



LORDSHIP FATHERS' CLUB

21 ½ Prospect Drive – Lordship

Celebrating 70 Years!!! 1947-2017

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Spring 2017

CALENDAR

Club Meetings

First Wednesday of every
month from Sept-June
LFC Clubhouse 8:00 pm
Sep 7 - Oct 5 - Nov 2
Dec 7 - Jan 4 - Feb 1
Mar 1 - Apr 5 - May 3 - Jun 7

Main Street Festival

Saturday, June 3
LFC Italian Ice Sale

LFC Beach Picnic

Sunday, June 11
12pm-4pm
Russian Beach
Join us!

Bands on the Bluffs

July 16
August 6
August 20
Concerts are Sundays,
from 5 to 7 PM



LFC 2017 SUNSHINE RAFFLE

1ST PRIZE - BLUEFISH FAMILY PACKAGE

We've had a lot of great events over the past seven months or so, including the return of the LFC Olympics! Your support makes it possible for us to hold all the Club's events. With the Spring Newsletter, we kick-off one of the Club's key fundraisers—the Sunshine Committee Raffle. Enclosed, you'll find your 2017 raffle tickets, providing every Lordship resident a chance to win fantastic prizes. This annual fundraiser supports the Club's outreach to the community, and ensures that the LFC is able to maintain its full complement of family events throughout the year. We have some excellent prizes again for this year's raffle, including a **Bluefish family package—4 vouchers for a game of your choice along with a \$50 gift certificate to Ralph 'n' Rich's Restaurant!**

As in previous years, the drawing will be held at the annual LFC Beach Picnic on the bluffs, scheduled for Sunday, June 11th. Use the enclosed envelope to return raffle ticket stubs, along with a \$1 donation per ticket, to the Lordship Fathers' Club. Additional raffle tickets are available. Please contact any of our board members.

Thanks to the following businesses who contributed to our raffle. Their donations, along with the generous participation of the Lordship community, will help make our raffle a success!

**The Bridgeport Bluefish
Luigi's Italian Restaurant
Ralph 'n' Rich's Restaurant
Knapp's Landing * Zack's Frozen Yogurt
The Original Vazzy's * Beach House Grill
The Lazy Dog Tavern * Sitting Duck Tavern
99 Restaurant & Pub**

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MEMBERSHIP THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of you who renewed or joined the LFC during our Fall Membership Drive! It's never too late to join or renew, so please send in your membership card, or feel free to fill one out at one of our events and make your donation then. Thank you!!!

FALL/WINTER EVENTS RECAP

We've had a number of successful (and fun!) events over the past months. Our season kicked off on September 10th with our annual **Fishing Derby**. It was a beautiful, early fall day, and the high tide was perfectly timed for us. We had a number of kids and their parents catching a variety of fish—fluke, plenty of sea robin fish, even a sea bass! Almost everyone caught something, but our three prize winners were: Jack Swanson, Rob Buynovsky, and Jacob Haddad.

Just a couple weeks later, on September 24th, we had the highly anticipated return of the **LFC Olympics**. Dozens of Lordship kids from Kindergarten through 6th grade participated in a variety of games designed to test out their athleticism, but mostly geared towards having fun. Thanks to all of our volunteers who made this event a possibility. We're very happy to have it back in our roster!

Next up for us was our annual **Halloween Parade** on October 29th. The LFC's first and oldest event, this is always one of our most well attended and enjoyable events. We had another great fall day, so the turnout was quite high. There were well over 150 kids and their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles all gathered to see Lordship fully decked out for Halloween. The Sunshine Committee hosted several craft and activity tables that kept the kids busy. We awarded 5 prizes for the best costumes in these categories: scariest, funniest, most original, cutest, and best group. There were so many great costumes, and it was great seeing whole families get in on the fun—remember the "Spaceballs" crew! So many truly amazing costumes, and we always look forward to seeing what the kids (and adults!) come up with each year.

For several years now, we have held a **Creative Writing Contest**. Last year, we moved the contest to the fall, with all entries due by November 19th. Read more about the contest on the next page, and don't forget to read the winning entries in the insert to this newsletter.

