



Lordship Fathers' Club

21 ½ Prospect Drive - Lordship

www.lordshipfathersclub.com

Celebrating 65 Years!!! 1947-2012

E-NEWSLETTER ON-LINE EDITION



Summer 2012

CALENDAR

Club Meetings
First Wednesday
of every month
from Sept-June
LFC Clubhouse
8:00 PM

Sept 5th
Oct 3rd
Nov 7th
Dec. 5th

FISHING DERBY

September 15th
7:00am
Russian Beach
Rain or Shine

66TH HALLOWEEN PARADE

Sat. October 27th
3:00pm - 4:30pm
Lordship School
Baseball Field

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

December 10th
9:00 to 11:00
Lady of Peace Hall

LORDSHIP SUMMER PICNIC

The Lordship Fathers Club held its annual Bash at the Beach picnic on July 1st down on the bluffs. An estimated 175 Lordship residents attended the event throughout the day. Warm sunny skies prevailed, accompanied by an occasional onshore sea breeze. There was plenty of good summer BBQ food and beverages to be had, and games for the children to enjoy. The Lordship Fathers' Club Sunshine Committee held its annual raffle, giving away prizes for ten lucky winners including a brand new Apple iPad. Although only two raffle winners were present at the time of the drawing, all winners were from Lordship.

This year's raffle winners were as follows:

- 1st: Chas W.** Apple iPad
- 2nd: F. L.** Sunshine Committee Handmade Quilt
- 3rd: Ariel P.** \$100 Gift Certificate to Stop and Shop
- 4th: Ed M.** \$75 Cert. to Luigi's Restaurant
- 5th: M. C.** \$75 Cert. to Acapulco's Restaurant
- 6th: Charles & Whitney F.** \$75 Cert. Vazzy's Rest.
- 7th: Tom H.** \$50 Certificate to Lordship Pizza
- 8th: Don W.** \$50 Certificate to Sitting Duck Tavern
- 9th: Bev. M.** \$50 Certificate to Marnick's Restaurant
- 10th: Charles L.** Basket Lordship Wine and Liquors

Thanks to following businesses who contributed to our annual raffle:; **Sitting Duck Restaurant - Luigi's Italian Restaurant of Fairfield - Lordship Pizza - Acapulco's Mexican Restaurant - Marnick's Restaurant - Lordship Wine & Liquors - Vazzy's of Stratford.** Residents may show their appreciation to these businesses by frequenting their establishments and mentioning the Fathers' Club.

As you know, the Lordship Fathers club operates on a limited budget, relying solely on a few small fund raisers each year to maintain our full complement of annual events for families here in Lordship to enjoy. Your generosity is what continues to make our club such a success.

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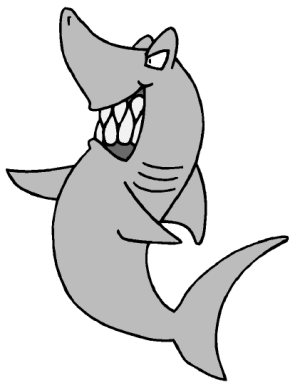
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IT'S OUR 65TH YEAR --- LET'S CELEBRATE!!!

FISH ON!!!

Some would say the best fishing of the season is between late summer though early fall. With the temperatures and mosquitoes tapering off, the Lordship Fathers Club will host its annual Fishing Derby on the morning of September 15th. Participants should plan to meet down at Russian Beach, with the official contest conducted from 7:00-10:00am; a variety of baits will be provided. Check in early at the LFC table, on the beach near Ivy Street and be the first to pick up some complimentary coffee and donuts. First, second, and third place prizes distributed to those participants who catch the longest fish. Bring your lucky lure and we'll see you on the beach!



