

NEWS VIEWS

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SEPTEMBER 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bill Sempier

I first want to thank the Garden Club and so many other volunteers that got together to give us the new sign at the bottom of Califon. It looks great. I also want to thank John Scrivens for donating and installing the security camera at Hoffman Beach.

A HUGE THANKS goes out to our Beach Managers, our Lifeguards and our Swim Coach. Their hard work and dedication to our lake and its members is AWESOME. Please take the time to say thanks to all of them. I wish them all a great school year and look forward to hearing how they are all doing. McKenzie will be bringing on a Junior Life guard next summer. It will take some time for him to learn the ropes so be patient.

At the August board meeting some 40 members showed up voicing concerns and asking questions. The meeting sparked several committees and lots of ideas. One suggestion is a door to door campaign to get the word out. Signs around the lake and handouts to walkers was another.

The key is what to do with the ideas and who is going to carry them all out. In response to some of the questions we have received we created a FAQ document. We believe this should clarify some of the questions and clear up the confusion.

S3661 VETOED

By now you are aware that the Governor has vetoed the bill that would have meant certain doom for the lake. I want to thank everyone that made phone calls and signed petitions. This action

in Trenton was a wakeup call for many organizations, and lake associations throughout the state to be more vigilant to any further attempts to pass legislation that could have a long-term negative impact.

I am cautiously optimistic, but we still need to win the lawsuit and/or find ways to fill a nearly \$75,000 per year budget deficit.

Easement Recap

The LPPOA attempted to initiate an Easement Assessment on all the 2,200 homeowners in the original purchase tract of the Lake in 2017. The fee as published is \$115 per property. See LPPOA for all court documents and related correspondence at <https://lake-parsippany.org>.

Lately there has been a lot of rumors and stories going around about the ongoing situation at Lake Parsippany. By now it is totally conceivable that no one really knows what's going on.

It is True:

- A former board member and former president of the association filed a lawsuit to block those efforts. The case is still in court today after the plaintiffs changed the case to a class action suit earlier this year.
- The plaintiffs have not paid the LPPOA their part of the costs for the mailing of the class action letter in the amount of \$1,889.64 (court document can be found on the LPPOA website).

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LAKE PARSIPPANY OPERATING COSTS

The cost to operate the lake as we have is approximately \$250,000 per year. We collect \$140,000 on average from membership fees and \$30,000 from clubhouse rentals. We do not receive any funds from the state, the town or from property taxes. To keep the lake operational, the association has been borrowing over \$65,000 per year from reserve accounts for some time. Reserve accounts will be depleted in less than two years unless drastic changes are made.

Some of our expenses include:

- Taxes - \$45,000
- Insurance - \$45,000
- Water Testing & Treatment - \$35,000
- Payroll - \$35,000
- Landscaping/Tree service - \$20,000
- Maintenance - \$20,000
- Utilities - \$15,000

Cost Savings with Member Volunteers

Volunteers in the United States are 63 million strong and hold up the foundation of civil society. They help their neighbors, serve their communities, and provide their expertise. No matter what kind of volunteer work they do, they are contributing in invaluable ways.

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YOU CAN HELP SAVE THE LAKE

Time is of the essence. Even if the Governor takes no action on the bill, the first day the government comes back from recess the bill becomes law even without his signature. I encourage all of you to keep calling and asking that the BILL S3661 be vetoed. The number is 609-292-6000. You can also do the online petition that we have linked on our website.

VETOED!

EASEMENT ASSESSMENT LAWSUIT UPDATE

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

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- After paying the easement fee, property owners in the original purchase tract would have limited access to the property since all they would be paying for is maintenance related fees to common areas, not activities requiring payroll such as the beach. Voting rights would be limited to full members meaning those property owners in the original purchase tract who paid the easement fee and the membership fee allowing for full use of all amenities.
- The LPPOA offers membership to non-property owners living in the lake original purchase tract and those who don't live in the lake area. Non-property owners in the original purchase tract and those living outside the original purchase tract will not have voting rights. Same as it is today.
- 50% of the waterfront and water view homeowners don't even join.
- Only about 250 property owners within the original purchase tract out of nearly 2,200 support the lake each year.
- Many of the non-member residents around the lake take full advantage of the lake's property leaving trash and other debris for the LPPOA to clean up after. Many take prom and other family photos with the view of a beautiful maintained lake in the background.
- There is an agreement signed in 1982 between the LPPOA and the township of Parsippany filed in the Morris County court specifically named the S8 agreement (the agreement can be found on the LPPOA website).

