



# Lake Forest News



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December 2020

## President's Corner

As 2020 comes to a close, I would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped us throughout the year. Without their help, we would not be able to keep up on the maintenance of the LFA properties--their efforts are sincerely appreciated! If anyone would like to help with some of these duties please contact me.

I want to give a big shout out to the Officers – Ursula Meyer, Brad Topar, Gaby Topar, Giacomo Gates and Nancy Teixeira and the Board of Directors – Karen Pavlik, Betsey Meyer, Gladys Imbro, John Hammond, Brian Carey and Kyle Fitzmaurice - who have served this past year. With all the confusion of the COVID virus this year, they went above and beyond to meet with me and work through this difficult time to keep the Lake and the Association running. All of these positions involve donating a lot of personal time and energy and are unpaid positions. And I don't want to forget our dedicated boat warden, Matt Cohen, his wife Carol, who takes care of Facebook for us and Tim Monahan, who handles all the updates on our website. Many, many thanks to all of you!

COVID has affected the Lake Forest Association as well this year. We had to cancel rentals and have been unable to rent out the Club-house for most of the year, a source of income for the Association. Hopefully things will change in 2021 and our rentals can once again begin.

Below are some items that may be of interest to you:

- **Election of Officers**—It's getting to be that time of year again. If you would like to be on the Election Committee, please contact Nancy Teixeira.
- **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. If you can do just a little bit to help, it will make a great difference for our community and it will give you a chance to meet other LFA members. If anyone would like to help with some of these duties, please contact me.
- **LFA Membership**—Membership for 2021 begins in January. Invoices will go out shortly after the beginning of the year and late fees will be assessed and added to dues if they are not paid by April 1st. There has been a lot of movement within our area so if you know someone that has recently moved in, contact Nancy Teixeira to let her know. As members move out of the neighborhood, we need to ensure the new homeowner/occupant is invited to join the Association. If you have any questions on membership, please contact Nancy Teixeira at (203) 374-4400.
- **Storm Drains**—If you have a storm drain near your home, please check to make sure it is clear of leaves and debris so we do not have any flooding problems.

On closing I would like to wish you a Happy Holiday Season. Stay safe, wear your masks, and hopefully we will be able to get together soon! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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## Calendar of Events

### December:

- 7<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 
- 10<sup>th</sup> Hanukkah Begins
- 16<sup>th</sup> Board of Director's Meeting 7:00 P.M.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Hanukkah Ends
- 21<sup>st</sup> First Day of Winter 
- 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve 
- 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day
- 26<sup>th</sup> Kwanza Begins 
- 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve 

### January:

- 1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Day 
- 7<sup>th</sup> Orthodox Christmas
- 14<sup>th</sup> Orthodox New Year 
- 18<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Jr.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Director's Meeting 7:00 P.M.

*Thank You!*

Healthcare Workers  
First Responders  
Essential Workers

*Stay Safe*

**50/50 Raffle winner for March meeting:**

Dave Pavlik (to host next in person meeting).

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



Twas the night before Christmas and Lake Forest was still  
The full moon was shining and the air had a chill  
My tackle was stacked by the door with care  
and I hoped the fish I found yesterday would once more be there.

The kids were put down and asleep in their beds  
with dreams of Christmas stuck in their heads  
My wife in her face cream and me in my shorts  
snoring away after having a few snorts.

When on the lake I heard a big clatter  
and ran out to my deck to see what was the matter  
My eyes opened wide as I took in the sight  
not believing what I was seeing this night.

Down in the cove by the old sunken log  
was a red bass boat with a white bearded old man casting a frog.  
He worked that lure with finesse and skill  
watching him fish gave me a thrill.

He caught eight bass before I could blink  
gave all of them names and released them with a wink  
Hi Dasher, hi Dancer, hey Prancer, hello Vixen  
hi Comet, hi Cupid, take care Donder, looking good Blitzen.

Having caught his limit, he'd had enough for now  
and pulled his trolling motor up onto the bow  
He sat in the cockpit and turned the key  
as the big motor purred he chuckled with glee.

He nudged the throttle forward and the bow came up high  
the boat rose off the lake and into the sky.  
It circled the lake and as the boat came about  
I heard him laugh and give out a shout.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT  
AND MAY YOUR FISHING LINES ALWAYS STAY TIGHT  
Carol and I wish everyone safe and happy holidays.

## 33 Things to Do in Connecticut This December (<https://www.ctvisit.com/articles/39-things-do-connecticut-december>)

Looking for something to do in Connecticut in December? Even with all the COVID-19 safety restrictions, there is still so much to see and do — and you can be sure businesses are working hard to keep you safe. Whether you want something active or relaxing, cultural or nature-oriented, historic or trendy, Connecticut's got you covered. Here are some highlights for December.