On Saturday, December 17th, we held our annual **Breakfast With Santa**. Families enjoyed a hot breakfast of pancakes and sausage, with orange juice, hot chocolate, and coffee. Santa showed up right on time,

and patiently noted every last child's Christmas wishes, and posed for formal photos with each family. He stuck around for quite a while, but before he left, Santa promised to be back next year!

Next was the **Holiday Decorating Contest**. On Friday evening, December 23rd, a little merry band of elves drove around every street of Lordship, judging for the best decked out homes—lights, wreaths, lawn decorations—the sky's the limit. There's only one rule: you can't be a repeat winner within the past 5 years. It's never easy picking our favorites, but after a couple hours, we narrowed down our top three. Keep up the good work, and congratulations to them all!

After taking January off, the Club was back in action with the return of **SMARTS**, a science and technology expo for all students in Kindergarten through sixth grade. The event was held on Friday evening, February 3rd. About 50 students participated in the overall event. Read more about it on the next page.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Club held a **Family Night at Gooool Sports**, on Monday, March 13th. We're very grateful to Gooool Sports for donating their facility for an afternoon of fun and games. After running around on the fields for a good couple of hours, the LFC treats for pizzas. From what we've heard, all the kids sleep very well that night!

On Friday, March 31st, the LFC held its annual **Spelling Bee**. This year, we invited both 5th and 6th graders to participate in the spelling fun. (Yes, spelling can be fun!) We've also modified our format to give all the students plenty of words to spell. Everyone gets to participate in a set number of rounds, and we simply keep a running score. Our winners spelled the most words correctly, and everyone is recognized for their participation. Small cash prizes are awarded for 1st through 5th place. All of the students did a fantastic job!

At the time of this newsletter going to press, the Club is planning the annual **Easter Egg Hunt**, for Saturday, April 8th. One of our oldest and most popular events, children of all ages get to hunt for eggs along the bluffs. The lucky ones that find golden eggs can redeem them for nominal cash prizes. You don't need to be so lucky to get a chocolate bunny—just need to find even one egg for those. Every year the Easter Bunny manages to come out of his (her?) hole and pay us a visit. She sticks around for a while, happily posing for photos with the kids. See you next spring, Easter Bunny!

Many, many, many thanks, to all the volunteers who helped make all of these events so successful!!!

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CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

One of our newest events, our Creative Writing Contest is already in its fourth year. We had been holding the event in late winter, but this year we held the event in late fall, to better align with the students's other activities. The contest is open to all 4th to 8th grade students who attend Lordship school or reside in Lordship. Prizes are awarded for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place entry from each grade, for a total of up to 15 prizes awarded. The students stretched their imaginations to come up with creative stories for one (or more) of these three writing prompts:

1. You wake up, and suddenly you are an adult and realize you are going to work at your "dream job". Describe your day.
2. Imagine you are an old tree that has shaded a family backyard for many years. What are some of your favorite memories.
3. You have a dream that you can be any animal on earth. When you wake up, you actually are the animal you picked. What happens to you.

Our judges this year were Andrea Becker, 6th grade teacher at Lordship School; Jack Lynch, principal of St.



James School; and Larry Haddad, LFC Secretary and resident English major. Please find the top entries from each grade in our special insert included with this newsletter. You are sure to

be entertained and impressed with their writing.

This year's winners by grade were...

4th: Jacob Haddad, Grace Petrie, Rebecca Tinajero

5th: Michael Lucifora, Matthew Fernschild, Isabella Pato

6th: Ciara Roberts, Henry Baker, Rees Stafford

8th: Ceili Roberts

Congratulations to all our participants! Well done!

LORDSHIP SMARTS

On the evening of Friday, February 3rd, the Lordship Fathers' Club sponsored an *all* Lordship Science Expo, **Lordship SMARTS**. Open to any student in grades K-6, who resides in Lordship or attends Lordship School. Those who attended the event enjoyed the opportunity to participate in a variety of science based activities and witness the many inspiring projects produced by local students. Students who participated in Lordship SMARTS received a certificate, and more than a dozen prizes delivered over the course of the evening including recognition of the top three exhibits in each of the following categories: Science through Art, Scientific Experiment, and Scientific Display.