The S8 agreement with the township was drafted in the early 80's between the township of Parsippany and the LPPOA for the purpose of allowing the township and state to put approximately 1,000 acres of storm water drainage into the lake. There are three basins and several smaller boxes located around the lake. The township is responsible for cleaning them annually. The township, as part of the agreement replaced the spillway in the mid 90's. Since storm water drains into the lake, the township maintenance of the dam and dikes is limited to rip rap replacement and assisting in finding vendors to do other related repairs and maintenance. However, the burden of annual inspection, insurance and ownership is 100% the LPPOA's responsibility.

- Because of millions of gallons untreated phosphorus fertilizer loaded storm water coming into the lake, the LPPOA bears the full burden to keep the water safe, clean and algae free at a cost of \$35,000 annually.

What is NOT TRUE is that if the Easement passed that, as rumors have it, the LPPOA would immediately hit all property owners with a \$700 easement fee. The current annual budget to maintain and operate the lake is \$250,000. How is it even conceivable that the LPPOA would need an approximately \$1.5 million annual operating budget.

Questions We Have Been Asked:

Are the plaintiff's members of the association?

- YES, they are long time members, and some are former longtime board members including serving as president and water quality director. The primary plaintiff pushed to have the bylaws changed to include a mandatory percentage of the annual budget be put towards water treatment and testing; pushed to get a dredging project going and worked to get a circulator installed at Hoffman Beach.

Do they still join today?

- YES, they pay their membership every year to support the lake.

Do they have a plan on how to maintain the lake if they feel it should be free to everyone?

- We do not know what their plan is for maintaining the lake as it is today with no source of income. Nor have they shared it with anyone to our knowledge.

If the lake gets sold who get the money?

- In accordance with the state and federal laws, any and all money in all lake accounts will be turned over to another Not for Profit organization.

OPERATING COSTS

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An Independent Sector study, concluded that the latest national value of a volunteer is \$25.43 per hour. New Jersey is \$28.82 per hour.

It is estimated that the Lake Parsippany Property Owners Association saves over \$100,000 annually with the help of member volunteers.

Membership sales alone, with a staff of 9 volunteers would cost over \$15,000.

Board members volunteering 3 hrs per week on average would cost \$40,000.

Member volunteers, from cleanup, maintenance and repairs, activity planning, event volunteers, sports management, club management, donations, and countless hours to help in any way possible - **Priceless.**

2019 Membership Comparison (based on family of 4)

Some people have said that the fees for Lake Parsippany are outrageous. The table below compares our fees against published fees from neighboring lakes and pools.

• Lake Hiawatha Swim Club - \$650
• Bee Meadow Pool - \$595
• Rock Ridge - \$585
• Indian Lake - \$515
• Lake Arrowhead - \$500
• Lake Parsippany - \$465

FOR YOUR SAFETY

PLEASE REMEMBER:



When you walk around the lake...

Walk **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.

Wear **reflective clothing** at night.



Cyclists...ride with traffic.



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THE LAKE REALLY NEEDS OUR HELP!

Leslie Picinich

On Tuesday August 20th, approximately 60 members and homeowners in the Lake Parsippany area gathered at the clubhouse to attend a SAVE THE LAKE brainstorming meeting organized and chaired by Lisa Butler.

Many of the homeowners at the meeting are long time members but there were also some new people looking to join. ALL want to save the lake and keep it healthy and a place for everyone to enjoy; all are optimistic that we can make a positive impact on our lake community.

The tone of the meeting was positive and enthusiastic. Many attendees came up with interesting new ideas.

A marketing committee is being formed to address signage around the lake, the creation and distribution of pamphlets to homeowners, generating information for placement in the “digital backpacks” of area school students, and other methods of increasing public awareness.

Another group will be exploring fundraising opportunities; others are interested in generating more of a presence on social media. More working groups will be organized soon.

There WILL be more meetings scheduled. If you'd like to join us and contribute ideas please contact:

SaveOurLakeParsippany@gmail.com

Please join our group!



LPMYC TRAINING FOR NATIONAL EVENT



The Model Yacht Club will host a US National Event, October 12 & 13th. We have skippers coming from all over the US to compete in this regatta. We are looking for Volunteers to help us in different functions such as:

- Score keeping at the finish line.
- Kayak or rowboat assistance for rescuing boats if/when losing control.
- Launching Retrieving boats from shore.
- Housekeeping at the beach after events.

