



# the Waubeekan

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## Summer's In Full Swing!

Dear Neighbors,

I can safely say that our beach party on July 4<sup>th</sup> is now tradition. Many of you have commented on what a wonderful event this has become. There were many volunteers who made this event so special. Most importantly, I want to thank Mary Ellen Graziano for her wonderful organization of this event. It's a lot of hard work and, like everything else she does for our community, it is always accomplished with class. Let's not forget the man behind the lady—Lee Seinfeld—Mary Ellen's husband who for years has volunteered in many ways to improve the quality of life in our community.

At our annual membership meeting last weekend, three new board members were elected. Congratulations to Herb Krate, Joe Deligdish and a warm welcome to Vivian Pierson. Joe and Herb are long-time veterans and we thank them for all the fine years of service to our community.

For those of you who were not able to attend our membership meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup>, let me give you the short version of what we discussed. Our security audit is nearly complete, thanks to the painstaking efforts of Donna Giachetti Navarro and Mary Sacks. These two board members have done an amazing job to reinvent the security wheel. In addition, much thanks to Jacki Wilmott, our departing board member, who initiated many of the new changes in our system. In addition, Seth Krate, a community volunteer, has taken on a major responsibility by becoming our system administrator. This has not been an easy task. Thank you, Seth, for a job well done. Very shortly, we will be able to issue a limited number of new passes. Everyone has been very patient, and we appreciate your continued understanding while we

upgrade our system. PLEASE READ the new instructions on page 8 of this Waubeekan (*10 Things You Need To Know About the Security Gates at Lake Waubeeka*).

Our new well has been drilled successfully. S.B. Church, our well specialists, have reported smooth sailing throughout the entire process. R.J. Black, our water testing company, also reports that the quality of water emanating from our well is excellent. Flo and Leo will be constructing our new well house extension in the next few weeks. We are in great shape, and I am proud to say that we made a prudent and responsible decision when we voted at our special meeting to construct a new well.

The Paul Street beach has been restored with more beach area and more shade. Thanks to everyone who has cooperated by docking their boats in the newly-designated area. Very shortly, a new extension to the shade canopy will be erected to provide additional shade from the strong summer sun. Our plan is to move over to the Post Road beach in the near future and begin the next stage of beach restoration.

Some of our neighbors have complained about being missed on refuse pickup days. We have contacted the company both verbally and in writing. We are hopeful that this notice will correct the problem. Please contact me if the problem persists in the future.

The lake looks beautiful, thanks to a very cold winter and our grass carp. James Epranian, our chairperson for lake and recreation, is attempting to assemble a panel of experts in the field of lake management to present information at an upcoming meeting in late August. It's time for us to become informed about the status of our lake, and hear recommendations from experts in the field.

We are very excited to report that Lake Waubeeka has been selected by the Yale University Forestry School for the purpose of evaluation and assessment of our open forest. Many graduate students will be working on this study, which commences in mid-September. The study will lead to an impressive publication. We are very fortunate to have been selected. It will provide us with important recommendations about the management of our forest. It will include surveys, tree evaluation and environmental impact studies. Much thanks to Ruth Levine for her initial contact with Yale, and her continued efforts with the Forestry committee. Without Ruth's persistence, the study would never have materialized.

Last but not least, our membership voted to implement compulsory septic tank pumping. After many months of discussion, for many reasons the board felt it was time to recommend this initiative. We were very pleased with your reaction to this recommendation. We believe that this effort will help to ensure a safe and clean environment for our community and, most importantly, our lake. Specific details will follow in the next months. It is important for everyone to understand that this initiative has been put in place for pumping tanks ONLY! The company (or companies) that we choose will not be evaluating or making any recommendations about individual systems.

Finally, a note of great thanks and gratitude to two wonderful and loyal board members. I have been proud and privileged to have served on this board with Harold Pollack and Joe Deligdish. These two gentlemen, who are slowly approaching 90 years young, have truly exemplified the meaning of volunteerism. For both, it is their second coming as board members. Over time, they have made important contributions to our community. I look forward to serving with them in the next years. Hats off to Harold and Joe. We are proud of your contributions.

That's it for now. Have a wonderful, safe and healthy summer. See you on the road.

All the best --- Jesse

### WAUBEKA FORTUNE COOKIE

When the topic is dog poop,  
a scoop is worth  
a thousand words!

