



the Waubeekan

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Summer 2004

Dear Neighbors,

So... what happened? My guess is that by now, many of you are wondering how a non-controversial, supposedly helpful by-law change could have been defeated. Let me first thank everyone for their support in passing a difficult budget.

As you know, any by-law change or amendment requires a two-thirds majority of the membership in good standing. We barely reached that number. As a result, a handful of votes prevented passage of this amendment. It's clear that apathy won over in this instance. The change in the payment structure of the pro-rata was recommended by the Board as a means to reduce the financial impact to our members.

Unfortunately, the proposed by-law amendment did not pass because of a lack of participation at the budget meeting and failure of the membership to submit proxies. By-law changes should not be taken lightly or made easy to pass, but in order for progress to occur—and ultimately meet the needs of a changing community—we need to re-examine our laws on a regular basis so that we do not fall short in serving the future goals of our community. Remember, these laws were written 53 years ago, and while they still uphold the fabric and philosophy of our great community, periodic and responsible re-examination is crucial.

This vote was an important indicator. It should serve as a wake-up call to all members. Without getting into the substance of this or any other issue, one glaring fact emerges: all members must participate by voting at every meeting. The power of the democratic process couldn't be more evident than at Lake Waubeeka. Let's not allow a handful of votes to determine crucial issues. Positive change shouldn't be compromised by apathy and non-participation.

It is my hope that, no matter how you vote on any issue, you vote—either in person at a meeting, or most importantly, by proxy if you can't attend. Full participation is key to the democratic process.

We're going to try again at the membership meeting on Saturday, July 24th at 9 pm. Please make every effort to attend, and by all means, if you can't be there, **SUBMIT YOUR PROXY!** Your vote really does count.

On the lighter side, we're all looking forward to our annual beach party on Sunday, July 4th at the Paul Street beach. Returning to this wonderful event are the hot dogs, hamburgers, a couple of kegs, soft drinks and some "French Cookin'." This great band will be making its third appearance in as many years since we began this annual event. Thanks again to Mary Ellen and Lee Seinfeld for coordinating the festivities.

Just a reminder: it may appear that it has been raining a lot and you may think that the reservoirs are full, but watering your lawn when it's not necessary overburdens our pumps and increases electricity costs to our community. Please conserve!

Our water main restoration project is on schedule. We are ready to begin the first phase shortly. Flo will be installing shut-off valves in strategic areas around the community. It's our hope that disruption of service will be minimal. Please bear with us.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new administrative assistant, Suanne McManus. We are very excited to have her aboard, and wish her well in this newly-created position.

That's it for now. Have a happy and healthy summer season. Relax and enjoy. See you on the road.

All the best,
Jesse



LWA WEATHER FORECAST: SUMMER IS HERE!

Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, July 24th at 9 pm
at the Community House

We are seeking nominees to fill a number of positions on the Board of Directors for 2004 - 2005. If you would like to be nominated, please fill out the form below and return it NO LATER THAN JULY 10th to the Recording Secretary c/o LWA, 137 Post Road, Danbury CT. Elections will occur at our Annual Membership meeting on Saturday, July 24th at 9 pm.

PETITION FOR NOMINATION
LWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We, the undersigned, being all members in good standing of the Lake Waubeeka Association Inc. would like

_____ (candidate's name), residing at _____
 (candidate's LWA address) to be considered for nomination to the Board of Directors of the said corporation.

Elections for the Board of Directors to be held July 24th, 2004 at 9:00 pm at the Community House.

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NOTE: Petitions must be submitted two weeks before the meeting to the Recording Secretary, Lake Waubeeka Association, 137 Post Rd., Danbury, CT 06810.

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, July 2nd
 Friday, July 15th
 Friday, July 30th
 Friday, August 13th
 Friday, August 27th



Pitch-In Day at the Beach

LWA is organizing a Community Cleanup Day. Now's the time to spend a few hours getting our lake, beaches, coves and shoreline in top shape! If we all lend a hand, we can make our lake even more beautiful for Waubeekans. Please pitch in!

Saturday, July 10th
 Meet at 10:00 am at the Paul Street beach



Please lend a hand!

