

THE LAKE CHAFFEE NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello,

My name is Laura Koropatkin and I was elected the new President of Lake Chaffee Improvement Association as of July 20, 2003.

To tell you a little about myself, I am the mother of three, Amy (19), Trevor (14), and Sean (11). I am engaged to be married to Rich Rodrigue in the near future. Rich has two children, Dylan (11) and Emily (10). I work in Tolland at NERAC as a client manager. I am the third generation to own our home at Lake Chaffee since 1958.

My goal is to keep the association members informed and to make sure the members are aware of the issues being voted on, and concerns that are pertaining to the association. I encourage all to take an interest in your neighbor here at Lake Chaffee.

I look forward to the coming year, and feel it will be challenging and rewarding!

Sincerely,
Laura Koropatkin

Big Thank You to Dylan Rodrigue

In our last issue we forgot to thank someone who worked very hard on the swim platform at the main beach. Everyone at Lake Chaffee owes Dylan a big thank you for helping with the raft and building the bike rack. Hopefully, we will see him and his family at the main beach enjoying the fruits of his labor.

THE MATH CORNER by Hank Banville

This portion of the newsletter is for those who enjoy math – young or old.

Pick a number from 1 to 9.

Multiply it by 9.

If you get a 2-digit number (like 27), add the digits together (2+7=9).

Subtract 5.

Go to the alphabet with "a" = 1, "b" = 2, etc. and determine the letter that represents this number.

Use this letter as the first letter of a European country. (Pick from England, Ireland, Scotland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Finland... that should do it)

Use the last letter of that country as the first letter of an animal.

Use the last letter of that animal as the first letter of a color.


Have you ever seen an orange kangaroo from Denmark?

(Look elsewhere in the newsletter to see how this works – or doesn't work!)

BINGO HELP IS NEEDED!

Kitchen help and floor help is needed. "Many hands make light work!" Please contact Jack Pirzl at 487-3736 if you can help in any of these areas.

A.C.E.S.
Ashford Cleaning and Errand Services



Weekly, Bi-Weekly or Monthly Cleaning
No Job Too Small
Senior Citizen's Discount Available

Sandra Moquin Phone: 860-487-3619

The New Board of Directors

On July 20th a new Board of Directors was elected. The following is a list of the 2003-2004 Board of Directors and their phone numbers:

President	Laura Koropatkin	871-0327 or 487-3595
Vice President	Kay Warren	487-3744
Secretary	Debbie Coulombe	659-4753 or 487-3595
Treasurer	Jack Pirzl	487-3736
Directors:	Sandra Moquin	487-3619
	Eugenie Bagley	487-3524
	Deanna Soja	487-8708
	Gerry Dufresne	487-3590
	Dennis Flaherty	429-3418 or 870-9522
	Tom Martin	487-3599
Alternates:	John Noll	487-3634
	Elaine Burns	429-5324
	Sharon Bickford	429-7473

Web Site

Have you visited our web site lately? You can get a copy of the By-Laws and Ordinances from the site. Just go to www.lakechaffee.org and explore the site.

Lake Chaffee Improvement Association, Inc.
Annual Budget Meeting Sunday, August-17, 2003
2 pm @ Chaffee Hall

AGENDA


- Call to order
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Approve Tax Rate
- Discuss and vote on proposed 2003/2004 budget
- Approve date for lowering lake
- Committee Reports: Hall of Fame, Road, Constable, Beach, Environmental, Recreation, fundraising, and Charter Revision
- Discuss Charter Revision Commission:
 - A. Vote on date for final report.
 - B. Nominate new members
- Old Business
- New Business
 - A. Vote on whether LCIA needs a Constable.
 - B. Appointment of Constable (if needed)
- Adjournment

WATER TEST RESULTS – Taken July 26, 2003

Main Beach – Right. E-Coli – 50 per 100 ml. Total Coliform – 100 per ml.

Main Beach – Left. E-Coli – 100 per 100 ml. Total Coliform – 150 per 100 ml.


Connecticut maximum allowable is 235 per 100 ml. Mean of 126 per 100.



