



Lordship Fathers' Club

21 ½ Prospect Drive – Lordship

Celebrating 68 Years!!! 1947-2015

www.lordshipfathersclub.com



Fall 2015

CALENDAR

Club Meetings

First Wednesday of every month from Sept-June
LFC Clubhouse 8:00 pm
Sep 2 - Oct 7 - Nov 4
Dec 2 - Jan 6 - Feb 3
Mar 2 - Apr 6 - May 4 - Jun 1

Fishing Derby

Saturday, September 19
7:00 am to 11:00 am
Russian Beach
base of Maple/Laurel

Halloween Parade

Saturday, October 31
3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Lordship School field

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 12
9:00 am
Our Lady Of Peace Church

For future events, please check on our website where you can also subscribe to email updates. You can also follow us on [Facebook!](#)



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our annual membership drive starts every September. Membership in the Club is from September to August, and we hope you renew each year. While we are always happy to accept new members any time, throughout the year, our fall drive is our most important fundraiser and helps ensure we can sponsor our annual events.

The Lordship Fathers' Club has been continually hosting a variety of events since 1947. Some of the events, such as the Halloween Parade, the Easter Egg Hunt, and the Spelling Bee, are decades old. In just the past few years, we have added to our traditions with Lordship SMARTS (a science fair and expo), a Writing Contest, and Bands on the Bluffs (a summer concert series). All of the Fathers' Club events are free! And we try to limit our fundraising. We'd much rather spend our time planning and hosting our events than perpetually fundraising. With that said, we do hold an Italian Ice sale at the Main Street Festival, and our Sunshine Committee holds a raffle at our summer Beach Picnic. While both of these fundraisers are important, our primary funding comes from our membership drive. Know that when you join and make your donation, it will be a critical component to ensure our events continue each year.

Joining the Club is easier than ever. You can simply 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](#).

Active 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 an active member by the time of the drawing.

**Please renew your membership and help us
have another successful year!
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. Though it was a bit more overcast than other years, it never rained. We had over a dozen Club members come out and help us have a successful day. They scooped a lot of ice and were cheerful ambassadors of our Club. Thank you to all our volunteers! You are a key factor in our success.

Just a couple weeks later, on a glorious Saturday afternoon in June, we held our annual **LFC Beach Picnic**. It was a great way to celebrate summer. Kids were playing pick-up soccer on the field, with the flagpole just beyond. The enticing smell of a charcoal grill and hamburgers and hot dogs sizzling filled the air. There were all the toppings and plenty of homemade sides to go along. And icy drinks to wash it all down. Maybe the best treat was the sounds of "Twisted Resistor", a live band featuring Lordship's own Dan Villagomez.

Our summer events continued with the rest of our **Bands on the Bluffs** concert series. Our July 19 concert featured the Steve Clarke Trio + 2. Steve is one of the most in demand electric bass players in the region, and had actually just performed at the Hartford Jazz Festival the day before our concert. The band featured Dexter Pettaway on drums and Warren Byrd on piano. The "plus two" were Stratford native Jim Olbrys on guitar, and Larry Haddad (LFC Secretary) on alto saxophone. We were treated to a special surprise when the band became "plus three" and Saskia Laroo, a Dutch trumpeter and international recording artist, "sat in". She brought the audience to their feet with her soaring trumpet solos. On August 23, the series concluded with the Saxtet—an 8 piece band featuring a full big-band style saxophone section and a traditional rhythm section of piano, bass, and drums. The band is directed by Milford native

Darren Litzie, who also composes much of the original arrangements

and is the pianist for the band. Featured on lead alto saxophone was Andrew Beals, one of the top jazz saxophonists in the wider New York area. All of the concerts were truly amazing, bringing a level of music to our "backyard" that would be just as suited for large festival stages. We'll be featuring some more great bands next year, so stay tuned for our 2016 lineup.

We do look forward to fall, but you gotta' love summer!



FISHING DERBY

The Lordship Fathers' Club will host its annual Fishing Derby on Saturday, September 19th. High tide comes early that day, at about 4 AM, so get there for the start at 7 AM. A variety of baits will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own, and your own lures and tackle. Check in at the LFC table, and enjoy the complimentary coffee and a donut. 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, for the longest fish caught. Good luck, and see you on the beach!



ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE

One of the Club's oldest events (actually, *the oldest*), the Halloween Parade is 68 years old and going strong. This year, we have the good (scary?) fortune of Halloween landing on Saturday, so what better way to kick off trick or treating! 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!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

A long favorite tradition, the Lordship Fathers' Club will be hosting the annual Breakfast with Santa, on Saturday, December 12th. The event will commence at 9 AM. We'll have the usual breakfast of fresh, hot pancakes, and coffee, hot chocolate, and orange juice. If you've been good little boys and girls, Santa Claus usually shows up fashionably late. Of course with plenty of time for all the little ones to make their Christmas wish, and pose for a photo or two. He might even have time for a couple of pancakes.

We will also hold a drawing for a \$100 gift card to Super Stop & Shop. All active members of the Club are automatically entered, so be sure to renew your membership. Or just fill out a membership card and make your donation that day, and you'll still be entered in the raffle.

You don't need to be present for the drawing, but please do come and enjoy seeing some friends and neighbors and sharing in some holiday cheer!

