

NEWS VIEWS

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MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY, MAY 25

Memorial Day commemorates the men and women who died while in the military service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. In other words, the purpose of Memorial Day is to memorialize the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

We spend time remembering those who lost their lives and could not come home, reflecting on their service and why we have the luxury and freedom that we enjoy today. We might consider how we can support and safeguard their grieving families and loved ones who are left behind.

Remember: Raise the flag with honor and respect!

EASEMENT ASSESSMENT LAWSUIT UPDATE

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bill Sempier

I hope everyone is taking steps to protect themselves and their families as we continue to fight the virus. I know many of our members work in healthcare and other essential services. The Board is very thankful for all that you are doing.

Late Payment Date Extended

The Board is very much aware that these are difficult times for many. Recognizing this, the Board has again moved to extend the due date for the \$100.00 late payment fee date to July 31st, 2020. The original invoice due date is still March 31st, 2020.

All facilities remain closed and activities postponed for the foreseeable future until the State removes or modifies the current laws in place to prevent the spread of the virus. You can go boating

and fishing but please practice social distancing for the protection of yourself and others. We will not be offering beach rentals this year as we simply can't plan. Clubhouse rentals have been postponed or canceled by the renters for the foreseeable future. Clearly this is going to be a difficult year.

We have been told by the bookkeepers that they continue to receive calls from members asking for replacement invoices and other inquiries. They have said that many of the callers are saying that someone is instructing them to call. Every call costs all of us money as they charge for this service. The LPPOA is in possession of the invoice file so you can email us with particular invoice concerns at no charge to the community. We have instructed the bookkeepers to direct callers to the website and PO box in order to save on this cost. All requests and clarifications must be in writing,

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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.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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either by mail or by email. Many of the questions being asked are answered on our website, which is regularly updated to address general questions we are receiving; please check there first before contacting us.

In 2017, the membership voted on a fee of \$115.00. It was met with a lawsuit filed against LPPOA that lasted nearly 4 years. The settlement confirmed LPPOA's ability to collect fees for 2017, 2018, 2019 and beyond. After hearing considerable feedback from the community, the Board voted to only collect fees for 2017 and beyond but not 2018 and 2019.

There was no increase in the \$115 fee from 2017 so the fee has not increased in 4 years, but expenses have. By waiving the 2018 and 2019 fees we needed to review and revise the budget that was approved for 2020 in December of 2019 and make adjustments to LPPOA's long-term planning.

The money collected from the missing years would have gone to replenish emergency reserve and long-term project accounts such as dredging. Now this will be a much longer-term replenishment and projects in general will take longer to achieve. In short people want everything but everything costs money.

People have asked if the \$115 fee will increase every year. The answer is we are not sure. We have said the budget will be in flux for the next 3-5 years. One important factor is how many people will pay this year's fee.

The Board and membership remain determined and dedicated to preserve the lake and its facilities. The Board will continue to be ever mindful of costs to keep fees as low as possible. Cost increases are inevitable, but we will always do our best to avoid major increases.

Invoice Confusion:

We have heard lots of feedback about the invoice and we have said that we agree there is a great deal of information on them. This was never meant to

confuse anyone, but we had to be sure we had everything legally covered. So, we have made a bullet point list below that should help.

- The first line on the invoice indicates the amount owed for 2017.
- The second line would indicate a credit if the 2017 fee was paid.
- The third line is the full membership fee for 2020.

In the details under that it states that the board agreed that there will be no fees collected for 2018 or 2019. It continues to state that you may choose to only pay the \$115.00 for 2020. But if your invoice indicates that you owe for 2017 then that is due as well.

There are additional details about senior discounts, payment terms etc.

UPDATED Frequently Asked Questions

We have reviewed all the emails we have been receiving over the past few months. We took these questions and updated the Frequently Asked Questions page on our website. Why spend time reading social media or listening to neighbors, trying to determine what's fact or fiction. The actual facts can be found on our website.

You may find that many of your questions have already been answered. Our most popular these days are:

Q. When will we be getting our badges and boat tags.

A. The membership committee is working to get them mailed out in the next few weeks. Like everything else these days there are delivery delays. The boat tags were ordered in March. Shortly after the printer closed for a month. Now he is waiting on the material to make the tags.