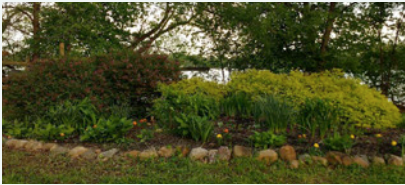
Volunteers will receive free lunch and will discover competitive sailing in action. If you are interested to be part of this event and help, please contact Michel Roure at michelusf11@optonline.net. Check out our video at <https://youtu.be/gf60QxK6YsY>.

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.



GARDEN CLUB



When you go around the lake do you happen to notice the blooms at the base of the Lake Parsippanty Sign at Califon Road, or the flowering Hostas and Echinacea at Hoffman Beach? Did you realize that there is real New Jersey shore beach grass at the water's edge at Hoffman Beaches' patio? Have you seen the riot of colors at the base of Flemington Rd. in the Springtime? These are the handiwork of the Garden Club, which takes care of four different gardens located around the lake.

Meetings are held weekly for an hour at one of our gardens where members can be found planting, watering and weeding, all the while making new friends and enjoying the beauty of being lakeside. Meetings are usually held in the early evenings or on Saturday mornings, depending on the weather, but we have special projects for those who cannot make the meetings but want to help make the lake even more beautiful. Our meetings run from March until October. Want to join us? Our membership is open to all aged 12 and up. Please contact Joan at upasana_mahon@yahoo.com.

THE *sailor's* HAT



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NEW LPPOA SIGN



The Garden Club, along with member donations and donations made at the Open House, has created and put up a new sign at the corner of Lake Shore Drive and Freneau Road. A special thank you to Erika Bota, Cathy Tighe, Dennis Tighe, Mary Baker, Lee Connor, Joan Mahon, Melanie Adubato, Sebastian Ostolaza, Mike Adubato, Michael Adubato and Bill Sempier who worked long and hard to make a sign that reflects the pride we have in the Lake.



SWIM TEAM

Rachael Summa

The swim season came to an end with a rainy dual meet at Cedar Lake on July 31st but perfectly good weather for the pep rally the following day. At that pep rally Beth and Jim Gillespie were awarded the Herzog award while the LaMothe award recognized Dean Ferdico this year. We then went on to compete at the Hub Lakes Championships on August 3rd and 4th (pictured). We had some really strong swims here, with 7 of our own qualifying for finals; and shout out to Connor Johnson for four 1st place finishes, scoring the most points overall at the meet and Reagan Moffat for earning the O'Connell award. It was really a fantastic season and hopefully another one is just around the corner next summer, consider joining us!



LAKE PARSIPPANY BOOK CLUB

Christie Heygi Gardner

Would it be reasonable to be able to end your life in a manner you see fit?

What if you were in constant discomfort? Stuck in a chair?

Lost your physical freedom?

Had to deal with a never-ending litany of indignities?

Had to be spoon fed?

Needed to take blood pressure medicine to higher AND lower your blood pressure?

As well as meds for:

Muscle spasms, bladder spasms, acid reflux, anti histamines, nasal sprays, pain meds, sleeping pills, creams for bed sores, antibiotics.

What if it was all the above because you were a quadriplegic?

OR do you try to create a life you could enjoy even if it wasn't the one you planned?

This is what *You Before Me* by JoJo Moyes brings up with compassion.

Considering this was a serious subject, it was balanced by comedic moments and even romance. This all created thoughtful group discussion.

We appreciated a lovely sunset and summer evening on our beautiful lake.

Come join us one night and let us know what you think of the book!

We meet the third Tuesday of the month. Contact Christie at 973-503-0333 for further details.

FUTURE READS

September: *Positive: A Memoir*
by Paige Rawl

October: *Bury the Lead*
by David Rosenfelt

November: *Songs of Willow Frost*
by Jamie Ford



FISHING CLUB

Tony Suprum

Even though the excessive heat will not go away, there has been a few impressive fish catches reported. There was a 25lb. carp and a 15lb. channel catfish caught and released. The 15lb. channel catfish is the largest one reported in 10+ years from Lake Parsippany, congratulation Ricky. The 25lb. carp is the largest one reported from the lake in a few years, congratulations John. If you catch a large fish, please send an email to the club and include a picture and weight if possible.

The fishing club held their August bass contest on August 17th. It was a very hot day, but the fish still cooperated. There were about 25 bass caught between 7 anglers. Not bad for a hot day and water temperature above 80 degrees. Joe and Mark won the contest for the total weight of 5 bass and caught the largest bass. Congratulation to Joe and Mark.

The next bass contest is September 21st from 11am to 8pm. Hopefully the water will cool down by then and the larger fish will start to fatten up preparing for winter. Some of the largest bass are caught in the fall.

