



Lake Forest News

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It's hard to believe that Spring is right around the corner. Please be mindful when you do your yard work and not blow leaves and/or debris into the Lake. Remind your landscapers of this as well.

Volunteers like this make a difference to keep our Association running. Below are some items that you should be aware of:

- 2023 Membership Dues—There is a form attached on Page 5 of this newsletter for you to complete and send with your payment for the LFA 2023 Membership Dues. Dues must be paid by April 5th; otherwise, a late fee is assessed.
- Membership Raffle—Wouldn't you like to win a free LFA Membership by participating in our Membership Raffle? If so, see page 6 for more details.
- Clean Up Projects—We will be looking for volunteers to help clean up the Beach, Clubhouse, 2nd Beach and 100 Frenchtown Road. We need your help to keep our area clean so please consider volunteering some time as dates are finalized for these projects. It's a great time to meet your neighbors!

We have a Pasta Night coming up soon, see more details in the newsletter. It is a great night to socialize with your neighbors, come out and join us.

We will be announcing dates for Beach Clean-up and Clubhouse Clean-up soon. Last year we had a great turn out and we are hoping for the same this year.

LFA is conducting their own water testing at several points on the lake and our numbers are coming back good.

Remember to change your clocks on March 12th—time to Spring ahead!

John Hammond
President, Administration Committee
Lakeforestassociation@gmail.com

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

- Bridgeport Police Non-emergency number (203) 576-7671,

If a 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/Bridgeport311

Important Contact Information for LFA

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For emergency situations, please call (203) 543-0572



*Happy St.
Patrick's Day*

LFA Financial Status 2023.....from The Ledger of the Treasurer

Along with the combined efforts of the leadership and Finance Committees, the approved Operating Budget for Calendar Year 2023 of the Lake Forest Association is balanced with potential Revenue that exceeds net profits over expenditures. With membership dues payments coming in strong for 2023 and Clubhouse rentals on pace to average almost eight per month, the LFA is finally beyond the COVID pandemic and is starting or has completed the following note worthy projects:

Beach #1, Beach #2, and Clean Water

- Quotes from the surveyors for property lines with maps
- Quotes with down payment to replace and repair necessary fencing
- Water testing with a private company to ensure the quality of the lake we enjoy for fishing, swimming and boating
- Funds available for water treatment, sand erosion, boat docks and facilities
- Legal Advice. Law firm retention to ensure the interests of the LFA are maintained due to negligence or other dangerous events that may impact our lake resources.

Clubhouse

- Purchased new refrigerator.
- Power cleaned stove and overhead hood and fan
- Brought fire suppression system up to code.
- Began electrical upgrades with WIFI service, cellular security for fire and intrusion systems, replaced timer on parking lot flood lights, bulb replacements and needed repairs and safety upgrades.
- Increased events staffing for each rental.
- Installation of privacy fencing

Insurance

- Brought all insurance coverage up to date with operating funds to cover the increase in event reservations.
- All City, State and Federal taxes fully funded.
- Year Two of Seven-year Plan
- Monthly Operating balance of \$10,000 for routine expenses on accrual basis
- Fixed Rainy Day Balance of \$10,000 for unexpected expenses.
- Investment Potential of \$12,000 annually to be determined by LFA and professional investor.

Comments and suggestions may be submitted to Vinny Esposito, lakeforesttreasurer@gmail.com

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**Boat Docks will be put
in the first week of April
weather permitting.**





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 group sales.

Passports to the Parks



Beginning in 2018, Connecticut began offering all residents with Connecticut license plates on their vehicles free parking at all state parks and beaches.

Connecticut wants to make state parks, forests, trails, historic sites, and beaches more available to our residents so they can enjoy the many attractions and beauty they offer.

Visit the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection site to see the many State Parks Connecticut has to offer.

