



Lordship Fathers' Club

21 ½ Prospect Drive – Lordship

Celebrating 67 Years!!! 1947-2014

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Summer 2014

CALENDAR

Club Meetings

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

Sept 3rd
Oct 1st

BANDS ON THE BLUFFS

Sunday 5pm-7pm.
July 20th
August 24th

FISHING DERBY

Sept. 20th 7:00am
Russian Beach
Rain or Shine

'M' IS FOR MUSIC

September 21st
Lordship
Community Church
2pm

68th HALLOWEEN PARADE

Sat. October 25th
3:00pm - 4:30pm
Lordship School
Baseball Field

LORDSHIP SUMMER PICNIC

The Lordship Fathers Club held its annual Bash at the Beach picnic on June 21st on the Bluffs. Many Lordship families attended the event throughout the day, where warm sunny skies prevailed, accompanied by an occasional onshore sea breeze, and great live music. There was plenty of summer BBQ food and beverages to be had, and games and activities 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 32" High definition Flat Screen TV.

This year's raffle winners were as follows:

- 1st: DeeDee H. - 32" HD Flat Screen LED TV
- 2nd: Charles E. - Four N.Y. Yankee Tickets Home Game
- 3rd: Mia. L. - \$75 certificate to Luigi's of Fairfield
- 4th: Marlene S. - \$75 certificate to Vazzy's
- 5th: Matt R. - \$75 certificate to Acapulco's
- 6th: Chas B. - \$50 certificate to Knapp's Landing
- 7th: Christopher S.- \$50 certificate to Lordship Pizza
- 8th: Robert P. - \$50 certificate to Sitting Duck Tavern
- 9th: Tom H. - \$50 certificate to Marnicks
- 10th: Marianne C. - \$50 certificate to Hong Kong Tokyo

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 - Vazzy's of Stratford - and Knapp's Landing.** Please show your 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 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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LFC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Lordship Fathers' Club would like to thank all who participated in last year's annual Fall [Membership Drive](#); your contributions allow us to continue to enriching the social well-being of Lordship's youth and providing a focal point for community based activities. Your generous contributions ensure the traditions of the Club continue.

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LORDSHIP FATHERS CLUB PRESENTS...

In case you missed it, the LFC debuted a new event in May – a concert series titled [“M is for Music”](#). Each month that contains the letter ‘M’ will feature a live concert held on a Sunday afternoon at the Lordship Community Church. The May concert featured Lordship resident Larry Haddad leading a jazz quintet comprised of some excellent musicians from the area and New York City. Besides featuring Larry on alto saxophone, the band featured Jacob Varmus on trumpet, Nobuki Takamen on guitar, Preston Murphy on acoustic bass, and Barry Ries on drums (Barry is also an accomplished trumpet player, and has performed with some of the legends of jazz including Horace Silver, Joe Lovano, and countless others.)

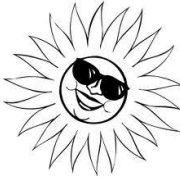
The concert held on Sunday May 21st, was attended by a number of families and music fans that fine spring afternoon. Attendees were treated to 3 original compositions by Larry, as well as jazz standards by Dexter Gordon, Charles Mingus, Tadd Dameron, and even a “modern” classic by Pharrell Williams – the very popular “Happy”. Many in the audience completed a survey, and the feedback was quite positive, with unanimous support for this event and future musical events sponsored by the LFC. After the concert a parent appreciated the “Q & A” that her daughter had after the concert with Jake, the trumpet player. It quickly occurred to us that beyond the opportunity to hear live music performed by top professionals, these concerts also offer a learning opportunity – especially to the budding musicians in the audience. Going forward, we will be including a formal “Q & A”, post concert. This will be optional, of course, but we encourage you to stay and ask questions of the performers and take advantage of their knowledge and experience.

We are very much looking forward to the upcoming concerts. On September 21st, Jacob Varmus will be back leading his own sextet of New York based musicians, and performing original music from his latest recording project. Next, on November 16th, the Saxtet will be performing. The Saxtet is a band comprised of a “big band” saxophone section (2 tenor saxophonists, 2 alto saxophonists, and a baritone saxophonist), plus a rhythm section of piano, bass, and drums. Led by Milford native, Darren Litzie, the band performs his original arrangements of a variety of jazz standards. We will also be holding a holiday themed concert in December; final details will be announced soon.

And if you can't wait that long, please come down to the bluffs this summer and enjoy our “sister” concert series “Bands on the Bluffs”! (See other article in the newsletter.)

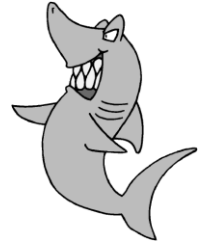
SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CORNER

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. Should you know anyone in Lordship who could use a 'Ray of Sunshine' and you think the Sunshine Committee may be of assistance, contact us via the LFC website or email at: sunshine@lordshipfathersclub.com



FISHING DERBY !!!

Some would say the best fishing of the season is from 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 20th timed with the incoming tide. 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!



VOLUNTEER OPPURTUNITIES

Sign-up and Get involved

Been to a Lordship Fathers' Club event and occasionally thought about getting involved? The LFC is always looking for volunteers who seek the opportunity to make a difference. With busy lives, it can be hard to find time to volunteer on a consistent basis. However, the amount of involvement is up to you - even if you signed up to help with one or two events - you would be making a positive impact in our community. Share your email on the website to be included on our ['Volunteer'](#) list today - and we'll send you updates on when we can most use your help.



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 Cherele Murtha.

The LFC Sunshine Committee will be selling flower bulbs in time for fall planting again this year. 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 750 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!

