



Lake Forest News



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December 2022

Administration Committee Corner

Thank you everyone for a great year, a successful Field Day and Oktoberfest. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza and a joyous New Year!

Here's to looking forward to 2023! We are still working on resolving the Lake issue with the Town of Trumbull. It should be resolved by 2023. I would like to thank Dave Pavlik for his due diligence in this matter. We have restored our bank accounts to pre-pandemic levels, due in part to the amazing job Michele Barnes is doing in renting the Clubhouse. Our Lake Forest Membership is currently 179 strong, the largest Membership we have seen in over a decade. Thank you to Sue Lesko for her part in getting new members signed on. Below are some items that you should be aware of/that we need help with:

- Pasta Nite Keep an eye out for our next Pasta Nite. Once a date is determined, we will let you know and we will be hoping to see
- **Volunteers Needed**—We are still in need for volunteers for numerous projects. The response we received has been disappointing. If anyone can spare some time to help with any of the below items, please contact the Association. Once we get some volunteer names, we can set up some dates to complete these. The extra help is definitely needed and is greatly appreciated.



- **Miscellaneous Projects:**
 - 1. Clearing brush/topping trees at back of the Clubhouse.
 - 2. Putting up new fence at the Clubhouse.
 - 3. Clearing brush at the dam.
- **Events Committee**—Planning, Set Up, Clean Up, etc.

I would like to thank everyone for their support with the situation with Trumbull. Hope to see everyone back in 2023 enjoying the lake! If you have questions or concerns about Lake Forest, please send an email to LakeForestAssociation@gmail.com. Please join us at our monthly meetings at the Clubhouse (see dates on the calendar of events).

John Hammond President, Administration Committee LakeForestAssociation@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

December:

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day



Board of Director's Meeting 6:30 P.M. (Clubhouse) All LFA Members are invited to attend.

First Day of Winter

25th Christmas Day Hanukkah Ends

Kwanzaa Begins New Year's Eve





January: New Year's Day 20

Kwanzaa Ends Orthodox Christmas

14thOrthodox New Year 16th Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Board of Director's Meeting 6:30 P.M. (Clubhouse) 18th

All LFA Members are invited to attend.



4. Clearing brush at Beach 2 fence.

5. Clearing brush at Beach 1 fence.

Wednesdays at the Bronx Zoo for 2022

W Bronx Zoo

Did you know....

Limited admission is free all day on Wednesdays at the Bronx Zoo. **ADVANCE TIMED TICKETS ARE REQUIRED.** The Wednesday Ticket Store will open on Monday at 5:00pm for that <u>Wednesday's reservations</u>. DO NOT come to the zoo without a reserved ticket.

Important information about Daytime Wednesday tickets:

- The Wednesday Bronx Zoo Tickets Store will open Monday afternoon at 5pm for that Wednesday's reservations.
- Max of 4 tickets per order.
- Every visitor, age 3 and up, is required to have a Wednesday ticket for entry.
- Ticket reservations require name and valid email address, and can only be used on the date specified.
- Be ready for contactless entry to the park. Tickets should be shown via mobile device or can be printed.
- For complete visit information, <u>BronxZoo.com/plan ahead</u>

Wednesday Limited Admission tickets are park entry only. Individual attraction tickets required for premium exhibits and rides. \$7 per person, per attraction. Upgrade your Wednesday LIMITED Admission ticket to the all-inclusive Wednesday Admission and receive unlimited access to the premium exhibits and attractions available that day*. Premium exhibits, April – October, include JungleWorld, Bug Carousel, Nature Trek, Congo Gorilla Forest, Children's Zoo, Butterfly Garden and Zoo Shuttle. Monorail included May – Oct.

Free Saturdays at the Zoo for Bridgeport Residents!



https://webstore1.centaman.net/beardsleyzootickets/calendar/Area/10

Every Saturday until June 24, 2023, the Zoo will be free to all Bridgeport residents as part of the Zoo's **COOL BLUE Bridgeport** program.

All guests MUST register online using the code **COOLBLUE** and adults will need to show a photo ID proving Bridgeport residency (driver's license or Park City ID) upon arrival at the Zoo's Front Gate. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Limited tickets available.

Cannot be combined with any other offers.
Cannot be used for Zoo birthday parties, rentals, or groupsales.



33 Things to Do in Connecticut This December (https://www.ctvisit.com/articles/33-things-do-connecticut-december) Active Adventure

- 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 <u>International Skating Center of Connecticut</u> in Simsbury or book a skate time at <u>Danbury Ice Arena</u> or at <u>Northford Ice Pavilion</u> located in Northford.
- **4. Go cross-country.** Swap the downhill runs for a peaceful glide through nature when cross-country skiing at White Memorial Foundation 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 <u>Bantam Lake</u> or <u>Lake Waramaug</u>. You might even stop by <u>Cabela's</u> for some extra gear.

Arts & Culture

- **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 photoworthy outdoor murals.
- 7. Meander a winter market. Find some fresh and local goodies at the <u>Guilford Farmer's Market</u> or the <u>Westport Winter Farmers' Market</u>.
- 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.

Food and Drink Adventures

- **10. Go on a foodie tour.** Indulge in Connecticut's authentic and tasty <u>pizza</u>, <u>chocolate</u>, or <u>chowder</u> trails.
- **11. 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.
- **12.** Put your pinkies up at tea. Rid yourself of the winter cold with a hot cup of tea at <u>Alice in the Village</u> in Mystic. Or, enjoy holiday tea in the decorated Barnes Museum in Southington.
- **13. Tour craft distilleries.** Sample homemade flavors from moonshine to gin, whiskey, and vodka at these <u>Connecticut distilleries</u>.

Use the link above to view the rest of December things to do.



Not sure what is going on in our area? Check out this link to find out more about all events (i.e., free tours,, music, art exhibits, social hours, etc.).

https://www.fairfieldafterdark.com/fairfield-county-calendar-

Important Contact Information

- For questions/concerns about Lake Forest, please send an email to LakeForestAssociation@gmail.com.
- For emergency situations, please call (203) 543-0572.



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 or email him at wielkl@sacredheart.edu (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.