1918 FISHING CONTEST WINNER

August 31, 1918: – A huge shark, 12 feet long and weighing 365 pounds was captured in a large blue fish net near the mouth of the Housatonic River this morning. The voracious

fish, which had eaten most of the little blues that were in the net, had become entangled in the meshes during the early morning hours and when first discovered by Howard and Arthur Hotchkiss was making the water white thrashing about in an effort to free itself. The shark, which is large enough to be a man eater, was caught in the net that the Hotchkiss brothers use for catching of blue fish and the men had anticipated a large catch of the little fish this morning but instead found the husky prize. It was necessary to use a large eel spear a number of times before the fish could be subdued and got into the boat. The shark took up almost all the room in the boat when it was finally pulled in. The shark was brought to Bond's dock where it was on exhibition for a number of hours. Late in the afternoon it was taken to Cook's Fish Market in Bridgeport. Two years ago a shark was caught in this same place. It caused a battle of three hours with two men before it could be subdued. That shark was somewhat larger than the one caught today.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CORNER

Formerly the Good and Welfare committee, the active ladies of Sunshine are in their third year of existence and have been engaged in a variety of activities. The LFC Sunshine Committee is dedicated to establishing a network of friendly volunteers in our community, extending cheer on special occasions, and encouragement during times of need. The committee recognizes the significance of bringing neighbors and generations together within our community by reaching out and reminding Lordship residents that they are cared for.

Over the last few years, many 'Rays of Sunshine' have been delivered, including committee made baby quilts for the smallest Lordship residents, and welcome baskets to new neighbors who have recently joined our community. The committee has also visited residents recovering from illness, and reached out to those in need.

This year the LFC Sunshine Committee will be selling flower bulbs in time for fall planting. As a first time fundraiser for this committee, a limited supply of bulbs will be available for purchase from September through November. The committee has already received pre-order requests and is hoping to reach its goal of selling 500 bulbs before the first frost. If you anticipate a need for bulbs this year, please consider purchasing a few from our Sunshine committee at \$1 per bulb, or a bag of six bulbs for \$5. When the flowers bloom next spring, you'll be the envy of your block proudly displaying support of the LFC!

If you would like participate in Sunshine Committee, or alert the committee of the need for a 'Ray of Sunshine', visit the LFC website and take a moment to make a request. The ladies typically meet informally once a month, to plan an assortment of events; this summer the ladies of Sunshine gathered for an evening out at Beardsley Zoo to enjoy Shakespeare in the park, and also held a family pool party/BBQ here in Lordship. <http://www.lordshipfathersclub.com/Sunshine-Committee.html>



Lordship Fathers Club Sunshine Committee members helping run the 65th Annual LFC Easter Egg Hunt. Left to right: Carrie Chisholm, Amy Buynovsky, Jennifer Silberger - Committee President, Christina Blais - LFC VP and Cherelle Murtha.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Every June, half of the six member LFC executive board members are up for election. After several terms in the role of LFC Treasurer, Dan Cox offered to step down and help transition the newly elected treasurer, Paul Chisholm. No stranger to the club, Paul attends meetings regularly, an active volunteer, and has been a Lordship Resident for almost ten years. Paul's wife Carrie, an enthusiastic member of the LFC Sunshine committee, is also a newly elected board member to the Lordship PTA. The Lordship Fathers Club would like to thank Dan Cox for all his hard work and service to the club over the years as treasurer and beyond. Dan's commitment to the club and volunteering spirit at LFC events has been greatly appreciated by the community and optimistic his energy to stay involved continues.

50 YEARS AGO IN LFC ELECTION HISTORY

April 17, 1962: Henry W. Halverson has been elected as president of the Lordship Father's club succeeding Thomas Bunting. Mr. Halverson had served as vice president and for the past three years was chairman of the minstrel show. Other officers elected include Joseph Kiely, first vice president; Fred Shanahan, vice president; Frank Fassanella, secretary and Charles Carron, treasurer. **Today**- Tom Halverson a past club president himself and son of Henry Halverson, is the current club secretary and very active and well dedicated to the club.