Q. Can I be on the property if I don't have 2020 badges or current boat tags.

A. Yes. We are all obligated to follow the State's social distancing regulations, but you can be out enjoying boating and fishing while still complying. Those who have paid for boat tags may continue to use their boats even though we don't yet have this year's tags.

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.

HUB LAKES SPORTS

Please contact Randy Vyskocil at rjvysk@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in any of the following Hub Lakes sports. This is an excellent way to get more value out of your membership, socialize, and have fun during the summer!

TRACK

1-day event. Children and adults (coed)

SWIM TEAM

Monday evening meets (end of June till early August).
Up to 18 yrs. old. (coed)

VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday/Thursday evenings. July – early August (male 16+ yrs. old)
The women's team needs a coach if anyone is interested!

PING PONG

Wednesday evenings. Children and adults. End of June till early August. (coed)

BOWLING

1-day event. Adults. (coed and competitive)

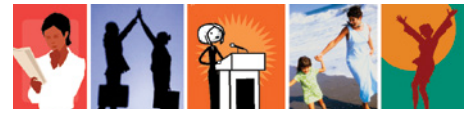
MEN'S HORSESHOES

Friday evenings. 21+ yrs. old. Early June till early mid-August (competitive)

MEN'S SOFTBALL

Sunday mornings. 16+ yrs. old. Mid-May till early August. (very competitive)

LADIES CLUB



Mary Ellen Kratt

We lost our friend and the President of the Ladies Club in April, Diane Low. Diane joined the Ladies Club in 1971, when they used to have Sunday afternoon tea to entice ladies to join. They would wear their Sunday's best and come to meet their neighbors. Diane had moved from Chicago since her husband's job was transferred to NY. She and her husband, Clarence, raised their two boys, Steve and Michael and enjoyed the beach, boating and fishing at Lake Parsippany. She always enjoyed the monthly Ladies Club meetings at the old clubhouse and always had a project or fundraiser and always had fun together. Diane originated the Ladies Club January Progressive Dinner which she coordinated with different houses and meals. She was the kindest, sweetest and most generous person. Diane was one of a kind and will be missed by all.

OPEN HOUSE POSTPONED

The Open House scheduled for Saturday, June 6th, has been postponed due to the COVID-19 restrictions on large gatherings. Once the LPPOA is permitted to have large events, an event for the LPPOA community will be planned.

L.P.P.O.A
**OPEN
HOUSE**

**SAVE THE
DATE**

POSTPONED

10am to 5pm
Drewes Beach

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.



LAKE PARSIPPANY BOOK CLUB

Christie Heygi Gardner

The book for the month of April was *Dreams of Joy* by Lisa See. So Good!

There were difficult situations to read about, but overall taught us a lot about late 1950's in the Peoples Republic of China, under Chairman Mao. I want to share some quotes that I think summed up this book succinctly as there was so much to discuss.

"A heartwarming story of heroic love between a mother and daughter . . . No writer has better captured the voice and heart of Chinese culture."

—Bookreporter

"Once again, See's research feels impeccable, and she has created an authentic, visually arresting world."

—The Washington Post

It was a challenge for some of us to get a copy of the book due to the pandemic. We learned who the planners in the group are and had managed to get their library books early! A few book clubbers went with cloud library and managed to snag a virtual copy. Hard copies were ordered from amazon and other book sources and some were delivered in time and some were not! Personally, I bought the book digitally from iBooks, not something I normally do, but it was worth it in order to be able to read and discuss it in time.

Thanks to all who pushed forward and helped us set up and participate in a virtual meeting via Zoom. It was wonderful to see each other and catch up a bit along with discussing this enlightening read. We look forward to getting together in person like 'the old days', but I love how folks are creative and unstoppable in making the best of situations.

We would love to hear your thoughts on the book! Please contact Christie at chegy@optonline.net to get on our email distribution and be made aware of upcoming reads and discussion modes. Stay Well!



JOIN US TO HEAR THE BEAT AND MOVE YOUR FEET!

We hope you can join us for an evening of singing and dancing with Big Jeff at the beach! Parents can pull up a chair & enjoy a drink while the children dance and sing the night away!

