



Lake Forest News



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President's Corner

As the change of seasons brings many new things with it, please be extra cautious of the children at the school bus stops and also walking. Let's do our part to keep them safe. It is also time for all the trees to start turning beautiful colors and then begin to fall off. Please remember to not blow the leaves into the lake and if you have a lawn service doing it for you, please also inform them. If you have a neighborhood problem or SHU student house issue, please use the contacts listed in the newsletter to help resolve your issue.

On that note if you are having a party, please be respectful to your neighbors when playing music. To help understand this, I found this on the web to explain why sounds/music travels far and seems so loud over or near water:

"Sound traveling along straight lines would disperse quickly into the space above the lake. Instead, sound that "should" rise up and be lost typically curves back down to the lake/ground level. Therefore, it sounds louder than it "should." This is a well-known and easily demonstrated observation, measurable out there on real lakes."

This summer I received many more complaints than usual and I would like to remind everyone to not call me but instead call the Bridgeport Police non-emergency number (203-576-7671) where you can file a complaint anonymously.

The items listed below are for your information and/or request for help:

- Bass Tournament—Looking for something to do—why not join our LFA fishing tournament on Sunday October 4th (see advertisement on next page). If you missed the last one, a great time was had by all that attended. You can contact Matt Cohen if interested 203-243-3219. When fishing, please try to remove any hooks that get caught in trees or bushes -they can be very harmful!
- **Volunteers Needed**—As usual, we are always looking for volunteers to help us maintain our property. We would love to have you work with us to help keep our community clean. Remember, this is a volunteer-run association and just paying your dues doesn't make it run. If you can do just a little bit to help, it will make a great difference for our community.

I would like to thank some people for the volunteer time they have put in helping with the upkeep of LFA properties. It sure has saved us much money that LFA does not have! Recently Michael Martin, Brian Carey, Tom Graves and Ken Popadic stepped forward to help us out-Thanks guys! And, we had a tree fall on the fence at the dam and it was taken care of by John Hammond, John Hammond Jr., Mark Hammond, and Freddie Castaldo. Thank you for all your time and effort.

Regarding our hope of paying off our loan to the bank - of the \$1,000.00 debt remaining, so far we have raised \$850.00 in donations from our members. It has taken us years paying our debt down and now we are so very close! Due to Covid-19, we have not been able to have any fundraisers or rent out the Clubhouse so if you can make a contribution, it will be greatly appreciated. You can mail it or put in the mailbox –Nancy Teixeira, membership secretary, 165 Lakeside Drive 06606

Happy Halloween to everyone and stay safe. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Cliff Roberts, President LFA (203) 414-4858 Cliff bpt1@yahoo.com



Calendar of Events

October:

12th Columbus Day

21st Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 P.M.

31st Halloween

November:

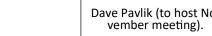
1st **Daylight Saving Time Ends**

3rd Election Day

11th Veteran's Day

18th Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 P.M.

26th Thanksgiving



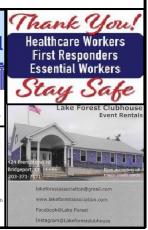
Dave Pavlik (to host No-

50/50 Raffle winner for

March meeting:







36 Things to do in Connecticut this October

Below are 30 of the things to do - for the remaining visit https://www.ctvisit.com/articles/38-things-do-connecticut-october

