



Lordship Fathers' Club

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WINTER 2015

CALENDAR

LFC Meetings

First Wednesday
of every month
LFC Clubhouse

8:00 PM

MAR 4th

APR 1st

MAY 6th

INDOOR SOCCER

MONDAY

MARCH 23rd

4:30PM-7:00PM

at

GOOOAL SPORTS

ALL LORDSHIP

6th GRADE

SPELLING BEE

MARCH 27th - 7pm
LORDSHIP SCHOOL

EASTER

EGG HUNT

SATURDAY

MARCH 28th

1:00pm

ON THE BLUFFS

at the base of

VICTORIA LAWN

rain date

MARCH 29th

LFC 25th ANNUAL SANTA BREAKFAST

Breakfast with Santa, on Saturday December 13th at Our Lady of Peace Hall, was well attended with many families and children of all ages. Good weather this year saw an increase in attendance and a good time was had by all. Santa was thrilled to see so many of the good children from Lordship this year. Santa Claus has joined us for the past 25 years and always enjoys talking with more than 150 children from Lordship, and the children are not hesitant to share their most



desired Christmas wishes as they posed for a few photos. We all enjoyed an abundance of pancakes, sausages, and hot chocolate courtesy of the breakfast provided by the very busy chef volunteers from the Lordship Fathers' Club.



The Lordship Fathers Club would like to thank volunteers, Christopher Hewitt, Matt Ralabate, Paul Chisholm, Mark Cody, Ed Cubanski, Larry Haddad, Tom Halverson, Dan Pato, John Roberts, Tom O'Connor, Jenn Silberger, Shirley Cubanski, Carrie Chisholm, Pat Starkey, Kate Koda, Joanna Haddad, Dung Stafford, and Cyndi Casinelli who were all responsible for bringing this special event to our community this year. We appreciate their time and energy during this busy holiday season to help the neighborhood gather and share in the holiday spirit.



MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

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LORDSHIP SMARTS

On February 6th at the Lordship School from 5-7pm, The Lordship Fathers Club sponsored the Annual Lordship Science Expo, **LORDSHIP SMARTS**. It is open to any student, grades K-12, who resides in Lordship or attends Lordship School. Those who attended the event last month enjoyed the opportunity to participate in a variety of science based activities and witness the many amazing projects produced by local students.

All students who participate in LORDSHIP SMARTS received a participation certificate, and 21 prizes were delivered over the course of the evening including recognition of the top three exhibits in each of the following categories: **Invention, Science through Art, Scientific Experiment, and Scientific Display**. The Norwalk Maritime Aquarium, had a special presentation this year with many small sea creatures on display for the students to observe and learn from Marine Scientists. Also participating, were Stratford High School Science Honor Society Students who helped run activities and share their enthusiasm for science.



Lordship SMARTS is designed to demonstrate that 'Science can be fun', and to stimulate and nourish a fond interest in science. All children should have a sense of pride and accomplishment derived from participation in a Science Exposition, where the community can gather and appreciate children's efforts in science.

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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 –

Ed Cubanski, Pete Carlson, Jamie Stafford, Hugh Welch, Christina Blais, Janice Moore, Harold Griest, Bud Hewitt, Tom Halverson, Jenn Silberger, Larry Haddad, Paul Chisholm, Norwalk Maritime Aquarium and SHS technology education volunteer coordinator Russ Larson.



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Thanks to the support of the Lordship community, the LFC Sunshine Committee sold over 500 flower bulbs in time for fall planting to residents around Lordship. When the flowers bloom next spring, those who purchased bulbs will be the envy of their block proudly displaying their support of the LFC! The Sunshine Committee wishes to thank everyone in the community who supported its effort and wish to announce they do intend to sell again next fall with a mixed variety of bulbs.