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Where volunteers are needed:

- ?? Bingo - kitchen help from 5-7 one Saturday a month
- ?? Bingo - floor worker from 7-10 one day a month
- ?? Environmental Committee - meet with others that want to promote the Lake's environmental needs. Put together an environmental fair. Gather information to share with the community. Work with State and local officials on issues concerning the lake.
- ?? Charter Revision Commission - meets once or twice a month
- ?? Muscle power to help with work at the two beaches, the Hall, the boat dock and boat ramp. We will be setting up work parties to make the many improvements and repairs the association's properties need.
- ?? Newsletter Committee - help is needed in every aspect of the paper from editors to reporters to distribution support.

A Word From the Beach Chairman by Sandra Moquin, Beach Chairperson

Many thanks to Bill Strapko who has been mowing the grass area at the beach. It has been a big help. Thanks also go to the kids who have been showing respect for the beach and keeping it clean. The orange ribbon is used to prevent the geese from walking onto the sand and making a deposit. Please reinstall the ribbon if you are the last person to leave the beach. This eliminates nasty geese remains. The cans are used for cigarette butts. Will you please use them instead of leaving them on the beach so we can continue to keep the beach litter-free. A cigarette filter is not biodegradable and lasts many years. Please remember also one of the rules is no rough play at the beach, including up near the rock, the raft, and in the water. The beach is private for members of the association and their guests only. No one else is allowed. I have been raking out a lot of just cut grass from the water's edge. Please folks, will you kindly try to keep from having your lawnmowers blow grass into the water. It seems to collect at the beach. Welcome to the new families just now able to use the beach since they have moved in. Looking forward to seeing you again.

Water Test results at the Main Beach:

June 29 – 60/100ml E-Coli
July 13 – 150/100ml E-Coli
State maximum allowable 235/100ml

ANSWER TO MATH CORNER

Any number that is a multiple of 9 has the sum of its digits equal to 9. (Check it out.)

Subtracting 5 gives 4 which is "d".

The only European country starting with d is Denmark, which ends with "k". So far everybody should have this.

Here's where it could go off.

Some might think of koala bear, but most NORMAL people would think of kangaroo.

You could also say the color is olive drab but again most NORMAL people would say orange.

Put it all together and you have an orange kangaroo from Denmark! Try it on your friends and share it with the kids. Thanks, Hank keep them coming!

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Notes of Interest from issue 7 of the Newsletter

In the last newsletter, we ran Notes of Interest about the lint produced in each load of clothes washed. Bob Layton did some research trying to locate a lint filter for the washing machine. He found a web site www.laundry-alternative.com/septic1.html. This site is for a product called The Septic Protector™. Now we cannot and do not endorse any particular product, but thought you might want to explore the possible lint filters out on the market.

Changes in our Charter

A charter change was submitted to the State and was attached to a bill that was passed in June. The following is the complete change. You might want to keep this with your copy of the charter for future reference.

Public Act No. 03-256 for Substitute House Bill No. 5589

Sec. 4. Section 8 of number 86 of special acts of 1957, as amended by section 2 of special act 88-19, is amended to read as follows (*effective from passage 6/26/03*)

The territorial limits of said association shall constitute a separate taxing district within the town of Ashford, and the executive board shall prepare and submit to said association at each annual meeting a budget and recommend a tax for the purpose of and based on the budget, such tax to be not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than (fifty) one hundred twenty-five dollars assessed on each member as the same may appear on record during the month of May next preceding the annual meeting. Said association, at any annual meeting, shall have the power to increase or decrease such budget and the rate of taxation recommended by said board, within the foregoing limits. The rate of taxation so recommended by said board shall be final unless increased or decreased by the association at such annual meeting. The tax so laid shall be collected by the treasurer or by any collector specially appointed by the executive board for the purpose, and warrants shall be issued for collection of money due on such rate bill pursuant to the provisions of section 12-130 of the general statutes. Said association shall have the power to determine all other matters pertaining to the levy or collection of such taxes. Written notice of the rate of such tax and the amount thereof shall be sent by the treasurer or collector to each member of the association before October first in each year, on which date such tax shall be due and payable and in the manner stated therein, and if such tax shall not be paid when due, it shall bear interest at a rate of ten per cent per annum. The treasurer or other collector shall have all the powers of collectors of town taxes and shall be accountable to the board in the same manner as town tax collectors are accountable to selectmen. Such tax shall be a lien upon the property upon which it shall be laid and may be collected by suit in the name of the association by foreclosure of such lien or in such manner as town taxes may be collected. Such lien may be continued by certificate which shall be recorded in the land records of the town of Ashford, pursuant to provisions of the general statutes relating to the continuance of tax liens.