



July 2022

# THE PORTHOLE NEWS

The monthly newsletter of  
the Lake Forest Yacht Club



## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

*Vanessa Luke, Commodore*

I can't believe we are already at the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend! Hope you all have fun activities planned and we are blessed with nice weather. Be sure to join us on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> for our first Band on the Beach event planned for this season!

We had a great turnout for our School's Out event on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup>. Pizza, tie dye, cornhole ... just a few of the fun activities that went on and once again – a big thank you to those that volunteered some time to make it happen!

During our June Trustee meeting, we had the pleasure of meeting with some folks here in the community who proposed an improvement project to us. Their well thought out presentation was heartfelt and very moving, to say the least. We're so pleased to have been able to agree to move this project forward. Read all about this upcoming project on page 5 for details.

There's been a lot of work going on down at the club over the last few weeks. In addition to maintenance tasks that are always on the plate, we did have septic repairs done over this last week. Thankfully, we seem to have avoided anything major needing to be done. We and the septic company will be keeping an eye on things over the next few weeks. We're also preparing to move forward with our natural gas conversion once that work starts in our community, so more to come there.

Hope to see you all at the beach, and here is to a relaxing, fun summer for us all!



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Monday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Wednesday 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
Friday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## Meet the Board of Trustees

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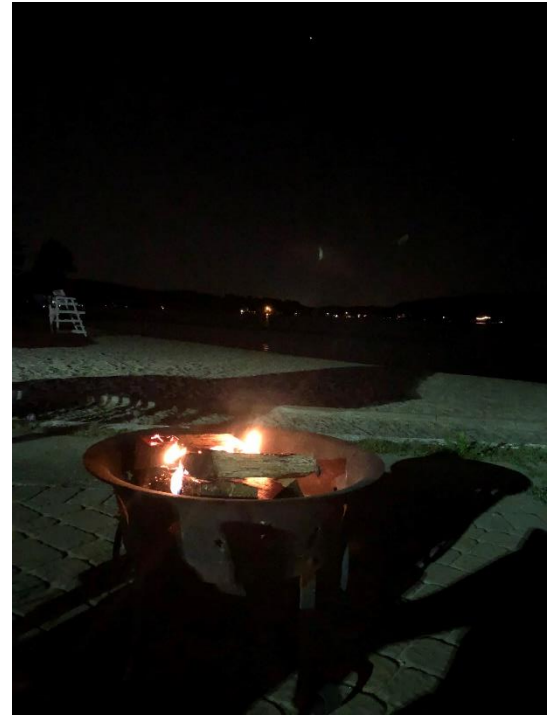
**Phone:** 973-663-5767

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## Updated Summer Event Schedule!!!

Mark your calendars for our upcoming events!

- **July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10 a.m. – Patriotic Bike Parade!!** – Decorate your bike, scooter, wagon, or stroller and come join the parade in the parking lot to show your 4<sup>th</sup> of July spirit!!
- **July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 3-7 p.m. - Band on the Beach** – Krissie and Mike Acoustic. Beer, seltzers, and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided while supplies last. This event is open to members and their non-resident guests.
- **July 16<sup>th</sup> – 4-8 p.m. - Community Day & Band on the Beach** – Chris Barry. All residents of Lake Forest are invited to this event. Come find out what the club is all about! This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in joining the club to get more information and to check out the facilities!
- **August 6<sup>th</sup> – Beach Campout!**
- **August 13<sup>th</sup> – Wakeoff**
- **August 14<sup>th</sup> – 2-6 p.m. – Band on the Beach** – Brian St. John Band
- **August 27<sup>th</sup> – 4-8 p.m. – Band on the Beach** – Supernova



## Social Committee Needs You!!

Our Social Committee is seeking volunteers to help with organizing our upcoming events. Without help from all of you, it would not be possible for these events to run!

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- July 5<sup>th</sup>
- August 3<sup>rd</sup>
- September 7<sup>th</sup>

Meetings are at 7 p.m. at the club – held outdoors weather permitting

If you cannot make it to a meeting, or simply have questions, reach out to Trustee and Social Director Kristen Brown and she will be happy to help! See page 2 for contact information.

## Lifeguard and Snack Shack Hours

Lifeguards are on duty (weather permitting) Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and on Friday – Sunday from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

The Snack Shack is now open daily from 12 noon until 6 p.m.

