

LAKE CHAFFEE

# Newsletter

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The Board of Directors meet on the 2nd Wednesday night of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Chaffee Hall.

## Beach Chairman's Report *Joe Almquist*

The raft and buoys have been pulled out of the water for the winter. Fall clean-up is beginning. The beach committee and volunteer, Jeff Schroder will be developing culverts on both sides of the main beach to divert the rain water from eroding the sand.

## Snow Removal

Please, it is extremely imperative that there be no parking on Association roads during a snow-storm. Stakes are going to be placed at the end of dead end roads for the snowplow to know where to put the snow. **PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE.**

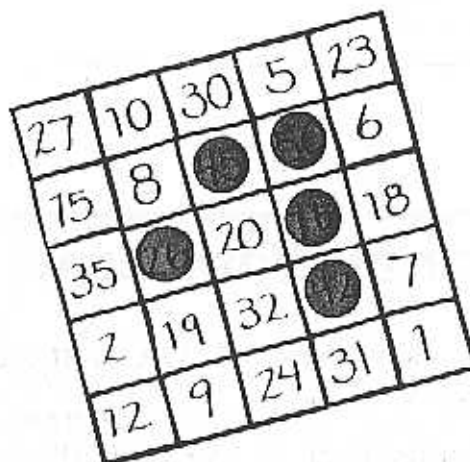
## Lowering of the Lake

Lowering of the Lake has begun as of Oct. 22, 2005 and will remain open until it reaches a 4' depth level or the first deep frost. The Lake is lowered to allow the bottom to harden, residents to clean their lakefronts, and to fix any retaining walls that are in need of repair. REMEMBER: If you put sand into the Lake you SHALL remove the same amount that you are putting in.

## Fundraising

If anyone has any ideas for fundraising for the Association please let Laura Koropatkin know. We are always looking for ways to fundraise.

## SMOKELESS BINGO



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## Newsletter Guidelines

(passed by the Board of Directors, Nov. 19, 2003)

- \* Published a minimum of four times a year, preferably quarterly, with the option for bulletins when appropriate.
- \* Mailed to residential addresses, first class (address database labels will be supplied).
- \* No gossip, slander or liability issues.
- \* All Letters to the Editor received, must be legible and bear the writer's signature, name, town, street address and telephone number. (The latter two will not be published, but are needed to verify the letter.)
- \* Final draft must be brought to a board meeting prior to releasing, for Board of Directors Official release. Any changes will be made together with the newsletter committee and the Board of Directors.

## Letters to the Editor

*Letters to the editor are welcome. Letters must be signed and include an address and daytime phone number. The Board of Directors reserve the right to edit the letters for length and content. The Board of Directors also reserves the right to withhold publication of letters.*

## Minutes

- How to obtain monthly meeting minutes off the website:
- Go online and key in [www.lakechaffee.org](http://www.lakechaffee.org) in your search engine.
  - Click on archives tab up top of screen.
  - Click on meeting minutes (minutes go as far back as 2001).

## Bottles/Cans

THANK YOU to all who participated in our bottle drive. We are ending the bottle drive as of November 1, 2005. We have collected over \$350.00 since we started.

## Handy Helpers

Handy helpers are available again this year to hire for yard work, i.e. raking, shoveling, etc. Please call Trevor Koropatkin at 487-3595.

## Roads

Joe Hipsky will be repairing the dirt roads for the winter. Shorefront Drive is scheduled for \$8,000. worth to be paved.

## Delinquent Taxes

LCIA is in the process of collecting delinquent taxes. If you are in arrears please remit past due amounts to Jack Pirzl, P.O. Box 231, Ashford, CT 06278-0231, (860) 487-3736 or call Kay Warren (860) 487-3744 to be put on a payment plan. ■

## Sweatshirts

Sweatshirts are still available. If you would like to purchase one please call Laura at (860) 871-0327 or (860) 487-3595.

## Mailboxes

Please keep your mailboxes clear of the *Reminder*, *Broadcaster*, etc. or any paper that is delivered other than by the postal service.

## Corporate Website

[www.lakechaffee.org](http://www.lakechaffee.org)

Please contact Bob Layton at 429-2417 for any questions or to place ads.

