



Lordship Fathers' Club

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E-NEWSLETTER - WINTER EDITION

WINTER 2014

CALENDAR

LFC Meetings

First Wednesday
of every month
LFC Clubhouse

8:00 PM

FEB 5th

MAR 5th

APR 2nd

MAY 7th

LORDSHIP SMARTS

FEBRUARY 7th

5:00PM

LORDSHIP SCHOOL
REGISTRATION DUE
JANUARY 24th

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY

APRIL 12th 1:00pm

ON THE BLUFFS

at the base of

VICTORIA LAWN

rain date

APRIL 13th

6th GRADE SPELLING BEE

Middle of May

Date TBD

LFC 24th ANNUAL SANTA BREAKFAST

Breakfast with Santa, held Saturday December 14th at Our Lady of Peace Hall, was well attended with many families and children of all ages. This year's event was accompanied by the addition of some snowy conditions, which made travel to and from the event a bit trickier,



but added nicely to the atmosphere, and certainly made it easier for Santa to park his sleigh on the church lawn. Santa was thrilled to see so many of the good children from Lordship this year. Santa enjoyed talking with more than 150+ children from Lordship, and the children were 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 excellent breakfast 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, Bobby Buynovsky, Dan Pato, Dave Buzzanca, John Roberts, Tom O'Connor, Jenn Silberger, Shirley Cubanski, Pat Starkey, 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 7th at the Lordship School from 5-8pm, The Lordship Fathers Club will sponsor the Second Annual ALL Lordship Science Fair, **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 year enjoyed the opportunity to participate in a variety of

science based activities and witness the many amazing projects produced by local students. [Click here for a Photo Gallery.](#)

All students who participate in LORDSHIP SMARTS this year will receive a participation certificate, and prizes will be awarded to the top three exhibits in each of the following categories: **Invention, Science through Art, Scientific Experiment, and Scientific Display**. For those interested in participating, registration forms are due to the LFC or Lordship School before **January 24th** to be included in the event program. The registration form and SMARTS handbook can be found on the LFC website or by clicking here: [LORDSHIP SMARTS](#)



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.

Last year's first 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 –

James Brunetti, Jim Lynch, Hugh Welch, Christina Blais, Janice Moore, Kevin Murtha, Tom Halverson, Jenn Silberger, Sam Pivarnik, Mike Rosen, Dung Stafford, Kathy D'Amico, Jenny Cooper, and Paul Chisholm.



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Thanks to the support of the Lordship community, the LFC Sunshine Committee sold over 750 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, contact : sunshine@lordshipfathersclub.com

LFC 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 2013-14 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.

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

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LORDSHIP?

What's going on in Lordship? With a multitude of groups now actively participating in the online calendar found on the Lordship Fathers Club website, it's easier now more than ever to see what's happening in our community. The calendar currently includes events hosted by the LFC, SAIL, LIA, Lordship PTA, and PYE. The calendar also incorporates the Lordship School calendar and additional events which may be of interest to residents. If you have an event which Lordship residents should be aware of, and would like to have it added to the calendar, send the info to: info@lordshipfathersclub.com

Lordship Community Calendar						
**** UNOFFICIAL CALENDAR OF LORDSHIP EVENTS ****						
June 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Lordship School Closed	28 Memorial Day Lordship School closed	29	30 6 am - 8 am Lordship PTA Family Photo Night Fundraiser	31	June 1	
3	4	5	6 8 am - 9 am PFC Monthly Meeting	7 7 am - 8 am SAIL Decontamination Committee Meeting	8	9 8 am - 12 pm SAIL Family Beach Walk LONG BEACH 10 am - 2 pm Lordship School PTA Book Sale
10	11 6 pm - 7:30 pm SAIL Meeting 7:30 am - 9 am LFC Sunshine Committee meeting	12	13 7 am - 9 am Lordship Improvement Association Meeting PFC Clubhouse	14 Flag Day	15 8 am - 10 am SAIL Star Gazino on the Bluffs	16 8 am - 12 pm Lordship School, SAIL and Car Drive
17 Father's Day	18 8 am - 1 pm SAIL committee meeting	19	20 Lordship School Forecast Last Day of School	21 7 am - 8 am Lordship PTA Monthly Meeting	22	23 8 am - 2 pm SAIL Golf Day
24 9 am - 2 pm Eagle Scout Project to restore Grego Ackley Park	25	26	27	28	29	30

QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS CALENDAR CONTACT: MJS1995@OPTONLINE.NET



LORDSHIP EASTER EGG HUNT

The Lordship Fathers Club will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt at the base of Victoria Lawn on Saturday April 12th at 1:00pm (weather permitting). This is one of our most popular events so be sure to bring your Easter Basket and hunt for eggs on the Bluffs and exchange in a chocolate Easter bunny delight. Rain date will be on Sunday April 13th at 1pm.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

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



Congratulations to the top three winners were for 2013:

- Dennis Torres and Jessica Wooldridge of 706 Riverdale Drive
- The Bennettson Family of 192 Washington Parkway
- The Rimkunas Family of 425 Second 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.



