
THE LAKE CHAFFEE NEWSLETTER

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Remember November 1

is the Deadline for bending in Your LCIA Dues!

(see related story on page 2)



Lake Residents Show Their Patriotism During Difficult Time

Many Lake Chaffee Residents are flying the Stars and Stripes and decorating their homes with our National symbol of unity. Some residents have even taken time to paint stars and stripes on their vehicles. Throughout the newsletter are photos taken of various signs of patriotism exhibited by Lake Chaffee Residents..

Donate a Bag of Candy: Help your Neighbor and the Kids

Before you know it, it will be Halloween Night, and our streets will be filled with all sorts of ghosts and goblins. As you all know the houses on **Lakeview Drive and Old Town Road** get the most trick or treaters. This is a hardship for many along the route. We can help out by donating a bag or two of candy to LCIA who will in turn distribute the candy to anyone needing extra treats for the kids. If you can help simply drop off the candy to Chaffee Hall Saturday night from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. or contact **Gay Leedie at 487-3754**. And if you are in need of an extra bag of candy let Gay know and she will get it to you.

SPOOKY FUN ON WESTFORD AND ASHFORD DRIVES

The **Leedie and Fogg** households come alive for Halloween. Somehow over the years they have been decorating their houses for the night in hopes of attracting ghosts and goblins up the street for a look and a treat. The creative decorations and treats have been a Lake Chaffee tradition and the Leedies and the Fogs invite everyone to make it one of your places to visit on Halloween. It's a spooky good place to go!

What if No One Ever Visits Your House on Halloween?

Do you feel socially isolated on Halloween because your home is not in a prime treat or treater location? Are you lonely, and want to see kids in costumes and hand out treats to youngsters? We are looking for a few good folks to give out candy on Halloween Night at Chaffee Hall, Please let an LCIA board member know if you are interested in helping us in this way.

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Operation Clean Sweep

We will be cleaning up the leaves from public areas and off roads before the Holiday Bazaar, which is scheduled for Saturday, November 17. **Please** do your part and rake up leaves in areas around your home and pick up loose sticks and garbage. We want to clean the areas before the snow falls and snow plowing begins. We also hope you help out with our Fall Beach cleanup. Every Fall we try to clean the beach and rake up leaves. This makes opening the beach easier and keeps the lake from accumulating debris. **We have scheduled this Fall's beach cleanup for Saturday November 3 from 10 a.m. - 12 noon.** Volunteers will be recognized and mentioned in the Newsletter. Bring tarps for hauling leaves and rakes. **Sandy Moquin** (487-3619) is the Beach Committee Chair and would greatly appreciate your assistance in cleaning the beach. **HOLIDAY BAZAAR: HELP NEEDED**

The Lake Chaffee Holiday Bazaar is scheduled for **Saturday, November 17, 2001**. We need people who are interested in leasing booth space. Booths are \$10.00 per table and we will have approximately 14-15 tables available. We are targeting groups like Tupperware distributors, Avon Sales People, Discovery Toys, Precious Memories, or other sales related people in addition to Arts and Crafts and Baked Goods. We will be publicizing who leases booth space prior to the Bazaar in our promotional flyers. We need all names of booth participants by early November in order to be included in the flyer. LCIA Vice President **Emmy King** reports that Baked Goods and information related to other donated items will also need to be sent in advance. Please call **Emmy at 429-0711** or LCIA President **Gay Leedie at 487-3754** if you need further information regarding the annual Holiday Bazaar or want to get involved with this fund raising program.



\$\$\$ LCIA Residents Paying more Than Their Dues \$\$\$\$

In Prior Lake Chaffee Newsletter Articles, it was reported that items had to be cut from this year's budget because the LCIA simply does not have the funds to spend. The LCIA called for people to pay "more than their dues". We asked people to pay more than the minimum \$50.00 fee. Lake Chaffee residents have responded! We are pleased to report that thus far over 40 residents have donated to the LCIA. We have received donations ranging from \$200.00 to \$5.00. We will publish the list of names of donors in our next Holiday Issue of the Newsletter. **We have collected over \$2000.00 in donations thus far!** This is still below our goal, but well on the way to meeting our necessary budget. If you have not yet made a donation check please reconsider. In order to meet the demands of repair and restoration of our roads, our dam, our common areas and our beaches we need to exceed our \$3000.00 goal. **Thanks to all who have paid their dues, and special thanks to all those who have donated above and beyond their dues!**

Lake Chaffee Residents Affected by War on Terror

The events of September 11, 2001 have left scars on the American conscience, and some Lake Chaffee residents have been particularly affected by those events. **Past President Gerry Dufresne** is a long time lake resident and Veteran. Now he has two sons involved in this conflict. **Mr. and Mrs Dufresne's** eldest son Dirk, is a Sergeant in the U.S. Army and has been mobilized to the area near Afghanistan. **Jerry Jr.** is also a Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and will likely be on his way over there soon. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Dufresnes during this difficult time. (See Announcements)

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Announcements Section

Lake Resident Wins Essay Award

James Dufresne is the youngest of the Dufresne boys. His two older brothers are Sergeants in the Army and Air Force Reserves serving our country in its war on terror. (See Story on page 2) Not to be outdone by his siblings James recently won an Essay Award Contest at the University of Connecticut.

