

THE LAKE CHAFFEE NEWSLETTER

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Bill Thompson has a new venture

Bill was elected to the Board of Directors, volunteered at Bingo, and was the driving force for the newsletter, has been given a great opportunity. Bill is a professional artist and recently has accepted a professional opportunity that made it necessary for him to resign from all his "duties" at Lake Chaffee. (Bill, we wish you well in your new endeavor and we will miss you with all your energy and ideas here at the Lake)

We are looking for someone to step-up and replace Bill on the newsletter. If you are interested in helping out contact us. A proofreader would help out a lot. Items for the newsletter can now be dropped off at Gay Leedie's house, 58 Ashford Drive. A "mailbox" is being installed next to the newspaper boxes. You can use e-mail MGALeedie@aol.com, to submit items too. Word or Works programs please.

Benefit Dance a Huge Success

On January 4th LCIA held a benefit dance for Jeff Coutre and Stacy Squire of 55 Lakeview Dr. and LCIA. The dance was successful on several fronts; financial, attendance, entertainment, and the amount of fun everyone had. We raised a total of \$1,000. for Jeff and Stacy, \$800. from tickets and \$200. from a raffle that night. We hope this money will help with all the incidental expenses involved in rebuilding their home on Lakeview Dr. LCIA paid for the supplies \$160., one holding tank pumping, and had \$75. left over for the association. We had a great turn out. It was a good way for neighbors to get together. Jeff and Stacy had a lot of friends come and support them too. And we all had a great time. Tony Horn from the group Better Off Blue proclaimed it to be the best party at LCIA in all his years at the lake. It was so well received that we hope to have several more dances throughout the year. So if you didn't make this one don't miss the next one.

LCIA would like to publicly thank two bands that played free for the benefit dance Jan. 4th **Bob Huntington and the Mansfield Depot** and **Better off Blue** without your help the event could not have been such a success. Thank You.

For residents looking to hear the bands play call Tony Horn 487-3583 for dates and locations.

Flea Market

Do you have so much stuff that your closets are over-flowing? Wouldn't you like to make a few extra dollars for all the out-grown things you just can't throw away? We would like to hold Sunday Flea Market days at the Hall. We will do all the advertising for the event. We just need to have people rent space. A table rents for \$15. a day. We hope to have the Flea Market Sundays March 3, 10, 17, and April 7, 14,. We cannot hold the event without enough rentals. So go through your attic, crawl space and closets, it's time to thin out your stuff. A registration form has been provided so all you have to do is mail it back to us or contact Emmy King 429-0711 for a table. LCIA will have a table if you have donations let us know.

Table Rental Form is on the back of the survey.

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Winter Weather Warnings

As the snow is beginning to fall, we thought we would remind you of Ordinance LC 01-10-1, which prohibits parking on association roads. It carries a \$10. a day fine. We are very fortunate to have Hipsky Construction plow our roads. We would be hard pressed to find another company to do the job. And for this reason we should make their job as easy as possible. Having cars to plow around only complicates the job. We also have ordinances that would allow us to have your car towed if it became a hazard. On other winter warnings, residents have reported seeing "kids" road surfing and car tubing. This is when someone holds on to a rope attached to a car and skis or tubes behind a car on the snow-covered roads. Please have a discussion with your family about the dangers of this activity. The final winter weather warning. Snowmobiles are not registered motor vehicles and are not permitted on Lake Association roads. They are not permitted on the lake either.

Board Meetings

Just a reminder LCIA hold their board meetings the Third Wednesday of the month at the Hall at 7pm, Feb. 20 and March 20, are the winter dates. We will use our February meeting to go over the results of the survey and start a long-range plan for the association. We would like a lot of public participation in this process. Please plan on attending the February meeting.

You could advertise here!

Do you have a product or service you would like to advertise? A business card size ad is a low \$5 per issue. Contact Business Editor Sandy Moquin 487-3617 for a complete advertising package. Residents of Lake Chaffee are eager to support local businesses. Give us a try.

From Barbecues to
Weddings

Victoria's Fine Foods

Food for all occasions

Victoria Lusky

429-7121

Classified Ad

1995 V.W. Jetta, green, 5 speed, 4 cyl. new brakes, muffler. Great condition \$5,250. Sharon 429-7473

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Letters to the Editor

On dogs barking

I am sending this note to share my sentiments with the anonymous writer in the September 21st newsletter. I am bothered by a constant barrage of barking, too. Last summer I had neighbors who left their dogs for the weekend. The dogs slept during the day and barked for hours at night. I spoke with the dogs' owners and worked with our Animal Control Officers. It took three weekends but a solution was worked out. I am glad the dogs don't bark in the night. I like the peaceful nights here at Lake Chaffee. These dogs do bark often during the day and early evening. Whenever I'm home and they bark, I hear them.