LFC BOARD UPDATE

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

On behalf of the entire membership and Lordship community, we wish to thank Matthew Silberger for his years as President. Matt has been pivotal at bringing several new events to the Club's roster, including Lordship SMARTS, a science and technology fair and expo, and a Creative Writing Contest. Both of these academically oriented events have been met with great enthusiasm and tremendous participation from the students of Lordship school, as well as Lordship residents in other elementary schools. Matt is an avid outdoorsman and camper, so he is quite familiar with the adage "leave your campsite a little better than you found it". Well, Matt truly brought that philosophy to the Club and he certainly leaves it a little better than he found it. Technically, Matt hasn't really left us, and will be continuing to serve on the board as Sergeant at Arms. He will be a tremendous asset in helping us transition. Thank you for all you've brought to the Club and to our community, Matt!

Taking over as President will be Christopher Hewitt. Chris has served for several years as a Vice President, and been an active board member and volunteer for our Club. As a Lordship native, he is very familiar with the LFC and our long history. We are confident Chris will do an excellent job in his new role. Congratulations, Chris!

John Roberts, previous Sergeant at Arms, will no longer serve on the board, but will continue to be a valuable volunteer for the Club. While John served as Sergeant at Arms, he did a tremendous job of maintaining the LFC clubhouse, as well as helping improve much of the "behind the scenes" workings of the Club. You certainly have noticed John's handiwork if you have seen our sandwich board style signs for upcoming events. John built brand new signs, painted them black, and designed them to hold the new vinyl signs we now use for promoting events. Thank you for all you've done, John!

Finally, we'd like to welcome our newest board member, Vin Massey, as a Vice President. Vin has recently become quite active in the Club, attending meetings and volunteering at many events. He is already proving to be a great asset to our Club. Welcome, Vin!

The remaining members of our Board will serve another year before their terms expire at our next elections in June of 2016. Thank you, all, for your continuing service and support of our club 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 volunteer families. 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](http://www.lordshipfathersclub.com), or email:

sunshine@lordshipfathersclub.com

LORDSHIP SCHOOL PTA AWARD

Every spring, all of the Connecticut Parent & Teachers Associations convene for an Annual Awards Banquet. This past May, the Lordship School PTA was awarded the "CT PTA Award for Excellence in Family and Community Involvement" for their relationship with the Lordship Fathers' Club. The Club was recognized for its strong and continuing support of the PTA, as well as for hosting and sponsoring many of the enriching events, such as Lordship SMARTS, a Creative Writing Contest, and the Annual Spelling Bee. We are very happy to share in this recognition with the Lordship PTA. Congratulations!

HOW CAN I HELP?

We're glad you asked! The Lordship Fathers' Club is always looking for extra hands to help at our events. There's actually only one qualification—you're willing to show up and help out. We're not limited to Lordship Fathers, so if you just want to lend a hand and meet some neighbors (and have a great time, too), reach out to us. Contact any of our Board members, or get on our email list on our [website](http://www.lordshipfathersclub.com). We'll keep you posted of upcoming events and if we need any help in particular. Thank you for all your support!

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LORDSHIP LIGHT TOUR

On Saturday, August 8, the U.S. Coast Guard opened the Lordship Lighthouse to the public for free tours.

Originally scheduled from 9 AM to 3 PM, the tours lasted well into the evening, the last tour of the day ending at 6:55 PM. Tours were conducted by current light house keeper, Captain Edward Cubanski, commander of Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound. Ed is also a Vice President and active member of the Lordship Fathers' Club.

By the end of the day, 2,318 visitors had toured the lighthouse. Most of the visitors were from the surrounding area, but some came from as far away as Canada, Mexico, Argentina, and even Japan. Though the line at times was quite long, wrapping around the property of the lighthouse, visitors felt it was truly worth the wait. Public tours of working lighthouses are fairly rare opportunities, so many of the people attending were very excited to get inside and be able to walk up the spiral stairs to the lookout on top.

Some of the visitors were literally neighbors of the lighthouse, and had lived in Lordship for decades without ever having the chance to get inside. They were especially eager and thrilled to have this opportunity to finally be able to enter and tour the light. It didn't hurt that it was a beautiful day and the Point itself offers, arguably, the best views of the Sound in all of Lordship.

"Lighthouses are a part of our nation's historic treasury and proudly served the mariners as a beacon of safety to

the valuable ports of our country," said Capt. Cubanski. "Each lighthouse tells a unique story of the coastal community it serves. We are honored to have the opportunity to provide this open house to share the history of this light and community with the public."



The first light on Stratford Point was built in 1822. It was replaced with the current cast-iron tower in 1881. The tower stands 35 feet tall

and was one of the first prefabricated cylindrical lighthouses in the United States. Before a lighthouse was built, large bonfires were lit to help signal to boats.

Starting on July 1, 1939, the U.S. Coast Guard took over management of lighthouses.

A HAIKU

Remember learning about haiku's in school? Here's a quick refresher. A haiku is a simple 3 line poem form that originated in Japan. The first and last line have 5 syllables and the middle line has 7 syllables. Rhyming is purely optional. Here's a little sample:

*Lordship Fathers' Club
Brings families and neighbors
Together each year*

Try one yourself! Or better yet, have a haiku contest with your kids. Who needs Netflix!

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