



the Waubeekan

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Welcome, Autumn!

Greetings,

All things considered, it has been a very productive year. The infusion of new members on the current Board provides for new ideas and initiatives. Although we usually plan in the short term, our future relies on fresh new perspectives. Our new Board members are bringing these to the table. Some of the future goals recommended are restoration of the Community House. Many residents have expressed a desire to utilize this building throughout the entire year. Expansion of our forestry program is viewed as an enhancement and expansion of our recreating options. Finally, we will be looking more seriously at our future financial needs. It is important to plan for new projects that will enhance our quality of life.

As winter approaches, Flo and Leo are completing the first phase of our water main restoration project. This has been a tremendous undertaking, and we are so pleased that the first phase has been successful and on time. Let's not forget how much money these two gentlemen are saving our community. I am proud of their work and loyalty to our community.

On another front, I am reminded that snow plowing during the winter months has become very difficult because of the number of cars parked on our roads. To that end, the Board is requesting that anyone who is leaving Lake Waubeeka temporarily for the winter months should call Suanne McManus at 798-1183 for information regarding off-road parking. As an experiment, we would like to designate an area, to be announced shortly, where members can park REGISTERED vehicles if they are not being operated during the winter months. The time frame would be from December 1st until April 1st.

This initiative will allow Flo easier access when plowing during the winter months. As always, we encourage all members to utilize their driveways whenever possible.

Our security clickers appear to be working quite well. If you have a problem, don't hesitate to call Suanne at 798-1183. Leave a message and she will respond as soon as possible. If necessary, leave a message for me and I will respond immediately.

On October 30th, our community will be celebrating our annual Halloween Party. A flyer with information has been distributed and is attached at the end of this newsletter. This is another wonderful community event that brings neighbors together. If you have time, please volunteer.

There is not much more to report. Community business is going well. Please remember to help your neighbors during the winter months. Some of our senior members can always use a little assistance. Just keep an eye out. Please continue to drive slowly. Remember, we have many children who play and bike on our roads. Please keep focused.

I wish everyone a happy, safe and healthy New Year. Enjoy the crisp clean air and beautiful colors. So long for now. See you on the road.

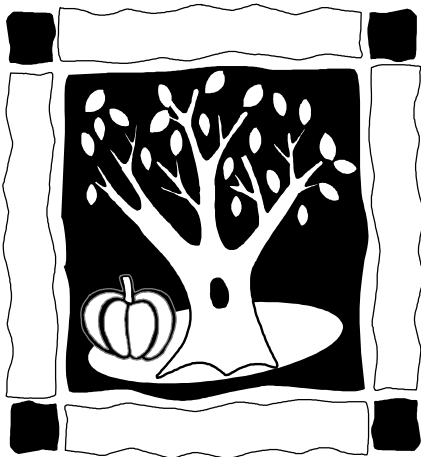
All the best, Jesse



Leaf Removal Policy

In the autumn months, our caretakers do their best to remove piles of leaves from the road. However, they **CANNOT** remove large branches or tree limbs.

Please make sure that your leaf pile does not contain sharp objects (like sticks, cans, bottles or rocks) that can damage the mulching machinery.



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.

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.

Thank You

Thank you to Debbie Matza and Emma and David Bertke for their gift of a swing for the children's playground.

Thank you to the Zwang family for their generous donation of all the proceeds from the sale of Shirley Zwang's work during the Lake Waubeeka Art Show. The donation will go towards the purchase of art supplies for the children's summer art program.

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Getting Ready for Winter

As the cold weather approaches, please make sure that your car is adequately equipped for winter driving. Lake Waubeeka's maintenance crew works hard at keeping our roads clear and drivable in winter weather. Remember: the less salt we use on our roads, the better it is for the health of our lake.

During snowy months, please make every effort to park **OFF** the street so that the snow plows can clear the roads adequately. A road blocked with snow-bound cars can be very dangerous for all—especially on curves! Please park your car in a place that will not endanger other Waubeekans. Contact the Board if you have no parking options.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN

15 mph speed limit

The Waubeekan is an open community forum for residents who wish to share information and ideas. ALL residents—homeowners and renters alike—are encouraged to participate with articles, questions, proposals and more. The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily approved or sanctioned by the Board of Directors.

Danbury Food Drive

Our names are Thomas Russell and Nick Seinfeld. We are sophomores at Danbury High School. We are organizing our Second Lake Waubeeka Food Drive as part of our community service for Danbury High School's Key Club. Last year's drive was a tremendous success thanks to all of our friends and neighbors and we hope that this year will be the same!

Please consider contributing nonperishable, "unexpired" food items that will be donated to various food pantries affiliated with St. James Episcopal Church, the United Jewish Center and the Dorothy Day Food Pantry.

Items may be left on the front porch of the Community House and will be collected daily. The deadline for the drive is November 20th, so those donations may be made prior to Thanksgiving.

If you have any question, please call Thomas Russell at 748-3743, or Nick Seinfeld at 743-2564. You may also contact our Lake Waubeeka sponsor, Mary Ellen Graziano, at 743-2564. Thank you in advance for your help.

Autumn Garbage Pick-Up

The autumn garbage pick-up schedule (Mondays) is now in effect. Please set your perishable garbage out **NO LATER THAN 8 a.m.** on pick-up days.

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.

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.

Halloween Party!

This year's Lake Waubeeka Children's Halloween Party will be held on Saturday, October 30th from 1-4 pm. See the full-page flyer in this Waubeekan for further details.