LORDSHIP FATHERS CLUB CONTINUES TO WORK TOGETHER WITH LORDSHIP PTA

The Lordship Fathers' Club, in conjunction with the Lordship PTA, helped to purchase two sidewalk signs this past June. The sandwich board signs will be displayed periodically on Lordship School property serving as a small marquis, raising awareness of upcoming events which involve the children of the Lordship community.

FRIEND US ON FACEBOOK!

The Lordship Fathers' Club has established a Facebook page. Stay connected with upcoming LFC events.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LORDSHIP?

What's going on in Lordship? With a multitude of groups now actively participating in the online calendar found on the Lordship Fathers Club website, it's easier now more than ever to see what's happening in our community. The calendar currently includes events hosted by the LFC, SAIL, LIA, Lordship PTA, and PYE. The calendar also incorporates the Lordship School calendar and additional events which may be of interest to Lordship residents. If you have an event which Lordship residents should be aware of, and would like to have it added to the calendar, contact Matt at MJS1995@optonline.net

The **UNOFFICIAL LORDSHIP CALENDAR** can be found on the LFC website or by clicking the calendar below. Add the following Bookmark to stay connected <http://www.lordshipfathersclub.com/Calendar.html>

Lordship Community Calendar
**** UNOFFICIAL CALENDAR OF LORDSHIP EVENTS ****
June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 LORDSHIP SCHOOL CLOSED	28 Memorial Day Lordship School Closed	29	30 6 pm - 8 pm Lordship PTA: Family Pasta Night Fundraiser	31	June 1	2
3	4	5	6 8 pm - 9 pm LFC Monthly Meeting	7 7 pm - 8 pm LIA Reorganization Committee Meeting	8	9 9 am - 12 pm SAIL Family Marsh Walk LONG BEACH
10	11	12 6 pm - 7:30 pm SAIL Meeting 7:30 pm - 9 pm LFC Sunshine Committee meeting	13 7 pm - 9 pm Lordship Improvement Association Meeting - Bible Study	14 Flag Day	15 8 pm - 10 pm LIA Star Gazing on the Bluffs	16 8 am - 12 pm Lordship School Bottle and Can Drive
17 Father's Day	18 7 pm - 9 pm LIA committee meeting	19	20 Lordship School: Forecast Last Day of School	21 7 pm - 8 pm Lordship PTA: Monthly Meeting	22	23 8 am - 2 pm SAIL Golf Day
24 9 am - 2 pm Pacific Scout Project to restore Green Acklev Park	25	26	27	28	29	30

QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS CALENDAR CONTACT: MJS1995@OPTONLINE.NET

2012 STRATFORD FESTIVAL

This year on June 2nd the LFC participated in the Stratford Main Street Festival. The LFC has participated in every Stratford Day since its inception. Despite the rainy weather until about mid-day, the LFC served cool refreshing Micalizzi Italian Ice. Micalizzi is located on Madison Avenue in Bridgeport and is the gourmet of Italian Ice. Thanks to all who stopped by and supported the LFC despite the rain, to order some Italian Ice. The club would also like to thank all of our volunteers who served ice, and helped setup and cleanup the event.

NEWS FROM THE LORDSHIP PTA

PTA welcomes new Board Members

Dung (Yoom) Stafford - President <> **Cyndi Casinelli** – Treasurer <> **Carrie Chisholm**- Secretary <> **Christie Jones**- Fundraiser <> **Frances Outlaw Jones** - Cultural Arts <> **Patricia Lynch** - Volunteer Coordinator <> **Patricia Pivarnik**- Public Relations Coordinator

Lordship School has adopted a dress code policy starting at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year. **Guidelines:**

Tops: Navy Blue, White, or Light Blue collared shirts.

Bottoms: Navy Blue or Khaki pants, shorts, capri, skirts.