[All State Parks \(ct.gov\)](http://All State Parks (ct.gov))

Maple Season

Maple season is a wonderful time in Connecticut! From early February to late March, you can find Connecticut maple farms hard at work tapping the state's first agricultural product, and you can find all of Connecticut celebrating alongside them. From fun events to syrup farms, to signature maple treats, Connecticut is marvelously maple. So, make it a maple day (or month) and check out these great ways to celebrate maple season in Connecticut.

As always, be sure to check with each location before making plans as hours and details may change.



www.BarnumFestival.org

Upcoming Events:

Latin Night—April 29th

Celebrity Bartending—May 1st

King & Queen Coronation—May 7th

Whip Whistle & Watch—May 12th

Concert, Carnival & Food Truck—June 2nd

Car Show, Swap Meet—June 3rd

Barnum Sails the Sound—June 10th

Golf Tournament—June 15th

Wingding—June 24th

Fireworks—June 30th

Parade of Champions—July 1st

The Great Street Parade—July 2nd



[All Things Maple | Visit CT \(ctvisit.com\)](http://All Things Maple | Visit CT (ctvisit.com))



Lake Forest Pasta Night

All you can eat Pasta Night—Tuesday March 28, 2023

**Doors open at 6:30 P.M.—Dinner served at 7: 00 P.M.
(pasta, meatballs, sausage, salad, bread, butter)**

Unable to attend the evening? Take out orders are available

Adults : \$17.00

Children \$12.00 (12 years and younger)

B.Y.O.B

Bring the family, friend, neighbor or coworker!!

50/50 Raffle

Dessert donations gladly accepted

**Reservations are a must and can be made by calling Sue Lesko at
203-685-5823 or email: LakeForestAssociation@gmail.com**



RSVP deadline: March 22nd
For both dine-in & takeout

**Dues will also be accepted this evening & boat stickers will be available.
Take a chance on the Membership Raffle (\$10)!**

Lake Forest Association, Inc.

424 Frenchtown Road Bridgeport,

Connecticut 06606

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Invoice Dues owed for 2023

Resident Membership	\$ _____
Other* (specify from list below) _____	\$ _____
(Late fee of 15% will be imposed after April 5, 2023 Additional fees:	
Boat stickers (2) \$5 per boat	\$ _____
Required registration for each Boat. (2 stickers per boat.) (All boats must be labeled per LFA policy)	
Replacement beach fob \$25 each	\$ _____
TOTAL PAID \$ _____	

Make checks payable to the Lake Forest Association, Inc.

Send to: Sue Lesko 5 Pinepoint Drive Bridgeport, CT 06606

All dues are to be placed in mailbox. Any questions feel free to email: SueLesko@att.net

Name: _____ Fob number(s): _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ (for newsletter delivery)

- If you have been a Resident member and feel that you qualify for any of the following memberships you may submit your request in writing to the Board of Directors.
- All new members must apply for membership.
- Resident / *Charter /Associate Membership \$180.00 per household (late fee \$27.00)
- *Senior Membership \$ 90.00 per household (11+ consecutive years) (late fee \$13.50) \$108.00 (6-10 consecutive years) (late fee \$16.20) (65 years old on or before July 1, 2023) \$ 135.00 (1-5 years membership) (late fee \$20.25)
- Summer Membership \$210.00 (late fee \$31.50)

Please return entire form. Thank you



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\$10 per ticket for a chance to win a 2023 Membership
(No limit on the number of tickets that can be purchased)



Dues must be paid in order to participate in the raffle

Raffle ENDS April 5, 2023

Winner will be selected at the April Meeting Even those of you with reduced dues rate will benefit from Purchasing a raffle ticket. Your participation helps to pay our taxes, insurance and other necessary expenses to keep our Association and our beautiful Lake the Best in the City!



Make checks payable to: Lake Forest Association

Fill out the information below and mail or drop off this sheet AND payment to:
Sue Lesko – 5 Pinepoint Drive, Bridgeport, CT 06606

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____