

NEWS VIEWS

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JULY 2020



New Board Members:

Last month, in accordance with the bylaws Article 2: Vacancies on The Board, we installed John Scrivens as a District Representative for District 4. We sincerely encourage every member in good standing to consider helping to fill vacancies/positions on the Board. We will be reaching out to some of the members who may have different ideas as well, as we feel its good to have many points of view and to work collaboratively towards a unified conclusion. There are currently open positions on the Board that can easily be filled by appointment. If you meet the requirements noted in the bylaws, and are interested in helping out on the Board, let us know and we can appoint you at the July meeting to an available position.

We would love to have new people come on to share ideas. There is a lot of work to be done and it is a time commitment. Many of us spend upwards of 20 hours per week on lake business. This wears on our families and our own free time, however, we knew when we volunteered what we would be committing to. Many of the people you've seen on the Board have also served on committees or were very active volunteers before making the commitment to step onto the Board.

Committees serve two good purposes; to get involved in making recommendations to help shape the future of the community and to get to know people in the community. Committees, when needed, are created by Board vote to sanction

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bill Sempier

It's been great to see so many folks enjoying the beautiful weather. The beach opened with mandatory restrictions and people are getting out to enjoy the sunshine and water.

Certainly we wish we could have been able to enjoy times of socializing with all of the new members, we had so many plans that had to be shelved for better times. Instead of kicking off our 87th year with celebrations and a season of activities to showcase the lake in grand style we are having to cancel all events and the clubhouse closed for the foreseeable future, and dealing with limitations on beach access. Clearly not the best of times.

Sadly, the current state of social distancing and virtual LPPOA Board meetings creates the appearance of separation. That can't be further from the truth. We value face to face time, one on

one, with our members. We have heard comments that people feel we are taking advantage of the COVID-19 climate but please believe we really do want to talk with all of you. Many of the social events we plan throughout the year are great opportunities for one on one conversations with members and board members.

My family has been a part of this community since 1933. I spent my entire life on this lake and there have been a lot of changes both good and not so good. I have always seen the spirit of the community shine through, even during the difficult times.

We as a community are navigating uncharted waters. There will be a lot of changes over the next few years but with mutual communication, cooperation and working together we could shape a future that today no one can even imagine.

I look forward to the day to come where we don't have to wear masks and we can once again shake hands.

PLEASE HAVE YOUR CURRENT YEAR PHOTO BADGE FOR ADMISSION TO ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS AT THE CLUBHOUSE

The LPPOA Board of Directors will be taking action at all monthly meetings as it relates to financial, operational changes and management of the lake.

EASEMENT ASSESSMENT LAWSUIT UPDATE

For information regarding the Easement Assessment Lawsuit, please visit lake-parsippany.org/Easement-Assessment

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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the Ad hoc committee. Some committees meet over a long period, others not. You may be a Basic or Full member to serve and vote on committees for final recommendations that will be presented to the Board. Of course, some committees do require certain skill set to serve.

Election Details

By now or very soon you will all be receiving a letter with details of how to nominate a person or persons for Board positions for the September election. Please read through it carefully. These roles should not be considered lightly. In accordance with the New Jersey Nonprofit statute, all Board members have a fiduciary obligation to serve in good faith and in the best interest of LPPOA.

We are still determining which positions are up for election. They will be announced at the July Board meeting. Even the long time members don't remember there being an election so this too will be a first for all of us.

Badges, Boat Tags, and Other Membership Materials

We have heard from many of you and are very aware that some have not received badges and or are missing items. This year has been very difficult with membership, considering that the large volume of memberships to be processed compared to what it was in previous years, the COVID restrictions and our inability to work from the clubhouse, our 6 membership volunteers were simply too overwhelmed. To resolve this going forward, we have started to look at other options for 2021. If you have suggestions or can help, please send them in. We do appreciate your patience as we work to clean up

the issues. Please continue to use the CONTACT US link on the website to let us know what you are missing. In the meantime you may come to the beach with proof of payment and state issued ID. You can also go boating with no issues.