The Sunshine Committee will use the funds raised from its fall bulb sale to expand its reach into the Lordship Community. Numerous 'Rays of Sunshine' were delivered this year, including Committee-made baby quilts for the smallest Lordship residents and welcome baskets to new neighbors who have recently joined our community.

Those of you familiar with the LFC Sunshine Committee understand its dedication 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. Click here to request a [Ray of Sunshine](#) for a member of our Lordship Community.

Members of this group are mainstay volunteers at Lordship Fathers' Club events, including the Halloween Parade, Beach Picnic, and Easter Egg Hunt. The committee typically gathers socially once a month, planning an assortment of events; such as family iceskating, Holiday cookie exchange, or enjoying a 'Girls Night Out'. The Fathers Club appreciates all of the contributions and energy The Sunshine Ladies bring to the community. If you are interested in becoming involved or learning more, sunshine@lordshipfathersclub.com

LFC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We would like to thank all who participated in our Fall Membership Drive - your contributions allow us to continue enriching the social well being of Lordship's youth and proving a focal point for community based activities.

Thank you to our many members who continue to support us over the years and the dozens who became members for the first time this year! Every dollar you contribute goes towards ensuring the traditions of the club continue.

Those still wanting to renew their 2014-15 membership this season, or interested in becoming a new member, sign up today by clicking the Blue Membership card below.

The Lordship Fathers' Club is supported entirely through donations and the generosity of the families and businesses throughout the community. When you give a tax-deductible donation to the Lordship Fathers' Club, you are helping to provide hours of entertainment for the local youth. You are also supporting opportunities for the community to gather throughout the year and outreach to members of our community who are in need.

Anyone in the Lordship community is welcome to become a member of the LFC by simply returning a [membership card](#) with a donation. Becoming a member does not obligate you to anything else! Beyond adding to the sense of pride knowing your membership is supporting the Lordship community, you could also volunteer at one of our many events. From serving pancakes at Breakfast with Santa, hiding Easter eggs, or judging costumes at the annual Halloween Parade, volunteers are always welcome. But if a monetary donation is all you can give for now - we thank you for that!

As stewards of your donation, the Lordship Fathers' Club puts your generous contributions back into our treasured community. For decades the LFC has been conscientious in our spending, often operating on a limited budget, with every dollar going towards ensuring the traditions of the club continue.

LORDSHIP FATHERS' CLUB, Inc.

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Yes, I would like to volunteer to help out with LFC events!

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CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

Any student in grades 4th through 8th, who reside in Lordship, or currently attends Lordship School, may submit one entry on each of the specified topics, but may win no more than one prize. Details of the contest and entry forms can be found on the [Lordship Fathers' Club website](#). Similar to last year, winning compositions are eligible to be published in the upcoming Lordship Fathers' Club Spring 2015 Newsletter.

Students wishing to participate should craft an original work, between 350-450 words, submitted to the Lordship School Main Office or the Lordship Fathers' Club by **Friday, March 6th 2015**.

The writing must follow one of the following creative writing prompts:

- 1) Describe what happens on the day only students show up at school.
- 2) What would your day be like if you were President of the United States?
- 3) While walking along the beach, you notice something sticking out of the sand. Describe what it could be.



LORDSHIP EASTER EGG HUNT

The Lordship Fathers Club will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt at the base of Victoria Lawn on Saturday March 28th at 1:00pm (weather permitting). This is one of our most popular events so be sure to bring your Easter Basket and hunt for colored eggs on the Bluffs which may be exchanged for a chocolate Easter bunny delight. Rain date will be March 29th at 1pm if necessary.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

For a number of years the Lordship Fathers Club has held a very informal competition using barely qualified judges to decide the winners of the neighborhood holiday lighting contest. This year's annual holiday lighting contest was held on the evening of Sunday, December 21st. The judges found many well-decorated lighting displays and a challenging decision making process.

