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SAVE THESE DATES!!!!

JUNE 25, 2006 – GENERAL MEETING

JULY 16, 2006 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

AUGUST 20, 2006 – BUDGET MEETING

2:00 P.M. – CHAFFEE HALL

Beach Chairman's Report Joe Almquist

The stone has been delivered to the main beach for the culverts to be built in the spring.

Fundraising

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

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.**

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 this year's geese arrival. ■

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.

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 (The latter two will not be published, but are needed to verify the letter.)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 in your search engine.
 - Click on archives tab up top of screen.
 - Click on meeting minutes (minutes go as far back as 2001).

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.

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. Also available is a person that can power wash your house or deck.

Sweatshirts

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

Taxes in Arrearage

LCIA is in the process of collecting delinquent taxes. Below is a list of the property owners that are in arrears 2 years or more. please remit past due amounts to Jack Pirzl, P.O. Box 231, Ashford, CT 06278-0231, (860) 487-3736 by March 30, 2006.

Barbara Kittredge	\$465.16
John Medine	\$465.16
Phillip Ridley	\$465.16
Eleanore Smith	\$465.16
Joseph Vatella	\$465.16

Corporate Website

www.lakechaffee.org

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

Reporting

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

Mailboxes

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

SMOKELESS BINGO

27	10	30	5	23
15	8	15	10	6
35	26	20	18	18
2	19	32	12	7
12	9	24	31	1

Every Saturday night
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Bingo

Officers Elected

2005/2006

OFFICERS

Laura Koropatkin – *President*
860-487-3595 or 860-871-0327
Term expires 2006

Kay M. Warren – *Vice President*
860-487-3744
Term Expires 2006

Deborah Coulombe – *Secretary*
860-487-3595 or 860-659-4753
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Jack Pirzl – *Treasurer*
860-487-3736
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DIRECTORS

Dennis Flaherty
Term Expires 2006
860-429-3418 or
860-870-9522

Sandra Moquin
Term Expires 2007
860-487-3619

Thomas Martin
Term Expires 2006
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Robert Layton
Term Expires 2008
860-429-2417

Dianna Murray
Term expires 2008
860-429-4593

ALTERNATES

Pauline Backhaus
Term expires 2006
860-487-3721

Gerald Dufresne
Term expires 2006
860-487-3590

Melissa Almquist
Term expires 2006
phone N/A

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

2005 Bazaar Totals

Kitchen \$89.50
Table Rentals \$80.00
Bake Table \$193.25
Raffle \$745.53*
**balance after prize deduction*

The Bazaar Committee would like to thank all those that baked or helped out at the tables and kitchen. Your help was deeply appreciated.

CELL PHONES

Just a reminder...27 days from today (April 2, 2006) cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and you will start to receive sales calls. YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THESE CALLS. To prevent this from happening call the following number from your cell phone: 1-888-382-1222. It is the National DO NOT CALL list. It will only take a minute of your time. It will block your telemarketing calls for (5) five years. Please pass this information along to your neighbors and friends. The website is <http://www.donotcall.gov/>

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We hope you enjoy living in this area as much as we do! It's a great community nestled around one of the prettiest lakes in Connecticut..we simply love living here.

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Warmest Regards,

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Environmental News by Dianna Murray, Chairman

Looking out on the lake, it would appear that there is not much going on out there; too little ice for skating, too much for swimming. Looks can be deceiving however, and there is plenty going on down under the ice. The ice actually protects the cold blooded critters of the lake by providing some needed insulation by keeping the water temperature a few degrees above freezing. As long as the water doesn't freeze solid, down at the bottom the amphibians, insects and fish that winter in the mud will be fine. The cold water cools their bodies down to a point where they require very little in the way of food and oxygen. The cold lake water can hold a larger amount of oxygen than warm water. The oxygen content is supplemented by the photosynthesis which the microscopic plants perform in the frosty sunlight that filters down through the ice. Only a heavy layer of snow can prevent the sunlight from penetrating the depths and can cause death to the microscopic plants and the animals that rely on them for food.

The lake is a carefully balanced ecosystem. A hard freeze or heavy snow layers in only one winter can cause death to the whole ecosystem which can take years to correct.

Last summer we had an abundance of algae growth and weeds, especially in the more shallow coves around the lake. Like it or not, the abundance of these plants are the sign that the lake is a healthy body of water. Too many weeds and the sunlight can not penetrate into the zone where the algae (phytoplankton and zooplankton) eat the harmful microorganisms that can pollute the lake. Too much algae and the weeds which provide food and cover for the larger amphibian, insect and fish life will not receive the sunlight they need to maintain the balance.

I think I can safely say that there are few of us who enjoy getting our legs or lines caught up in the weeds. But if you do decide to remove the weeds from the swimming areas, it is best to remove them completely from the water. The excessive amount of detritus created by decaying vegetation can create as much of an imbalance in the lake as chemical pollutants. And remember; when you fertilize your lawns and gardens around the lake, you are fertilizing the lake water too. This can cause serious overgrowth issues too. The algae and weeds just love the nitrogen and phosphorous in the commercial fertilizers. Lets all do our part to keep our lake as healthy as it can be for now and for the future for folks to enjoy.

ASHFORD SENIORS!!!

Kay Warren will be holding a Yellow Dot Program at Chaffee Hall on April 22, 2006 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. What is the Yellow Dot Program? Ashford has been proclaimed into the TRIAD in October, 2005. TRIAD is a trio of law enforcement (in our case Troop C), Ashford seniors and a business (which is People's Bank) combining together for senior safety. The Yellow Dot Program was done in December with about 30 Ashford seniors participating. We gave you a medical form to be filled out to put your medical information in and this is where your picture will also go. This will be kept in the glove compartment of your car, or whatever car you ride in the most. This is such that if you need medical attention out on the rode, the first medical personnel that reaches your vehicle will notice the TRIAD symbol on the rear window of your vehicle, will know to look in the glove compartment of your car for your medical information. With your picture on it, they know immediately who is who in the vehicle. We are the 39th town in the state of Connecticut to do this program. Attorney Richard Blumenthal hopes that within a few years all towns will have this program. TRIAD does other programs for the seniors as well—blinking lights, cell phone, and any senior safety programs that deem necessary to do. Even though you do not take any medications you should still fill out these forms. Any questions, call Kay at 487-3744. We will have someone at this session to take your picture.

Math Corner

submitted by

Hank Banville

Traveling Salesmen

Three traveling salesmen check in at a motel. The desk clerk tells them the cost of a room for 3 is \$90 so they each kick in \$30. After they go to their room, the clerk realizes he made a mistake and the true cost is \$85. He gives the bellhop \$5 to return to the men. Since 5 is not divisible by 3, he hatches a plan to return only \$3 and keep \$2 for himself. (Shame on him!) He gives the men \$3, meaning that they each paid \$29. Now 3 times 29 is 87, plus the 2 in the bellhop's pocket gives \$89, not \$90! What happened to the other dollar?