## Fall Raking/Cleanup

**LEAVES** – When raking your leaves on your property please do not rake them into the water.

## Volunteers

Volunteers are always welcome to help in the spring/summer/fall clean-up of the beaches and islands. As you see on the beach photo page there were several seventh graders that needed to do some community service by the month of May. We also had some adult volunteers as well. Thank you again everyone for volunteering.

## Reporting

*Anyone wishing to help us with gathering the news or you would like something in the newsletter please call Kay at 487-3744.*

## Safe Boating/Personal Watercraft Certification

LCIA has scheduled a Safe Boating/Personal Watercraft Certification class.

**WHEN:** March 25, 2006 – 8 am to 4 pm

**WHERE:** LCIA, Chaffee Hall, 15 Old Town Road, Ashford, CT

Preregistration is preferred. Please contact Laura Koropatkin at 487-3595 or 871-0327 to register. This is a one-day course to obtain a Connecticut certificate of watercraft operation required by Connecticut State Law. A SAFE boating certificate is required at the age of 12 and older.

## DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE

**LC 89-7** No approach or driveway to any street or road maintained by the Lake Chaffee Improvement Association, Inc. shall be constructed or existing driveways improved unless a permit is first issued by the Board of Directors or its agent.

The landowner or agent shall install all drainage pipes, culverts, headwalls, catch basins, and ditches, and perform any grading deemed necessary by the Board of Directors or agent to protect the abutting Association road or street.

The landowner or agent shall be liable for any damage done to any Association road or street in the construction of such approach.

The Board of Directors or its agents will require a **\$500.00 cash deposit** to sufficiently insure completion of construction.

All permits shall expire twelve (12) months from the date of issue unless renewed by the Board of Directors or its agent and all construction must be completed before its expiration.

Any driveway with a grade downward toward an Association road or street must be oiled or paved.

Any person, firm, or corporation who violates any part of this ordinance shall be **FINE: \$100.00.**



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While many of you know us, we wanted to introduce ourselves to our new Lake Chaffee neighbors. Please keep us in mind for all of your real estate needs. We can assist you with the purchase or sale of your lake property...or with any property anywhere in the state!

Warmest Regards,  
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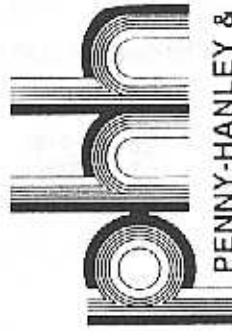
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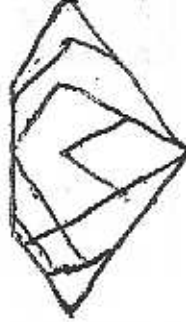
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per issue

Call 487-3744 to place an  
ad-in the next issue.

**I spent the summer at the Lake too!**

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As you conscientious lake dwellers are probably already aware, the lake is a living organism like the human body. In order to maintain a healthy lake we need to be conscious about what we put into it.

From the tiniest microscopic plant or animal to the biggest snapping turtle and catfish, every living thing in the lake is part of a strictly balanced ecosystem. A little too much lawn fertilizer may not hurt your lawn but it can create all kinds of problems in the lake by upsetting the nitrogen and phosphorous balance leading to an overgrowth of brown algae.

Even the soap we use to wash our beloved vehicles on the streets around the lake ends up washing into the catch basins which eventually empty into the lake. Right now our lake is pretty healthy. Here are some suggestions we can use to keep it that way.

## Please Help Us Keep Our Lake Alive

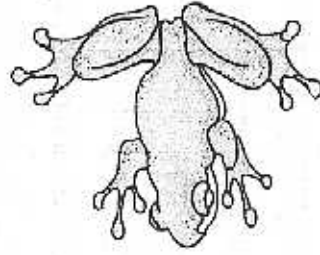


- ◆ Don't blow soil, grass or leaves into the street, catch basins, or lake. Soil and sediment can cloud the water making it difficult for plant and animal life to grow.
- ◆ Pet waste and faulty septic systems contribute to fecal coliform contamination. Pick up after your pets and throw pet waste into the garbage.
- ◆ Have septic tanks pumped every three to five years to prevent leaking.

### Suggestions and Information

Provided by

The Lake Chaffee  
Improvement Association



- ◆ Keep your car working properly so that motor oil and car fluids don't leak onto roads and wash into the lake during storm runoff.
- ◆ Wash your car at a commercial car wash where wastewater is captured and treated or use ecologically safe products and wash your car on the lawn.