Footwear: Socks and Sneakers/ Shoes

Upcoming dates to keep in mind:

August 27- Kindergarten Playground Meet & Greet 6:00 pm

Aug. 30 – 1st Day of school for grades 1-6 (8:00- 2:45)

Aug. 30 - Kindergarten Orientation 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

Aug. 31 - First Full Day of school for Kindergarten Students

September 11th - Open House at 6:30 pm

Sept. 8th - Beautification BBQ from 10:00am to 1:00 pm

Watch for a Family Fall Dance to be coming in October.

UPGRADED PLAYGROUND BRINGS SMILES

The residents of Lordship appreciate the recent efforts of Mayor Harkins, Town Council representatives, Lordship School staff, Lordship PTA, and Lordship GS Troop 37701, for their influence in bringing a shiny new playground to the Lordship School grounds. Along with additional renovations to the school this summer, the children of Lordship are excited about the energy the town is dedicating to their school. With a new flooring system being installed throughout the building this summer, the students and teachers alike will appreciate the fresh look when school starts this fall.



LFC BROADCAST E-NEWSLETTER

You are reviewing the Lordship Fathers' Club venture into the not-so modern world of E-Newsletter distribution. For those who have been receiving the Lordship Fathers Club Newsletter for years and appreciate its content, you will be pleased to learn that the Fall and Spring issues will continue to arrive via regular mail. The additional summer and winter online E-Newsletters plan to include additional content, including color photos, and interactive web links which might be of interest to those in our community. By updating your email address with the LFC via our website, you will be included in these e-newsletters and added to our growing list of subscribers. Subscribe to E-newsletters-updates: <http://www.lordshipfathersclub.com/testimonials.html>

S.A.I.L. ON THE HORIZON

The **Stratford Alliance for Innovative Learning (SAIL)** is a non-profit organization working to enrich and expand ecological and local programming for Stratford students. Through a variety of events and enrichment programs we want to give students and community members access to hands-on learning experiences by simply utilizing resources in our own neighborhoods. Together we can cultivate a future generation willing to protect and preserve Stratford's unique assets while expanding exposure to life around us.

We need support, membership and willing volunteers to make this dream a reality. Come to a meeting, offer your ideas, volunteer, donate, network, or just spread the word! Visit us at www.sailstratford.org to see pictures from our successful Family Marsh Walk June 9th, look at upcoming events and contact us at info@sailstratford.org. Help SAIL make a difference in our community.

LFC SUPPORTS S.A.I.L.

In June, the SAIL organization hosted a golf outing fundraiser at Short Beach which was followed by a luncheon that was well attended. A few LFC board members participated in what was a well orchestrated event. The future of this young organization is rich with talent and enthusiasm and the LFC encourages members of the Lordship community to get involved and support their endeavours.

READY...SET....SPELL?

The LFC sponsored the 52nd annual spelling bee on Wednesday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Lordship School all purpose room. Richard Diedrichsen and Janet Warren, both former LFC spelling bee participants, whose children also competed as sixth graders, conducted the event. The contest was open to all Lordship School sixth graders (regardless of where they reside), as well as all Lordship children in grade six at other schools or who are home-schooled. The top five contestants were awarded cash prizes, with the 1st Prize winner receiving \$50. The annual event has attracted as many as 96 contestants, and has become a fond memory and rite of passage for participants, their parents, and teachers. While few former students remember who the winner was, everyone seems to remember the word that eliminated them, and they are careful to spell that word correctly for the rest of their lives!



Left to right in photo: 1st place Emma Reed, 2nd Zack Shaham, Moderator Rich Diedrichsen, 3rd Briana Rivera, 4th Victoria Sorrentino, 5th Kerrigan Murtha

LORDSHIP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Join the LIA!

The Lordship Improvement Association (LIA) meets monthly to plan events and projects around Lordship. Meetings are every third Wednesday at the LFC Clubhouse at 7PM. Come to a meeting or join our email list to find out more - <http://bit.ly/lia-email>

HOT ENOUGH?