Art Show 2004

This year's Art Show will open at 8:00 pm on Saturday, August 21st with food, wine, music and, of course, lots of art! We'll also be open on Sunday, August 22nd from 11:00 am until 7:00 pm. Call Carol Nicklaus at 791-2720 or email cnicklaus@comcast.net for details. Please plan to show your work, and plan to attend!



Congratulations 2004 Graduates!



Jessica Powell	University of Rhode Island, Masters Program
Matthew Zwang	University of Connecticut
Erica Donofrio	Danbury High School
Zane Johnson	Danbury High School
Laura Ritter	Danbury High School
Amy Setesak	Danbury High School
Molly Uhrman	Beacon High School
Shakhed Hadaya	Rogers Park Middle School
Sarah Levinson	Barauch Middle School
Emily Juchiniewich	Rogers Park Middle School
Sarah Uhrman	Center School
Jessica Espinosa	Mill Ridge Intermediate
Benjamin Juchniewich	Mill Ridge Intermediate
Krista Nicholson	Mill Ridge Primary
Ayla Sterzinger	Mill Ridge Primary
Megan Glaser	Mill Ridge Kindergarten
Jacob Keller	Mill Ridge Kindergarten
Cameron Matthews	Mill Ridge Kindergarten
Cody Slingerland	Mill Ridge Kindergarten
Aaron Dempsey	New England Country Day School
Nico Epranian	Danbury YMCA Readiness Program
Emily Johnson	Enchanted Garden Pre-School
Maggie Seinfeld	Montessori School of Redding

Sorry if we missed anybody!

Duplicate Bridge

Duplicate bridge games will be held every Thursday evening at the Community House, starting on July 1st. Games begin at 7:30 sharp. All are welcome. Questions? Call Judy or Stan Gurian at 743 3383, or Elayne or Jack Schindelheim at 744 1415. All are welcome!

**15 MPH speed limit
SERIOUSLY!**

Children's Game Days

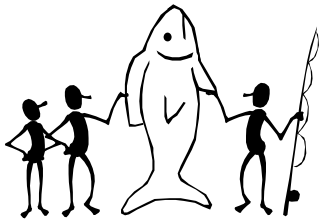
Children, ages 6 - 11, join us every Wednesday in July for scavenger hunts, relay races, games and make-your-own snack activities. Meet at the Community House from 10:00 - 11:00 am.

Questions? Call Lisa Glaser at 790-8040. If your child has any food allergies, please let me know!

Children's Craft Hour

Children's Craft Hour on Thursday mornings for ages 3 - 5. Beginning Thursday, July 8th through August 8th 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.

Third Annual Fishing Tournament



Lake Waubeeka's Third Annual Fishing Tournament will be held at the Paul Street beach on Sunday, August 1st from 9:30 - 11:30 am. Drizzle or Shine! For children to the age of 17. Pole fishing only. No net fishing, please.

Candy Bar Bingo

Wednesday, July 28th and August 18th at 8:00 pm at the Community House for children 5 years and older. One "regular" size candy bar buys one bingo card. Limit of two cards per person. No losers!

Sand Castle Contest

Fun in the sun! Join the children's sandcastle building contest at the Paul Street beach on Saturday, July 3rd. Judging will be around 5:00 pm. No losers.

Kitchen Science

Friday mornings are sure to be fun for 7 - 10 year olds. Precocious 6 year olds (with an adult) may also participate. Build and race vinegar & baking soda rocket cars and hair dryer hot air balloons. Conduct high impact "egg-speriments" and more!

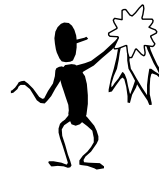
Beginning Friday, July 16th
10:30 - 12 noon

in the Art Studio at the Community House

For details or to offer ideas, please call Mira Boland at 797-8890 after July 11th or 443-928-7049 sooner.

Please save well washed Styrofoam meat packaging trays and plastic soda bottles (20 oz. and 1 liter sizes).

15th Annual Frog Jumping Contest



Children up to age 17, come and join the 15th annual Frog Jumping Contest at the playground at 12:00 pm on Sunday, August 22nd. 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.

Monday Night Kiddie Movie

Every Monday night there will be a G-rated children's movie at the Community House. The movie begins promptly at 7:00 pm. Titles will be posted on the bulletin boards at the beaches, Community House and ball field.

