



LORDSHIP FATHERS' CLUB

21 ½ Prospect Drive – Lordship

Celebrating 72 Years!!! 1947-2019

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Fall 2019

CALENDAR

Club Meetings

First Wednesday of every month from Sept-June
LFC Clubhouse 8:00 pm
Sep 4 - Oct 2 - Nov 6
Dec 4 - Jan 8 - Feb 5
Mar 4 - Apr 1 - May 6 - Jun 3

Fishing Derby

Saturday, September 28
8:00 am to 11:00 am
Russian Beach
base of Maple/Laurel

Lordship Olympics!

Saturday, October 12
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Lordship School field
See full article for details!

Halloween Parade

Saturday, October 26
3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Lordship School field

Creative Writing Contest

Deadline for entries:
Late November
Check on website for more information.

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 7
9:00 am
Our Lady Of Peace Church

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Lordship Fathers' Club annual membership drive starts every September. Membership term is from September to August, and we appreciate your renewal each year. While we are always happy to accept new members at any time, throughout the year, our fall drive is our most important fundraiser.

While your dollars go a long way in ensuring we are able to host our full calendar of events, without the many volunteers who help, the Club would simply not be able to sustain many of the events. We've seen a drop in volunteers over the past year, and, sadly, this has forced the Club to cancel events. As much as we need the donations of our membership drive to help sustain all our events, **we also need a donation of your time.**

Whether you are renewing your membership or joining the Club for the first time, please consider noting an event you'd like to help with. Or simply indicate you would like to be added to our volunteer network, so you can get emails on upcoming events and volunteer needs we may have. The LFC also needs you to join our board and take an active role in planning and organizing events. Join us at a monthly meeting, and let us know you're interested in serving on the board. **We simply can't do it without you!**

Joining the Club is easier than ever. Please fill out the enclosed membership card and mail your check and membership card in the included envelope. Or you can even just drop it off at the clubhouse in the mail slot. You can also join and make a donation online via PayPal on our website.

Members are automatically entered into a raffle for a \$100 gift card to Super Stop & Shop. The drawing is held at the Breakfast with Santa in December. You don't need to be present to win, but you do need to be a current member by the time of the drawing.

"It is when you give of yourself that you truly give." -
Khalil Gibran

Thank you for your support!

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SUMMER RECAP

Our summer kicked off with our **Italian Ice Sale** at the Stratford Main Street Festival. Each year, we offer the very tasty Italian ice from Micalizzi's in Bridgeport. We enjoyed a beautiful warm day, and served numerous neighbors and friends. Thank you to all the volunteers! You are a key factor in our success. We could always use extra hands to help scoop ice, so consider getting your "feet wet" next year. Even if you can only spend an hour, join us and have some fun. You'll feel great that you did!

Due to continuing low volunteerism, the Club cancelled the annual **LFC Beach Picnic**. However, we did replace it with another **Bands on the Bluffs** concert, expanding the season to include a concert in June, along with two in July and two in August for a total of 5 concerts.

The **Bands on the Bluffs** concert series kicked off on June 23 with a group of very talented musicians from the Neighborhood Music School in New Haven. Their **Premier Jazz Ensemble** impressed the audience with their talents and musical skills. It was a great start to the 2019 series!

On July 14, the series continued with a straight-up jazz trio, **The Jim Tutunjian Trio**. The band featured Jim Tutunjian on bass and Jack Tyrrell on piano, both have performed at Lordship Community Church as part of the group "Jazz For The Spirit". Rounding out the trio was one of the area's finest drummers, Joe Corsello.

Next up on July 21 was **9 Of Hearts**, a classic dance band that featured three vocalists, a horn section of tenor saxophone and trumpet, and a backline of keys, guitar, bass, and drums. The audience spent a lot of time on their feet dancing to the great covers.

To kick August off, on the 4th the series continued with R&B band **Soundcheck**. Playing a variety of classic R&B covers, as well as some more modern popular hits, this band also had the audience dancing "in the aisles."



