



October 2023

# THE PORTHOLE NEWS

*The monthly newsletter of the Lake Forest Yacht Club*



## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

*Frank Gutowski, Commodore*

We had a couple of excellent events in September. The OPA Boat Races returned on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> as part of their 2023 race series. It was a great turnout for members and guests who enjoyed the roar of the race boats flying by our clubhouse. On September 17<sup>th</sup>, we had a special concert at the clubhouse with "The Nerds" performing on our stage. We had over 180 attendees rocking and dancing to the music by The Nerds. See photos of both events in this Porthole.

Later this month we have our annual "Trunk or Treat" event on Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> in our parking lot with members Halloween decorating their cars and handing out candy to the trick or treaters. See details on page 5.

Due to the lake drawdown, we have already pulled in the catwalks on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The remainder of the Fall Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. We need members to help us with the cleanup. Please come down and help us do the final cleanup for the beach offseason.

Lake Forest Works as we had a member do the necessary repairs to the tennis court to seal cracks to prevent damage to the surface over the winter. I want to thank Tom Preston for sealing the cracks in the playing surface to prevent water freezing damage. This was a task we requested member volunteers to help him on. Members who use our tennis court regularly should thank Tom for sealing the cracks and doing what is needed to protect the surface.

You may have noticed that the spiral slide in the playground has been closed off due to damage that has made it unsafe. The playground is over 25 years old and the slide is no longer manufactured. The board is currently evaluating options from the vendor on a replacement.

Member feedback from the installation of the shade sails has been positive. Membership likes the shade sails and the new Lifetime tables we placed under them. With that in mind, the board decided to install shade sails on the 2<sup>nd</sup> island of picnic tables along the beach. Using funds remaining from the 2023 budget, we have procured the poles and shade sails as well as 9 new Lifetime Tables at a closeout price from Home Depot. The older wood tables will be eliminated as they breakdown. The 2<sup>nd</sup> shade sail project will be done in spring of 2024.

Our nominating committee is still searching for candidates to run for the Trustee Board. We have 3 trustee positions being vacated and are looking for members who want to help on managing our property. Please reach out to Dan Schultz or Jeff Lawrence for more details.

Come down and enjoy the autumn weather at our club which will have a great view of the fall foliage on Liffy Island. I also want to wish all our members to have a fun, safe Halloween.

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Friday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
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## Board of Trustees (officers and responsibilities)

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## Additional Contacts

**Swim Team:** Kristen Brown – Lake Forest Vikings President

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## OPA Boat Races: September 9th and 10th



## The Nerds Concert: September 17th



## Catwalks removed at season end: October 1st

Thanks to the members that helped us bring in the catwalks:

Mike Espinoza, Stephen George, Vinny Gowers, Frank Gutowski, Jeff Lawrence, Keith Moran, Tom Preston, and Greg Struble



## Volunteers Needed End of Season Beach Cleanup



### Saturday 10/7 at 9 a.m.

We will be gathering at the club to complete our fall clean-up/break down tasks. Light breakfast will be provided for volunteers.

Here is a list of a few jobs/projects that we are looking for assistance with (a job board will also be posted on the day of cleanup with additional tasks):

- Clean and store grills, galley TVs, umbrellas, foosball table
- Remove diving boards and ladders
- Cleaning in and around the Galley, Snack Shack, and Guard Shack
- Remove counter tops and store in galley
- Hang shutters on the lifeguard room
- Store folding tables in galley

Please join us to get these tasks completed, many hands make light work

## Upcoming Social Events



On Sunday, October 29th, we will be having a Trunk or Treat and kids Halloween party. We are looking for families to decorate the trunk of their car and pass out candy/treats. Anyone decorating their car is responsible for providing candy/treats to pass out. The Trunk or Treat will start at 12:00 pm. DJ Earl will be there to provide entertainment from 12 to 2. There will also be pumpkin picking/decorating and games for the kids, as well as pizza, sub, water, and juice. Prizes will be awarded for the best costume and best trunk.

We are going to also have a snack/dessert contest. If you would like to participate, please bring a homemade Halloween themed snack/dessert to share.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449A9AF29A4F58-44671050-lfyc?fbclid=IwAR0fCTsWD4Ndwuc43efWA-r1Jkxf3fDjKgFJLG55WJ90-fuhhFbWZO\\_VW74](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449A9AF29A4F58-44671050-lfyc?fbclid=IwAR0fCTsWD4Ndwuc43efWA-r1Jkxf3fDjKgFJLG55WJ90-fuhhFbWZO_VW74)

## Save the Date:

**February 3rd 2024**

**Italian Cuisine / Comedy Night**

*Details in November Porthole*



## Social Committee Needs You!!

Did you know that volunteers plan and run all of our social events?

Social events are not possible without volunteers! We need your help. In order to keep having great events, we need more volunteers. Please sign up for the event/events you would like to help plan. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Brown at 973-768-6958.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449A9AF29A4F58-upcoming1>

## Community Advertising

Would you like to advertise in our monthly newsletter? Please contact the office for pricing which begins at \$20 per month. Our website averages 14 hits per day



**Regina Ashworth**  
**Sales Representative**  
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## Electronic Billing & Payment

We are continuing to offer billing of master lease & membership dues via email, with optional online payment. Please email or call the office to set this up. It is quick and easy to do!

