

We are in the process of expanding the Lake Chaffee Newsletter. Some of the features will include a Calendar of Events, a Bulletin Board for your upcoming special personal events, a Creative Corner for Arts and Literature, a Salute to Donors, a Welcome Wagon Greetings to New Residents, and I'm Looking For.... Swap, Trade or Sell feature, and a Share Your Wealth of Wisdom column, with helpful hints about gardening, cooking, cleaning, etc. We also welcome anyone who wants to help us in the production of the paper.

The Lake Chaffee Newsletter

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President's Corner

by Gay Leedie

I have been asked to say a few words. First, I am glad to be **servng as president** again. I am hoping for a very productive year. With the enthusiasm from the current Board of Directors I predict it to be a great year for LCIA. By no means will it be an easy year; we have many large problems to tackle this year. Finances, environmental, safety, and our governmental system all must have resolution for our community to survive and thrive. Because I want as much public input as possible, I am structuring our board meeting to be a round table of idea exchange on different topics each month. After living on the lake twenty years I am sure that the discussions will have all sides represented and could be heated at times. I am not afraid of the issues stirring up everyone as long as we all remember that we feel passionately about our views because we all care so much about our lake community. Some meetings we will bring in "experts" to help us gain a better understanding of the issue.

We will have discussions on, *budget needs*, how to get more money and how to spend the money wisely *environmental issues*, *what is the fertilizer* we put on our lawns doing to the lake, are we ever going to resolve the sewer question, *safety issues*, are we going to live by our ordinances. and on *governmental issues*, *what are the pros and cons on*

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Enjoying a Summer Moment: left to right Dennis holding Nick Brenda holding Rachel Samantha, Jack, and Face (the dog)

Budget Meeting and Ice Social Scheduled for Sunday

We will be holding our annual Open Meeting for approval of next year's proposed budget on Sunday, 19th at 2:00pm. We will also hold an informal ice cream social before that meeting from 1 - 15 until 2-00 pm. It will be a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and acquaint yourself with the LCIA Board of Directors. We will have sign up sheets for those of you who would like to get involved with our committees. (See related stories on page 2)

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President's Corner (continued from page one) We spent \$5000 more last year than we took in. You all know this can't continue. The question is how do we get the income that we need. The flip side of getting the money is how do we want to spend the money. The proposed budget for this fiscal year has eliminated everything deemed unessential. This was very hard for us to do. If our plea for donations surpasses our goal we will be able to re-establish the cut items. We will use September's Board meeting to brainstorm ways to increase our revenue. I am sure there are as many ideas as there are lake residents. I invite you to come September 12. at 7pm. If you have researched your idea a little before the meeting we may be able to implement it all that much sooner. I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Lake Association's last general meeting was on July 15, 2001. If you were not in attendance you may not realize that this was the Election of Officer's meeting. The following is the new list of officers' and their phone numbers and addresses:

President	Gay Leedie	58 Ashford Dr.	487-3754
Vice President	Emmy King	127 Lakeview Dr.	429-0711
Secretary	Linda Parent	129 Lakeview Dr.	487-6028
Treasurer	Jack Pirzl	3 Amidon Dr.	487- 3736
Directors	Sharon Bickford	12 Westford Dr.	429-7473
	Marilyn Delgrosso	121 Lakeview Dr.	487-3740
	Dennis Flaherty	131 Lakeview Dr.	429-3418/1870-9522
	Betty Dunn	23 Shorefront Dr.	487-3944
	Bill Thompson	10 Perch Dr.	429-6285
Alternates	Sandra Moquin	41 Lakeview Dr.	487-3619
	Eugenie Bagley	54 Ashford Dr.	4874203/487-3524
	Jason Sherman	5 Oak Dr.	487-4607
	Gerry Dufresne	87 Lakeview Dr.	487-3590