Members of the community who attended the event were treated to a special presentation by the Norwalk

Maritime Aquarium. Their marine scientists had many small sea creatures on display for the students to observe and learn about. Also present were cadets from the Stratford Eagles Civil Air Patrol Squadron who conducted a small rocket demonstration. Students had an opportunity to build and launch their own straw rocket in competition for accuracy, distance, and best overall design. The President of the Boothe Memorial Park Astronomical Society, Mark Holden was also in attendance, sharing his out-of-this-world knowledge of the worlds beyond our solar system. Mark helped SMARTS participants craft planispheres, and gave a demonstration on how to use this instrument when gazing at the stars.



This year's Science, Math, and Arts Expo (SMARTS), hosted by the Lordship Fathers' Club, would not have been so successful if it were not for the dedication and commitment shown by the community volunteers who stepped forward to give so generously of their time. The LFC would like to thank the many volunteers including: Aaron Martin, Brian Seckas, Jeff Yawman, Christina Blais, Bud Hewitt, Carla Ebmeyer, Tom Halverson, Mark Holden, Matt and Jenn Silberger, Larry Haddad, Chris Hewitt, Kate Koda, scientists from the Norwalk Maritime Aquarium, and volunteers from the Stratford Eagles CAP Squadron.

With support from the community and the students enthusiasm for science, Lordship SMARTS plans to return in 2019. We look forward to more amazing projects!

DINING OUT

Only a year ago, we heard the news that Lordship Pizza would be closing their doors. Many of us still miss Bo, and his excellent and creative pizzas. Since then, we're sad to say Mare Bello has also closed. A local favorite, located opposite the sea wall, the views were amazing.

Fortunately, some other local restaurateurs are taking advantage of these opportunities. The Original Vazzy's family of restaurants has opened Lighthouse Pizza in the same location of Lordship Pizza. They have also opened The Beach House Grill, on Dorne Drive at the entrance of Short Beach.

The proprietors of The Lazy Dog Tavern (across from the train station downtown), are planning to open a new restaurant—The Crabby Dog—in the same location as Mare Bello. They are planning to open by late spring.

Welcome to the neighborhood! And best of luck to these newest venues!

MAIN STREET FESTIVAL

On Saturday, June 3rd, the town of Stratford will again be holding its annual Main Street Festival. Always a popular town-wide event, about a 4 block stretch of Main St. becomes part carnival, part bazaar, and part food court. The LFC will be there selling Micalizzi's famous Italian Ice.

This annual fundraiser is one of our important revenue sources, so we always hope for a sunny (and hot) day! Volunteers work shifts throughout the event, scooping and serving ice to passers by. We offer all the classic flavors—cherry, watermelon, and, of course, lemon. We have also offered premium "exotic" flavors like mango and piña colada.

Come on down with your family, stop by our booth, and enjoy an ice or just say hello. We love to see our Lordship neighbors. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us. No special skills required; we'll happily teach you all you need to know about scooping ice!

LFC BEACH PICNIC

Before you know it, the school year will be coming to an end, and summer will truly be here. We have the perfect way to officially start your summer—Lordship style. Come on down to our annual Beach Picnic. This year it will be on Sunday afternoon, June 11th, from noon until 4 PM (or so). Come enjoy delicious, freshly grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, with all the fixings. We'll have some typical picnic sides, watermelon, and plenty of cold drinks. We also hold many activities for the kids. In past years we have had serious dodgeball matches, tug of war, soccer games, and water balloon tosses. One thing is certain—the kids will have a blast!

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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. Should you know anyone in Lordship who could use a ray of sunshine and you think we could be of some assistance, or if you would like to become a member of the Committee, contact us via the LFC website, or email: sunshine@lordshipfathersclub.com

BANDS ON THE BLUFFS

Already in its fourth season, our summer concert series, Bands on the Bluffs, has rapidly become one of our most popular and anticipated events. We've enjoyed some amazing bands over the past few summers, and this year's lineup is bound to be a hit.

Our first concert, Sunday, July 16th, will feature the Larry Haddad Quartet performing a tribute of the music of one of the greatest jazz saxophonists, John Coltrane. This year, July 17th marks the 50th anniversary of his death, so this will be a fitting memorial to his music and legacy.

We'll have two more concerts on Sundays, August 6th and August 20th. Check our website for details!



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