## Share Important News!

Send us your other important news like births, birthdays, anniversaries so they can be included in the next porthole! Email the office at [office@lfyc.org](mailto:office@lfyc.org) to have your message included by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

## Order Forms

Click [here](#) to print a Lake Forest Apparel order form.

Click [here](#) to print a Personalized Patio Stone form.

## Membership Badges – Car Tags – Gate Keys

It's important to have the hang tag in your car and your badge with you and visible while on the property.

Guests should have guest passes (available at the office, even when closed) visible on car dashboards and guests must be accompanied by a member while on club property. Gate keys are not to be provided to any non-members for their use without the owner of the key being present. Boat trailers are not to be parked overnight in any of the club lots without prior permission from office, and must be as far as possible from the boat ramp. Thank you for your attention to these items!

## Babysitters List

Would you like to be added to this list? We can also add services like Dog Walking to this section, so reach out to the office if you are interested!

- Elise Gilligan\* - 973-440-7166
- Maddie Luke\* - 973-800-5541

*\*Indicates Red Cross Certification*

## Lost Badge Fee:

Starting for 2023, there will be a \$25 per badge fee for replacement of lost badges. There is no fee for updating badges with pictures or name changes, etc.

## Lake Forest Apparel

Stop on down to the office to purchase your Lake Forest Apparel. Currently available at the office for purchase are size medium, large, and x-large t-shirts. Order forms are also available to customize your apparel purchase needs. Please see pricing and style options below



## Credit Card Fee

Please note, starting 10/1/23 the fee to use a credit card to pay at the office will increase from 3% to 4% due to the credit card company increasing our fee

# LFYC Trustee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** 9-13-23

**Attendees:** Chrissy, Frank, Pat, Peter, Kristen

**Called to Order:** 7:09pm

**Adjourned:** 9:19pm

## **Frank:Commodore/Docks/Scholarship/Clubhouse**

- Clubhouse rentals reviewed and approved
- Beach closing cleanup: Oct 7<sup>st</sup> 9am, machine booked to move docks
- Clubhouse rental pricing reviewed- no increase for coming year
- Board approved Lake Hopatcong Foundation November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am to come and walk shoreline to clean up lake garbage. Members are welcome to join their team
- Property trash pick-up to start in September
- Projects completed: legs installed on clubhouse kegerator and playground wall painted by members
- OPA Boat Races- no issues to report from renter, police or security. No camping was done. Renter will fix the damage done to field grass from rain. Beach was being cleaned by renter's team. Overall successful event
- Dock repairs for 2024- Fingers being replaced have been marked with red X and affected members notified, quote obtained
- Broken Playground Slide- Slide currently taped off. Company contacted for repair quote
- Sunken walkway leading from clubhouse toward dive tower- quote to repair too high so will continue to shop around for better price
- Sunken pavers still need to be repaired
- Shade sails- going to be extended to end of beach. Hardware to be purchased now and to be installed in Spring
- Italian Cuisine Comedy Night- Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024- comedians reserved, Brownstone quote obtained, notice out to members in November Porthole

## **Chrissy: Secretary/Office/Communication**

- Board member expense approval process reviewed and new process put in place going forward

## **Pat: Treasurer**

- 2024 budget- Reviewed in detail. Pat motioned to approve 2024 budget and Frank second the motion, all in favor- yes
- Priority project list for 2024 discussed- Dredging, finish painting clubhouse exterior and galley exterior, playground slide repair, clubhouse sliding doors, dock repairs, air radar, beach shade sales extended, additional light pole and camera near A dock, rock removal at end of beach
- Dock pricing 2024- Dock price \$675 raise to \$700 for member and non-member price from \$2000 to \$2100 Board vote-Frank motion, Pat second, all in favor- yes
- Dues- 2025 master lease to review pricing and make potential price change based on by-laws
- Membership fee- Membership rate to increase based on inflation rate of approximately 3.72%. Pat motion to start Oct 1<sup>st</sup> to new rates, Frank second, and all in favor-yes  
Member Family from \$555 to \$575  
Member Single Family from \$423 to \$439  
Member Senior Citizen \$269 to \$279

## **Peter: Security/Wakeoff**

- New wireless camera foundation and cost of camera reviewed. Camera for boat ramp at end of A dock to be installed
- Security Service – Successful season with new company and company to be used for next year
- Tennis Court- Member to fix cracks as time allows

## **Kristen: Social/Beach**

- Beach Operations- Overall a successful season. Several lifeguards won't be returning next year.
- Concession stand was successful and small profit was made
- Closing day Picnic was a successful event
- The Nerds concert upcoming event. Food for event was reviewed
- 10/29 Halloween Trunk or Treat event
- Fall event ideas: Football party to use up left over kegs and Friday night campfire
- Outside bathrooms- to be closed after Halloween, first week of November bathrooms will be cleaned and winterized.