



the Waubeeka

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Welcome to Waubeeka 2003

Above & Beyond the Call

Dear Neighbors,

On the evening of February 16th, around 11 pm, I received a phone call in New York from a fellow Board member informing me that there was a water main break, and that our community was totally without water. If you recall, almost 20 inches of fresh snow fell on the Danbury area during that day. Having absolutely no control in this situation, I prayed for "divine intervention." Somebody up there must like me, or better yet, someone down here answered the call...

Dear Flo,

On February 16th, after a day of plowing and performing your usual duties as our caretaker, you and Leo mustered up the strength during a very cold and dark evening to do what you do best... act in the best interest of our community. Your loyalty and dedication far surpassed any expectation that your community neighbors have for you. With your trusted assistant, Leo Curtin, you found the water main break, dug up the road, and replaced the cracked pipe. You completed the work between 11 pm and 5 am during a bitterly cold evening. Most of Waubeeka never knew what happened. To say that this was a remarkable act on your part would be an understatement. Once again, you performed your magic and skill above and beyond the call.

You not only saved us a great deal of money, but you also provided us—your neighbors—with almost uninterrupted water flow during a terrible snow storm.

I write this letter to let you know that on behalf of the Lake Waubeeka community, we are so appreciative of your continuous dedication and loyalty to our community. For years, you have kept us glued together. It's wonderful to know that when our community calls out for help, we can always count on your remarkable skills and knowledge. Believe me, you are not taken for granted. We know that we are very fortunate to have you as our caretaker and neighbor.

Greetings to all. As many of you know, this has been a very busy and productive winter. We are moving along very nicely with the development of our new well. Our water plan was recently approved by the state, and we will meet the requirements for our water diversion permit by the July deadline. My thanks to all who participated in the special meeting on March 30th. Whether you attended the meeting or submitted a proxy, the Board of Directors appreciates your participation in the approval of these very crucial initiatives.

I am happy to report that the community is in solid financial shape. The Board has been very involved over the past six months with water system issues. We have also been preparing for our spring and summer seasons. Our number one priority is beach restoration. We need your help to remove the remaining boats from the shore-

line so that Flo and Leo can begin this project. We have been discussing ways to improve the beach environments at Post Road and Paul Street by enlarging the beach and moving all boats to a more appropriate docking area. Please be responsible by tagging and registering your boat. Any concerns should be forwarded to James Epranian, our chairperson for lake and recreation. We are hopeful that this project can be completed before our summer season begins.

Our beautification committee, headed by Chris Zwang and Sandy Ritter, is doing what it does best: enlisting new volunteers to join in their quest to enhance our community's beauty. Please rise to the occasion and give either Chris or Sandy a call.

The Budget meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 25th at 11 am in the Community House. Please make every effort to attend. If you can't make it, please submit a proxy. We want to keep you informed and we want you to make the important decisions that affect the quality of life at Lake Waubeeka.

Finally, everyone will be receiving our revised by-laws and rules. This project was over a year in the making, and it was well worth the effort. We now have a combined set of by-laws that is easy to read and serves as a good source of reference on all Lake Waubeeka issues. The Board of Directors is proud to present this, our revised constitution, the laws and rules that govern our wonderful community.

Any questions? See you at the Budget meeting on Sunday, May 25th. I look forward to welcoming everyone back. See you on the road.

All the best,
Jesse

Fertilize? Think Twice!

Attention lawn-lovers! Please remember that any fertilizer (or other lawn product) that you apply to your lawn will ultimately end up washing into Lake Waubeeka and feeding our troublesome lake weeds. The impact of too much nitrogen and other natural nutrients on our lake's ecosystem can be disastrous. Moderation is the key!

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

Sunday, May 25th

11:00 am

at the Community House

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A pumped septic tank is a happy septic tank!
Showers of joy to those who pump
every two years!