Volunteers needed to repair the dock after Budget Meeting on Sunday

Announcements Section

Please submit upcoming birthdays or important events that you would like mentioned in the newsletter. Anniversaries, graduations, student achievements, honor rolls, or sports activities are all welcome. Submit all information to Bill Thompson at 10 Perch Drive. or call Bill and leave a message at 429-6285. **August Birthdays and Anniversaries** Mary Michaud (Birthday) James Lucien Dufresne (Birthday) Milton and Mary Michaud (Anniversary) Ronnie and Kay Warren (Anniversary) **Going Off to College August 25th** Allison Leedie to Champlain College VT

CALENDAR NEWS

Sunday, **8/17/01** - Annual Budget Meeting - Time: 2 p.m. - Location: Chaffee Hall, Old Town Road

Wednesday, **9/5/01** - Deadline for October Newsletter items

Wednesday, **9/12/01** - LCIA Monthly Meeting - Time 7p.m. - Location: Chaffee Hall, Old Town Road.

Weekend of **10/6/01** Columbus Week-end - Proposed date for the Lowering of the Lake

Sunday, **10/28/01** - Halloween Party

Wednesday 11/7/01 - Deadline for November Newsletter items

Saturday, **11/17/01** - Lake Chaffee Holiday Bazaar

Volunteers Needed After The

Budget Meeting We need approximately six to eight volunteers to help Jerry Dufresne repair the dock at the boat launch. Volunteers can meet at the Budget Meeting and join Jerry and others for a quick placing of boat dock posts. The job won't take long and the more volunteers we get the faster the job will be. Let's fix the dock so it can be utilized for the last weeks of summer.

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Bingo: Times and Dimes are A-Changin'

31ngo Night at 7:00 p.m. every Saturday has been a mainstay at Lake Chaffee for many years. The snack bar opens at 6:00 and the games start at 7:00 p.m. It has been a wonderful social outlet for a number of residents and other neighbors from outside of Lake Chaffee. Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers and most especially local civic leader and bingo caller **Jack Pirzl**, Bingo has consistently our top fundraiser. Unfortunately due to lack of participation and competition with Casinos in Connecticut, Bingo revenues are at an a] time low. Total combined Bingo revenues in 1991 exceeded \$13,000.00 but we only made \$2,770.00 this past year. Bingo needs your help. Please come play, or volunteer. or help us figure out a way to advertise our weekly Bingo Game. We are currently having



Bingo - A Lake institution in dire need of help and attendance.

Welcome New Neighbors!

Lori Thompson of 10 Perch Drive, (429-6285) is heading up the Welcome Wagon. She will be visiting our new neighbors over the next few weeks to give a token of our hospitality. Please call her if you would like to help out with the welcome wagon. We will be bringing baked good, plant, and LCIA Bylaws and Town information to our new neighbors. If you are a new resident and we have not contacted you please feel free to contact Lori and she will get you your Welcome Wagon Packet. New Lake Chaffee Residents: *Chris P. and Dwayne P. Saletnik 110 Lakeview Drive *Ronald and Irene Gates 20 Armitage Court *Derek and Melissa Sikes 51 Ashford Drive *Richard Pecor 22 Circle Drive