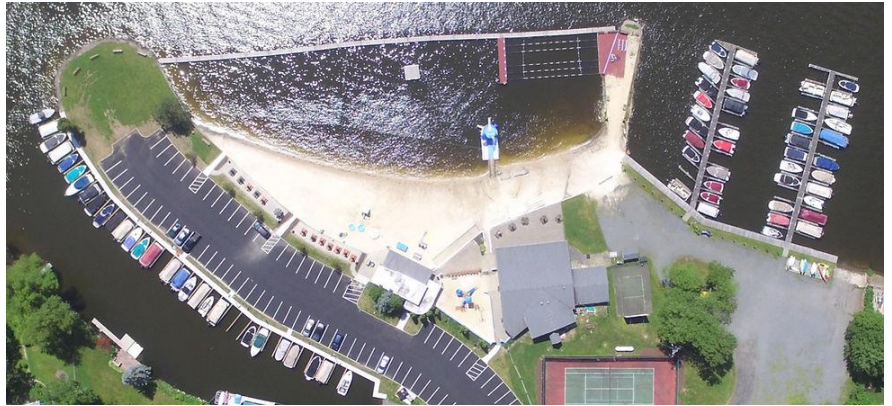
## New Office Hours Start 8/1

Beginning on **Monday 8/1**, the Club's office hours will be as follows:

Wednesday 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



## \*\*Club Maintenance To-Do List\*\*

The Board of Trustees is currently looking for volunteers to help with the following jobs:

- Painting at the Galley (list date 5/22)
- Replace Timer for Lights in Galley Hallway (list date 5/22)
- Dive Tower Flagpole Repair (list date 7/1)

If you can volunteer your skills and some time, or would like more information, please reach out to the office to be included in planning! We will update this list on an ongoing basis.

## Help Keep our Club Clean!

- Please remember our club operates with volunteers and everyone's help is needed to keep it maintained!
- Be sure your trash and recycling makes its way to the appropriate bins at the beach, playground, galley, restrooms, patio, and field while enjoying the property.
- Do not overfill the trash and recycling bins or leave any items next to or on top of the bins.
- Place pizza boxes directly in the recycling dumpster – do not stuff into recycling bins.
- If you see trash on the ground, please be kind and pick it up.
- If trash or recycling is full and you are able to take it to the dumpster, the help is much appreciated.
- Smoking is not permitted on the beach or near the galley or picnic tables. Cigarette butts are not to be left on the ground anywhere on the property, including the parking lots.
- Please refrain from moving adirondack chairs, picnic tables, benches. It causes unnecessary wear and tear on these items.
- Close umbrellas in high wind, if a storm is incoming, or when leaving.
- TVs in the galley are continuously being left on overnight. Remotes are provided on the counter for your use – they must be turned off before leaving.



**PLEASE don't do this!!!!**

# Lake Forest Lighthouse Project

In Memory of Jim Brown



April 6, 1961 - February 23, 2017

The Lake Forest Yacht Club will soon have a new structure added to our beautiful property. Later this summer, work will be done at the swim team peninsula preparing for the placement of a 12' stone lighthouse. This beautiful ornamental structure will illuminate from dusk to dawn to provide added guidance to our member boaters as well as add ambiance to our club. This nice addition to the club property will be known to all as "The Lake Forest Lighthouse"

The "Jim Brown Memorial Fund" is funding a substantial portion of this project. Jim Brown was a LFYC Member for over 20 years having been very involved in club activities as well as having served on the LFYC Trustee Board and as president of the Lake Forest Swim Team. Jim's involvement in club and swim team activities was well known as he wanted to make Lake Forest an enjoyable safe place for his daughters, Kelly and Katie, and all member families. Jim passed away in 2017 and this project is being done in his memory.

The Lake Forest Yacht Club Trustee Board supports this project and has also made a contribution to the project. They like the project as it will improve an under-utilized portion of the club property providing added illumination at the peninsula. It will also be a beautiful new ornamental focal point on our property.

We are asking for donations to help fully fund the lighthouse, concrete base and electrical requirements, A Go Fund Me has been set up to help raise the additional funds needed to complete the project.

GO FUND ME LINK: <https://www.gofundme.com/the-lake-forest-lighthouse>

Please help us in making this project a reality and build in time to attend the planned dedication ceremony on

Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

The Lake Forest Lighthouse Committee:

Frank Gutowski, Kelly Brown, Katie Brown, Dan Schultz

## Cardio Kickboxing is Back!!

Cardio Kickboxing is returning to the LFYC!!!

Instructor Sarah is returning for another season of Cardio Kickboxing every Thursday at 9 a.m.

Classes will begin on July 7<sup>th</sup>, no class on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be held outdoors, and all levels are welcome!!

Older children will be available to watch your children while you work out.

The cost will be \$20 for 5 sessions. Please call or text Kristen Brown at 973-768-6958 to sign up or if you have any questions. Looking forward to seeing you!!

## Dart League

Calling all dart players!!!

A dart league is underway on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. at the galley.



