME • WOW THE NEIGHBORS • WIN PRIZES! ★



WHO CAN ENTER?

Lake Forest Yacht Club
members only!



JUDGING DATES

October 25 – 27, 2026
Winners announced
October 28!



AWESOME PRIZES!

Top 3 spookiest,
most creative,
and best overall!



**LIGHTS. F/X. PUMPKINS. GO ALL OUT!
LET'S MAKE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD
THE SPOOKIEST IN TOWN!**



LAKE FOREST YACHT CLUB SKELETON STEAL!

YOU'VE BEEN SPOOKED!



HOW TO PLAY:

1. Spot the skeleton in a neighbor's yard!
2. Kids: Stealthily STEAL him and move him to your own yard!
3. Keep him outside in a visible front yard location—no bringing him inside, in backyards, or in garages!
4. Treat him safely—if you pop or damage him, you replace him!
5. Post a picture on the LFYC page so everyone knows where he is!
6. Watch out... someone will be stealing him from YOU next!

Disclaimer: Must remain visible in front yard at all times.
Please keep the skeleton safe!

FOOTSTEPS FOR FRED

1.5 MILE &
5K RUN/WALK

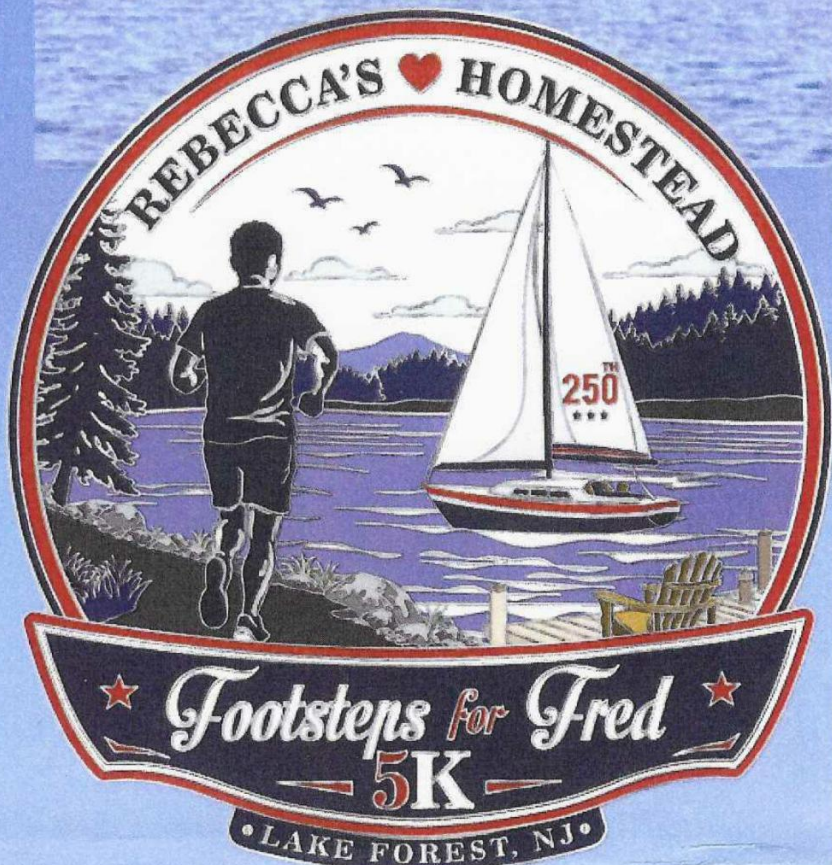
LAKE FOREST, NJ

November 15th 2026

9:00 AM



FINISHER'S MEDALS
AWARDS
SCENIC COURSE
ALL EVENTS TIMED



After 42 years of calling Lake Forest home, I, Laurie Barden, am honored to be part of something very special: the inaugural Footsteps for Fred 5K in Lake Forest on Sunday, November 15, 2026.

My husband, Fred Barden, loved running in Lake Forest. Over the years, he ran many of the roads throughout our community and participated in countless 5Ks, 10Ks, half-marathons, and fundraising events.