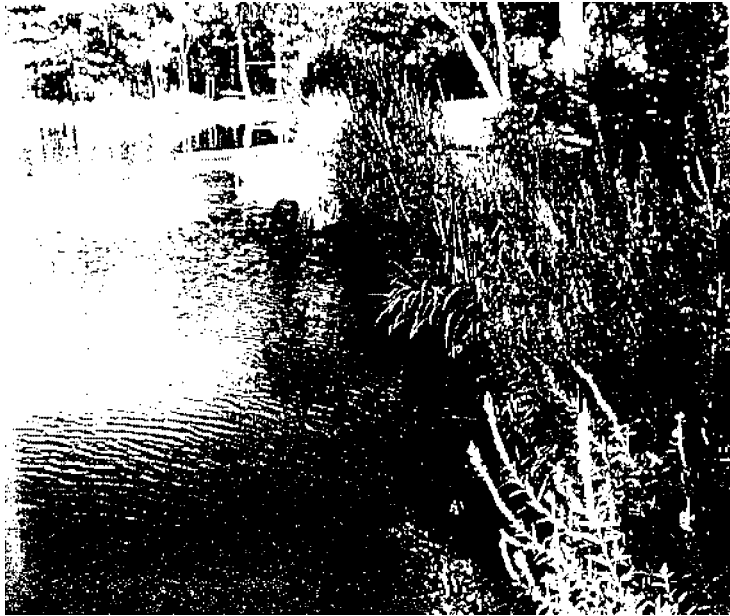
Paying More Than Your Dues

Local lakes charge \$200-\$250. a year for its association dues, Lake Chaffee is bound by its charter to limit its dues to only \$50. per year per property owner. We have to pay our share, and we should consider paying more. What amount is the Lake worth to you! We all benefit from its beauty, its recreational and sporting opportunities, and its charm. Please remember to pay your dues, and please consider donating your time, your talents, and your financial support to help us keep Lake Chaffee a wonderful place to live. Any money given to LCIA is tax deductible.

Board left with few Choices in Proposed Budget Last year we took in less revenue than we spend on necessary maintenance and community expenses. Our projected revenue for Bingo last year was \$7,000.00 but we were only able to collect \$2747.16 for Bingo. A number of other projected revenues fell short as well. We were forced to drastically dip into our savings account to make up for this shortfall. The LCIA Board was left with no choice but to cut a number of items for this year's budget. Among the items cut from this year's projected budget were Legal Budgeting, Recreation Fund, Fish Matching Fund Donation, The Swimming Fund, Beach Maintenance (Portable Bathroom), Lake Maintenance, LICA Fund, Lake Maintenance Fund, and the Telephone service to the Hall was cut. These cuts may seem drastic, but we had other pressing expenses that could not be ignored. Among these necessary expenses were Utilities for the Hall, Road Maintenance and Snow Plowing, Insurance, Building Maintenance, and Postage. The complete proposed budget for 2001-2002 can be found on Page Four of the Newsletter..

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Lake Chaffee in Bloom
Board of Directors
propose lowering the lake Columbus Week-end

Water Quality: Don't Get Goosed!

Across the state, geese and other pollutants have adversely affected quality of lakes. Earlier this summer we had a water test that failed. Since then we have had much better scores on the tests, but water quality remains an issue. Please make sure your septic system is safe, and do not dump things into the lake. We have publish all water quality reports in this newsletter.

Related Story-Gerry visits Sturbridge Village

Constable and road chairman Gerry Dufresne is investigating a technique to scare away the polluting and somewhat pesky geese. He recently visited Old Sturbridge Village and is considering utilizing a technique that they have been using with success for several years.

Past Water Quality Test Data

We have had the water tested at the main beach. The results are as followed: May 19<10. June 12, <60. June 25, <20 July 12 230, July 16, <1 0, July 23, <20 And we are waiting for results of Aug. 14,. State of CT maximum average allowable is 61/100ml.

Creative Corner

The editors propose a section where lake residents of all ages submit poetry. prose, doodles, drawings, or other literary things. In our initial offering, we had to resort to the musings of newly elected LCIA Board member Bill Thompson. Please submit your or your child's literary masterworks to the Editors by the first Wednesday of the Month for publication. If we receive late entries we will try to publish in the next newsletter. Please limit your works to 150 words or less.

