



Lake Forest News



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July 2022

Administration Committee Corner

First off, the 4th of July is a week away. I just want to wish everyone a safe and Happy 4th! I want to remind everyone that the Lake is catch and release and you **MUST** have your boat stickers on any/all of your water vessels. Please stay off the rocks, dam and island. They are off limits! And the LFA Field day is right around the corner - hope to see everyone there. There are many volunteers that do things without being asked and without recognition—I want to say Thank You to Cookie Castaldo for weeding the flowers at our Clubhouse. Below are some items that you should be aware of:

- **Floating Docks, Inflatable Platforms, or Trampolines** - Please remember if you are planning on building a floating dock, you **MUST** submit plans to the LFA Board for approval **BEFORE** any construction begins. If you plan on using an inflatable swimming platform or water trampoline, proof of Home Owners Liability Insurance **MUST** be submitted to the LFA Board for approval **BEFORE** said apparatus is placed in the lake. **More information is located in the LFA General Rules #11.**
- **Lowering of Lake**—We will be lowering the Lake this coming September. All homeowners who wish to do maintenance work to repair existing walls or docks or who want to build new walls or docks at the edge of you property are asked to complete the attached form and return it **no later than August 15th**. The Board will review all plans and contact homeowners with approval or changes by August 19th. Whether you are repairing or building, everyone **MUST** submit the attached form.
 - ◆ If repairing, you **MUST** only complete the form.
 - ◆ If constructing new, you **MUST** complete the form **AND** attach plans.



Please note after this year's Lake lowering, it will be at least 5 years before Lake Forest will lower again. We ask that you plan accordingly. **If you do not submit the attached form and decide to do work on a wall or construct a dock, you will be told to cease work immediately.**

- **LFA Field Day**—set aside Saturday, August 6th (rain date, Sunday, August 7th) to attend our annual LFA Field Day. Bring your friends and family to enjoy games and delicious food. Details to be provided as time gets closer.
- **Volunteers Needed**—We need your help to be successful! Remember this is a volunteer run Association and if no one volunteered, there would be no Association worth joining. There is plenty to do and I'm sure you can help with something. Please reach out.
 - ◆ **Beach Committee**—Maintenance, etc. There will be a rake, shovel and bucket available for anyone that would like to help with clean up of waterfowl droppings on the beach,
 - ◆ **Events Committee**—Planning, Set Up, Clean Up, etc.
 - ◆ **LFA Field Day**—Planning, Set Up, Clean Up, etc.



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). Looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming LFA Field Day. Enjoy the lake and summer and be safe!



John Hammond
President, Administration Committee
LakeForestAssociation@gmail.com

From the Desk of our Boat Warden



Another batch of copper sulfate will be distributed throughout the lake within about a week. Please be mindful when fishing in front of other people's property. Important things to remember (also stated in the attached LFA General Rules):

- All boats should have enough life jackets per individual, and those 16 and under should be wearing one while out on a watercraft.
- All boats using an electric motor must also carry paddles/oars.

As the President mentioned above, remember the island is off limits as well as the rock in front of the island and dam property. Enjoy the lake and be safe!

Calendar of Events

July:
 4th Independence Day
 20th Board of Director's Meeting 6:30 P.M. (Clubhouse)
 All LFA Members are invited to attend.



August:

6th LFA Field Day
 7th LFA Field Day (rain date)
 17th Board of Director's Meeting 6:30 P.M. (Clubhouse)
 All LFA Members are invited to attend.



This is just a reminder to everyone that we should ALL be considerate and respectful of our neighbors, whether they live next door, down the street or across the lake with regard to all types of noise. It may not be disturbing to you but it may be disturbing to others who are **FORCED** to listen to it. In addition, please remember the lake amplifies the sounds of these noises to neighbors across the lake for loud music and barking dogs.

According to the Bridgeport municipal code # **8.80.050 of the Noise Control Regulations - Prohibited noise activities, it states the following:**