- 1. Take a scenic hike. Catch fall foliage during its <u>peak timeframes</u> on one of Connecticut's many <u>hiking</u>
- **2. Camp with your pet.** Enjoy the beauty of nature with your four-legged friend by your side at a pet-friendly campground, such as <u>Strawberry Park Resort</u> or <u>Wolf's Den Family Campground</u>.
- 3. Soar through the trees. Get a birds-eye view of the leaves in full foliage form during zipline tours at the Adventure Park at the Discovery Museum in Bridgeport and the Adventure Park in Storrs, or HighFiver Zipline at Foxwoods in Mashantucket.
- **4. Pedal around.** Grab a bike and get out on any of Connecticut's <u>biking trails</u> to take in the foliage or plan your own scenic biking trip to see a few of the state's <u>covered bridges</u>.
- 5. Chase some waterfalls. Eat from a picnic basket as you take in the sights and sounds of Connecticut waterfalls, such as the ones at Burr Falls in Torrington or Mount Carmel Spring Falls in Hamden.
- 6. Walk with Ilamas. Make a new friend while staying active by going on a llama walk at <u>Country Quilt Llama Farm</u> in Cornwall or <u>Rowanwood Farm</u> in Newtown. You're sure to see some great foliage along the way!
- **7. Get adventurous.** Seek a little thrill and find ways to <u>view foliage from above</u>, including <u>Glow in the</u> Park at Adventure Park at the Discovery Museum.
- **8. Travel the Barns Trail.** Explore the agricultural roots of Connecticut history and road trip through the Barns Trail. You may even see some great foliage on your journey!
- **9. Visit a farmers market.** Pick up some fresh fruits and vegetables at markets in <u>Scotland</u>, <u>Danbury</u> or <u>Lebanon</u>.
- 10. See the screen from your car. Enjoy an old-fashioned movie night and view films of all types at drive-in theaters like the Mansfield Drive-in in Mansfield or events like Drive-in Movie Nights in Stamford.
- 11. Explore history. No matter the season, Connecticut offers ample opportunities to experience the state's rich history up close. Spend a day touring the Keeler Tavern Museum in Ridgefield, the Roseland Cottage Museum in Woodstock, the Mark Twain House & Museum in Hartford, or any the many Meeler Tavern Museum in Hartford, or any the many Meeler Tavern Museum in Hartford, or any the many Meeler Tavern Museum in Hartford, or any the many Meeler Tavern Museum in Hartford, or any the many Meeler Tavern Museum in Hartford, or any the many Meeler Tavern Museum in Hartford, or any the many Meeler Tavern Museum in Hartford, or any the many Meeler Tavern Museum in Hartford, or any the many Meeler Tavern Museum in Hartford, or any the many Meeler Tavern Museum in Hartford, or any the many Meeler Tavern Museum in Hartford, or any the many Meeler Tavern Museum in Hartford, or any the many Meeler Tavern Museum in Hartford, or any the many Meeler Tavern Museum in Hartford, or any the many Meeler Tavern Museum in Hartford, or any the many Meeler Tavern Museum in Hartford, or any the many Meeler Tavern Museum in Hartford, or any the many Meeler Tavern Museum in Hartford, or any the many Meeler Tavern Museum in Hartford, or any the many <a href="Meeler Tavern Mus
- **12. Go house hunting.** With so much history in Connecticut, you'll find stunning landscapes, architecture, and centuries of beauty to explore. Take a road trip and discover these historic homes and gardens throughout the state.
- 13. Celebrate art. Enjoy the crisp air and pair it with a little art! Explore outdoor art exhibits like the New London Mural Walk, Studio 80 + Sculpture Grounds in Old Lyme, or the Lincoln Financial Sculpture Walk at Riverfront in Hartford.
- **14. Go on a foodie tour.** Follow the <u>pizza</u>, <u>chocolate</u>, or <u>chowder</u> trails or book a <u>Taste of New Haven</u> <u>Tour</u>. Or choose from any of the reopened restaurants throughout the state!
- **15. Sample hard cider**. Plan a visit to one of Connecticut's hard cider destinations like <u>Yankee Cider Barn at Staehly Farms</u> in East Haddam, <u>New England Cider Company</u> in Wallingford, and <u>Bishop's Orchards Farm Market & Winery</u> in Guilford.
- **16. Follow the wine trail.** If you haven't already, grab your passport to Connecticut Farm Wineries and take in the scenic views at any of these **Instagrammable vineyards and wineries**.
- 17. Treat your sweet tooth. In fall, there's nothing better than farm fresh pies, apple cider doughnuts and other tasty treats! Find these goodies at places like <u>Lyman Orchards</u> in Middlefield, Rogers Or-chards Shuttle Meadow Farm in Southington, <u>Ellsworth Hill Orchard & Berry Farm</u> in Sharon, and Beardsley's Cider Mill & Orchard in Shelton.
- **18. Join the craft beer craze.** Everyone's talking about craft beer these days and the cool places you can find it! See what you've been missing at these <u>destination breweries</u> in Connecticut.
- 19. Take out, stay in. Plan a cozy night at home (even a backyard picnic) and order from the many delicious takeout restaurants in Connecticut bring your warmest blanket and your appetite!
 20. Go pumpkin picking. Stop by any one of Connecticut's farms and find yourself a perfect pumpkin to display or eat! Or snap the perfect pumpkin picture at these Insta-worthy pumpkin patches.
- **21. See some wild animals**. Come face to face with zebras, elk, bison and more at the <u>Action Wildlife</u> <u>Foundation</u> in Goshen or Connecticut's <u>Beardsley Zoo</u> in Bridgeport.
- 22. Learn about the past. Head to the <u>Dinosaur State Park</u>, the <u>PEZ Visitor Center</u> or the <u>Connecticut Science Center</u> for a museum trip the kids will love!
- 23. Get lost in a corn maze. Test your skills at one of the fun and challenging corn mazes around the state including Lyman Orchard's "Thank You Our Heroes" maze in Middlefield, which honors our frontline workers.
- **24. Challenge your mind.** Test your problem-solving skills at fun escape rooms like <u>Mission Escape</u>

 <u>Games</u> in West Hartford, <u>Mind Factory Escape Games</u> in Bridgeport, <u>Escape New Haven</u>, or <u>Mystified</u>

 <u>Escape</u> Rooms in Mystic.
- 25. Get into the Halloween spirit. Find some spooks in these festive Halloween towns or go ghost hunting at these haunted attractions. For the little ones, the Pumpkin Patch in East Haven offers some not-so-scary Halloween fun.