Financial Committee Forming

Our current budget is on the website and is based upon 70% of the 2200 properties submitting payment, and at this time we are only at about 50%. We receive many questions related to the budget so we felt it might be a good idea to look into our options. In accordance with the bylaws Article 18 we will be forming a financial review committee this month to review the current budget and make recommendations to the Board and membership at the Annual September Board meeting.

To best serve this committee you need to have some background in accounting or finance. The size of the committee will be limited to 6 which is 3 more than required by the bylaws. If you are interested in serving please use the CONTACT US link on the website. This committee is open to both Basic and Full Members.

Legal Questions

If you have a legal question please have your attorney contact our attorney. If you call the attorneys office on your own you will be directed to have your attorney contact them as they will not provide free legal information to you, as it costs all of us money to provide you an individual answer.

Meeting Minutes

We have begun posting the meeting minutes on the website, going forward once minutes are approved, they will be posted. We are working to include the monthly financial statement as well.

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3. **Complete the subscription form including the Code field.**

If you are not receiving email from the LPPOA, please make sure to renew your membership and update your profile with the correct email address. Don't forget to check your spam folder in case of any unwanted filtering.

Visit our Help page for profile updating assistance.

News & Views is published ten times a year by the Lake Parsippany Property Owners Association. Subscription rate is \$12 annually; free to members of the LPPOA.

BUDGET INPUT NEEDED

It's that time again when we reach out to the membership for suggestions and ideas that could go into the final budget. The board and finance committee take these suggestions and add them into the draft budget. They then look at the bottom line then consider go or no go if it makes a significant increase to the fees. It's not an easy task to prepare the budget.

SAILING CLUB

Ralph Rosamilia



TIMES ARE GETTING BETTER

Unfortunately this year the Sailing Club has not offered a class. We are sorry for this inconvenience but for everyone's health and safety we have no choice. If you have your own boat, you can still use the lake, just be safe. In the LPSC website check out the Knots by Grog from household-boating-fishing-farm and more even tying a necktie. Try a few, they're interesting.

QUESTIONS Call Ralph at 973-503 0249, or e-mail the club website www.lpsc.us for other info and photos.



EMPTY YOUR BOATS

The smallest amount of standing water breeds millions of mosquitoes. Please make every effort to drain your boat after a rain event. If you won't be using it for a bit then consider turning it over.

HOFFMAN BEACH COVID-19 RULES AND GUIDELINES

A day at the lake will definitely look a little different this year. The LPPOA is opening by taking smaller steps than the Jersey Shore may be taking, but our focus is on the health and safety of our staff and patrons. If we all do our part to comply with the restrictions, follow social distancing guidelines, and accept personal responsibility for our own behavior, we can all enjoy Summer 2020 at the Beach

BEACH RULES

- FULL MEMBERS ONLY (guests that are non-members are not permitted).
- Membership Badge or Proper Identification are mandatory for all adults.
- Mandatory check-in at entrance gate for ALL members.
- Capacity Restrictions in place for the ENTIRE facility, (beach & grassy areas).
- FIRST COME - FIRST SERVE.
- "Carry-In & Carry-Out", whatever you bring with you leaves with you. All personal items left behind will be thrown out daily
- Restrooms will be open.
- Picnic Tables will not be available, please bring your own chairs and blankets.
- NO group gatherings, organized sports or games.
- Playground, swings, water slide and docks will remain closed.
- The pavilion will be closed. Do not use the pavilion other than access to bathrooms.
- Foot Shower will be closed
- Snack stand will be closed. Please bring your own water and snacks.
- Face Masks: Patrons 2yrs and over are required to wear masks when entering, exiting and walking about the facility. Masks are recommended to be worn when in your designated area on the beach, but not mandatory.
- Swimming: The water will be open on Hoffman Beach during scheduled beach hours.
- Beach: Use social distancing guidelines and stay a minimum 6 feet away from any other patrons when setting up your chair or blanket on the beach.

For your safety and the safety of all staff and other patrons, rules must be strictly adhered to, any deviation may result in being removed from the beach.