The 2019 series finished up on August 25 with the **Larry Haddad Quartet**. This straight-ahead jazz group featured Larry Haddad (LFC Secretary) on alto saxophone, backed by a stellar rhythm section of Joe Corsello on drums (his second appearance), Steve Clarke on bass, and Jim Olbrys on guitar. It was a fine show to end our 2019 season. We're already looking forward to next year!

FALL/WINTER EVENTS

The Lordship Fathers' Club is holding its annual **Fishing Derby on Saturday, September 28**. Contest is from 8:00 to 11:00 AM. The tide is rising until 11:10 AM, so it should be just perfect for surf fishing off Russian Beach. A variety of baits are provided, but you are welcome to bring your own, and your own lures and tackle. We'll be set up on Russian Beach (use the steps at the base of Laurel/Maple). Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, based on the length of fish caught. Good luck, and see you on the beach!

The Club is *very* happy to say the **Lordship Olympics** are back again! Thanks to the commitment and dedication of Thomas Gerrity, we are able to offer this event again this year. Tom heard our message in last fall's newsletter, and he decided to step up. Thank you, Tom, for leading this classic and traditional event! See all the details on the next page.

After the Olympics is the Club's oldest event, the **Halloween Parade, on Saturday, October 26**. Meet at the Lordship School field by 3 PM for the start of the parade. Prizes will be awarded for best costume in 5 categories: scariest, funniest, most original, cutest, and best group. The Sunshine Committee will be on site and hosting a number of crafts and activities. Come on out in your Halloween best!

The **Creative Writing Contest** will take place in the late fall again this year. The contest is open to students in 4th through 8th grade, who either attend Lordship School, or else reside in Lordship. The students do an excellent job each year coming up with creative stories around the three prompts we provide. Please check the LFC web site for entry deadline, entry form, and all other contest details. The deadline will be around the second or third week of November.

A long favored tradition, the Lordship Fathers' Club will be hosting the annual **Breakfast with Santa, on Saturday, December 7**. The event starts at 9 AM. We'll have the usual breakfast of fresh, hot pancakes, and coffee, hot chocolate, and orange juice. Santa promised to stop by again, so be sure to get there early for a photo with Santa. We will also hold a drawing for a \$100 gift card to Super Stop & Shop. All current members of the Club are automatically entered, so be sure to renew your membership, or make your donation at the event.

Any of these events are a perfect opportunity to get involved! Call or email a board member and ask us what you can do to help.

LORDSHIP OLYMPICS RETURNS

We are pleased to announce that the Lordship Olympics will be held on **Saturday, October 12**, at Lordship School Field. Rain date is the following Saturday, October 19, at the same time and location.

The Olympics are for Kindergarten through 6th Grade, and we also will have special activities for preschoolers. The competition is open to children who live in Lordship or any children who attend Lordship School. A registration form is required for all participants. Registration forms will be distributed through Lordship School, or you can download the form from the Lordship Fathers' Club web site—www.lordshipfathersclub.com. Forms should be returned to the Club via the Lordship School Main Office, or the mailbox at the LFC clubhouse. You also can register at the field the day of the event.

Check-in, warm-ups, and practice will be at 10:00 a.m., and the opening ceremony will be at 11:00 a.m. Participants will compete against children of similar age and gender in a variety of events, testing skill and agility, with awards presented to the top three finishers in each group.

We need help with the event, so men, women, parents, grandparents, family, and friends if you can help out, please come to the field at 8:00 a.m. to set up or else later if you only can help during the competition. Any questions, please contact Tom Gerrity at 203-381-0018 or by e-mail at tgerrity@merrilanderson.com.

LFC BOARD UPDATE

The Lordship Fathers' Club holds annual elections for Club officers each June, so we periodically welcome new members to the board and have to say goodbye to some of the officers as they step down.

Four board positions were up for election: President, Vice President #2, Vice President #3, and Sergeant at Arms.

Longtime Club volunteer, and most recently a Vice President, Tom Halverson is the new LFC President. Tom has filled many roles on the board in the past, including President, so this is not his first time leading the LFC board. We welcome Tom back to this role, and we are very grateful for his years of commitment and dedication to the success of the LFC.