**Just be sure to check with each location before venturing out, as hours may differ due to COVID-19.**

- 1. Shred the slopes.** Break out your skis, snowboards, and tubes for some downhill thrills at [Mohawk Mountain Ski Area](#) in Cornwall, [Mount Southington Ski Area](#) in Southington, [Powder Ridge Mountain Park & Resort](#) in Middlefield, and [Ski Sundown](#) in New Hartford.
- 2. Get your steps in.** Don't let the cold keep you from being active. Warm up your muscles on any one of Connecticut's [hiking trails](#).
- 3. Enjoy ice skating.** Sharpen your blades and practice your balance at the [International Skating Center of Connecticut](#) in Simsbury or book a skate time at [Danbury Ice Arena](#).
- 4. Go cross-country.** Swap the downhill runs for a peaceful glide through nature when cross-country skiing at [White Memorial Conservation Center Museum](#) in Litchfield and [Winding Trails Cross Country Ski Center](#) in Farmington.
- 5. Break the ice.** Visit a local bait shop before cutting the ice to fish for bass, pike, and perch at [Bantam Lake](#) or [Lake Waramaug](#). You might even stop by [Cabela's](#) for some extra gear.
- 6. Appreciate the arts.** Let the arts move and inspire you. Check out art exhibitions at [New Britain Museum of American Art](#), [The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum](#) in Ridgefield, or even view art outside by exploring the Sculpture Trail at [Lyman Allyn Art Museum](#) in New London or visiting these photo-worthy [outdoor murals](#).
- 7. Meander a winter market.** Find some fresh and local goodies at the [Guilford Farmer's Market](#) or the [Elephant's Trunk Country Flea Market](#) in New Milford.
- 8. Make holiday ornaments.** Get crafty Christmas-style and attend an ornament making workshop at the [Guilford Art Center](#) in Guilford.
- 9. Practice your aim.** If you want to try something new, challenge your friends, or just unleash some built-up stress, try your hand at axe throwing at [Montana Nights Axe Throwing](#) in Newington or [Blue Ox Axe Throwing](#) in Bridgeport.
- 10. Explore haunted history.** Learn about Connecticut's holiday hauntings at the [Ghosts of Christmas Past tours](#) in Mystic or attend the virtual talk [The Spirit of Christmas Past: Four Centuries of Christmas in New England](#), put on by the [Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum](#). At the same museum, experience displays of a [classic Victorian Christmas](#) all month long.
- 11. Go on a foodie tour.** Indulge in Connecticut's authentic and tasty [pizza](#), [chocolate](#), or [burger](#) trails.
- 12. Dine fireside.** There are dozens of fireside dining options in Connecticut where you can toast the cold days and nights hearthside. From pubs and shoreline inns to fine dining, warm up to [these destinations](#).
- 13. Put your pinkies up at tea.** Rid yourself of the winter cold with a hot cup of tea at [Alice in the Village](#) in Mystic.
- 14. Get into gingerbread.** Applaud the designs of tasty towns made of gingerbread at the [Wood Memorial Library & Museum's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Gingerbread House Festival](#).
- 15. Support local restaurants with takeout.** If you're in the mood to stay in and stay cozy, take a load off by ordering [takeout or delivery](#) — it'll help your favorite spots stay in business too. Want to add some extra flair? Try these [take-home libations](#) from all across the state.
- 16. Pick-your-own tree.** Bring your axe, put on your heaviest layers and head to [Charlie Brown's Christmas Tree Farm](#) in East Hampton, [Lou's Christmas Tree Farm](#) in Orange, and [Yurechko Tree Farm](#) in Griswold to chop down this year's perfect tree.
- 17. Watch virtual holiday shows.** Gather your household members to see "Eleanor's Very Merry Christmas Wish - The Musical" put on by the Shubert Theater, or watch a virtual puppet performance of "The Gingerbread Man."
- 18. See Santa.** Take socially distanced pictures with the man in red this year at Wickham Park's [39th Annual Santa's Workshop](#). Or see Santa and his elves, lights, displays and other character from the comfort and safety of your own car at [Santa Lights Up the Lake: A Drive Through](#). You can even hear Santa talking to you and your children on your car radio!  
**Visit the website to see all the events.**



\*\*\*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\*\*\* DO NOT RAKE THOSE  
BEAUTIFUL FALL LEAVES INTO OUR LAKE—REMIND  
YOUR LANDSCAPERS ALSO. THANK YOU.

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

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| President                   | Cliff Roberts (203) 414-4858<br>cliff_bpt1@yahoo.com   |
| Boat Warden / Boat Stickers | Matt Cohen (203) 243-3219<br>mcohen@snet.net   |
| Keys/fobs for beach         | Nancy Teixeira (203) 374-4400  |
| Club rentals                | Michele Barnes (203) 371-7671  |
| Sunshine                    | Lorraine Tobin (203) 372-3044  |
| Newsletter                  | Karen Pavlik<br>karen.pavlik123@gmail.com  |
| Dam                         | Bill Barfield (203) 243-3958<br>WilliamBarfield@icloud.com   |
| Membership                  | Nancy Teixeira (203) 374-4400<br>If you see a new home has been pur chased in LFA, please contact her so we can welcome them and ask them to join our association. |

### 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](http://www.bridgeport.gov/Bridgeport) 311.