July 5th July 19th
August 9th August 23rd

Monday Night Teen Movie

A film for teens (rated PG-13 or R depending on the subject matter) will be shown on Monday evenings, beginning July 5th, in the Sandy Brown Teen Rec Room at the Community House. Starting time is 9:30ish. Check bulletin boards for movie titles.

Drinking Water Sodium Levels

Our 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. The May 2004 water testing indicates a sodium level of 57.4 mg/L. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, please inform your physician.

Splashdown!

Our annual Splashdown field trip will be held on Sunday, August 8th. The park is located at 2200 Route 9 in Fishkill, New York. For information, call (845) 896-5468, or visit their website at www.splashdownpark.com.



Sunday, August 8th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Group rate is \$10 per person
\$6 as a spectator only

DIRECTIONS: Take Route 84 west to the Fishkill exit (exit 13), make a right turn off the exit onto Route 9. Proceed 2 miles on Route 9. Water park is on the left.

A Lake Waubeeka Group Rate is available, but you must mention that you are with Lake Waubeeka to get the discount. Questions? Call Mary Ellen at 743-2564.

2004 Waubeeka T-Shirts

Waubeeka T-shirts available.
Call Mary Ellen at 743-2564.

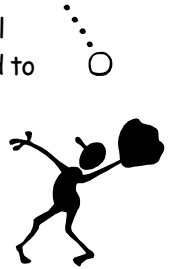
Gate Reminder

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 pictures of all cars entering and exiting the community.

Beaches close at 11 pm

LWA Softball

Get your bats and gloves ready! Adult softball games will be held at 10:00 am. You don't need to register, just show up. A splendid time is guaranteed for all.



Sunday, July 4th
Sunday, August 8th
Sunday, September 5th

Lake Waubeeka's July 4th Beach Party!

Back by popular demand!

FRENCH COOKIN' BLUES BAND

Sunday, July 4th
4 - 8 pm
at the Paul Street Beach



Celebrate July 4th on the beach! Join us for a lot of food, a lot of fun, and a lot of great music! (In case of rain, the performance will be held at the Community House.)

Because of the tremendous turn-out for this event, the parking lot gets congested quickly. Please walk, carpool, canoe, row or swim to the beach. We'd like to try to avoid parking headaches!

WAUBEKA FORTUNE COOKIE



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

Tuesday Nights at the Movies

Movies for adults (rated PG, PG-13 or R) will be 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 gates in the days preceding its showing.

Cabaret Night

The unique two-piano duo of Jon Tench and Dr. Vincent are delighted to be back this year:

Saturday, August 14th
8 - 10 pm at the Community House



Jon and Dr. Vincent will play a variety of American songs in a specially-designed program, including favorites by George Gershwin, Cole Porter and Irving Berlin. They will also feature some Latin favorites for any Samba and Tango lovers, as well as a selection of Walt Disney classics for our young guests! Their surprise this year is the addition of Chris Allyn (Berkeley College of Music grad and mother of three) on drums, providing some great rhythmic support for our dancing friends! Hope to see you there!

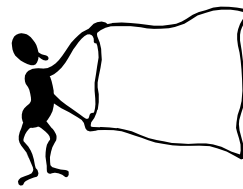
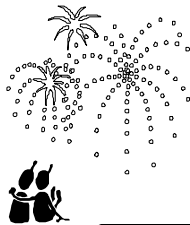
Camping Overnight at the Beach

Camping at the beach has been a long-standing tradition at Lake Waubeeka. The Board of Directors urges campers to observe these rules, which were developed to ensure our community's safety and tranquility:

1. Fire pit may be used until 11 pm WITH adult supervision.

2. No loud noise or music after 11 p.m. Please remember that the beach is officially CLOSED at 11 p.m. Overnight campers should be respectful of their neighbors.

3. All tents and garbage must be cleared away by 9 am. Please leave the beach clean!



Community Bulletin Board

COMPUTER SERVICES: Upgrades, Home Networking, Websites. Evening Consultations Available. Discount for Waubeeka Residents. Call Jamie 778-6678.

SAILBOAT FOR SALE: One 15-foot fiberglass red sailboat with aluminum mast. Includes a mobile carriage, hand winch, sail, etc. Call 794-1330 if interested. Situated in Lake Waubeeka. Very reasonable.