Art Show Review

Dear Friends,

So much talent here, and so many willing and creative hands... Two days—one stormy and threatening, one clear, beautiful, and perfect—and 139 "guests" signed in to see the works of twenty-five of their neighbors and friends. This year's show was "kicked up a notch," displayed on the beautiful panels made by M. Flo, and very well arranged by the skillful eyes of Barbara Courtian, Bobby Klinger, Pearl Joseph and Jerry Halm (who did a lot of the heavy lifting). Everyone responded with their "lists" in good time, which made an accurate catalog possible, and much desired! Jon Tench provided the most welcome piano ambiance for the opening night (and allowed a few guests to "sit in" a bit), and wine (thank you, Lee Seinfeld), cheeses, hors d'oeuvres, and sweets provided fuel for the viewing. Thanks, too, to Mary Ellen (and Nick) for setting up the tables, and to Shirley Fidel for making sure everything was always ship-shape; to Amy Cappell for holding the fort when I had to call my Mom on Sunday... And to my husband Bruce, who always shows up at the right time...

One visitor said, "I've seen juried shows in New York that weren't as good as this." And I think that sums it up. Thank you all for sharing your work and your efforts. This was a show of which we can all be proud! Start thinking now about next year—and those of you who haven't shown yet, please consider doing so! Next year, we will also be inviting "Young Adults" to show their work, and we hope many of you will join in.

Many thanks to all for a beautiful weekend!
—Carol Nicklaus

Kitchen Science Update

The note below comes from Mira Boland, who donated her time and talent this summer to help Waubeeka children enjoy the world of science:

"Kitchen Science" got through its shakedown summer with a bang (actually the pop of "pocket rockets"), and a crew of imaginative and enthusiastic participants. Beyond the film canister rockets, we built and raced hydro-powered boats, rubber-band paddle boats and carbon dioxide-powered boats. We also built two hovercraft designs, compared the load capacity of three bridge designs, designed our own hair-dryer hot air balloons, built marshmallow catapults and competed to "keep the egg from smashing" using only raw spaghetti and rubber bands.

Next year we'll reprise old favorites and venture into field biology, examining Lake Waubeeka water samples for microscopic creatures. We will also do a "why we wash our hands" project, observing what organisms will multiply in a petri dish of growth medium that we'll contaminate with our unwashed hands. On the engineering side, we'll make "little brother/little sister" alarms, electromagnets, telegraphs and more.

Our wish list follows. If you are willing to lend or donate these items, you will be contributing mightily to science fun for 8 to 12 year-olds next summer (2005).

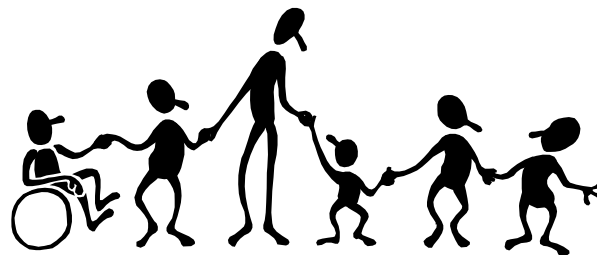
- Binocular (a.k.a. dissecting) microscope
- Compound microscopes 40 x 10 or 40 x 15
- Forceps or tweezers
- Dissecting needles
- Depression slides
- Plastic tubing (as would fit aquarium pumps)
- Aquarium pumps
- Butterfly nets (large)
- Clear plastic jars with twist-on lids (all sizes)
- Eye droppers
- Lens paper
- Lens slips
- Aquatic nets
- Plastic petri dishes

Please hold all donations until April/May 2005. You may then contact Mary Ellen Graziano at 743-2564 for a drop-off time. For more information, or to volunteer to do a guest workshop, please call Mira Boland at 410 / 433-6905 or 443 / 928-7049.

Finally, thanks to the counselors, parents and grand-parents who contributed time and supplies this summer, and to Mary Ellen Graziano for keeping the Community House and its programs going non-stop.

—Mira Boland

Your Neighbors Say...



The Learning Exchange

Resident Dan Wolinsky would like Waubeekans to know about a splendid new educational resource at the Danbury Library. "The Learning Exchange" is available to all residents.

This autumn, free courses will be taught at the Danbury Library's Program Room (lower level). The only cost is a \$5 membership fee. There is no limit on the number of courses you may take. Offerings include:

- American History Vignettes
- American Jewish Experience: The First 200 Years
- Board Member Basics
- Care, Feeding and Writing of Limericks
- Discovering the Russian Far East
- Fun with Language
- Healthy Eating
- Inside the Black Box (computing devices)
- Israel from Hertzl to Today
- Jewish Genealogy
- Law for Health Care and Estates
- Podiatric Sports Medicine
- Say Hello to Fiction
- Who Am I? (psychology)
- World Perspective on Animals

To learn more about the dates and times of classes, please call the Learning Exchange at 743-2960 or send email to LEX478@hotmail.com

Last Call

If you have a boat stored behind the Community House please remove it by November 1st. Any boats that remain after that date will be considered abandoned and will be sold at auction. Questions? Contact Bob Evans at 203-241-0626.

What do YOU think
``ONE WAY``
means?



In case you haven't noticed...

The section of Paul Street that leads down to the Paul Street Beach is clearly marked as a ONE-WAY street.

Driving the wrong way on our one-way streets is not only dangerous for other cars and pedestrians... it's also ILLEGAL.

Lake Waubeeka residents and their guests are expected to follow the traffic signs.

If drivers cannot obey the "rules of the road," the Danbury Police Department will be invited to monitor our traffic and issue tickets to offenders.