For more information, please see our website: www.lake-parsippany.org

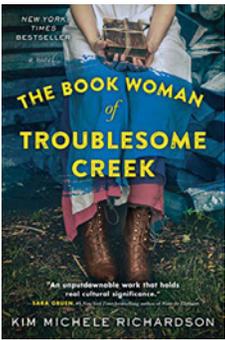
REMINDER TO ALL FISHERMEN AND FISHERWOMEN:





LAKE PARSIPPANY BOOK CLUB

Christie Hegyi-Gardner



We read *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. At this current time of pandemic isolation with the added racial, political and policing tensions being so high, this book is incredibly timely.

It takes place in the remote mountain hills of Kentucky in 1936, people were naturally social distanced due to the rugged terrain. There was an economic depression. Coal was in that area and men were worked until their very last breath. Even a whisper of 'Union talk' could get you killed. The color of your skin would make you guilty if you were in the wrong situation at the wrong time.

Any of this sound familiar?

WPA (Works Progress Administration) was created under president Roosevelt. Millions were hired to carry out public works projects, including the construction of public buildings and roads. This book is about one of those projects, the Pack Horse Library Project. Packhorse librarians were tasked with delivering books to remote areas of KY.

Per Wikipedia - Women were very involved in the project which eventually had 30 different libraries serving 100,000 people. Pack horse librarians were known by many different names including "book women," "book ladies," and "packsaddle librarians." The project helped employ around 200 people and reached around 100,000 residents in rural Kentucky.

What I've just described is very factual, but the author of this book Kim Michele Richardson brings such detail and emotion to those life and times. The main character is 19 year old Cussy Mary



Carter and she has her own unique shade of a story to share! Riding her mule through all sorts of weather and terrain to deliver books to her patrons created and educated a community as recipes, books, news and ideas were shared through her deliveries.

We had so much to talk about! Of course, whiskey was involved!

We learned about nettle soup, fat ramps and the pure joy of a single life saver candy. "Food was the most valuable thing you could give someone—the most generous gift a Kaintuck folk could bestow on another." Excerpt from *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson

One of our members Barb, even had a show and tell session with a 'courting candle' and showed us what ramps look like (wild leeks). The beauty of ZOOM

in these times is that we even get to see book clubbers that moved away a few years ago! Shout out to Pete & Maureen!

We know that books bring people together! And this book just proved it some more. We wish the best of health and of all things to our 'community' near and far.

Let us know your thoughts on this book.

Contact Christie at chegyio@optonline.net for details on the LPPOA book club.



July's Read:
The Paris Architect
by Charles Belfoure

FUTURE READS

If you are looking for some reads this is our list of upcoming reads:

Jul 21: *The Paris Architect*
by Charles Belfoure

Nov 17: *The Farm*
by Joanne Ramos

Aug 18: *Radium Girls* by Kate Moore

Dec 15: *The Man Called Ove*
by Fredrick Backman

Sep 15: *All We Ever Wanted*
by Emily Giffin

Jan 19: *The Guest Book*
by Sara Blake

Oct 20: *The Haunting of Hill House*
by Shirley Jackson



LET'S CREATE THE COMMUNITY WE WANT!

Paul Cecala

While we may not know what socializing will be in the coming months to year under the threat of COVID-19, we can be sure that as a community we will find ways to satisfy our human need to spend time together. What do we want this diverse community to look like in our socializations? Our activities? Our business practices?

If you were to close your eyes and imagine a community coalescing around this beautiful lake what do you imagine? What activities do you see happening? How are things done? I for one see participation from many more people. I envision two or three diverse events on every weekend utilizing our three beaches and clubhouse. I picture getting to know my neighbors and the traditions that they grew up with. I envision respect and tolerance and a celebration of our differences. I see reasoned disagreement and rational discourse and an empowerment to allow others to make their imaginings happen.

This year we have an unprecedented opportunity to create a whole new community which includes all our diverse backgrounds and experiences. For example, I would love to see a membership, a community, of people who all say "hello," "hola," "namaste," "barev," "shalom," "kon'nichiwa" to each other as we pass by around the lake paths and roads. Instead of looking down at

LADIES CLUB



Diana Giradelli

After many months of not being about to meet the Ladies Club could finally get together. We enjoyed a lovely socially distant evening outdoors enjoying the beautiful lake view from the deck of our newly elected President Maureen Omaster. Also elected was Gloria Petrosino as Vice President and Melanie Adubato as Board Liaison. We are hoping that later in the year we can get back to enjoying group events with lake members so if you have any ideas of what you would be interested in please let us know.