2003 Waubeeka T-Shirts

New colors for 2003! Waubeeka T-shirts available for purchase before and after the Budget Meeting on Sunday, May 25th at the Community House. Remember to bring your checkbooks!

LWA CLASSIFIED ADS

CLEANING HELP: Good cleaning help is hard to find! Sylvia Morrison is willing to share a good find with fellow Waubeekans. She has a highly-recommended person with time available. Call Sylvia at 748-7339 for details.

1999 SUBARU FORESTER FOR SALE: LIKE NEW CONDITION! Four-door sports utility with 39,000 miles. Includes automatic transmission, all-wheel drive, dual front air bags, all leather interior, power windows, power locks, AM/FM cassette CD player, custom front bumper guard, roof rack, rear trunk liner, rear seats fold down flat. \$13,500 or best offer. Call 203 / 743-5523.

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

ANYBODY REMEMBER ME? My name is Bill Weintraub. I lived at 205 Paul Street (1952 - 1960) from age 10 to 18. I lived with my parents and two sisters. Please write to wweintr107@aol.com.

It's Softball Season!

Get your bats and gloves ready and mark these dates. This year's adult softball games will be held at 11:00 am on Monday May 26th, Sunday July 6th, and Monday September 1st. You don't need to register, just show up. A splendid time is guaranteed for all!

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Bliss to those who keep their trash away from scavenging raccoons! Please don't leave your garbage at the curb for several days before pick-up unless you have a securely-covered trash bin. Put it out the NIGHT BEFORE!

The 2nd Annual New Lake Waubeeka Art Show

This early "heads-up" is a call for artists, volunteers, and anyone who would like to take part. This year's show will open on Saturday, August 9th at the Community House at 8:00 pm, with a wine/dessert gala. The show will also be open the following Sunday (August 10th) from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm. The show is open to all Waubeekan artists, not juried, but limited to five pieces per artist. More details to follow. Call or email Carol Nicklaus (791-2720 or cnicklaus@comcast.net) with any queries.

We know there are plenty of fantastic artists out there—please participate and lend a hand!

Thank You, Friends

Dear Waubeekans,

We thank you for the wonderful outpouring of love and support we received from you at the memorial service we held for Barbara in the autumn. The funeral service and shiva were in Israel where she lived and we felt that we needed closure here in America. We are sorry that the only available time when our whole family could be present was on Simchat Torah and we apologize to those who were offended. Many of the friends that Barbara grew up with in Waubeeka were able to attend. Having them there made it especially poignant for us. Thank you again.

—The Zadoff Family

AARP Safe Driver Course & Senionet Computer Courses

Waubeekans over the age of 50 are invited to call Morty Morrison at 748-7339 to get details of AARP safe driving courses that entitle you to an insurance discount and Senionet computer courses that cost only \$25 per course. These are all available in Danbury this summer.

Child Dental ID Event

Dental Associates will offer a free Toothprints child identification program, June 1st in their Newtown office. The program, endorsed by the Danbury Police Department, uses a plastic wafer to record a child's individual tooth characteristics and position, saliva for scent-tracking and DNA for identification purposes. Parents keep the records themselves for confidentiality. Call Pat Neal for details at 203 / 512-6078.

🚗 15 MPH speed limit 🚗

Tuesday Nights at the Movies

Starting May 27th, movies for adults (rated PG, PG-13 or R) will be shown every Tuesday night at the Community House, starting promptly at 8 p.m. Bring your own cushions for comfort. The title of each week's movie will be advertised at the gates in the days preceding its showing.

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Mom was right: you never know what germs you—or in this case your boat—might be carrying.

Please do not launch any boat on the lake without first cleaning it thoroughly. Organic "hitchhikers" such as zebra mussel eggs are invisible to the eye, but very dangerous to the health of the lake.

FYI: Garbage Matters

Currently, household garbage is picked up curbside once a week, on Mondays. Please have your garbage and recycling out at curbside no later than 6 am Mondays.

The summer garbage pick-up schedule (Mondays & Thursdays) will be in effect July 4th through Labor Day.