- A. General Prohibition. It is unlawful for any person to make, continue or cause to be made or continued any noise in violation of this chapter which reasonably annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others.
- B. Officers of the police department shall issue a notice of violation for the following violations of this section of the noise ordinance without use of a sound level meter.
- C. Enumeration of Prohibited Acts. Each of the following acts, among others, is declared unlawful and is prohibited; but this enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive:
 1. **Blowing Horns, etc.** The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus, streetcar or other vehicle while not in motion, except as a danger signal if another vehicle is approaching apparently out of control, or if in motion only as a danger signal after or as brakes are being applied and deceleration of the vehicle is intended and unless it is unnecessary as a warning to prevent or avoid a traffic or pedestrian accident;
 2. **Radios, Phonographs, etc.** The playing of any radio, phonograph or any musical instrument in such a manner or **with such volume as to reasonably annoy or disturb the quiet**, comfort or repose of persons in any office, or in any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence, or of any person in the vicinity;
 3. **Shouting, Singing, etc. Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing** on the public street at any time or place so **as to reasonably annoy or disturb the quiet**, comfort or repose of any persons in any office, or in any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence, or of any person in the vicinity;
 4. **Animals.** The keeping of any animal or bird which by causing frequent or **long-continued barking**, calling or other noise so **as to reasonably annoy or disturb the quiet**, comfort or repose of any person in any office, or in any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence or of any person in the vicinity.

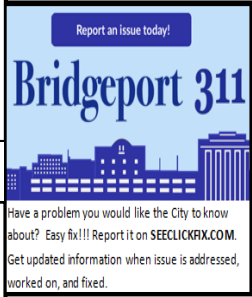
<p>Local Farmer's Markets</p> <p>St. Vincent's Farm Stand 2800 Main Street, Bridgeport 203-989-2476 Market Hours: July 13 - October 26, 2021 Tuesdays: 11:30am - 4:00 pm</p> <p>Downtown Bridgeport Farmers Market 102 Bank Street, Bridgeport 203-908-3622 Market Hours: July 8 - October 14, 2021 Thursdays, 10:30am - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Stratfield Saturday Market corner of Brooklawn Ave and North Ave Bridgeport, CT 06604 Market Hours: June 19 - October 2, 2021 Saturdays, 9:30am - 1:30pm</p> <p>Trumbull Farmers' Market 1773 Huntington Tpke Trumbull, CT 06611 Market Hours: May 5- October 27, 2022 Thursdays, 4PM - 7PM</p>	<p>Village of Devon Farmers' Market 120 Bridgeport Avenue Milford, CT 06460 203-988-2078 Market Hours: June 20 - October, 2021 Sunday, 9:00am - 2:00pm</p> <p>Stratford Farmer's Market Paradise Green Stratford, CT 06614 203-385-4090 Market Hours: June 20 – end of October Mondays, 2:00 PM—6:00 PM</p>	<p>Fairfield Farmers Market 1451 Post Road Fairfield, CT 06824 Market Hours: June 12 - October 2, 2022 Sundays, 10:00am - 2:00pm</p> <p>Monroe Farmers' Market 7 Fan Hill Road Monroe, CT 06468 203-452-2800 Market Hours: June 17 - October 21, 2022 Friday, 3:00pm - 6:00pm</p>
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Litter along Frenchtown Rd (from Main St.) has become terrible. I cleaned this mess up last week and two days later there was more. Mostly lottery tickets! If anyone knows who this is, please speak to them. You can also pitch in by cleaning up along your street. It's our neighborhood so please help keep it clean! Dave Pavlik

Interested in listening to music at nearby outdoor concerts over the summer? Check out this link: <https://www.fairfieldafterdark.com/the-list-guide-to-summer-concerts-in-and-around-fairfield-county>

Reminder
After enjoying your day at the beach, please put the geese gate back up at the water's edge. Thank you.



Report an issue today!
Bridgeport 311
Have a problem you would like the City to know about? Easy fix!!! Report it on SEELICKFIX.COM.
Get updated information when issue is addressed, worked on, and fixed.



facebook
Fastest and quickest way to stay updated with everything that's going on!!! Look us up and send a friend request!!!
Lake Forest Association



Lake Forest Clubhouse Event Rentals
424 Frenchtown rd
Bridgeport, Ct. 06606
203-371-7671
Now accepting all major credit cards
lakeforestassociation@gmail.com
www.lakeforestassociation.com
Facebook@Lake Forest
Instagram@Lakeforestclubhouse

Do you need some extra money?
The Clubhouse needs your help. I need a couple of people to help work parties at the Clubhouse. I'm asking for 6.5 hours of your time on Saturday or Sunday. All you need to do is make sure our renters are obeying the Clubhouse rules. It is the easiest job you will ever have to do. Please give me a call at (203) 371-7671 for more details. I'm looking for at least 3 people. Thanks.
Michele Barnes

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.

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**.

Lake Forest Association

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I/We are repairing our wall/dock _____ (initial) (no plans necessary to be submitted to the BOD)

I/We are constructing a new wall/ dock _____ (initial)

If constructing, new plans **MUST BE** submitted to the Board of Director's for approval. Please submit size, dimensions and materials to be used, along with drawings of the plans. All plans **MUST BE** approved prior to any construction begins.