If you would like more information regarding the Ladies Club, please email Diana Giradelli at giradellix3@msn.com.

our phones or the ground as we walk the property, how about we look up and greet each other with a smile and a wave.

We are a multi-national community of many different heritages. With more than 2200 Families in our organization's membership, let's find ways to be all inclusive in the types of activities, events, programs, and members of the Board of Trustees. It would be interesting to learn more about each other's cultures, foods and social norms, then create a set of events and organizational norms that incorporate aspects of all these. Can we find ways to celebrate Christian, Hindu, Jewish and other faith holidays, and Ramadan, Chinese New Year, Juneteenth and other holidays besides St Patrick's Day and Halloween?

Should not everyone's voice be heard and represented on our Board of Trustees? Besides recruiting more individuals to represent each of the 4 districts, can we also seek out and encourage people of the several predominant nationalities to board membership? Whether you want to use the lake for swimming, fishing, boating, other activities, or simply walk its perimeter, should not all these perspectives be represented?

Our Association's Annual Election of Officers and Trustees will be upon us soon. Nominations for district representatives and officers are due this month. This is our chance to change the organization to truly be in our image and represent our wants and desires. Based on the Association's bylaws, many if not all our officers should be up for election; and there are several vacant seats for district representatives. So, there is lots of opportunity for us to get directly involved in leadership.

I invite all of us to not just consider getting involved in our Association, but to become a part of molding its future as a leader in the organization. As the old English proverb says, "Many hands make light work."

NEW BENCHES

Twelve benches have been ordered for placement around the property. Once they arrive, they will need to be assembled and installed.

MEMBERSHIP

Dan Nazzaro

Hello Community! It has been a very busy period for our membership volunteers. We have printed over 600 pages of membership cards and laminated 6,000 membership cards. We printed 3,000 cover letters for 1,300 addressed envelopes stuffed with the membership materials. We have tried different ways to distribute the work among more people all while working with social distancing. Half our volunteers are retirees and another half are full time employed, some with families. To the amount of effort and care each and every volunteer has given I say with Gratitude THANK YOU: Erika Bota (and family), Ralph and MaryAnn Rosamilia, Tony Suprum, John Scrivens, MaryEllen Iradi, Dennis Tighe, Marilyn Ammirata, Debbie Orme. I would also like to thank the Membership Committee for its numerous contributions, thoughtful considerations and gracious admonishments. It is with the input of so many people we find the best possible path forward. Please thank them when you see them for the over 500 cumulative hours of labor they have contributed to our community since April.

With that said we know we made some mistakes. We changed how we did things 'on the fly' to try to make it better. We changed a few more things and made a few more different mistakes. So, if you received your membership material and it wasn't quite right – please let us know, use the Contact Us page on our website and we will send out the corrections. As of this writing memberships paid up through June 4 are completed and our last batch of 'corrections' are being processed, many going back to memberships paid prior to 3/27. We expect to have those in the mail in early July. We are making plans for next year – to improve our process and response time, reduce the workload on volunteers and improve our accuracy.

Thank you all for your patience as we have worked through the challenges imposed by COVID as well as within the limitations of our individual skills.

JULY IS LAKES APPRECIATION MONTH!

You work and play on them. You drink from them. But do you really appreciate them? Growing population, development, and invasive species stress your local lakes, ponds, and reservoirs. All life needs water; let's not take it for granted!

What is Lakes Appreciation Month?

Lakes Appreciation Month is a nationwide effort to acknowledge and appreciate the vital role water plays in our lives.

In July 1998, the North American Lake Management Society (NALMS) launched Lakes Appreciation Week to focus attention on lakes and reservoirs, their unique value as well as the



management issues they face. In 2003, Lakes Appreciation Week became Lakes Appreciation Month, held each July.

In July 2019, Governor Phil Murphy proclaimed

July as Lakes Appreciation Month in New Jersey.