James is a sophomore at Uconn. Congratulations on your literary success! **EUGENIE BAGLEY IN**

ELECTION Eugenie Bagley's name will be on the November 6, 2001 ballot. She's not running for Congress, or the Presidency (yet) but she is running for a position on the Town Library Council Board.

Remember to Vote, and don't leave any hanging or dimpled chads. (See also Eugenics Advertisemet on

page 5.) **Items For Sale** -1989 Oldsmobile

Cutlass Supreme SL Needs work but comes loaded with man), unique features. Asking \$700. 00 or Best Offer call **487-3619** and ask for **Karen or San**

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1988 Ford Bronco II with power window, and locks, AM/FM, 5 speed, 4 wheel drive. Asking \$999.00 or Best Offer. Call **Sandra or George at 487-3619.**

Bingo Night Attendance on the Rise

Last Saturday Evening over 50 people attended Bingo Night. Longtime Bingo caller **Jack Pirzl was** overheard telling regulars "It was one of the largest turnouts we've had in recent years". The larger turnout can be attributed to a number of factors. Nearby campsites that host Saturday Night Bingo have closed down for the season. Typically Bingo attendance rises as the cooler fall and winter -weather seasons approach. We also attribute some of the rise in attendance to increased awareness of the need for Bingo to do well in order to raise funds for the LCIA. The Bingo Flyers that have been left at places such as the Woodstock Fair and local establishments has also attracted some new players. Advertisements for Bingo have been placed in a number of local publications including *The Reminder*, *The Chronicle* and *The Courant*. Hopefully we will get a new sign made soon to direct traffic from the corner of Bubba T's to Lake Chaffee Hall. The LCIA thanks everyone who has attended and played at Bingo Night and hopes to see you continue to play Bingo. We also need volunteers to help out in the kitchen. Our kitchen concessions raise money in addition to Bingo revenue. A final postscript related to Bingo: Because there were so many people in attendance at last Saturday's Bingo Night, people went home with more prize money than usual. So remember, Bingo Night is not only a good way to help raise revenue and entertain, but it can pay substantial amounts to winners.

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with the newsletter, and remaining funds will go to the LCIA Fund for community programs and maintenance. Please call us if you know of anyone who would like to advertise in our newsletter Ad rates are as follows:

\$5.00 per issue/\$35 year
Business card ads
\$15.00 per issue/ \$100 year

1/4 page sized ad
\$25.00 per issue/ \$200 year
1/2 page sized ad

\$50.00 per issue/\$350 year
full page sized ad

To find out more or place an ad call the Editor at 429-6285 or **Business Editor Sandy Moquin at 487-3619.**

Halloween Party Expected to be a Howling Good Time

This article is a final reminder that the Annual Lake Chaffee Halloween Party is scheduled for Sunday, October 28th at 2:00 p.m. in Lake Chaffee Hall. This party promises to be a festive, fun filled opportunity to meet and mingle with your neighbors, your neighbors (age 12 and under) kids, and assorted ghouls and goblins. There will be plenty of candy, cup cakes, punch, and a costume judging contest. Remember to mark your calendar and join us for a howling good time! We will welcome cash and candy donations prior at the party so bring your cash and candy!

Snow Plow Contract Awarded to Joe Hipsky

Past President and Current Road Chairman **Gerry Dufresne** reported in October 17 Board of Directors Meeting that a Snow Plow Contract has been negotiated with **Joe Hipsky**. Mr. Hipsky has handled snow plow work for Lake Chaffee in the Past. The Plowing Costs are estimated to be \$6,500.00 this year with additional costs being \$300-\$400.00 for grading roads. Sand and salt costs will depend on snowfall amounts. Mr. Hipsky has been prompt and competitively priced in his bid for snowplowing and we appreciate his efforts to clear our roads. If you have questions regarding roads please contact the LCIA Board or Road Chairman **Gerry Dufresne at 487-3590.**

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A letter from a concerned anonymous Lake Chaffee Resident:

"What's Up with All the Dogs Barking" "I walk down the road or sit outside and all I do is hear everyone's dog barking. Not for a little while but all day. If your dog barks, please leave them inside your house. Be considerate and not rude. Why should I have to hear your dog barking all day." Anonymous

Editorial Response:

As one of the editors here at the *Lake Chaffee Newsletter* I would like to thank you for your letter.

