

PREVIOUS AGENDA WAS SENT IN ERROR.

~~**NOTE: NEW DATE CHANGE FOR JUNE.**~~

It is Important to Attend These Meetings!

GENERAL MEETING
CHAFFEE HALL, 2:00 P.M.
JUNE 22, 2008

1. Call to order
2. Acceptance of Secretary's Minutes of the August 19, 2007 Budget Meeting
3. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report
4. Chairman Reports:
 - a. Road
 - b. Constable
 - c. Beaches
 - d. Bingo
 - e. Fundraising
 - f. Environmental
 - g. Newsletter
5. Correspondence
6. Old Business
7. New Business
 - a. Delinquent taxes update
8. Adjournment

ELECTION OF OFFICERS
CHAFFEE HALL, 2:00 P.M.
JULY 20, 2008

1. Call to order
2. Acceptance of Secretary's Minutes of the June 22, 2008 General Meeting
3. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report
4. Election of Officers
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. 2 Director's positions
 - f. 3 Alt. positions
5. Chairman Reports:
 - a. Road
 - b. Constable
 - c. Beaches
 - d. Bingo
 - e. Fundraising
 - f. Environmental
 - g. Newsletter
6. Correspondence
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

BUDGET MEETING
CHAFFEE HALL, 2:00 P.M.
AUG. 17, 2008

1. Call to order
2. Acceptance of Secretary's Minutes of the July 20, 2008 Election Meeting
3. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report
4. Acceptance and vote on Budget 2008/2009
5. Chairman Reports:
 - a. Road
 - b. Constable
 - c. Beaches
 - d. Bingo
 - e. Fundraising
 - f. Environmental
 - g. Newsletter
6. Correspondence
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

Please remember!

There is no public parking at Chaffee Hall on Saturdays from 4:00 pm to 10 pm. because of bingo. Thank you for your cooperation.

LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Home Occupation Ordinance

occupational/business use of property located within the boundaries of the LCIA must:

1. Conform to the restrictive covenants that are part of the deed, for the property on/in which the business will be located
2. Be approved by a majority vote of the LCIA Board of Directors.
3. Pay a non-refundable permit application/permit renewal fee of \$25.00
 - a. Permits shall be reviewed and renewed every two years for occupations formed under the 2006 Town of Ashford Home Occupation guidelines or any subsequent revisions.
 - b. Permits may be revoked by the LCIA Board of Directors for just cause, having given the permit holder four weeks written prior notice of such revocation.
 - c. Permits are issued to an individual for a specific location and are not transferable to another individual or for another location.
4. Home Occupation permits will be issued only to LCIA members, if permit is sought by another (non-member) the LCIA member (property owner) must be consenting to and be present at the meeting in which the permit will be discussed.
5. Home Occupation permits will be issued only for locations on which there is no tax, lien, penalty, interest or other liability payable to LCIA.
6. Home Occupations in current operation and licensed by the Town of Ashford prior to adoption date of this ordinance, are temporarily exempted from application process.. They are "grandfathered" for the valid remaining time of the Town License, after which, they must meet the requirements of this ordinance, before requesting renewal with the Town of Ashford.
7. The penalty for operating a business without license issued under this ordinance shall be:
 - (1) \$100.00 for each month or portion of a month during which the business was operated without LCIA permit.
 - (2) Payment of all related expenses including but not limited to any attorney fees, and court costs, incurred by LCIA to enforce this ordinance.

LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

[Approved by the Board of Directors, May 14, 2008]

Application and Approval Process

1. Obtain a copy of the Ordinance from (a) the LCIA Secretary or (b) the Lake Chaffee website: <http://www.LakeChaffee.org>
2. Fill out the application and public notice form.
3. Submit both documents and the non-refundable application fee of \$25.00 to the LCIA Secretary prior to the beginning of the next scheduled monthly LCIA Board of Directors' meeting. (upcoming meeting dates are listed on the Lake Chaffee website, and posted on the community bulletin boards)
 - a. Applicant and or LCIA member requesting permit must be present at the meeting to answer any questions that might be raised by board members.
 - b. The LCIA Secretary will certify your public notice form and return it to you prior _____ to the end of this meeting.
4. You will post the public notice form in a manner permitting it to be read from the street adjacent to the proposed home occupancy / business location.
 - a. The public notice form should remain in place until the next regularly scheduled directors' meeting but for no fewer than 28 days.
5. The LCIA Board of Directors will vote on the application at the next regularly scheduled director's meeting, but not less than 28 days after application submission.
 - a. The Board may request that your application be revised.
 - b. Return of your application, certified by the LCIA Secretary, will serve as your Home Occupation Permit from LCIA and will also serve as proof to Ashford town officials of LCIA approval.

Dear Lake Chaffee Residents;

Mr. Dan Rackliffe, one of our residents, has called my attention to a non-aquatic invasive plant species, the Purple Loosestrife which has become a problem around the lake. This noxious weed is not native to our country. The plant is banned in Connecticut and must be eradicated if found on your land.