◆ **Never** pour waste oil, antifreeze or other car fluids on the ground or the street. Storm wash will pour it into the lake and/or it will seep into the ground water.

◆ Take unwanted hazardous substances to the drop off station on Hancock Road in Willington. If you are in doubt about whether the substance is hazardous or not, check with the folks at the Ashford transfer station. If you want more information on non-hazardous alternatives to common household chemicals you can all the DEP, Recycling Group 860-424-3365;

◆ For cleaning products get

◆ Clean and Green: The complete guide to nontoxic and

Environmentally Safe

Housekeeping, by Annie

Berthold-Bond.

◆ To keep the lake ecosystem free of invasive plant species, please follow these simple steps:

1. After using marine equipment at any other recreational area

remove all visible mud, plants or animals (i.e., snails, barnacles).

2. Completely drain all water from the hull, bilge, wells and trailer.

3. Clean and dry all clothing and equipment.

4. Only release the plants, fish, animals back into the body of water from where they came.

5. And of course, never dump any aquarium water into or near the lake. Beautiful ornamental

aquarium foliage is harmless in

the fish tank but deadly to the

native plant and animal life of

the lake.



◆ For Safe and Effective lawn and yard care you can get in touch with the University of

Connecticut Cooperative

Extension Service at

860-486-3435 or

860-774-9600

◆ For a humorous take on

nontoxic housekeeping and

gardening, try Slug Bread and

Beheaded Thistles by Ellen

Sandbeck.

◆ Litter is another problem

around the lake. If you are

boating and smoking, plan

ahead; bring a plastic bag for

cigarette butts, never throw

them into the lake.

◆ Properly dispose of fishing line

and plastic six pack holders.

Birds and fish can become

entangled and die as a result.

◆ Lastly, don't pee or poop in or

near the lake!!

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## VEHICLE ORDINANCES

- LC 89-9** Speed limit of 15 miles per hour on all roads controlled by the Association. **MAXIMUM FINE: \$50.00.**
- LC 89-9-1** No parking on Association roads at any time. This will be considered as obstructing traffic. Each day will be treated as a separate occurrence. **FINE: \$10.00.**
- LC 89-9-2** No parking at any time on Association property with the exception of Chaffee Hall. Vehicles will be towed at owner's expense. **FINE: \$25.00.**
- LC 89-9-3** No unregistered motor vehicles shall be allowed on Association roads and/or property. Any motor vehicle owner and/or operator who violates the above shall be **FINED \$50.00** for each offense and every 24 hours of continuance shall be deemed a separate offense.\*
- LC 89-9-4** No motor vehicle shall be operated except on established Association roads. Any person who operates a motor vehicle in violation of the above shall be **FINED \$50.00** for each offense.\*
- LC 89-9-5** Any vehicle using Association roads and/or property and weighing more than 20,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight must post a **\$500.00 cash deposit** to insure reparations to the Association in the event said vehicle causes damage to Association roads and/or property. Said deposit is to remain in effect for as long as the said vehicle is using Association roads and/or property. Said deposit may be refunded only upon presenting to the Association satisfactory proof that said vehicle is no longer using Association roads and/or property.
- Any vehicle using Association roads and/or property without having the required \$500.00 cash deposit, shall be subject to a FINE of \$50.00 for each offense, except for any services contracted by the Lake Chaffee Improvement Association, Inc., heating oil delivery trucks, and honey wagons.\*

\* The definition of "Motor Vehicle" is the same as that used in the Connecticut General Statutes Section 14-1(26).

## Gas Co-op

The residents that have called Kay Warren for a possibility to enter into a community gas price should be notified by Amerigas in the near future with some information. ■

## Coyotes

Coyotes have done their job keeping away most of the Canada geese. We will do another order if there is enough people requesting them. Please call Laura Koropatkin at 487-3595 to place your order for next year's geese arrival. ■

## William Barr 1917-2005

A longtime friend and neighbor, William Barr, passed away on Sunday, November 6, 2005 at his home in Zepherhills, Florida. He and his wife, Millie, lived on Amidon Drive for many years. Bill was predeceased by a son, Brian. For those of you who would like to contact Millie her address is 5640 Viau Way, Zepherhills, Florida 33540.