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 21st. A wide variety of sea creatures were landed this year on Russian Beach. LFC volunteer Marc Cody along with Christopher Hewitt, and other parents helped children bait hooks and measure the catch through the early morning which saw favorable tide and weather conditions.

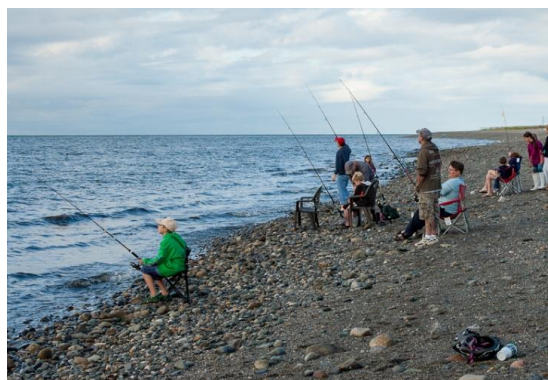


Congratulations to the contest winners –

- 1st Place Zack Kenny
- 2nd place Liam McCoart
- 3rd Place Bridget Hewitt

Despite the early morning cloudy skies, more than a dozen enthusiastic children 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.

[Click here for a Photo Gallery.](#)



UPDATE FROM PYE

Protect Your Environment of Stratford would like remind everyone about Project Green Sweep in Stratford, which will take place this Spring to include a Town wide clean-up of all public areas. Monitor the PYE website for updates on the specific date for this town wide



event and take the opportunity to help beautify our town. Choose an area or call town hall to find a place. Clean-up materials will be provided. Call your friends, pick an area and make a difference. Additionally, PYE would like to share a link to the PYE website: www.pyestratfordct.org Members of the community can sign-up to receive updates or review recent news regarding the environment and projects PYE is working on here in Stratford.

LIA UPDATE

Russian Beach Dune Replenishment Project: The Lordship Improvement Association is again planning to work with the Town of Stratford on a project to use discarded Christmas trees as snow fences to help build up the sand dunes at Russian Beach. The LIA will need plenty of volunteers and anyone with experience in this type of a project. Work will be on Saturday January 18th and 25th from 10am to 1pm. Volunteers are asked to dress warmly, bring work gloves and meet at the Bluffs. The Town of Stratford will provide the Christmas trees. For additional upcoming LIA projects involving Russian Beach, please visit the website at: <http://www.lordshipct.org/>

LORDSHIP PTA NEWS

The Lordship PTA is excited to announce that Lordship School will again be submitting entries for the Reflections Program. The Reflections Program is a National PTA sponsored Program to encourage student creativity and self-expression through the arts. This year's theme is "Believe, Dream and Inspire." There are six categories consisting of literature, musical composition, dance choreography, film production, photography, and visual arts. The PTA will display our students' submissions throughout the school. In addition, participating students will be rewarded with an ice cream social. Winners of the contest will then move on to the state level with an opportunity to be recognized nationally. We are so proud of our students and we wish them good luck as they go on through the judging process! Use the link below to learn more about upcoming events at the [Lordship School PTA](#)



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Friend the Lordship Fathers' Club to stay connected with upcoming LFC events. [LFC FACEBOOK PAGE](#)



LORDSHIP FATHERS' CLUB

2013 – 2014 Event Schedule

- Fishing Derby – September 21st
- Halloween parade – October 26th
- Santa Breakfast – December 14th
- Lordship SMARTS – February 7th
- Indoor Soccer – March *TBD*
- Essay Writing Contest - March
- Easter Egg Hunt – April 12th
- 6th Grade Spelling Bee – May 14th
- Stratford Day – June 7th
- Beach Picnic – End of June

LFC ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE

On the bright Saturday afternoon of October 26th 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, Ed Cubanski, Matt Ralabate, Shirley Cubanski, Bobby Buynovsky, Christina Blais, Dan Pato, Tom McCain, Larry Haddad, Sam Pivarnik, Chris Mamone, Jenn Silberger, Matt Silberger, Pat Starkey, Dung Stafford, Cyndi Casinelli, Amanda Baeza, Cherelle Murtha, and Amy Buynovsky.

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