Recyclables are picked up only once weekly on Mondays.

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?

We are seeking submissions for the Waubeekan. 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 to waubeekan@waubeeka.org

--Donna Giachetti Navarro, Editor

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. 24-hour surveillance cameras take a picture of all cars entering and exiting the community.

One-Woman Photo Show

Lake Waubeeka resident Carol Nicklaus is showing a collection of her original photographs at the R.J. Cafe, 768 Boston Post Road, in Madison, CT. Madison is a delightful destination for a summer afternoon's outing! Entitled "Glimpses—Caribbean Color," the images are vivid and unique impressions of the vibrant island nation of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, captured by an artist's eye. Individual images are available for sale in both 5" x 7" and 11" x 14" sizes, both framed and unframed. Hand-tipped photo note cards are available in the adjoining R.J. Julia Booksellers gift shop. A limited-edition poster, featuring six photos, is also available. The Cafe is open from 8 am - 9 pm, Monday through Thursday; Friday and Saturday from 8 am - 10 pm; and on Sunday from 9 am - 5 pm. Their phone number is 203-718-0706. The show runs through Sunday, June 1st. For more detailed information—and a glimpse of a sample photo—check out "Culture Connect" on the WNPR web site (www.wnpr.org) Type in "Carol Nicklaus" in the search box. Or email Carol cnicklaus@comcast.net.

Drinking Water Sodium Levels

Our drinking water's sodium level tends to exceed 28.0 mg/L, which is the mandatory consumer notification level as specified in the CT Public Health Code. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, please inform your physician.

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When talking about dog poop,
a scoop is worth
a thousand words.

Attention Residents!

PLEASE VOLUNTEER

In a community of more than 200 homeowners, it's easy to see that there is PLENTY to do! Below is a list of the existing committees. Most committees are chaired by a Board member. They may meet monthly, seasonally, or on an as-needed basis. Many of these committees desperately need volunteers.

Remember, the community works better when we all pitch in. We are lucky to have so many great volunteers, but we can always use more helping hands!

ARCHIVES	Harold Pollack
ART SHOW	Carol Nicklaus
BEAUTIFICATION	Jesse Uhrman / Chris Zwang / Sandy Ritter
CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE	Mary Ellen Graziano / Kristen Krate
COMMUNITY HOUSE RENTALS	Mary Ellen Graziano / Victor Cohen / Mary Sacks
COMMUNITY HOUSE UPDATES	Mary Ellen Graziano
ENTERTAINMENT	Mary Ellen Graziano
FINANCIAL	Sharon Bernd / Joe Deligdish
FORESTRY	Jamie Epranian / Ruth Levine
LAKE	Jamie Epranian
LEGAL	Victor Cohen
RECREATION	Jamie Epranian
SECURITY	Jacki Willmott-Johnson / Mary Sacks / Donna Giachetti
WATER	Jesse Uhrman / Herb Krate
WAUBEEKAN	Donna Giachetti
WELCOMING	Harold Pollack / Donna Giachetti

<p style="text-align: center;">CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS</p> <p>Sharon Bernd Victor Cohen Joseph Deligdish James Epranian Donna Giachetti Mary Ellen Graziano Herb Krate Harold Pollack Mary Sacks Jesse Uhrman Jacki Willmott-Johnson</p>	<p>We would love to do more to make Lake Waubeeka even better, but without volunteers, it's impossible!</p> <p>Below is a partial wish list of possible committees. Let us hear from you—what would YOU like to see?</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>✓ Airport Noise</td> <td>✓ Long-Range Plans</td> </tr> <tr> <td>✓ Gun Club Noise</td> <td>✓ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>✓ _____</td> <td>✓ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>✓ _____</td> <td>✓ _____</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">Please volunteer!</p>	✓ Airport Noise	✓ Long-Range Plans	✓ Gun Club Noise	✓ _____	✓ _____	✓ _____	✓ _____	✓ _____
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