## Adopt a Garden

The Beautification Committee is looking for more volunteers. If you like the way the community gardens are looking, it is all due to our volunteers. But we need more help. If you would like to lend a hand, we have numerous jobs for you, both small and large. For instance:

- Watering
- Spraying
- Planting
- Group projects

At this point, we have a limited amount of volunteers. We want to do more, but we can't without your help. Even if you have a limited amount of time, give us a call. Chris Zwang 743-1451 or Sandy Ritter 792-1631.

## Thank You, Volunteers!

We want to thank all of our beautification volunteers for their hard work and dedication:

Sybil and Charlie Frisina, Carol Nicklaus and Chris Zwang for maintaining the entry hill garden and the electronic gate garden area

Sharon Bernd and Chris Zwang for the Welcome Garden

Sandy Ritter for the Dedication Garden

Chris Prigge for the Dam plantings

Suanne Lowy for the Community House plantings

## Memorial Tree Fund

For all those who donated to the Memorial Tree Fund, conceived and run by Carol Cohen, please be aware that your names have been engraved on a leaf plaque that is displayed in our Community House in appreciation of your generosity.

We have planted eight flowering trees around the ball field for our future generations to appreciate and enjoy. There are five flowering ornamental pear trees bordering the track, and three flowering dogwoods by the tennis courts.

## Fourth Annual Fireman's Ball & Chili Cook-Off



Don't miss the Fourth Annual Fireman's Ball and Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, August 31st. Chili tasting and judging will begin at 5:30 pm at the Community House. Awards will be given out at 8 pm. Live music begins at 7 pm with GUNSMOKE - A Smokin' Country Band.

Young, Old and In-Between! Come one, come all! Bring your best pot of chili, join us in picking your favorite chili among the entries.

BBQ will be available for your use. Paper products, soft drinks and condiments will be provided. Bring your own hot dogs, rolls, salads snacks etc.

A dish for the Communal Table is appreciated!

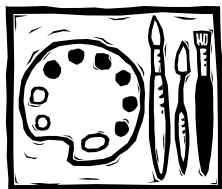
If your last name begins A - F:  
hors d'oeuvre or an appetizer

If your last name begins G - M:  
side dish (potato salad, macaroni salad, green salad or use your imagination)

If your last name begins N - Z:  
dessert

If you would like to enter a pot of chili, please detach the entry form found in this issue of the Waubeekan and return it to Sharon Bernd's mailbox at 58 Post Road. You will then receive the official Chili Contest Rules. Questions about entering the contest? Call Sharon Bernd at 790-1601. Questions about anything else, please call Mary Ellen Graziano at 743-2564.

## Artists & Art Lovers Lake Waubeeka Arts & Crafts Show



Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm  
Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 11 am - 6 pm

## Arts & Crafts Show Call for Submissions

The second annual "new" LWA Arts & Crafts Show will open at 8 pm on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, and will also be open Sunday 11 am - 6 pm. This non-juried show is open to ALL artists & crafters, limited to five pieces per person.

Exhibitors must submit a list of their entries—including title, medium, exhibitor's name and address and sale price (if for sale) to Carol Nicklaus—no later than August 1st. Works will be received at the Community House on Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 am until 2 pm, and on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 am until noon.

You can reach Carol by email at [cnicklaus@comcast.net](mailto:cnicklaus@comcast.net), or drop off your entry list in the mailbox at 35 Alan Road. Call Carol at 791-2720 for additional information.

Don't be shy! Come out, take part, and ENJOY THE SHOW!

## Drinking Water Report

Our drinking water's sodium level was recently reported as being 54.4 mg/L, which is in excess of the mandatory consumer notification level (28.0 mg/L) as specified in the CT Public Health Code. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, please inform your physician.

For more information about Lake Waubeeka's drinking water, please consult the 2002 Water Quality Report attached to this issue of the Waubeekan.

## Ahoy, Boaters!

If you haven't yet registered your boat, it's not too late. You can get a registration form at our website at [www.waubeeka.org/boatreg.htm](http://www.waubeeka.org/boatreg.htm), or by writing to the Lake Committee at 47 Post Road.

If you dock your boat at the Paul Street beach, please store your boats ONLY in the boat area on the left. Boats stored in other areas will be subject to removal.

Please store your boat upside down or with the plug removed. Boats that fill up with water can become a breeding ground for bugs and are a health hazard!