Clean and healthy lakes, rivers, and streams not only offer endless recreational opportunities, but provide us with drinking water, energy, and irrigation. They also serve as natural wildlife habitats for many plant and animal species.

We owe a lot to our freshwater communities, which are a significant life resource. However, that life resource is finite. Only 3 percent of our planet's water is freshwater. That includes lakes, rivers, glaciers and polar ice caps. Rehabilitating and protecting these environments is crucial to the quality of our communities and the benefit of future generations.

The Lake Parsippany Property Owners Association is a proud member of the New Jersey Coalition of Lake Associations. Together with lake community associations, individuals, municipality officials, professionals and specialty organizations, we are dedicated to protecting and preserving our lakes and ponds.

How You Can Help

Your everyday activities can affect water quality. Help reduce the amount of pollution that flows into our waterways by following these tips.

- Pick up after your pet. Properly dispose of pet waste into the trash or toilet. Animal waste contains coliform bacteria, which is harmful to our health and, when washed into swimming waters, can result in beach closings. Carry a plastic bag to pick up the waste when you walk your pet. Nuisance laws prohibit you from allowing your pet's waste to remain on private or public land.
- Reduce pesticide use, especially products like weed and feed. Using a lake-friendly, phosphorus-free lawn fertilizer will help protect the Lake and will not compromise your lawn's appearance. The three numbers in fertilizer bags show the N-P-K nutrient analysis. The middle number is the phosphate (phosphorus) content. A "zero" in the middle means it is phosphorus-free.
- Please Do Not feed the waterfowl. It's the Law! A lone goose can produce up to 1.5 pounds of droppings each day, and this influx of fecal matter can contribute to the spread of water-borne disease and harmful algal blooms. Feeding the waterfowl can be dangerous to the birds and hazardous to the township's ecology. Maximum fine \$1000.00. ORD.#95.5

Appreciation

Appreciating the lakes is fun and easy.

Our lakes and rivers give us so many opportunities to escape from everyday life and enjoy all the gifts nature has to offer.

You could go for a swim, catch some fish, or go boating with friends. A walk around our lake is a great way to appreciate the wonderful resource we have in our community. You could even take a selfie and post on social media.

It's our duty to give lake lovers hundreds of years into the future, their best chance at clean, healthy lake environments. And that means doing the work now to ensure the quality of Earth for generations to come.

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LPMYC - RADIO CONTROLLED SAILING



Another month has gone by and June surprised all of us by its superbly (drier than usual for sure) sunny days. Winds were fair and weeds seem under good control. RC sailing has been at its best these last months. A hobby where we have been able to stay close on the water and properly distanced ashore.

What a blessing to have this lake in our community!

We also have received approval from the board for our annual Lake Parsippany Invitational Regatta which has already made the national calendar for October 3-4, 2020.

That will be another unique occasion for our lake to shine.

If you want more information about LPMYC, please contact Michel Roure at michelusf11@optonline.net.

What a soothing landscape and a refreshing sight of majestic swans around our radio-controlled boats!"

FOR YOUR SAFETY PLEASE REMEMBER:



When you walk...

Walk around the lake **facing traffic** so you can see and hear cars coming towards you.

Don't make a wall of people across an entire side of the road and **maintain proper social distancing**.

Wear **reflective clothing** at night.

Cyclists ride with traffic.

THE *sailor's* HAT



CABOOSE

A small ship's kitchen or galley on deck

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Lake Parsippany Volunteer Fire Company is looking for volunteers. Training and equipment are provided.

Come join in supporting your community. Experience the thrill and excitement of being a firefighter.

Stop by on Tuesday evenings and see what we are about. Meet the officers and members.

Or contact Arden, thebirths@optonline.net

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For updates, click on "Event Calendar"

JULY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>CONSIDER THE CLUBHOUSE FOR YOUR UPCOMING RENTAL NEEDS. CALL JUDY AT 862-579-8407.</p>			1	2	3	 4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	<p>LPPOA Board Meeting Online. Check website for details.</p>	14	15	16	17	18
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MESSAGE FROM THE GEESSE POLICE: DO NOT FEED THE WATERFOWL

It is illegal and only attracts more geese. Please notify the LPPOA if you see goose nests on LPPOA property.

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