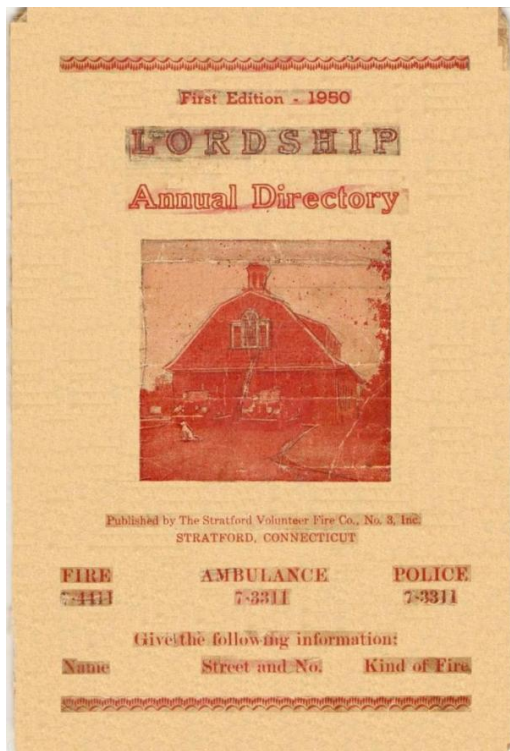
On June 21, the first day of summer, with temperatures here in Connecticut breaking all time records we should have anticipated this summer would be a scorcher. Looking back two hundred years ago, it's hard to fathom a year where summer failed to arrive. In 1816, both Western Europe and the United States were hit especially hard by the colder-than-average temperatures that persisted through most of the year. Frequent, heavy frosts ruined most crops resulting in people relying on the little food that did grow, plus the meager amounts they had in storage. In Europe, where food was already scarce, the failing crops were a disaster. The starving society was motivated to cross the Atlantic into the United States, in search of better prospects.

As it turns out, the Earth was emerging from a time period now known as the Little Ice Age, which lasted from about 1400-1800 AD. This time period was only a few degrees cooler on average than the previous few centuries, but that subtle difference was enough to cause crop failures, resulting in famine and disease. The already cooler time period was compounded by an increase in volcanic activity, capped by the massive volcanic eruption in Indonesia in 1815. Even though this eruption occurred halfway around the world, the volcanic ash spewed high into the stratosphere. Since this ash was higher up, it was not being pulled to the ground by rain and other weather processes. Tiny ash particles blocked some of the solar rays from reaching the Earth's surface, which in turn gave us cooler temperatures.

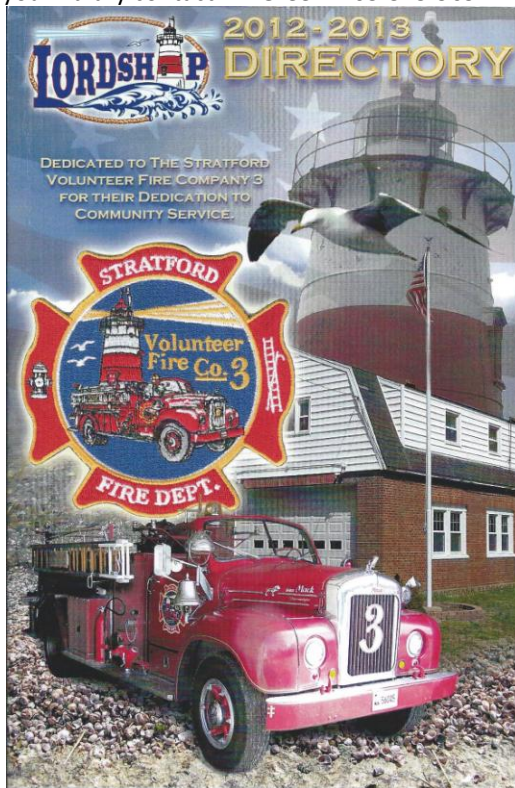
The cumulative effect led to the coldest summer in recorded American history. In 1816, Connecticut experienced below-freezing temperatures in every single month, yielding frozen lakes in the middle of the summer in New York and Pennsylvania! We probably remember the more comfortable summer of 2009, when New York City's Central Park failed to reach 90 degrees until mid-August, and the average temperature was below normal almost every day in both June and July.