## Calling All Softball Players!



The final adult softball game of the season will be held on Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 11 am. Everyone is welcome. Questions? Call Victor Cohen at 743-5996.

Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 11 am

## Pizza Party Fridays

All Waubeekans young and older! Bring a beach chair or blanket and join the Community Pizza Party every other Friday at 6 pm at the Paul Street beach. See schedule below. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin boards at each beach until 10 am on the day of the party. Order your own pie for \$10. No drop-ins please! If you sign up but do not attend, you will still be obliged to pay for the pizza you ordered. Cancellations or rain dates will be posted on all bulletin boards. For more information call Virginia Weisgerber at 778-0151.

Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>  
Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

## Second Annual Fishing Tournament



Lake Waubeeka's second annual Fishing Tournament will be held at the Paul Street beach for all children up to the age of 16. Pole fishing only. No net fishing!

Sunday, August  
10th

9:30 - 11:30 am

### WAÜBEEKA FORTÜNE COOKIE

Consider your neighbors!  
At the end of the day at the beach,  
clean up your trash and  
take your beach toys & chairs with you!  
Many happy days of sunshine to those who oblige!

## Waubeeka T-Shirts

T-shirts are still available in wonderful colors! Don't be the only kid on the block without one! Call Mary Ellen at 743-2564.

## Duplicate Bridge

Every Thursday night, 7:30 pm at the Community House. All are welcome. For more information contact Don Rosenberg at 797-8310.

## Monday Night Kids' Movies

Every Monday night there will be a children's movie at the Community House. These are "G" rated films and begin promptly at 6 pm. For further information contact Gin Weisgerber at 778-0151.

## Monday Night Teen Movies

A teen film (PG-13) will be shown on Monday evenings in the Sandy Brown Teen Rec Room at the Community House. Starting time is 9:30 pm—please be prompt! Check bulletin boards for movie titles.

## Tuesday Nights at the Movies

Movies for adults (rated PG, PG-13 or R) are shown every Tuesday night at the Community House, starting promptly at 8 pm. Bring your own cushions for comfort. The title of each week's movie will be advertised at the gate in the days preceding its showing.

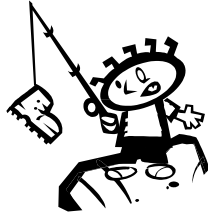
August 5	The Life of David Gale	R
August 12	Solaris	PG-13
August 19	Phone Booth	R
August 26	Chicago	PG-13
September 2	View from the Top	PG-13

## Gate Reminder

Please be patient with the entrance and exit gates! Let the gate go through its full cycle before proceeding. A \$100 fine will be issued to anyone caught breaking a gate.

## FYI: Garbage Matters

The summer garbage pick-up schedule (Mondays & Thursdays) will be in effect through Labor Day. Please set your perishable garbage out **NO LATER THAN 8 am** on pick-up days.



Recyclables are picked up only once weekly on Mondays. Please leave your recycling out at curbside the **NIGHT BEFORE** pick-up.

Large items (furniture etc) can be left at curbside at any time for removal by our caretaking staff.

Contractors **MUST NOT** dump construction materials in Lake Waubeeka's dumpsters. Fines will be imposed on homeowners whose hired workers do not follow this rule.

Metal cans, aluminum foil, glass and plastic bottles and all other recyclables should be placed curbside in a clear or blue bag. Newspapers, and flattened cardboard boxes should be bundled together with string, or in a brown paper bag. **DO NOT MIX RECYCLING WITH GARBAGE!**

Please don't leave your garbage out for days before pick-up unless you have a raccoon-proof trash bin.

The dumpsters are always available for disposal of garbage and limited household trash, but are not for disposal of recyclable items, construction debris, or large items such as furniture and appliances.

## We're Online!

Lake Waubeeka's website is full of great information, helpful phone numbers and a Community Discussion Forum where you can post your views. You can register your boat online, browse through old issues of the Waubeekan, contact Board members and much more. Visit us at

<http://www.waubeeka.org/>

## Got News?

You may submit articles, comments, poems, items for sale, and more. Submit to mailbox at 138 Carol Street. All articles should be signed and have a phone number. Send electronic submissions [waubeekan@waubeeka.org](mailto:waubeekan@waubeeka.org).

## Letter from a Neighbor

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The dumpster behind the Community House is, to my mind, a wonderful luxury. I don't know anyone who wouldn't want a dumpster for ANY special occasion: birthday (yours or a loved one's), anniversary, bar or bat mitzvah. And we have one here all year 'round!