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BANDS ON THE BLUFFS

Summer Music – Lordship Style

You may be aware that the LFC has launched a new event, “M is for Music”, a concert series held on a Sunday afternoons in March, May, September, November, and December. As an offshoot, we have also launched an outdoor summer series called “Bands on the Bluffs”. If you attended the LFC Picnic on June 21st, you got a first taste, as Lordship resident (and LFC Secretary) Larry Haddad led a jazz quartet and performed a variety of songs for the crowd. We have two more concerts planned.

On **Sunday, July 20, 5:00 to 7:00 PM**, we are pleased to present [The George Lesiw Band](#) (a trio of guitar, bass, and drums). They will be playing a variety of jazzy, funky, and bluesy, originals and covers.

On **Sunday, August 24, 5:00 to 7:00 PM**, we look very forward to [Sambeleza](#). Featuring the sounds of Brazil – from bossa nova to samba, and a whole lot in between – this band is sure to have you dancing and swaying to the infectious rhythms of Latin America.

Come out with your family – pack some snacks and drinks – and enjoy these great bands just steps away from home on the beautiful back drop of Russian Beach!

The concerts are sponsored by the LFC and rely on contributions of attendees to keep the program viable. We welcome all to join the LFC, and you are always welcome to make a donation to help us cover the costs of these music events. For more details, please check out the club web site.



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Some of the 2014 LFC Beach Picnic Volunteers (from left): John Roberts, Mark Cody, Paul Chisholm, Matt Silberger, Matt Ralabate, Larry Haddad, Tom Halverson, Ed Cubanski.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Every June, half of the six member LFC executive board members are up for election. After more than a decade of service, Mark Cody has offered to step down and help transition the newly elected Ed Cubanski as a new Vice President. Ed is a new Lordship resident who attends meetings regularly, is an active volunteer, and has brought great ideas and enthusiasm to the club. The Lordship Fathers’ Club would like to thank Mark Cody for all his hard work and service to the club over the years as Vice President and beyond. Mark’s commitment to the club and volunteering spirit at LFC events including coordinating the Fishing Derby and the Beach Picnic where he ran many activities for the kids. His service has been greatly appreciated by the community and we are optimistic he will stay involved.



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MAIN STREET FESTIVAL

This year on June 7th the LFC participated in the Stratford Main Street Festival, which the LFC has participated in every event of its kind since the inception. The LFC served cool refreshing Micalizzi Italian Ice on that warm afternoon. 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 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. It was a success thanks to you!!!



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You are reviewing the Lordship Fathers' Club E-Newsletter. 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.

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READY...SET....SPELL?

The LFC sponsored the 56th annual spelling bee on Wednesday, May 21st 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 all 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! Many thanks to moderator Rich Diedrichsen who has helped deliver this event to our Lordship community for 40 years – a tremendous commitment to say the least!

1st place: Jessica Maldonado

2nd Place: Joshua Montanez

3rd Place: Sklyer Boibeaux

4th Place: Katie Fontan

5th Place: George Iriba

A BIT OF LORDSHIP HISTORY....

The first inhabitants of Lordship were the Paugussetts, who had encampments at Stratford Point and at Indian Well near the rotary. When the first settlers arrived in 1639, they found that the Paugussetts had used this area to plant corn so there was little clearing necessary.

Originally Lordship, called Great Neck, was a Common Field worked and owned by settlers who returned home to the safety of the palisade fort at night. Richard Mills was the first to build a farmhouse in Great Neck in the western end near present day Second Avenue. It is in connection with his name that the term Lordship is first found, as applied to a meadow on what became known as the Lordship farm. In colonial days, there were a few farms and very little trees on the windswept landscape. Stories abound of pirates, buried treasure, smuggling and the British landing troops on Stratford Point due to its isolation. Lordship would remain an isolated area with a few farms for the next couple of centuries.

In 1815, Captain Samuel Nichols built the oldest house in Lordship on Fourth Avenue with his privateering profits from the War of 1812. The house would become known as the Lordship Manor. In 1822 the first lighthouse was built and the area became known as Stratford Point.

William Hopson would acquire the Manor house and begin the transformation of Lordship into what it is today. He built the road to Bridgeport in the late 1880's and formed the Lordship Park Association in 1896. The LPA would be the largest developer in Lordship before dissolving in 1981. The LPA sold 500 acres in western Lordship to the Wilkenda Corporation in 1911. Both companies worked to develop Lordship into a resort. They built the Lordship Casino in Lordship Center, the Lordship Pavilion, a dance hall, bathing facilities and a tent camp at Lordship Beach. They built a trolley line in 1915 to connect Lordship with Bridgeport. Gradually lots were sold and houses built after World War I. The LPA reacquired the property of the Wilkenda Company in 1922. The Lordship Improvement Association was formed in 1924 and worked with the LPA to design the tree lined medians and donate park land to Stratford. The LPA would donate Russian Beach and Bluffs to the LIA in 1938. The LPA retained possession of the land east of Spruce Street until after World War II, when it started developing to the lighthouse.

Today Lordship remains the recreational center of Stratford with the beaches, golf course and Little League complex at Short Beach. Lordship has three Churches; Lordship Community, Our Lady of Peace and St. Joseph's National. Lordship School built in 1938 on land donated by the residents remains a source of pride for the community. Lordship has always been known for its volunteerism. The Stratford Volunteer Fire Company #3 dates its roots back over 100 years in Lordship. The Lordship Improvement Association has been guiding the development of Lordship since 1924 and maintains Russian Beach and Bluffs.

The Lordship Fathers Club has served Lordship since 1947.

To learn more about the history of Lordship courtesy of Fathers' Club member and past LFC President Tom Halverson, visit:

[Lordship History](#)