All forms MUST BE submitted NO LATER than August 15th to: Sue Lesko – c/o LFA5 Pinepoint Drive

I/We understand that the Lake **WILL NOT** be lowered prior to September 21st. _____ (initial)

I/We understand that the Lake **WILL NOT** be lowered again for approximately 5 years. _____ (initial)

I/We understand that our homeowner's insurance is responsible for individuals hired and Lake Forest holds no responsibility for any work I/We do at our properties edge. _____ (initial)

I/We understand that weather may play a factor in the level of the lake during this period of time and once the valve is closed on the dam it **WILL NOT** be reopened. _____ (initial)

I/We will not discard any debris from our work (or) construction in the lake (lakebed). _____ (initial)

Comments:

Signature:

Date:

NOTE: Form must be initialed and signed by all property owners. Failure to do so may result in plans not being approved by the BOD.

GENERAL RULES OF THE LAKE FOREST ASSOCIATION

Lake Forest is privately owned by the Lake Forest Association Inc. not by homeowners living adjacent to the water.

Since the association's beginning in 1942, there have always been rules governing its members.

The rules are designed not only to protect members but also to make sure that this wonderful commodity, we share, is available to future generations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

Use of Lake Forest:

- 1.** Only members in good standing of the Lake Forest Association are entitled to use the Association's facilities. Members and or their children are required to have a current electronic key when using the beach or lake. This electronic key is issued once. If a member becomes non-current or abuses the use of this key, the reader will be programmed to refuse entry. If the member renews his or her dues or is reinstated, the electronic key will be reprogrammed to permit entry. Replacement for lost or stolen keys will be charged accordingly before another is issued. Gate keys and/or fobs are to be surrendered when a membership in Lake Forest Association is dropped or canceled.
- 2.** Members and/or their children are directly responsible for the safety and actions of their guest(s) and must remain at all times with their guest(s). Six (6) guests are allowed per family. Children under two (2) years of age are not counted towards the six (6) allowed guests. Children of members between the ages of sixteen to seventeen (16-17) who reside in a membership household are allowed two (2) guests only. Guests must leave the beach when the member and/or member's children leave. Groups of more than ten (10) non-member individuals constitutes a beach party and are subject to rental agreements and attending fees.
 - a.** A party request must be made to the Board of Directors at least one month before the event is to be held. The fee for hosting a party is \$75.00 (seventy five dollars).
 - b.** Members ignoring this rule may be asked to leave the beach. They will be invoiced for their party, have their fobs deactivated and have future membership denied until all monies owed are current.
 - c.** Beach party request forms and additional rules are posted on and may be copied from the website. (www.lakeforestassociation.com)
- 3.** Residents of the Lake Forest area who have elected not to join the association are prohibited from using the lake or any of the association's facilities. This includes property owners and their guests. Residents of Lake Forest who have elected not to join the association are prohibited from being guests of members.
- 4.** All islands, the dam site, rock outcroppings and private properties are off-limits at all times. Trespassers should be reported to the proper authorities (e.g., a member of the Board of Directors or police).
- 5.** Club rentals are handled by the Lake Forest Rental Manager.
- 6.** Swimming from lakefront property is restricted to fifty (50) feet.
- 7.** No one is allowed to swim across the lake. The exception being, related to Field Day, when accompanied by a competent boater.
- 8.** Plans must be submitted to the Lake Forest Board of Directors, and permission granted, before new construction, of any floating dock, boat landing or wall at the water's edge. Docks and boat landings may not be more than four (4) feet deep and twelve (12) feet in length adjacent to the water's edge. After a site inspection by the Board of Directors, or their representative, variances might be allowed.
- 9.** The dumping of leaves, branches, grass clippings, old tires, pails, or rubbish of any other substance is prohibited by the State of Connecticut and/or the City of Bridgeport. Violators are subject to penalties imposed by the State of Connecticut and/or City of Bridgeport.
- 10.** Diving and sliding into the lake is strictly prohibited.
- 11.** The use of inflatable swimming platforms, water trampolines and multi-person floats are permitted.
 - a.** Proof of home owners liability insurance (\$500,000.00 minimum) and a signed letter of indemnification holding the LFA harmless from any damage to property or persons arising directly or indirectly from the use of the inflatable whatever it is must be presented to the Board of Directors before said apparatus are placed in the lake.
 - b.** Swimming platforms, water trampolines and multi-person floats must have a minimum depth of six (6) feet of water below them.
 - c.** Diving is not permitted
 - d.** The apparatus must be secured to the member's property by a tether no longer than fifteen (15) feet and brought adjacent to shore when not in use.
 - e.** Inflatable swim platforms may be no larger than eight (8) feet X eight (8) feet. Use of swimming platforms and inflatable water apparatus are solely at the homeowner's own risk.
- 12.** Ice sports and activities are permitted at participant's own risk.