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

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM: The Senior Center on Main Street in Danbury offers AARP Safe Driver courses each month. Summer dates: July 14th and 15th, August 18th and 19th, and September 29th and 30th. For those who cannot attend on weekdays, a course will be presented on Saturday mornings September 11th and 18th from 9 am to 1 pm. On October 18th and 25th, an evening course will be given from 6 to 10 pm. The fee is \$10 and can result in a discount on your auto insurance policy. The course is intended for drivers age 50 or over. It is taught by competent AARP instructors who are volunteers. Two of the instructors are Lake Waubeeka residents. One of them is also the Assistant Coordinator Connecticut, a supervisory position to oversee the teaching of these courses from Ridgefield to New Milford. If you are interested in taking the Safe Driver course, call the Senior Center at 797-4686.

SENIORNET COMPUTER COURSE: Senionet will be presenting four computer courses at the Danbury Senior Center (Old Jail Building) during July and August: Introduction to PC, Using the Internet, Exploring XP, and Using MS Word. Each course is given in 8 sessions and is limited to 12 students. The total cost is \$25 per course plus an annual membership fee of \$40. In addition to an excellent instructor, there is a coach for each 2 students, a well-written step-by-step instruction book, and practice sessions twice a week. Each course runs from 1 pm to 3:30 pm. Sign up at the new Senior Center on Elmwood Place (right off Main Street). These courses become oversubscribed fast. Once you have paid the \$40 annual membership fee, you can take as many courses as you wish at \$25 per course.

Common Sense & Safety at the Fire pit

The Board wishes to remind all residents (and guests) that the fire pit must be used with caution and common sense. If the guidelines below are not followed, the fire pit will be dismantled.

The fire pit is meant for a small campfire only. No cooking except for marshmallows & s'mores.

Make sure that you have everything required to put out your fire (buckets, shovel). Please put out fire with water only. **DO NOT USE SAND.**

Discard all cold ash in the aluminum can beside the pit.

If the ash is too warm to place in the ash can, it is your responsibility to return the next morning and clean up!

There is a difference between warm ash and hot ember. You must stay until your the embers are no longer burning.

Take all unused wood home with you.

Do not burn trash.

Please, no fires on windy days or nights! Check the Weather Channel for National Weather Reports and Wind Advisories.

Use common sense.

Beaches close at 11 pm. All fires must be put out by 11 pm.

ALL FIRES MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES! This includes supervising teenagers!
Teenagers are not adults.

PARENTS, WATCH YOUR CHILDREN!

WAUBEEKA FORTUNE COOKIE

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

Got News?

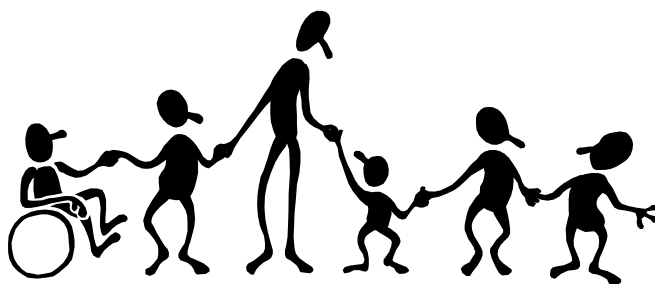
Submissions for the Waubeekan may be mailed to 138 Carol Street, Danbury CT. Send electronic submissions to waubeekan@waubeeka.org. All articles should be signed and have a phone number.

Our Beautiful Beaches

Attention beach-goers! We're counting on you to do your part to keep our beaches clean. **CLEAN UP YOUR TRASH** at the end of the day! For those who need a refresher in beach etiquette (and common sense), please read on:

- ☞ Use the correct garbage receptacle for your refuse.
- ☞ Don't place trash in the cans that are marked "goose poop" or "ash."
- ☞ Collect your children's toys at the end of the day and take them home with you.
- ☞ Don't store your chairs and towels on the beach.
- ☞ Pick up and dispose of cigarette butts.

There are two Lost & Found bins located on the wall of the Paul Street beach. If you find an item, please place it in a bin. If you've lost something, check the bins. Items not picked up will eventually be disposed of.



Baby Waubeekans

Welcome to the new arrivals!

