

# *the Waubeekan*

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## Another Month of Summer, Please!

Dear Neighbors,

Just for a moment... let me depart from my usual column and share with you a moment from Lake Waubeeka past. Last week, after the Membership meeting, an old friend from Waubeeka days gone by showed up in front of my house. It was only the second time in over 30 years that I've seen Billy. He and his family lived three doors down. Billy was something of a swimming legend. Year after year, he would win the beach-to-beach race at our annual beach carnival. I considered Billy, like many of my other Waubeekan friends, a brother from the past.

"How about running down to the lake for old times' sake and swimming beach-to-beach?" Now remember, Billy was somewhat of a legend. I was flattered that he asked. I met him at the beach. We reminisced and then we were off. It was beach-to-beach and back. Just for a moment, we were thrown back and thoroughly excited. He couldn't get over how beautiful the lake was, even 30 years later. What a moment.

At age 61, Billy is Chief of Lifeguards at Coney Island. I'm still impressed, and I can't tell you how wonderful it was to take a step back, if only for a moment. Later that day, there was a little reunion that I joined on Aaron's front patio. Dave and Herbie were also there, reminiscing and telling stories about Waubeeka from almost 40 years ago. I live for stuff like that.

The beauty of our community is that it moves on, but somehow stays the same, creating wonderful memories and a sense of family. Our connections to the past are wonderful memories for our first and second generation Waubeekans.

Equally as exciting is the future and what it will bring to our wonderful community. I am so encouraged by the enthusiasm and desire of our new Board members. Stepping up to the plate and making a contribution speaks volumes about the fabric of our community.

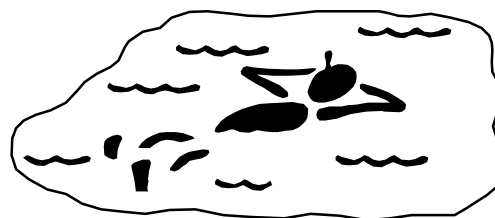
The future will be in their hands and I am confident that they will work together to enhance the quality of life in our community. They reflect the change in the future. So, thanks to Sarah Gondell, Tony Perrino, Bob Evans and Michelle Ganon. You won't regret it. Let's not forget Victor Cohen and Mary Ellen Graziano for hanging in there for another term. They have made wonderful contributions over the last three years. We thank you.

So, Billy, thanks for making that Waubeekan connection again. Thanks for the memories.

I love this place and all that it represents. I will never take for granted the beauty, the peace, or the friendships. Chris, I'll say it again, as I have many times... it doesn't get much better than Lake Waubeeka.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. Stay safe. See you on the road.

All the best - Jesse



LWA WEATHER FORECAST: LAZY, HAZY AUGUST

### Board Meetings

The Board of Directors of Lake Waubeeka meets once a month to discuss community business. The meetings are USUALLY held on the third Sunday of each month, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room behind the Community House. All are welcome to attend. The next Board meeting is scheduled for **August 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

## 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 13<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

## Children's Craft Hour

Children's Craft Hour on Thursday mornings for ages 3 - 5 through August 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## Candy Bar Bingo

August 18<sup>th</sup> at 8 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!



## In Memoriam

Ed Lansky  
Shirley Zwang

Our condolences to the families of these residents, who will be remembered fondly.

## Duplicate Bridge

Duplicate bridge games will be held every Thursday evening at the Community House. 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!

## Art Show!

**ATTENTION**

**Artists**

**Crafters**

**Creators of  
Wonderful Stuff**

The August 21<sup>st</sup> opening of our annual Art Show is right around the corner! Get in touch with Carol Nicklaus as soon as possible with a list of pieces you'd like to exhibit. How many times in life do you get to "show your stuff" with no judges and no entry fees?!

Submit your list of works **no later than** August 15<sup>th</sup> to be included in the catalog. Works will be received at the Community House on Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 until 6:00 pm, and on Saturday morning the 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 until 11:00 am.

Drop off your lists to Carol at 35 Alan Road, or by email at [cnicklaus@comcast.net](mailto:cnicklaus@comcast.net). Call Carol at 791-2720 or send an "e" with any questions or for more information.

**TAKE PART IN THIS  
TERRIFIC TRADITION!**

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



Young, Old and In-Between! Don't miss the Fifth Annual Fireman's Ball and Chili Cook-Off!

Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>  
at the Community House

Chili tasting and judging will begin at 6 pm. Awards will be given out at 8 pm. Live music provided by GUNSMOKE, A Smokin' Country Band.

Bring your best pot of chili, join us in picking your favorite chili among the entries. BBQ grills will be available for 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 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 on the last page 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.

### **WAUBEKAN FORTUNE COOKIE**

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

## Kitchen Science

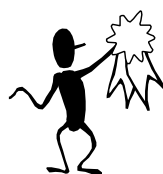
Tuesdays are sure to be fun for 7 - 10 year olds. Precocious 6 year olds (with an adult) may also participate. Build and race vinegar & baking soda rocket cars and hair dryer hot air balloons. Conduct high impact "egg-speriments" and more!