With Tom stepping up, the Club has a vacant Vice President position. **If anyone is interested in serving on our board—we need you! Please contact any of the board members, or simply come to our next meeting. Thank you!**

Chris Hewitt will be continuing as Vice President for another term. Chris has been on the board for several terms now, and he has been a valuable volunteer to the LFC. We're happy to have him continue in this role and giving back to Lordship and the Fathers' Club.

Brian Secskas will also be continuing in his role as Sergeant at Arms. Brian is a relatively recent addition to the LFC Board, and he has been a great supporter and volunteer at nearly all Club events.

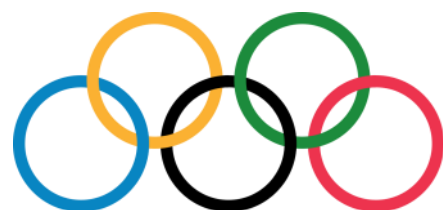
Thank you, all, for your continuing service and support of the LFC and the Lordship community!

SUNSHINE

COMMITTEE CORNER

The Sunshine Committee, a division of the Lordship Fathers' Club, has been dedicated to establishing a network of friendly volunteers in our community, extending cheer on special occasions, and encouragement during times of need. The Sunshine Committee continues to reach out to new neighbors, by delivering quilts to newborns and providing support to those seeking assistance while recovering from an illness or bereaving. The Committee also gathers for the occasional social event, including "Girls' Night Out," summer BBQs, or family events for LFC volunteers. Should you know of anyone in Lordship who could use a *ray of sunshine*, and you think we could be of some assistance, contact the Committee at:

sunshine@lordshipfathersclub.com
The Sunshine Committee, too, needs your help. If you would like to help support their activities, do reach out to them directly, or note it on your Membership Card. In addition to the services they provide to the community, they help support the LFC in many other ways.



LORDSHIP OLYMPICS—OCTOBER 12!

YOUTH GROUPS IN LORDSHIP

Civil Air Patrol has a squadron in Lordship: the **Stratford Eagles**. A composite squadron, it is made up of both Cadets (ages 12-21) and Senior Members (ages 18+). If you've got a young person at home interested in the Air Force and aerospace, this could be the ticket. Learn more at: <http://www.stratfordeagles.com/>

Cub Scout Pack 74 is going into their fifth year. This is the same Pack 74 that had been in Lordship for decades and was brought back in 2015. Sponsored by the Lordship Community Church, the Pack is now open to boys *and* girls who are in Kindergarten through 5th grade.

Scouts BSA Troop 74 is a new, *girls only* Scout Troop, also sponsored by LCC. Troop 74 was the number of a historic Boy Scout troop based in Lordship. Any young women ages 11-17 may join the Troop and take the first step to becoming an Eagle Scout. Anyone interested in joining Pack 74 or Troop 74, please reach out to Larry Haddad, at larryhaddad@hotmail.com, or call him at (203) 383-2289.

Sea Scouts is a program within the Boy Scouts of America that is open to both young men and women, ages 14 to 21. Sponsored by Our Lady of Peace, **Sea Ship 101** is based right here in Lordship. To learn more, please contact Richard Williams at rvrznd@gmail.com.

Scouts BSA Troop 20 is another *girls only* Scout Troop also based in Lordship, also sponsored by Our Lady Of Peace. Please contact OLOP for more information.

NOW'S THE TIME!

The Lordship Fathers' Club needs your help! Are you a Dad? Great! You can join the Club, serve on the board, chair and volunteer at events. Are you a Mom? Fantastic! You can, too. Don't have kids, but want to help? Of course you can! Happy to have you. Kids are older now, and don't come to the events? PERFECT! Give the newer parents a turn to enjoy LFC events with their young families. You probably get the idea by now—**anyone can help and be part of the LFC**. Now's the time that the Club needs new members, renewing members, and *especially* willing members. Willing to donate some time, even if it's to only one event. **Are you doing your part to give back to the Lordship community? Here's your chance!**

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