Next time you're up there delivering the stuff you just can't stand to have in your house for one more minute, stop and take a deep breath—and calculate the very small difference between **IN FRONT OF** the dumpster, and **INSIDE** the dumpster. If you pull your car up properly, it cannot be more than two feet.

So, please, just make that small effort to get your trash inside the dumpster! It makes such a difference!

—from your neighbor, Carol Nicklaus

## Long-Lost Friends

A few weeks back my mother, Sue Lesnick, who is an original owner at the lake (circa 1951) sent me an article from the Waubeekan. A simple little two-liner from Billy Weintraub saying, "Does anyone remember me?" It instantly brought back an incredible flood of memories from a childhood in a time gone by that defies description. I immediately responded with an email that I knew would rock his world. I also told my oldest and dearest friend Aaron Polsky about the email. I waited and waited and when no reply was forthcoming I told Aaron and he said he knew how to track Billy down in Brooklyn. Well he did, and Bill called me in Arizona where I have lived for the past 30 years. The years melted away and we agreed to meet at the lake during my next visit back east. I just came back from having dinner with Bill and his wife Susan, Aaron and his wife Rochelle. This dinner came after 5 or 6 hours sped by sitting on the Polsky's patio along with Howie & Naomi (Matza) Krause whom neither Bill or I had seen in 25 years, and my sister Miriam Lesnick who is also a homeowner at the lake. I cannot believe what a fun filled afternoon we enjoyed. I did not know that Lake Waubeeka had a website but I am sure glad I found out about it. Hey who else is out there that reads the Waubeekan? How about sending an email my way? Send to [david@lesnick.net](mailto:david@lesnick.net).

## Junior T-Ball

Junior T-ball season is underway! Games will be held every Tuesday morning at 9 am at the ballfield for girls and boys ages 4 - 10 years. To sign up, please call Suzy Sterzinger at 778-0748.

## Children's Craft Hour

**For 3 - 5 year-olds:** Every Tuesday morning there will be a children's craft hour from 10:30 - 11:30 am at the Community House craft room. Valerie Balandis-Bick will lead the activities.

**For 6 - 10 year-olds:** Every Thursday morning there will be a children's craft hour from 10:30 - 11:30 am at the Community House craft room. This program will be led by Kristen Krate and Lisa Glaser.

## Frog Jumping Contest

Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>  
12 pm at the playground

14<sup>th</sup> annual Frog Jumping Contest at the playground at 12 pm. For children up to age 18! Rules: one frog per child. Bring your frog in a closed container (one that allows for air). Please set frogs free where you found them after the contest.



## Scavenger Hunt

Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 pm at the Paul Street beach  
for children ages 7-12 years old

PLEASE!  
15 mph speed limit



## LWA CLASSIFIED ADS

**BABYSITTER:** 13 years old. Approximately 350 hours experience. Completed and qualified by Danbury Hospital Babysitting course. Call Shakhed Hadaya at 748-2233.

**FOUND:** Men's wristwatch found at the playground in early July. If it's yours, please call 203 / 792-9832.

**FOUND:** Wedding band with unique markings at Paul Street beach. Please call 203 / 744-5044.

**LOOKING TO BUY A WAUBEKA HOME:** Before you call a realtor, please call Beth Zadoff Mistriell. You can reach me at the Zadoff residence, 42 Alan Road, 797-0359; or on my cell phone 994-1645.

**BABYSITTER/MOTHER'S HELPER:** The "Dogs Days of August" should be the only thing that gets you all hot and bothered! I am a great distraction for toddlers! Available for plant watering too. Have bike, will travel! Call Max Seinfeld at 743-2564

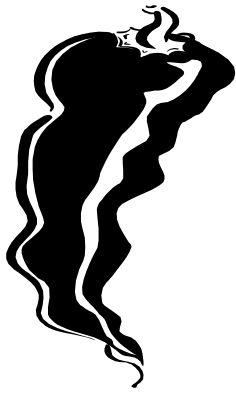
**PIANO TUNING & REPAIR:** Piano tuning and repair by Jon Tench at 19 Paul Street. Call 790-6239. Discount to Lake Waubeeka residents.

**BABYSITTER AVAILABLE:** Experienced in the ways of the babysitting. Certified by Danbury Hospital and Danbury Fire Department. Contact Thomas Russell tel: 203-748-3743.