Congratulations to the top three winners were for 2014:

- 423 Crown Street
- 40 Cherry Street
- 404 Curtis Ave

The community appreciates how much energy each family puts into sharing the festive spirit with all of us to enjoy as we stroll around Lordship during the holidays. Each winner received a gift basket of assorted items from the Club. Each year's winners are excluded from the next three years of competition; so be ready for next season as your decorative efforts could place you in the winner's circle. Most importantly thanks to all of this year's Lordship residents for the effort you spend in decorating your home exteriors; it certainly makes our holiday season merrier.



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ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

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 hosted its annual Fishing Derby on the morning of September 20th. A wide variety of sea creatures were landed this year on Russian Beach. LFC volunteer Marc Cody along Ed Cubanski, and other parents helped children bait hooks and measure the catch through the early morning which saw favorable tide and weather conditions.



Congratulations to the contest winners –

- Asher Rosenberg
- Lucas and Quinn Routhier
- John and Mclellan Stratton

Despite the early morning cloudy skies, and a bit breezy conditions, more than two dozen enthusiastic children and families prepared for the weather, fished relentlessly through the morning hours to attempt to win themselves a prize. See you next fall on the beach, and don't forget to bring your lucky lure.

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LFC INDOOR SOCCER NIGHT



It's been a long cold winter, and a while since we've seen a fresh cut green grass. Thanks to the generosity of GOOOAL SPORTS and

coordination of the LFC, children from the Lordship community are welcome to join us on some great artificial turf right here in Stratford. We'll be kicking the ball around late afternoon the last Monday in March, followed by pizza and refreshments.

It has been a Fathers' Club tradition to create an opportunity for a local indoor activity during the cold weather winter months where children can gather to escape the biting cold and snowy conditions, get some exercise and enjoy time with friends as Spring approaches.

Although no formal soccer instruction is planned, two fields will be offered and children are encouraged to bring running shoes and a soccer ball of any size if available.

We are very appreciative that GOOOAL Sports is generous enough to make time for this activity on their busy calendar and looking forward to you joining us on Monday afternoon, March 23rd from 4:30pm-7:00pm.

[GOOOAL Sports](#) runs clinic and soccer leagues year round, offering terrific opportunities and instruction for all ages and all skill levels. They are located next to Town Fair Tire in Stratford, at 1791 Stratford Ave, Stratford, CT.

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LORDSHIP FATHERS' CLUB

2014 – 2015 Event Schedule

- Fishing Derby – September 20th
- Halloween parade – October 25th
- Santa Breakfast – December 13th
- Lordship SMARTS – February 7th
- Indoor Soccer – March 23rd
- Writing Contest – Feb 9th - Mar 9th
- 6th Gr. Spelling Bee – March 27th
- Easter Egg Hunt – March 28th
- Stratford Day – June 6th
- Beach Picnic – June 14th

LFC ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE

On the bright Saturday afternoon of October 25th many Lordship trick-or-treaters participated in the Lordship Fathers Club



longest-running event. Held at the Lordship School baseball field (directly behind the Fathers Clubhouse) the event was creepy, kooky and all together spooky; there were witches, fairies, ghosts, ghouls and adorably dressed toddlers. The Sunshine Committee put together a terrific variety of pre-parade activities including, face painting, fortune telling, guessing jars, and spooky music, not to mention plenty of Halloween sweets and treats.



With more than 100 kids in costume marching in the parade, the judges had plenty of deliberation in determining the top three in each of the following categories: scariest, funniest, most original, cutest, and best group. The LFC would like to recognize all of the volunteers who contributed tremendously to the events overwhelming success: Paul Chisholm, Tom, Halverson,

John Roberts, Matt Ralabate, Kate Koda, Liz Jennings-Lax, Amy Cook, Shira McCain,



Larry Haddad, Chris Mamone, Jenn Silberger, Matt Silberger, Pat Starkey, Dung Stafford, Cyndi Casinelli, and Amy Buynovsky. [Click here for a Photo Gallery.](#)

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