Purple Loosestrife is a tall plant resembling the Hollyhock. The pink to purple flowers grow close to the tall spiky stalk which may be branched. This plant is a perennial, prodigious seed producer and the millions of tiny seeds can be carried on the water, boats or wind. The roots of the Purple Loosestrife must be destroyed and the DEP recommends burning the plants if possible. If burning is not possible, the flower tops should be cut, bagged and disposed of at the transfer station. The remaining roots and plant clumps should be dug up and disposed of as described above.

Mr. Rackliffe enclosed print outs of pages he obtained from the <http://udsa.gov> website. I strongly recommend logging on to that web site if possible to view the pictures of the plant. Select the NCRS (National Resources Conservation Service) and click "Plant Database."

I would like to thank Mr. Rackliffe for providing this valuable information to us. It takes the whole community to do the best surveillance of our beautiful lake eco-system. Please feel free to call with observations or questions. If I don't have the answer, I will do my best to find the information for you.

Many Thanks,

Another recreation season is upon us and I'm sure you are all looking forward to the warmer weather as am I. As a conservation measure our Lake Association has maintained an unofficial policy of "Catch and Release" for the fish caught in our lake. I'm sure many of you are already familiar with the proper handling of fish for release. Allow me to pose a few reminders.

First and foremost, we have to be aware that a fish out of water is like a human being underwater: drowning. The less time the fish is exposed to air the better off it will be. If possible release the hook underwater allowing the fish the best chance possible.

Always handle fish with clean wet hands. The slimy feeling of the fish is a protective layer of mucous. Handling with dry hands, placing against the clothing, holding the fish against the side or bottom of the boat or dock and holding the fish in a knotted or polypropylene net is injurious to that protective covering. Fish are susceptible to a number of bacterial and fungal infections when this coating is disrupted.

The use of lures and flies are the safest way to catch and release fish safely. Live bait tends to be swallowed rather than getting a lip hooked and the resultant damage to the heart, lungs and liver are greatly increased. The barbs on a regular "J" type hook can also be flattened by crushing with a pair of pliers prior to baiting the hook, thus insuring the easy release of a lip/jaw hooking. It has also been found that "round" hooks are less likely to result in deep swallowing injuries. Hook removal with needle-nosed pliers is also recommended.

It is not a good idea to allow the caught fish to hang by the hook. Jaw and throat ligament damage can occur resulting in problems feeding after release. Support the fish under the belly horizontally while removing tackle. If your catch is deeply hooked and you can't see any obvious bleeding, the line can be cut and the hook allowed to remain in the fish. Never pull vigorously on a swallowed hook as you'll only cause further damage and reduce the fish's viability. If the fish bleeds and you can't see the hook to release it gently, you might want to consider having it for a meal rather than leaving it to die a slow death.

Fish can become exhausted easily and the chance of their survival when released is greatly reduced if this happens. I know all you great fishermen and women out there love the fight of bringing a beauty to you but the longer you play the fish, the more exhausted and oxygen depleted it becomes. So for the sake of conservation, land your catch as quickly as possible. If the fish appears stunned and will not swim away when allowed to, or floats belly up, you can assist it to recover. Keeping the fish supported under the belly and head (if the teeth are not a threat) move the fish through the water, mouth forward, back and forth until such time as it is able to move away on its own. If it never regains its ability to swim, take it home and eat it. Waste not, want not.

With your help we can maintain a decent breeding population of game fish in Lake Chaffee. We appreciate your taking time to read this article and to follow the suggestions proposed here.

Respectfully,
Diana M. Murray, Environmental Chairperson

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- c. This LCIA approval does not relieve you of the requirement to obtain necessary licenses and permits (e.g. Home Occupancy Permit, Federal Identification Number, etc.) from other governing bodies.
- d. Failure of the LCIA Board to vote upon your application within 63 days of initial submission will imply approval.
6. Your application and the board's disposition of your application are a matter of public record and will be reported in the minutes published for the associated meeting(s).
7. LCIA Home Occupation permits can be revoked with four (4) weeks prior notice by the LCIA Board for one or more of the following reasons:
 - a. The use has clearly altered the residential character of the premises and neighborhood through the generation of excess traffic.
 - b. Changes in the lot or occupied building(s) have been made, altering the residential character of the premises or the neighborhood;
 - c. The nature of the occupation has changed from what was originally permitted.

BINGO

HELP is still needed to work the floor on Saturday nights as well as in the kitchen. If you wish to volunteer please call Jack Pirzl (487-3736) for the floor and Kay M. Warren 487-3744 for the kitchen. Remember, bingo helps to fund the budget by about 1/4 to 1/3 of the income. *Many hands make light work.*

THE ELECTION MEETING FOR LCIA IS JULY 20th. PLEASE GIVE THOUGHT TO RUNNING FOR OFFICE OR SELECTING SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED. THE BOARD MEETS ONCE PER MONTH AND IT IS A GREAT WAY TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON YOUR COMMUNITY. BEGIN LAYING THE GROUNDWORK NOW TO MAKE YOUR MARK.