One dog has a particularly annoying bark. It is a yap much like a child's squeak toy. Long periods of its sound reminds me of a squeaky machine. If the sound were a machine I'd oil it. Some of the barking can be as annoying as a car alarm continually going off.

I'm not sure when the barking will get so annoying again that I'll have to contact the owners. It may be in the spring when I work and sit outside and have the windows open. It may be sooner; perhaps when I want to take an afternoon nap and can't doze off because of the bothersome sound.

I wish people with barking dogs would listen to their dogs bark and think of how long they'd put up with a person who made this irksome, repetitive sound.

I like dogs. I've had dogs of my own. I worked several years for The Animal Rescue League of Boston and the Massachusetts S.P.C.A. I know what responsible pet ownership is. I have other respectful neighbors whose dogs are well behaved.

Anyway, I, too call for owners of excessively barking dogs to think of their neighbors' peace. The serenity I enjoy at Lake Chaffee is often broken by these yapping dogs.

I would encourage others who are bothered by barking dogs to speak to the owners of the dogs.

Sincerely, John Mayer 115 Lakeview Dr.

From a new resident

My wife & I recently bought a summer place at 3 Shorefront Drive. You may want to include some jokes like those enclosed in future issues of the newsletter. I submit the title "Chaffee Chatter" for the newsletter. Merry Christmas Hank Banville 12/16/01

The joke: A State police officer pulls over a car on the highway. He walks up to the driver's side and the driver says, "What's the matter, Officer" "Sir, I clocked you doing 80MPH in a 55MPH zone" "No way!" says the driver. "I was going 55!" "Sir", replies the officer politely. "I have you on radar at 80" Heatedly, the man says "I was CERTAINLY going 55! Ask my wife. She'll tell you I was doing 55." The police officer bends down to look at the wife through the window and tips the brim of his hat. "Excuse me m'am. Was your husband going 55?" "Oh, no" she replied. "He was DEFINITELY going 80!" At that, the driver slams the steering wheel and utters an expletive. "Not only that sir, I have to issue you a summons for a seatbelt violation. You didn't have your seatbelt fastened" The driver objected, "I had it fastened. I just removed it to get out my driver's license" "I'm sorry, sir. When you passed me, your seatbelt was not fastened." "It certainly WAS fastened", he protested. "Ask my wife, she'll tell you it was fastened." Bending down and tipping his cap, the officer said, "Excuse me, m'am, was your husband's seatbelt fastened?" "Oh, no" she replied. "It was certainly NOT fastened." At that, her husband pounded on the dashboard and cursed, his face turning beet red. "Excuse me, m'am, does your husband usually get this violent?" "Oh, no" she responded. "Only when he's DRUNK!"

Editor Thanks for the jokes, Hank, we will use your other one in a later issue.

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LCIA Survey The LCIA Board is interested in finding out more about what the residents like and dislike. Please take a few minutes to answer this survey and return to us, by mail PO Box 306 Stafford Springs CT 06076 or leave at Bubba T's or drop off to any board member.

How long have you lived on Lake Chaffee? _____

Do you live year-round ___ summer only ___ weekends _____ other _____?

Do you own _____ rent _____?

Have you attended LCIA meetings in the past?

Would you attend a LCIA monthly meeting? _____ Why /why not

When thinking about your LCIA tax dollars, list items in level of importance to you #1 being the most important, use each number once.

_____ Road Work

_____ Lake Maintenance

_____ Police Security

_____ Social Activities

_____ Other – list other items

Do you think your tax, \$50 a year is too high _____ too low _____ just right _____?

What programs would you like to get involved in?

What kind of music do you like?

How old is everyone in your household?

How often do you - Swim in the lake

Fish the lake

Boat in the lake

Skate on the lake

What after school activities are your children involved in?

What is your vision for LCIA?

Do you like Bingo?

What suggestions do you have for the Board to raise more money?

What can you do to facilitate that?

Check us out online at www.lakechaffee.org -----

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Table Rental Form Mail to Emmy King 127 Lakeview Dr. Ashford CT 06278

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Date of rental _____

Number of tables _____

Enclosed \$ _____