We prefer not to publish anonymous letters, because generally people voice their views more constructively if they put their name with their letter.

However the anonymous reader has a valid concern. Animal control is an important health and safety issue. We need to keep our pets out of traffic and we need to keep them from biting children. **Arthur Taylor** is our region's Animal Control Officer. His office number is **429-1505**. In November Animal Control Officers will conduct a survey to identify and fine owners of unlicensed dogs and unvaccinated cats. To license your dog contact the Ashford Town Clerk.

We invite all members of the community to weigh in on this issue of Dogs. Are they a nuisance? Are they a necessity? They are in many ways a vital part of our community and we value them as guardians and friends. As residents in a small close knit community we all need to be aware of each others needs and feelings. Please be sure to remember to sign all correspondence in letters to the Editors. Thank you again for your letter.

- Bill Thompson -Editor

Name That Newsletter!

The *Lake Chaffee Newsletter* wants a new name, and we are inviting all lake residents to submit their ideas for a name. Previous names in the past for the newsletter are as follows:

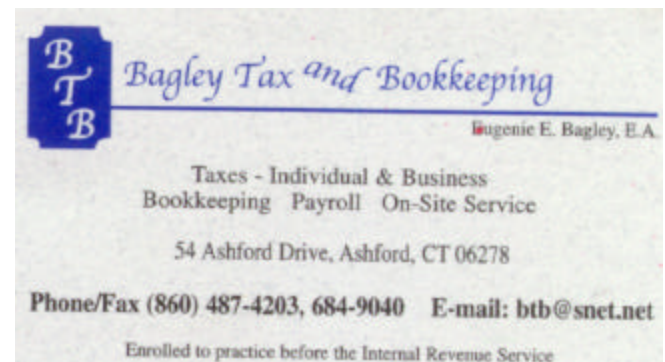
The Lake Chaffee Newsletter

The Lake Chaffee Gazette

Lake Chaffee News We want a catchy, fun and interesting name that everyone will remember and everyone will want to read. Please submit any name ideas to the Editor's box on the entry porch on 10 Perch Drive.



Future **UCONN Women's Basketball Stars Practice Hoops at Lake Chaffee.**



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EXCAVATIONS PLANNED FOR SOUTH LAKE SHORE THIS FALL

Mike Grant and several of his neighbors are planning to dredge the area in front of their properties this fall. They want to make the area on the lakefronts of their parcel a little deeper for swimming and boating. They have applied to local governing and environmental groups and completed the necessary documentation and approval for the work. Mike attended last months LCIA Board meeting to notify the LCIA of his intentions. Mike

and his neighbors will be working on the southern side of the Lake and the work will be completed this fall. **Historian Needed** We are looking for a historian who would like to write articles about Lake Chaffee's Past and interview Hall of Fame members for a Hall of Fame History, We also want to go through old records at the Chaffee Hall and review old papers relating to the Lake. It is just

the sort of work a person who enjoys history and narrative history would find interesting. It also would make for an outstanding research project for a student or group of young Lake Chaffee Scholars. Please contact the Editors if you are interested in working with LIS in this endeavor. We hope to produce a historical series for use in both the newsletter and the future internet site.

LakeChaffee.org: Work on Website is Progressing

Bob Layton reports that his work on the website is progressing nicely. He has been working on the sites home page and also has been downloading and scanning old newsletters. We are still in the process of securing advertisers and also attempting to seamlessly connect the newsletter and its production with the web site. Bob still needs information, photographs, maps, and historical data about Lake Chaffee for the site. **You can contact**

HOUSING REHABILITATION LOANS AVAILABLE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS The Town of Ashford has funding in its Housing Rehabilitation Program. Loans are available to **low** and moderate income households to address safety and public health code violations as well as provide funding for necessary repairs. Repairs include but are not limited to septic systems, roofing, siding, structural deficiencies, replacement windows, plumbing, electrical, insulation, and heating systems. These loans are interest free, and are deferred with payment due when house transfers ownership. Households must qualify to be eligible to participate in the program. Note that rental incomes for members of households are considered in determining Income Guidelines. Applications are available at the Selectmen's Office or call **Peter Huckins at 456-0782** for additional information. **Income Guidelines:** Number in Household/Adjusted Gross Income 1/\$36,350 2/\$41,550 3/\$45,750 4/\$51,900 5/\$56,050 6/\$60,250.00



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Environmental Report:

President Leedie meets with Northeast District Dept. of Health LCIA President Gay Leedie walked around the Lake Chaffee District with Rick Zulick, Field Inspector of the Northeast District Department of Health. The purpose of the meeting and tour was to identify and correct deficiencies in our wetlands, our drainage systems, our catch basins, and our septic systems. Gay has been working to try to coordinate cleaning with the Town of Ashford. The LCIA hopes to *work* closely with the Department of Health in promoting a safe and cleaner Lake Environment.