What Dreams May Come

A short story by an anxious LCIA Board Member

The other night it was stiflingly hot. The usual lake breeze was non-existent, and the humidity was jungle like. My fan offered little comfort. I lay awake lamenting the heat. I had just returned from my inaugural LCIA Board meeting where we were desperately trying to figure out how we can pay for next year's snow plow contract. My mind drifted to winter. The thought of snow made me feel much cooler. I thought about a cold February night. I am dreaming now in the pale refracted moonlight of a snowstorm on the glowing lake. The house has no power and a foot of snow blankets everything, including the roads. Because we could not afford the snowplow guy the roads are impassible and I can't get to work. Power crews can't repair the lines. I toss and turn uneasily. Now the dream gets little weird. Now I am on a beach in **sunny Florida. I still own my home but only live at the Lake in the** summer. Why should I worry about snowplows? No worries, cool tropical breeze, shrimp dip, and those drinks with little umbrellas. But alas, my tropical dream is interrupted by news from my friendly Lake Chaffee neighbor who. calls to say that the water lines in my house are broken and the most amazing ice sculpture is forming in the area that used to be our guest bedroom. She says **the plumber could not get out to fix the pipe because the roads** were not plowed. After the snow melts he will check on what is left of my house. I wake up dripping in sweat, and realize it was all just a bad dream. Or is it?

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Proposed Budget 2001-2002, Income			
	Approved	Actual	Proposed
	00/01	00/01	01/02
Assocdction Taxes	12,000.0	12,142.001	12,100.00
Past Due ASSOC Taxes	1,200.00	750.00	800.00
Penalties	1,000.00	515.12	500.00
Interest	300.001	196.77	200.00
Donaifions	0.00	364.00	3,000.00
Rentals	0.00	0.00	
Bingo	7,000.00	2,747.30	3,000.00
Sealed tickets	2,500.00	1,749.30	2,000.00
LCIA Fundraisers	500.00	466.001	500.00
Fish Donations	0.00	200.001	0.00
Total income	24,500.00	19,130.491	00.00



So Long Old Friend... due to budget constraints LCIA budget had to cut the can contract for the rest of this yr. and next year.

Expenses			
Withholdings	Approved	Actual	Proposed
	00/01	00/01	01/02
Building Maintenance	2,200.00	1,538.90	1,700.00
Utilities	3,000.00	4,250.77	4,000.00
Office Expenses	800.00	508.75	700.00
Postage	400.00	334.00	400.00
Road Maintenance	13,000.00	91100.00	9,000.00
Insurance	5,100.00	5,174.92	5,200.00
Honorariums	850.00	850.00	850.00
Contingency	200.00	0.00	200.00
Swimming	300.00	0.00	50.00
Audit	0.00	0.00	
Legal	1,500.00	0.00	
Recreation	300.00	164.00	
Beach Maintenance	700.00	634.66	
Lake Acintencnce	500.00	160.00	
ICA Fund	500.00	466.00	
Lake Maint. Fund	0.00	340.00	
Fish Fund	650.00	500.00	
Total expenses	30,000.00	24,022.00	21,100.00

What Price Paradise? Dennis Flaherty

"We love the things we love for what they are" Robert Frost

If you're like me, I know there's many special moments during the year when the beauty and charm of life at Lake Chaffee captures your attention and your heart. Be it Spring when the ice melts and the shivering blue lake ripples with delight, or Summer when a smooth canoe glide at sunset past the islands takes one back in time to the wonder of Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn's adventures, or patch-work quilted Fall when the tall white cranes and majestic blue herons return to wade in the clear cool shallows, or snowy winter when sunset on the frozen lake brings the still and silent afternoon to a scarlet close... At times such as these, what price paradise, indeed! But in such lovely fragile natural environments such as ours here at Lake Chaffee, nothing stands still and everything needs protection and support in order to survive and flourish. A sani-can at the beach costs \$1 00/month, road plowing and grading \$9,000/yr., water tests \$50/time. As Robert Frost wrote: "We love the things we love for what they are." Dear Friends and Neighbors, now it's up to us to maintain what is lovely about Lake Chaffee so that it will always be able to generate beautiful new memories as well as rekindle fond old ones.