

# The Porthole News

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# Commodore's Message

Hello Neighbors,

We had a good crowd of volunteers to help clean up and store the beach items for the off peak months. It seems like only a few weeks ago we were opening up the beach. It was a productive morning which clearly ends the beach season and most outside activities at the club. Thank you to all the members that came out to help with cleanup day. Hopefully the weather cooperates and we can still utilize the beach area in the upcoming months. Please remember to clean up and place your garbage in the dumpsters whenever possible.

The social committee continues to collaborate and organize awesome events for our members and guests to enjoy. So many of us are extremely impressed with all of their efforts. Keep up the great work! The LFYC Pumpkin patch was a big hit for the kids! Be sure to check out the details inside this edition of the Porthole for more information on all future events. Thank you Kristen Brown and Chrissy Gilligan for all of your efforts in making these wonderful events.

Please join the board in sending the Carrion family safe travels and the best of luck on their new adventure in Florida. All of your years here were filled with love, friendship and laughter and you will be missed. Anna, it's been said after almost every day, after every meeting and during every annual and semiannual meeting. Thank you! Thank you for going above and beyond your job description to make sure Lake Forest was always prepared and ready for what was to come at us. We appreciate you and wish you nothing but the best in your next chapter of life and happiness.

I'd like to thank Ivan Wilson for donating material and the use of his equipment to install the lighting on the basketball court and field. The lights still need to be hard wired to be completed, but we are one step closer to having much better lighting in those areas. The lights on B dock were also adjusted. Thank you.

Just a reminder that we will have four open seats on the LFYC Board next year. Please contact the nominating committee for more information if you are interested in being a board member. Elections will be held at the annual meeting on Friday, December 4. At that time, I encourage all members to attend and participate by sharing your thoughts or concerns. We are not sure what that night will look like or if we will be able to meet in doors or person. In the coming weeks your board will be reviewing executive orders and forming a plan to allow us all to safely and effectively vote and communicate the year's progress and our vision moving forward. Please be on the lookout for meeting details as we will share them as they're finalized.

Enjoy the Fall weather,

Mike Malakuskie

Commodore



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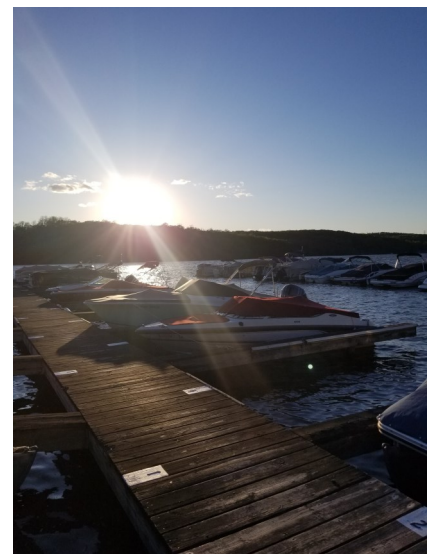
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# Mark Your CALENDAR



October 24 Adult Halloween Party

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October 31 Trunk or Treat

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Tentative Adult Halloween Party  
Saturday, October 24th



More details to follow  
if this event can take  
place.



**SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 31, 11-1**

# **HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT**

We are calling on Lake Forest Members to decorate the trunk of their car for our first ever Trunk or Treat event. The children will dress up in costume, parade around, and trick or treat at the different cars set up throughout the parking lot. Each person who is donating a trunk is responsible for decorating it and providing candy/treats to pass out.. There will be pizza, juice, and water served.

This event is open to LFYC members and their non-resident/non-member guest.



## **Message from the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.**

Attention Lake Forest Yacht Club members,

To this point, I only have two candidates to fill 4 seats of the Lake Forest Board of Trustees. I am asking for several more members to step up and consider throwing your name in the hat to help run the community.

If the board of trustees is short of members, please consider the by products of a short staffed board. Less social functions, less maintenance, less improvements, repair time lengths. I'm sure this is just the starting point, but you get the message.

There are many moving parts to the LFYC. It is a small business and it certainly needs management. Many of us moved here because of the tight knit community. I don't think anyone wants it to go stale. We would lose our identity as a Jefferson neighborhood. Your home value is a little bit better because of the Lake Forest name.

A term is 2 years. Trustee official meetings are one time per month. An optional workshop is also once a month. Much discussion about the workings of the club are through e-mail or text messages. So much of management is done through a device.

Per the bi-laws, candidates must be a full time resident in Lake Forest. I know some have approached me in the past that did not qualify to run based on the bi-laws. If you are interested, please let me know. I will be happy to discuss this further to potentially interested candidates.

Thank you,

Dan Schultz - [office@lfyc.org](mailto:office@lfyc.org)



*Dear Lake Forest Community,*

*It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of our long time member -Nick Bradley. Nick passed away on September 13th, 2020.*

*Nicholas Bradley purchased a lot on Springbrook in 1965 from Arthur Crane, build a house and resided in Lake Forest with his wife, Carol, since then. They become a members of LFYC since it originated and were very active throughout.*

*Nick had been a valued member of the community and will be truly missed.*



## **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - OCTOBER 1, 2020**

LFYC By-Laws ": Membership in the Club shall be limited to natural persons and shall be of two classes; Voting Membership and Non-Voting Membership. Each class of membership shall be a household membership. A household shall be deemed to include those persons living together as one household. Membership shall be limited to "One" per deeded property in the Lake Forest Reservation. All references to voting members and non-voting members, as outlined below, and/or in the current Lake Forest Yacht Club By-Laws."