This is a co-ed league and teams are randomly selected each week. Each player is awarded points weekly. You do not need to attend every week, points will be accumulated throughout the season and added up at the end.

Playoffs will be held at the end of the season where 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will be awarded a prize.

Not into playing darts? Come down and hang out!

If you have any questions, reach out to Jimmy Gilligan at 973-747-0000.



## Kayak Storage

Kayak rack space is limited at this time.

This year, we are limiting to no more

than TWO kayaks per household being stored so that more members can find a space, and please please

please – put your name on it and secure it using a bungee cord or something similar! Any kayaks stored that are not following these requirements are going to be subject to removal.

We have had a number of incidents of the racks tipping over and/or breaking due to improper storage of kayaks or the kayaks not being removed at the end of the season and these racks are costly (and getting costlier!) to replace. We're asking for everyone's cooperation this year so that we can keep management of this area simple.

## 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!

## Summer Swim Lessons

Swim lessons are being planned for this summer for our members, and will begin during the month of July. Registration forms can be found on the website at <https://www.lfyc.org/beach> or can be obtained in the office. Please reach out to the office with any questions.

## 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.

## Boat Registrations

If you have not yet provided your boat registration to the office, please do so as soon as possible. Thanks!

## Lake Forest Vikings Swim Team Updates

# JOIN THE LAKE FOREST SWIM TEAM FOR A CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER!

Sunday, July 10th at 11:00 am at the Lake Forest Yacht Club Ballfield



Download the Scoreholio app to register!



Bracket A (Pro)



Bracket B (Backyard Competitor)

- \$50 Per team
  - Payment at the event: cash or check only Lake Forest Swim Team
- Form your own team or get paired up randomly
- Cash prize for top 3 teams in each category
- Double elimination
- Refreshments available for purchase

We would like to thank the Morris county Sussex County Cornhole League and Postnet for contributing to this cause.

This is a BYOB event  
Reach out to Mike Kahwaty with any questions or concerns: 973-294-6823



## First Aid/CPR/AED

### Course

We are please to once again offer this course to our membership on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Come out and learn these important skills! Contact the office if you are interested in signing up.



### **BASIC FIRST AID CPR & AED TRAINING** *"Education for Life"*

*learn the above training at the basic rescuer level*

**Location:** LFYC  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 12th  
**Time:** 6:00PM EST  
**RSVP:** By: Friday, July 8th

*Please mark your calendars and join us to learn these lifesaving skills. Participants should be at least 9 years old. Cost of this program is \$50 per student and the certification is good for 2 years.*

## Membership Badges – Car Tags – Gate Keys

Please stop by the office, if you have not already done so, to obtain your 2022 stickers for membership badges and car tags. To help with a smooth process, please bring all badges and car tags into the office with you. Stickers will not be issued without them.

It's important to have the hang tag in your car and your badge with you and visible while on the property. Lifeguards and security will be checking daily and it makes things easier for them (and less intrusive for all of us!) when they don't have to stop and ask for them.

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!





## **Beach Rules**

Please review the following beach rules to help with smooth operations for our 2022 summer season.

**The Lake Forest Yacht Club grounds are intended for use solely by its members and their non-resident guests. All members have a responsibility to see that the following rules are adhered to during the year.**

### **GENERAL:**

- Use of this facility is at your own risk, lifeguards are there to help provide safety, but not guarantee it.
- Parents are responsible for their children's actions and will be held liable.
- All members and guests must be in possession of a LFYC beach badge with the current year sticker on it.
- Cars must display a LFYC hang tag with the current year sticker.
- LFYC is not responsible for lost or stolen property.
- Animals are welcome on LFYC property but are not permitted on the beach/sand and should be supervised at all times. PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG.
- Use of the facility is permitted only in accordance with all Federal, State, and Local laws and ordinances.

### **WHEN A LIFEGUARD IS ON DUTY:**

- Children 12 years and older are allowed to be on the beach and in the water. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied/supervised by a responsible guardian.

### **WHEN A LIFEGUARD IS NOT ON DUTY:**

- All persons under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible guardian, 16 years or older, when on the beach or swimming.

### **SWIMMING AND DIVING:**

- Swimming is permitted in designated areas only and may be restricted by lifeguards at any time.
- High dive tower is off limits when the lifeguards are off duty.
- No pushing or shoving on the diving platform.
- Only one person is permitted on the diving board, high dive platform, or ladder at a time.
- Divers must dive forward off the board, not to the right or left.
- Exit the water via appropriate ladders. High dive to the right and low board to the left.

