



Lake Forest News



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President's Corner

Wow where did the summer go? I hope everyone had as much fun as I did enjoying the lake. You might have noticed that the water has not gone down in the lake and that is because we had a problem with opening the valve at the dam. The good news is the problem was solved by many hours of research and time and effort put in by Bill Barfield and also help from John and Mark Hammond.

Thank you so much from all LFA members!

This year has been a tough one financially for Lake Forest. In early spring we had an unexpected problem at the club house. It was taken care of but at the cost of approximately \$13,000.00. In July we received a notice from the DEP that our mandated Emergency Action Plan for the dam was outdated. The new one must be done by an engineering company ASAP and submitted by a certain date or else we are fined. After a few estimates the lowest came in at \$9000.00. With this in mind I have started a fundraising committee headed by Cookie Castaldo and she is looking for volunteers to join her. Matt Cohen has also agreed to be on this committee and I have been sitting in on the meetings to try to be of some help. Please read her article in this month's newsletter. One way you can start to help is to consider joining us for pasta night Tuesday October 23rd at the clubhouse. The fun begins at 6:30 pm the cost is \$12 per person and I bet you will not go home hungry. If I don't see you at the dinner perhaps I will at our next meeting Wednesday Oct 3rd 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be served -- along with coffee/cake I will bring some wine/cheese! Come join us!

On a happy note I would like to announce that Giacomo Gates has graciously accepted to fill the position of first Vice President until the end of the year. Feel free to contact me with any ideas or concerns.

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From the desk of the Dam Manager.....

Last year plans were made to drawdown the lake in order for members to work on their walls next to the lake. Permission was granted by the DEP to lower the lake last year for this operation. Because some members who had signed up to have work done on their walls we unable to meet the sign up date. For that reason we postpone the drawdown until 2018. Because the person at the DEP who gave us permission to conduct the drawdown on the lake retired this year without letting his relief know about the change in the drawdown plans.

A letter was sent to DEP requesting permission to drawdown the lake this year. I am waiting for a reply. I don't see any problems that would keep us from lowing the lake to help members work on their waterfront walls.

These are the procedures you need to follow before you can have work on your walls:

1. A request should be submitted to the Lake Forest president by the 3rd of September 2018. In your request please explain what type of repair that you need.
2. Once your request is received by the association you will be given two applications, One from the Zoning Department and one from the Building Department of the City of Bridgeport. These forms are to be completed and returning to the Association by September 10th 2018. All forms that have been returned will be sent to the Building Department. Each homeowner will be informed by the association when they can pick up the permit to have their walls repaired.

A date has not been set for the drawdown yet. We will keep you informed.

Note: If you need a contractor to work on your walls now is the time to contact one.

If you desire more information, call Bill Barfield, Dam Manager at (203)243 3958

******Please remember it will be 2021 when the lake is lowered again for maintenance******



Autumn certainly checked with the calendar for it's arrival time! I for one always count on a few comfortable afternoons to just relax and make believe summer isn't really gone for good. I regrettably confess I only used one brief afternoon to sit with my feet up on my deck with an ice water and a magazine.

The recent weather has handed us a situation not experienced since I think 1978 in that the intersection of Lakeside Drive and Woodbine Circle was flooded in the late afternoon Wednesday and only cleared by about 10 p.m. I personally had to park on higher ground and walk home through water 3 1/2 to 4 ft. deep. The brook overflowing had filled the storm drains on Dexter Dr. and Lakeside Dr. The intersection quickly flooded with super strong current directing swirling water up Woodbine Circle, through people's property into basements and creating "Niagara Falls" in my backyard into the cove. If you are missing a 6x6 foot section of white fence, it's in my cove and not going anywhere soon! Give me a call if it's yours. Two families of 7 people had to be evacuated by inflatable police boats when water rose so high that electrical boxes were under water in their basements. I hope they are able to return home soon. They need our prayers.

On a pleasanter note our next PASTA NIGHT is coming up October 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. The menu as always will be pasta with meatballs, sausage and sauce, salad, rolls and butter. Wine, water, soda, coffee and tea will all be provided. Desserts are always provided by the great bakers who donate the goodies! (Yes, that's a hint!) TICKETS \$12. RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY! (so Chef Freddie Castaldo can shop for the food!) MAKE UP A TABLE! MEET SOME NEW FRIENDS. We hope to have a raffle also and hope you will bring a prize to contribute. So, Come one, come all and enjoy your friends and neighbors before the holiday season begins. Call me for your RESERVATION! 203-372-9524 by October 19th. I look forward to hearing from all of you!

This time of year corn is so delicious and there are so many ways to use it, when I saw this recipe in the Connecticut Post I cut it out the Cook's Corner of the comic section for kids! It calls for canned corn but I think fresh corn cut off the cob should be even better!

CORNBREAD CASSEROLE

1 (15.25-ounce) can whole-kernel corn, drained; 1 can (14.75-ounce) can cream-style corn;
1 (7-ounce) package sweet yellow cornbread mix; 1 large egg; 1 tablespoon milk; 1
tablespoon melted butter; 1/2 cup sour cream; cooking spray; 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese.
Mix together corn, cornbread mix until well-blended. In a separate bowl, beat egg with milk and
melted butter. Add egg mixture to corn mixture. Gently stir in sour cream. Spray medium-size
baking dish with cooking spray. Pour mixture into pan and bake at 350° for 35 minutes or until
set. Top with cheddar cheese the last 5 minutes. Allow to cool 10 minutes before cutting into
squares. Serves 6.

Calendar of Events

September:

3rd: Labor Day

5th: General Meeting—7:30 PM

9th: Grandparent's Day

10th: Rosh Hashanah

11th: Patriot's Day

18th: Yom Kippur (begins at sunset)

19th: Board of Director's Meeting

23rd: Autumn Equinox

24th: Full Harvest Moon

October:

3rd: General Meeting—7:30PM

8th: Columbus Day

17th: Board of Director's Meeting

24th: Full Hunter's Moon

31st: Halloween



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