### **Annual Membership**

(Membership Year runs from October 1st – September 30th)

**Family** – multiple adult badges with proof of permanent residency and children living in the household.

**Single** – one adult badge with or without children living in the household.

**Senior** (65 or older) - two adult badges only.

### **Checkpoint**

All adults must provide a one time verification indicating residence within Lake Forest in order to receive a badge. Examples of verification include.

1. Name on the deed of the property.
2. Driver's license with address in Lake Forest.

The board is aware of special circumstances. Please provide a description in writing if your family is considered a special circumstance.

Billed October 1st of each year

\*If the Lake Forest Resident is joining the lake for the first time in the middle of a billing cycle, prorated dues will be calculated starting from the 1st of the month that they are joining.

\*\*If you no longer wish to be a member, you must notify the office in writing by October 31st in order to avoid being charged a pro-rated portion of the Dues. If we are notified after October 31st, you will be billed from 10/01 until the date it is cancelled.



Help Wanted!! Are you looking to be more involved with your Lake Forest Community and be compensated for doing it?

We are looking for a committed part time office manager to oversee the club's operations and to be the face of the office.

Computer skills are a must with experience in the following preferred. Bookkeeping: AP, AR, reconciliations, journal entries, other miscellaneous reporting. Proficiency with QuickBooks Desktop and the Microsoft Office suite specifically Word, Excel, and Outlook, with the ability to learn other/new programs (website updates).

Planning and organizational skills are also necessary to keep a calendar and stay on top of multiple projects occurring at the same time. Strong interpersonal skills are also a must as you are the face of Lake Forest and resolve many members' concerns. The position requires a minimum of 20 hours per week. The hours of operation are flexible, within reason, but would need to be consistent every week for planning purposes.

We would prefer the position be filled by a current LFYC member but with limited interest we would like to open it up to a member's trusted family or friends. Please have them submit resumes to Vanessa at [v.luke@lfyc.org](mailto:v.luke@lfyc.org) and Mike at [m.malakuskie@lfyc.org](mailto:m.malakuskie@lfyc.org)

We look forward to hearing from you.





## WATER LEVEL AND BOAT RAMP REMINDER

The 26 inch (22 inch as per the NJDEP pilot program) annual drawdown begins on or after November 12.

**Lake Forest Yacht Club members who use the boat ramp should make sure to keep up-to-date on lake levels.**

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.

Please remember to remove your boat registrations before winterizing your boat. The boat slip renewals and 2021 contacts will be mailed January 1st. In order to renew/apply for the dock slip all members must fill all of the information in the contract and provide a current copy of the registration.

## LFYC Board Meeting Minutes

### Trustee Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2020

Location: LFYC Clubhouse

Meeting called to order: 7:10 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35

Attendance: in person: Vanessa Luke, Vinny Gowers, Chrissy Gilligan, Brian Richardson, Mike Kahwaty via conference call: Mike Malakuskie

#### Mike M. – Commodore, Grounds/ Security:

-Mike M provided an update on the water treatment equipment installation. Princeton Hydro scheduled a tentative installation date for October 12

-The Board voted to raise the membership fees \$5 across all of the membership options. A letter will go out with October invoices advising about the changes to the fees and procedures.

-Additional work that needs to be done by the softball field stream will be discussed with LFYC landscaper.

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

-A job description for the office/ operations manager position will be created. The Board would like to reach out first to the community with the email blast and Facebook post before opening to outside the community.

#### Mike Malakuskie for Jaime Evans - Treasurer, Financials, Legal, Insurance

-All of the Cd's at Fulton Bank were updated to the current Commodore.

#### Mike Kahwaty– Maintenance/ Clubhouse/Wakeoff

-A second estimate for the outdoor LFYC sign is being obtained. The Board will look into both options.

-Mike M and Chrissy Gilligan will oversee the Clean Up Day event.

-There are other items that need to be completed like installing the new display case outside the office and lifting the new kegerators on the legs in the Clubhouse. Options for kegerator legs will be researched.

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

- Norris Electric company is still planning to look at the B&C dock lights.

- The basketball court lights were fixed

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

- Closing Day picnic was very successful. The social committee had more volunteers which was extremely helpful.

- The Committee has been planning for a few outdoor October events like pumpkin picking, and trunk or treating.

- The adult Halloween party most likely will not happen since the Clubhouse capacity has been reduced to 25%.

- Looking into purchasing propane heaters – the Board suggested Restaurant Depo

- Dan Schultz – the chairman of the Nominating Committee has been reaching out to the members to run for the board trustee positions. Not a lot of volunteers so far.

- The Board also mentioned the possibility of a virtual December meeting.

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

-There are no new estimates for the tennis court.

-Vinny reported that the beach summer season was great, and Donna Combos did an excellent job as a beach director.

- There was a lot of positive feedback about lifeguards working in the snack shack.