Here in 2012, now in our fourth heat wave of the summer for most of the country, where temperatures are routinely hotter in the Midwest than Miami, a chilly night and a frozen lake sound rather inviting. Ice Skating anyone?

LORDSHIP DIRECTORY



Since 1950, the Lordship Volunteer Fireman have been publishing and distributing the Lordship directory made available to all Lordship residents. A valuable resource for every Lordship resident; to add a copy to your library contact Bill Green: 203-375-9691

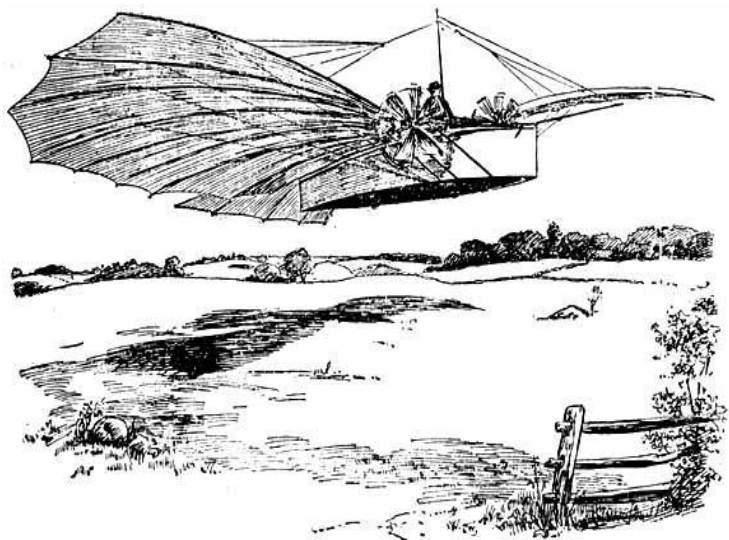


Have an old copy? Tom Halverson is currently looking for a copy of the covers of the following Directories: 1951, 1957, 1962, 1963, 1970 and 1974. If you have a copy, please contact Tom at 203-377-1028 so that he can scan and return the Directory.

RESIDENTS OF LORDSHIP CELEBRATE LFC 65TH ANNIVERSARY WITH CHARLES BRILVICH DISCUSSION ABOUT LORDSHIPS ROLE IN AVIATION HISTORY

For those who missed it, the Lordship Fathers Club hosted an first-rate discussion in May at OLP hall, featuring Mr. Brilvich who discussed the "Lordship Flying Grounds" and the early flights of Gustave Whitehead which took place from 1901-02. Brilvich began with a brief history of Lordship and a description of its appearance at the beginning of the 20th century and the barnstormers who utilized this natural landing field during the first quarter of the last century. He also described the development of Bridgeport Airport from the time of its inception through the 1950s, the arrival of Igor Sikorsky in 1928 and the long list of aviation firsts that his company was responsible for.

Charles Brilvich has been preparing Historic Tax Credit applications since 1978. He has served as historic preservation specialist for most of the major certified rehabilitation projects in the Bridgeport area, including the Crescent Block on Washington Avenue and the Washington Park Rehabilitation (10 buildings). Brilvich also served as official Historian of the City of Bridgeport from 1990 to 2003 he served as Historian of the Golden Hill Paugussett Tribe and incorporated his research into a book, History of the Golden Hill Paugussett Tribe, which was published by the History Press in 2007. Brilvich has been profiled in Historic Preservation Magazine, the official publication of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.



Sketch made by Bridgeport Herald newspaper sports editor Dick Howell; it accompanied the full-page August 18, 1901, feature report of his claimed eyewitness account of Gustave Whitehead flying with power for a distance of "one half mile" on August 14, 1901 at the Breezy Point section of Lordship.