### **BEACH:**

- Ball playing is prohibited, except in designated area i.e. volleyball area.
- Fires are not permitted on the beach/sand area.
- Motor vehicles are not permitted in the beach/sand area.
- Bike riding is not permitted in the beach/sand area.
- Fishing from sanded and posted areas is prohibited.
- Umbrellas, pop-up tents, etc. are not to obstruct the lifeguard's view and should not be placed beyond the line of the lifeguard's stand.
- Trailers are not permitted in the beach parking area.

## **Beach Rules (continued)**

### **BEACH (continued):**

- Do not litter. Put all debris in the provided, marked containers.
- NO GLASS ALLOWED.

### **GUESTS:**

- LFYC Members are responsible for their guests and must be present with them at all times.
- Guests must have 1 day parking pass.
- No person eligible to join LFYC may be a guest of a member
- Limit of 10 guests per day. If you require additional guests, please check with the office.

## **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!

- Shanna Leek\* - 973-663-1904
- Samantha Gowers – 201-704-7658
- Rebecca Schultz\* - 973-876-0362
- Elise Gilligan\* - 973-440-7166
- Michela Schultz\* - 973-862-2020

*\*Indicates Red Cross Certification*

## 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**

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# LFYC Trustee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** 6/8/22

**Attendees:** Vanessa, Jaime, Peter, Keith, James

**Called to Order:** 7:08 pm

**Adjourned:** 9:30 pm

Meeting guests Frank Gutowski, Kelly Brown, Katie Brown, and Dan Schultz joined the beginning of the meeting to propose an improvement to the swim team point in the form of a stone lighthouse in honor of Jim Brown. Follow ups were noted and agreement to communicate early next week aimed at making a final decision on the project.

## Beach, Galley, Lifeguards, Nominating – Vanessa

### **Actions/New Business:**

- Beach rules send out with Invoices
- Discussed follow ups for beach direction and head lifeguard
- Garbages must be emptied at the end of the weekend and once daily operations begin, at the end of every shift
- Galley restrooms will not be cleaned by an outside company this season
- Princeton Hydro email regarding trout – yes to the sign, hang in galley
- Craft on the Beach – we will be looking for volunteers to run these crafts, have several who have already stepped forward. Dates TBD.
- Swim Lessons - sign ups are coming in and will begin mid-July.

## Secretary/Office/Communications Grants and

### Scholarships– Chrissy

#### **Actions/New Business:**

- Responsibilities will be shared during 6 week absence
  - Meeting minutes – Vanessa
  - Kristen and Vanessa will handle email blasts
  - Porthole - Vanessa
- Emails – one per week condensed, one left for porthole

- Agreed on signs needing to be ordered from PostNet
  - Sign by Adirondack chairs – please do not remove chairs from patio
    - Holes for zip ties
    - Paper sized
  - Sign for ladders on dive tower (water side) – chain it off – we close the dive tower from the beach side but people still go up the ladders from in the water and use the diving board.
  - Sandwich board signs for parking lot – need to check condition of existing ones or if any are missing
- We received the \$9600.00 check for property that was in collections.
- Question - If you own 2 houses, can you be a member and your tenant be a member? Yes.

## Treasurer, Financials/Budget/By-

### laws/Legal/Insurance/Facebook/Wakeoff– Jaime

#### **Actions/New Business:**

- Wakeoff- Beer Truck/License
  - August 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Planning in progress
  - Insurance policy has been provided
  - Permit applied for
- Apparel order -
  - Find out if there's still a minimum
  - If not we will order up to minimum and decide on sizes
    - Hang one inside the snack shack to display
- Weedoo is in the water, insurance is paid

## Boat Safety Course /Maintenance/Swim Team – Keith

#### **Actions/New Business:**

- Call for HVAC service – clean furnaces – filters were recently replaced
- Catwalks will need maintenance – closing day project

### **Security / Docks/ Tennis – Peter**

- Security has list of members/beach rules/dock members
- Emailed Al Rossi about Prom night and he will have someone here
- Security here Fri and Sat nights (5-12) until school is out
- After school gets out, Sunday through Thursday 5-12; Friday through Saturday 5pm-1am
- Two weekends after Labor Day and then Mischief night
- Member is still planning on fixing the tennis court although we are still reaching out to company to try to get them to repair

### **Clubhouse/Grounds - James**

- Pavers (10 orders)
  - Need to be brought to engraver
- Fundraiser for Breast Cancer Pancake Breakfast
  - OK
- Septic work is being scheduled. Work may be 2 phases if needed. First phase will be repairs that are known at this time such as re-sealing, broken pipe to be addressed. We are planning to add a backflow preventer. 2<sup>nd</sup> phase if needed would be to address any other issues found during the first phase.

### **Social/Welcome/Membership – Kristen**

#### **Actions/New Business:**

- Still looking to do meet and greet event for new members
- Schools out Event – 6 p.m. – will not be a movie, activities being planned
- Craft on the Beach