Contact any of the following if you have specific questions/concerns:

President Cliff Roberts (203) 414-4858 cliff_bpt1@yahoo.com

Boat Warden / Boat Stickers Matt Cohen (203) 243-3219

mcohen@snet.net

Keys/fobs for beach Gaby Topar @ LFA2ndVP@gmail.com

or you may TEXT her at (203) 216-7887

Club rentals Michele Barnes (203) 371-7671

Sunshine Lorraine Tobin (203) 372-3044

Newsletter Karen Pavlik

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karen.pavlik123@gmail.com

Bill Barfield (203) 243-3958 WilliamBarfield@icloud.com

Membership Nancy Teixeira (203) 374-4400

If you see a new home has been purchased in LFA, please contact her so we can welcome them and ask them to join our association.

50/50 BASS TOURNAMENT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH. 8AM - 12PM (MEET AT THE DOCK AT 7AM)

\$50.00 PER PERSON

FOLLOWED BY BRATWURST ON THE BEACH

LONGEST BASS WINS

FIRST PRIZE IS A ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP TO THE LAKE FOREST ASSOCIATION FOR 2021 (DOES NOT INCLUDE BOAT STICKERS)

SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES OF BASS PRO SHOPS GIFT CARDS WILL BE AWARDED

(AMOUNT OF CARDS TO BE DETERMINED BY NUMBER OF ENTRANTS)

OPEN TO ALL LAKE FOREST MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS

NO LIVE BAIT

NO MORE THAN TWO PEOPLE IN A BOAT

ONLY ONE ROD PER PERSON MAY BE USED AT A TIME

BOATS MUST DISPLAY A CURRENT BOAT STICKER ON EACH SIDE

ENTRANTS RETURNING TO THE DOCK AFTER 12PM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED

ENTRANCE FEES ACCEPTED IN CASH ONLY, AND MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 9/25/2020



CALL MATT COHEN WITH ANY QUESTIONS
(203) 243-3219
(MINIMUM FIELD OF FOURTEEN ENTRANTS OR TORNAMENT WILL NOT BE HELD)

From the Desk of our Boat Warden Matt Cohen....

All boats must be removed from the dock area by October 18th. Any boats remaining on the docks or kayak racks after that date become property of the Lake Forest Association. Thank you.



A special shout out goes to Tom Broadley. Tom assisted a young boy who was floundering and having difficulty in the water by lifting him up into shallower water. Way to go Tom.

Please remember that there is no lifeguard on duty at the beach and it is important to keep an eye on your children at all times to avoid any accidents.

- **26.** Treat yourself to the spa. Visit any of Connecticut's reopened spas for a fall treatment to help ease your way into the new season.
- **27. Find some small-town charm.** Stroll, shop, or dine in one of the state's picturesque towns.
- **28. Go for a scenic train ride**. Take in Connecticut's beautiful scenery by train aboard the Essex Steam Train.
- **29. Visit the beach.** It doesn't have to be sunny for you to put your feet in the sand! Soak in the calming sound of the crashing waves on one of Connecticut's <u>beaches</u>.
- **30. Do some yoga.** Realign your mind, body and spirit before the major holidays at the <u>Salt Cave of Darien</u> or <u>Charym Yoga Studio</u>.

USEFUL NUMBERS

For Noise complaints/loud music—issues with college students.

- Bridgeport Police Non-emergency number (203) 576-7671, if true emergency, call 911.
- Call Sacred Heart Public Safety Office at (203) 371-7995. They have their own security patrol on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from September to the beginning of May. The college pays for the extra patrol/response from Bridgeport PD in our area. Patrols are not used during the summer so if you have an issue, contact Dean Larry Wielk at the number listed below.
- Call the Dean of Sacred Heart—Dean Larry Wielk at (203) 371-7916 (let him know how many times the same houses have been reported to Police and the same problems exist).
- For other issues with city services-abandoned vehicles, illegal dumping, tree issues, blight public works, etc., or to report a concern, go to www.bridgeport.gov/Bridgeport 311.