Fred passed away from leukemia nearly three years ago. After completing treatment and ringing the bell at Morristown Memorial Hospital, he started this 5K as a way to give back. Since then, the race has continued in his memory, celebrating his love of running while raising funds for Rebecca's Homestead, an organization that supports adults with disabilities.

Dennis and Michelle Elmers, Rebecca's parents and longtime friends of our family, are Jefferson residents, making this cause especially meaningful to us.

What makes this event so important is the opportunity it creates for adults with disabilities — and the way it brings our entire community together. A 5K is about so much more than running. It brings together friends and families of all ages and abilities: runners, walkers, volunteers, supporters, and those who simply come out to cheer.

Everyone plays a part. Everyone has a place. And every step helps make a difference.

We hope you'll join us as we take the first Footsteps for Fred in Lake Forest.

A note to Lake Forest residents: We politely ask that you avoid parking along Yacht Club Drive, Harbor Drive, Crescent Drive, from 8a.m. to noon on Sunday November 15. The race will take place along these roads and keeping them clear will help everyone participate safely.

Everyone plays a part, everyone has a place, and every step helps make a difference. I hope this first 5K will begin a Lake Forest tradition that brings people together and keeps Fred's memory moving forward, one footstep at a time.

Thank You,
Laurie Barden
Hebrews 12:1b



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Lake Forest Yacht Club

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LAKE HOPATCONG, N.J.

ON THE WATER • ALWAYS



LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

Share the moments that make Lake Forest a community

Member News & Announcements

We like to share news and announcements from our members in the monthly Porthole issues. Birthdays, anniversaries, birth announcements, engagements and other special moments are always welcome.

Deadline: the 15th of each month

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Red Cross Certified Babysitters

Aubrey Gilligan 973-461-3900

Maddie Luke 973-800-5541

LFYC Board of Trustees Meeting
9/16/2026 7:30 pm

Attendees: Dan Vinson, Justin Bosi, Mark Fontanella, Jon Rudolph, Cody Inglis

Business Items

- Evan has resigned from his position on the board as Treasurer
- Mark has been voted in as Treasurer
 - END of Year Meeting
 - Transition from Evan to Mark
 - Chase Accounts
 - Review of Financial Statement
- The board voted to add the bylaws to the LFYC website
- The board voted to give the social chair a copy of the master key
- The board voted to give the dockmaster a copy of the master key
- The board voted yes to give the signatory authority to file a trespass complaint of any non-member on property from only Officers to all Trustees

Trustee Reports

Dan Vinson - Commodore (Communications, By-Laws, and Swim Team)

- Bylaws are coming back up. I am working with Rick P. to take the suggestions from the membership at the May meeting to put forward for the December Meeting
- Tree Lighting - Teri reached out and wants to talk about buying a tree or planting a tree.

Cody Inglis - Secretary (Office and Scholarship)

- Nothing to report

Justin Bosi - Docks, Boat Safety, Boat Races

- No issues with docks, only three docks available for the boat races
- I acquired another 100 feet of chain and put the chain in the missing gaps between the pillars

Jon Rudolph - Grounds/Maintenance, Tennis, Social, Welcoming

- Received a complaint regarding the landscaping company blowing around the boats on A-dock
- Des has been doing a great job with the social events
- Gates Update - went to speak with the Town Developer, but he was not there
 - Update drawings were sent for the quotes
- Working on Updating the Club/Beach Rules and getting QR codes

Mark Fontanella - Legal/Insurance, Beach, Nominating

- Spoke with Dmitry, Justin, and James regarding the insurance for the boat races

- Received the certificate of insurance on the boat races and ran it past our insurance broker, and it was determined that it was sufficient
- Beach Cleanup Date - October 10th at 9:00 am
 - Rain Date will be October 17th
 - Jon Rudolph will be supplying
- Nominating Committee
 - Still looking for interested members. Please email Mark Fontanella at trustee3@lfyc.org