To Contact the LCIA Board

If you have questions or concerns regarding your community or the LCIA , you should feel comfortable contacting any one of the following people. They may not have an immediate answer for you, but they will endeavor to contact people who can give you an adequate answer to your query.

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Eugenie Bagley, 54 Ashford Dr., 487-4203, 487-3524
Jason Sherman, 5 Oak Dr., 487-4607
Gerry Dufresne, 87 Lakeview, 487-3590



Welcome Wagon Welcomes New Lake Residents

Lori Thompson, Chairperson for the LCIA Welcome Wagon will be visiting New Residents over the next several weeks. The Welcome Wagon committee wishes to thank those who have volunteered to assist in these upcoming visits, especially Ingrid Hanka and Sharon Bickford who came forward immediately to offer to help in the Welcome Wagon. If you

New LCIA Residents!

Phillip A. Ridley 1 Viewpoint Drive
Michael J. Tulman and Kari L. Olson 25 Westford Drive
Jacqueline O. Rodrique 8 Oak Drive
Kathleen M. Banville 3 Shorefront Drive
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Jacqueline Kennedy 21 Deerfield Drive

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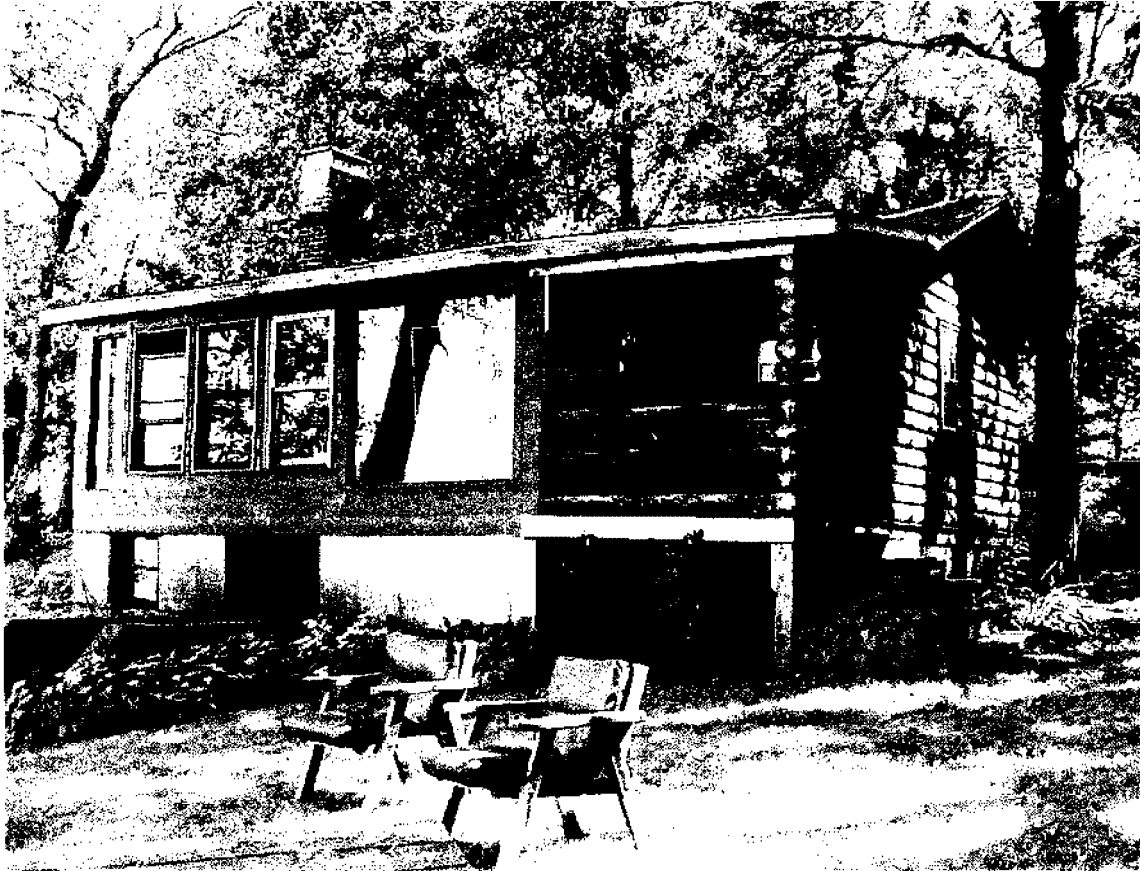
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