Lily Jean

Sue and Fred Mills
45 Alan Road
born June 7, 2004

Naomi Ann

Rachel and Drew Stietzel
6 Paul Street
born June 4, 2004

Simon Bernardo

George and Amelia Benitez
8 Marion Street
born December 31, 2003



WAUBEEKA FORTUNE COOKIE

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!

www.waubeeka.org

Have you checked out Lake Waubeeka's website yet? If not, take a look at www.waubeeka.org. Even if you've visited the site before, check again because a lot of new features have been added and the site is being updated all the time.

There is a community discussion forum where you can start a topic about just about anything that you think that other community members might have an opinion about... and then everyone can voice their own thoughts! We also will keep you notified about all of the happenings around the lake, and soon you'll even be able to sign up to receive the Waubeekan by email!

If you'd like to contribute to the site, please feel free to send your thoughts to webmaster@waubeeka.org.

LWA Has Moved... Sort Of

The mailbox for LWA has been moved. All Lake Waubeeka correspondence should now be addressed to:

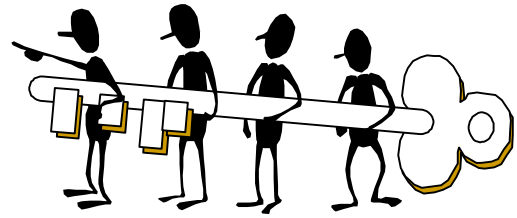
Lake Waubeeka Association
137 Post Road
Danbury, CT 06810

Garbage Matters

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. Please have your garbage and recycling out at curbside no later than 6 am 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.

Security Reminders



LWA's security system continues to be improved, and the Board thanks the community for its ongoing support.

Please note the sample (next page) of our SECURITY REQUEST ENVELOPE. Actual envelopes can be found at the exit gate, in the grey box at the guardhouse.

These envelopes were created to help residents:

- ☞ purchase new passes
- ☞ return defective passes for replacement
- ☞ add or change a name at the dialer
- ☞ request a code for a special event

Once you fill out your request envelope, please drop it off in the green security request box at the exit gate.

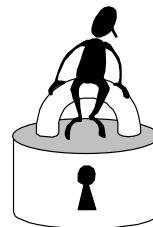
In addition to the envelopes, there is also a voicemail phone number where messages may be left:

798-1183

Leave a message with the Security voicemail to:

- ☞ report a problem with the gate or dialer
- ☞ provide a personal password for the 24-hour emergency service
- ☞ share any other concerns you may have

The envelopes and voicemail are checked on a daily basis. Please do not call Board members at their homes with a request or a complaint.



Requests are processed within five (5) business days—and typically are resolved sooner than that. Please give yourself and the Security Committee adequate time to process your request!

LWA Security Request Form

HOMEOWNER INFORMATION

Homeowner Name: _____

LWA Address: _____

Telephone: () _____

If pass is intended for a **Rental Property**, please supply the following information:

Renter Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Lease Start / End Date: _____

A copy of your lease MUST be enclosed with this form for our records.

IMPORTANT:

Only LWA homeowners may make a request for passes or codes. If you own a rented property in LWA, it is your responsibility to distribute and collect passes for the property.

Tenants may request their names to be put on the dialer if they provide a copy of their lease for verification.

IF YOU ARE REQUESTING A PASS

The Board reserves the right to deny additional passes to any homeowner who already possesses more than five (5) functioning passes.

Thin "TOUCH" Pass
\$5 each pass

Is this a replacement for a damaged pass?
 Yes * No

* If you checked YES above, you must include damaged pass in the envelope. There is no charge for replacement if the damaged pass is returned to LWA.

If a new pass is required, enclose a check payable to "LWA."

IF YOU NEED A TEMPORARY CODE

Temporary Code Start Date: _____ Temporary Code End Date: _____

Reason for Code:

Party Contractor Other (specify): _____

Resident Name: _____

Resident Address: _____

Telephone: () _____

You must sign a Resident Access Code Agreement. Call 798-1183 or visit www.waubeeka.org/security.htm for a copy.

ADDING or CHANGING YOUR NAME AT THE DIALER

How should your name be listed on the dialer? _____

Telephone: _____ Other instructions: _____

Place your request (in a sealed envelope) in the green Security Request mail box, located at the exit gate, or mail it to 137 Post Road, Danbury CT 06810. Remember to fill out all pertinent information and enclose a check payable to LWA for any additional passes.

Requests will be processed within five business days. Please give yourself (and us) adequate time to process your request!