Use of the Beach:

***** THE BEACH IS TO BE ENJOYED BY ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS. PLEASE BE MINDFUL AND RESPECTFUL OF EVERYONE ON THE BEACH *****

- 1.** Children under the age of fourteen (14) must be accompanied and supervised at all times by their parent(s) or an individual adult, eighteen years or older, approved by the child's parents when using lake facilities.
- 2.** No ball playing, rough-housing or disorderly playing is permitted.
- 3.** No dogs or other pets are permitted on the beach at any time.
- 4.** Absolutely no littering on the beach. Rubbish is to be discarded in the provided trash and recycling containers.

5. Smoking on the beach is not permitted. Smoking is permitted at the provided ashtrays outside of the gate and at the boat dock area.
6. Glass in any form is prohibited on the beach. No exceptions.
7. Swimming is confined to the buoyed area in front of Beach 1. Swimming from the boat docks or dam is strictly prohibited.
8. Personal floats, tubes, or inflatable rafts are limited to single user size in the swim area.
9. There is no cooking allowed on the beach. All cooking shall be done, using only the provided grills, on the upper patio. Members must supply their own propane.

Boating:

1. All boats, with the exception of paddle boards, must clearly display on both sides the member's annual sticker as well as the boat's identification number.
2. Boats on Lake Forest property without current annual and identification stickers may be removed by the Lake Forest Association for trespassing.
 - a. If a boat is removed from the lake for trespassing it will be brought and chained to the dock.
 - b. Once all fees are current the boat will be released to its owner.
3. All boats must be equipped with a personal flotation device suitable for each occupant.
4. Children under the age of fourteen (14) are required to wear personal flotation devices at all times and must be supervised by members while using boats and paddle boards. No exceptions.
5. Only electric motors are allowed on Lake Forest.
6. Upsetting and overloading boats is dangerous and absolutely forbidden.
7. Guests of lakefront homeowners may only fish or use registered boats when the member is present on his or her property.
 - a. Should the homeowner be having guests while they are not at home they must notify the Board of Directors and the boat warden with their guest's names and duration of stay.
8. Boats are prohibited in the buoyed swim area.
9. Jumping or diving into the lake from boats is prohibited.
10. Swimming at the boat docks or dam is prohibited.
11. Glass of any kind is prohibited from boats. No exceptions.
12. Space at the boat docks and rack is allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis.
13. Before docks are placed, a limited number of boats with current stickers and signed docking agreement forms, on file, may tie to the wall in a manner that does not interfere with dock placement. After the docks have been placed, boats must be locked to the dock with transoms adjacent to the dock.
14. A separate docking space at the wall is reserved for the current boat warden.
15. There is no boat storage allowed on Beach 2.
16. Guests of Lake Forest members may not use their own boats on Lake Forest. Members who have used their boats outside of Lake Forest must wash their boats before returning them to the lake to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic species.
17. All watercraft, except for beach chairman's boat, must be removed from the boat dock area by the date announced in the newsletter and on the website. This date will be posted no later than two weeks before the assigned date.
18. Any member keeping a boat at the boat dock area must sign a waiver agreeing to remove their boats by the assigned date or forfeit them to the Lake Forest Association.

Fishing:

1. Fishing in Lake Forest is strictly catch and release for all species. This policy will remain in effect unless otherwise posted or announced. If announced, the catch limit per day per member is five (5) and daily catch limits will be shared by the member and his or her guest(s) for a predetermined period of time.
 2. Per State of Connecticut regulations, no fish of any kind shall be added to Lake Forest.
 3. Live bait not native to Lake Forest is prohibited.
 4. Fishing is not authorized in swimming areas.
 5. Unattended fishing lines are not permitted.
 6. Any line, hook or lure tangled in trees or snagged on shore must be removed, if possible, as they present a danger.
 7. Ice sports and activities are permitted and done so at the participant's own risk.
- If a member is found in violation of any of the above-mentioned rules, appropriate suspension of privileges can be enforced against the member pursuant to section 12a and 12b of the Lake Forest Association by-laws.

AS A MEMBER, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ADDRESS ANYONE BREAKING THE RULES. YOU HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN THE ASSOCIATION. PROTECT THIS INTEREST AS WELL AS YOUR REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT.

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