**MISSING ROW BOAT:** SEARS aluminum boat, V-tip, round bottom, new ore lock mounts, wooden motor mount on back. Bruckman name on inside of boat. Last seen in June at Paul Street Beach near the dock. Please call with any information: 744-5322.

**MOTHER'S HELPER & MORE:** Are there not enough hours in the day to do everything? Is doing "Back to School" shopping easier without the kids? Do you need some "down" time yourself? I am available for babysitting and light household duties. Please call Callie Setesak at 790-7564.

**SEEKING TO BUY OR RENT:** We are looking to buy a house on Lake Waubeeka or to rent for August. We would prefer to deal with the principals not go through a real estate agent. Call Sheila & Bob Feinerman 718 548-2142.



COME ON DOWN TO THE  
4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LAKE WAUBEEKA  
2003 CHILI COOKOFF & BBQ



LABOR DAY WEEKEND  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup> - 6:00 PM  
COMMUNITY HOUSE

JOIN US FOR THE HOTTEST PARTY IN TOWN!  
PLENTY OF BLISTERING MUSIC & SCORCHING GOOD FUN

WE'LL SUPPLY THE GRILLS FOR YOUR OWN BBQ DINNER  
BRING ALONG A COMMUNAL DISH (SALADS, ETC)  
PAPER GOODS AND CONDIMENTS WILL BE SUPPLIED

*COME AND SEE WHO MAKES THE BEST DARN CHILI THIS SIDE  
OF ROUTE 7!*

MAKE SURE YOU END THE SUMMER WITH THE HOTTEST PARTY  
THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF!



WANT TO ENTER TO THE CHILI CONTEST?

CONTACT SHARON BERND AT 790-1601 OR  
FILL OUT THIS ENTRY FORM & DROP OFF IN SHARON'S MAILBOX AT 58 POST ROAD

YOU MUST SIGN UP TO ENTER AND RECEIVE  
VERY IMPORTANT CONTEST RULES FOR COOKOFF

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

SHOW THE WORLD THAT YOU CAN MAKE THE BEST BOWL OF CHILI  
TO HIT THE LIPS OF US WAUBEEKANS!!

# 10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE SECURITY GATES AT LAKE WAUBEKA...

Our community's security gates have been in place for several years now. Improvements are currently being made to the system. Thank you to all residents for your patience during these changes. Please note the following NEW information about the security system.

- ① Guests at the visitor's lane must use the UP or DOWN arrows on the dialer to locate your name. They may start from "A" using the DOWN arrow, or from "Z" using the UP arrow. When they find your name in the dialer—*when your name is highlighted on the screen*—guests must simply press the CALL button to be connected with your residence.
- ② To raise the gate, press "9" on your home touch-tone phone when your guests call from the dialer. (This will not work if guests call from a cell phone!) You may not hear the connection disconnect, but the gate will be lifted after you press "9." Hang up immediately.
- ③ No long conversations at the dialer, please! Connection time is limited. If your conversation gets disconnected, your guests will have to repeat the dialer process to gain access.
- ④ Anyone requesting a new code—for a contractor, cleaning service or other vendor—must fill out a copy of the Access Code Agreement before the code will be issued. The agreement can be obtained at our website ([waubeeka.org/security.htm](http://waubeeka.org/security.htm)) or by calling 798-1183. Leave your name, phone number and the address of the vendor who requires a code.
- ⑤ All codes starting with "\* 0" have been deleted and no longer work.
- ⑥ All requests for codes or security passes must be submitted at the Security Request boxes located at the exit gate and at the ballfield, or via voicemail to 798-1183. The Board reserves the right to deny codes.
- ⑦ Tenants who wish to have their names on the dialer must provide a copy of their current lease to the Security committee. Call 798-1183 or leave information at the Security Request boxes. Lease information will be kept confidential.
- ⑧ Tenants may NOT request passes from the Security committee; only landlords can purchase additional passes. Landlords are responsible for collecting passes from tenants at the end of the lease term.
- ⑨ The number of passes that any resident may possess is strictly limited by our security system's total capacity. The Board reserves the right to deny additional passes to any homeowner who already possesses more than five (5) functioning passes.

## AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST...

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Please don't wave, wag, flutter, shake or gesture with your passes! The thick "permanent" passes are meant to be affixed to your windshield. The thin "touch" passes must be swiped against the black reader boxes in either lane in order to open the gate.

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