Remember it's not always about catching fish, it's about being outdoors and enjoying the adventure with your family and friends.



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SAILING CLUB

Ralph Rosamilia



DID YOU MISS THE BOAT THIS SUMMER AGAIN or just the good times at the Boathouse Sailing Center after work or on weekends checking out the great views before the sunsets or taking an afternoon sail on a breezy day. The camaraderie has been great for those of us who made the effort to stop and enjoy life for those precious moments we all favor, or just to stop by to fly a kite after an afternoon of swimming or sailing.



THANK YOU to the sailors who came out this year to learn a new sport that I hope will follow them all their lives. I hope they will never forget the things they learned and the friends they made along with their personal experiences. I still remember the names and experiences of those I sailed with when I was a teenager.

THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER have left us with memories of sock burning, sailing with friends, getting stuck in irons in the middle of the lake with no wind, the sailors' wine and cheese event, and the heavy winds that came as a surprise this year in August.

QUESTIONS AND INFO Check the Boathouse Bulletin Board, click on the Sailing Club website www.lpsc.us, for updates, photos, and an array of very interesting knots or e-mail Ralph at lpssc@optonline.net or call him at 973-503-0249.



LAKE PATROL

Don Phelps

MEMBERS NEEDED!

The LPPOA needs to have more patrols and needs more members to make that happen. Please consider joining the Lake Patrol, the commitment is two tours of the lake a month. Get more information using the Contact Us link on the webpage.



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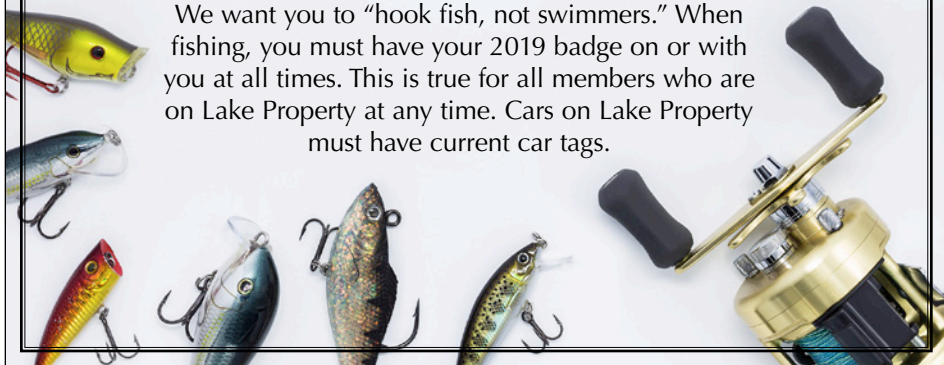
\$10 fee includes a \$5 donation to the Ladies Club and an essential oil roller to take home!

Contact Jenny Dunn for more information. 405-406-3178

REMINDER TO ALL FISHERMEN AND WOMEN:

Fishing in the beach areas or swim lanes is not allowed.

We want you to "hook fish, not swimmers." When fishing, you must have your 2019 badge on or with you at all times. This is true for all members who are on Lake Property at any time. Cars on Lake Property must have current car tags.



LADIES CLUB



Diana Giradelli

The Ladies Club would like to thank everyone who supported our meatball sandwich sales during the month of August and we hope to see you next summer for Sunday lunch on the beach.

Save the Date – Friday, September 20th at 7pm – we will be learning about the benefits of essential oils and making an essential oil roll-on bottle. Cost is \$10 at the door. Register early, space is limited. RSVP to Diana at giradellix3@msn.com.

Stay tuned for details on our next event – Evening with a Psychic/Medium, Friday, November 1st at 7:30pm.

If you are interested in joining the Ladies Club our next meeting will be at the Johnson's Beach on September 19th at 6:30pm and we would love for you to come and see what we are all about. If you would like more information regarding the Ladies Club please call our President, Diane Low at 973-887-1268 or email Diana Giradelli at giradellix3@msn.com.

CONGRATULATIONS McKenzie and Hector!



Welcome Liam Salvador Ardon

Born September 2, 2019
5lbs, 13oz

Congratulations to all!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For updates, click on "Event Calendar"

SEPTEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Labor Day 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	LPPOA Board Meeting 7:30pm at the Clubhouse 9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	Book Club 7pm (See Christie for details) 17	18	Ladies Club 6:30pm at Johnsons Beach 19	20	Bass Contest 11am to 8pm 21 
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	CONSIDER THE CLUBHOUSE FOR YOUR UPCOMING RENTAL NEEDS. CALL JUDY AT 862-579-8407.				
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MESSAGE FROM THE GEESE 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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