Tuesdays  
11:00 to 12:30

in the Art Studio at the Community House

For details or to offer ideas, please call Mira Boland at 797-8890.

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



## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Frog Jumping Contest

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

August 9<sup>th</sup>      August 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Monday Night Teen Movie

A film for teens (rated PG-13 or R depending on the subject matter) will be shown on Monday evenings in the Sandy Brown Teen Rec Room at the Community House. Starting time is 9:30ish. Check the 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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.splashdownpark.com).



Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>  
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.

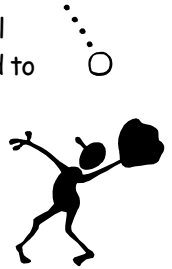
## Got News?

Submissions for the Waubeekan may be mailed to 138 Carol Street, Danbury CT or emailed to [waubeekan@waubeeka.org](mailto:waubeekan@waubeeka.org). All articles should be signed and have a phone number.

## 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, August 8<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

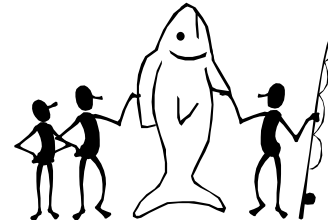


## WAUBEKAN FORTUNE COOKIE



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

## Third Annual Fishing Tournament



Lake Waubeeka's Third Annual Fishing Tournament has been rescheduled due to torrential rains on the morning of August 1<sup>st</sup>. The event will be held at the Paul Street beach on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 - 11:00 am. For children to the age of 17. Pole fishing only. No net fishing, please.

## LWA Has Moved.. Sort Of

You've probably noticed: the mailbox for LWA has been moved to an area near the playground. LWA correspondence should be addressed to:

Lake Waubeeka Association  
137 Post Road  
Danbury, CT 06810

Beaches close at 11 pm

## 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 gate 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 14<sup>th</sup>  
8 - 10 pm at the Community House

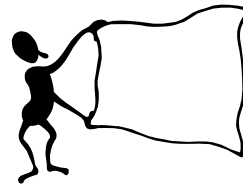
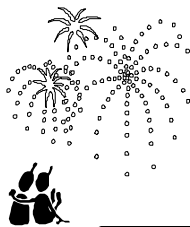


Jon and Dr. Vincent will play a variety of American songs in a specially-designed program, including favorites by George Gershwin, Cole Porter and Irving Berlin. They will also feature some Latin favorites for any Samba and Tango lovers, as well as a selection of Walt Disney classics for our young guests! 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.

**FOR SALE:** 21-inch Lawn Boy mower with solid state ignition. IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. Ready to use. Call 203 797-0606.

**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.

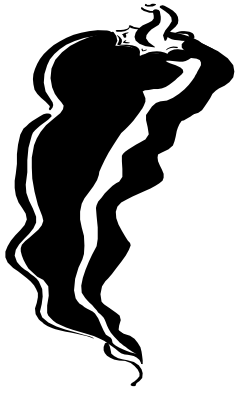
**BABYSITTER:** Experienced in the ways of the babysitting. Certified by Danbury Hospital and Danbury Fire Department. Contact Thomas Russell 203-748-3743.

**LOST:** Amber and sterling silver earring for pierced ear lost on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Call 748-7548 or 718 / 432-8557.

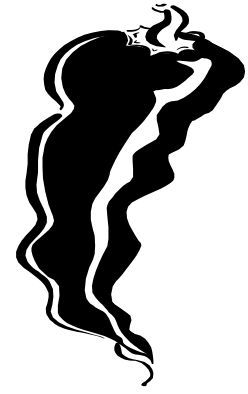
**WANTED:** Small lightweight rowboat (aluminum or fiberglass). Call 748-7548 or 718 / 432-8557.

### NEED HELP AROUND THE HOUSE?

Danbury Youth Services, a local non-profit organization, has a youth employment service whereby the community can hire the services of a teenager for \$7 an hour for yard work and odd jobs. You furnish the transportation by calling for the teens and taking them back home again. I recently employed such a teenager for two 3-hour sessions and found it most helpful. I was so pleased that I paid him \$25 for each session. It was like having my own teenage son or grandson. The phone number of the Youth Employment Service is 748-2936. If you want the boy I used, call Dennis at 205-0412. I will have to give you directions to get to his house. Call Morty Morrison at 748-7339. I have arrange for Dennis and one of his friends (also registered with DYS) to come to Lake Waubeeka on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, to wash and wax cars for \$15 per car. This is a hand job done on your premises. If you are interested, call me to have your car washed and waxed. I will furnish the transportation. Morty Morrison 748-7339.



Come on down to the  
5<sup>th</sup> annual  
LAKE WAUBEEKA  
FIREMEN'S BALL and  
CHILI COOKOFF



Labor Day Weekend  
Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 PM  
at the Community House

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

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



HELP US END THE SUMMER WITH THE HOTTEST PARTY  
THE 5<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: \_\_\_\_\_