Big Jeff will be performing on
Friday, July 10th at 6:30pm

Admission is \$7 per family

Drewes Beach (260 Lakeshore Dr - Pars.)
(pay when you arrive)

Beach Opens @ 6 pm for a dinner picnic

Pizza must be ordered in advance and prepaid (PayPal or Venmo)
by 12pm on Friday. To Pre-Order Pizza, contact Marissa by
Thursday, July 9th at themays828@gmail.com

Snacks and Drinks will be sold the event

(In the event of rain, the concert will be held at the Lake Parsippany
clubhouse 701 Lakeshore Drive)

FUTURE READS

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

May 19: *Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali

Jun 16: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson

Jul 21: *The Paris Architect* by Charles Belfoure

Aug 18: *Radium Girls* by Kate Moore

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

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

Nov 17: *The Farm* by Joanne Ramos

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





FISHING CLUB

Tony Suprum

I hope everyone is safe, healthy and virus free. Please continue to practice social distancing, wearing a mask and gloves and assisting those that are at high risk in catching the virus.

A big thank you goes out to all essential workers. I don't even want to imagine what it would be without them especially during this pandemic.

April 11th was opening day of New Jersey trout season. Opening day was cool and windy in the morning but it turned out to be a nice day. There was a good amount of people fishing the lake throughout the day. I know there were four or five trout caught on opening day. April 12th was a beautiful day to be out fishing. It was good to see a bunch of people fishing throughout the day. Sunday was such a nice day; it almost did not matter if the fish bit or not. I received

reports of about six trout being caught on Sunday and a few bass. Hopefully, the weather gets better so that more folks will get out of the house and fish.

If you catch a tagged trout, please send an email to the fishing club with a description of the trout, such as length size and a weight and the tag number. Five trout 17" + are stocked and have prizes associated to them.

The opening day trout contest was rescheduled for May 2nd but unfortunately, we need to cancel. I wish we did not have to cancel the contest but better to be safe than sorry.

The next scheduled contest is July 18th. It is a bass contest from 6:30am to 3:30pm. Hopefully we will not have to cancel the contest. If needed, an email will be sent out and the website will be updated to reflect the cancellation.

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

Hope your next cast is one you will never forget.

KAYAK CLUB



Don Phelps

Once the lake opens to group events, the Kayak Club plans several events throughout the summer including Open House Tours, a late evening paddle for the start of the summer, cleanup of the shoreline, an offsite trip, the Annual Poker Run, Adult Night and Demo Days. The club also has four sit-on-top kayaks for club members to use on the lake after completing a safety class. For more information sign up for the Kayak Club when you renew or check out the LPPOA website under clubs.

If you have a Kayak that you plan to use on Lake Parsippany, make sure to get a Boat Tag when you renew your membership.

LAKE PATROL

Don Phelps



ROVING TOWING COMING TO LAKE PARSIPPANY

Be sure to have your car tags hanging from any vehicle parked on LPPOA property.

Once car tags have been distributed to members, a tow truck will be towing any vehicle not displaying a valid 2020 LPPOA Car Tag.

When your 2020 stickers arrive in the mail, put them on your car tags. If you have lost your car tags, use Contact Us to let the membership committee know.



WHEN FISHING, please practice social distancing for the protection of yourself and others.

REMINDER TO ALL FISHERMEN AND FISHERWOMEN:

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 2020 badge or 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.

SAILING CLUB

Ralph Rosamilia



THESE ARE TOUGH TIMES for volunteers and businesses alike unfortunately. This year the Sailing Club will not be able

to offer the Sailing Class.

We are regretfully sorry for this inconvenience to our members, but we have no choice. If you have your own boat, you can still use the lake just be safe.

QUESTIONS Call Ralph at 973-503-0249, or e-mail lpssc@optonline.net, or check the Boathouse Bulletin Board for updates, check the club website www.lpssc.us for other info and photos.



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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Please don't kill us with bread!



Bread is actually a danger to us ducks and other water birds

It causes Angel Wing which can make our feathers grow too quickly. This strains our muscles and can stop us flying.

Our friends the swans develop fatal gut and heart disease



Bread is bad for our water environment. It rots, and pollutes the water. This allows bacteria to grow and encourages rats. It causes algal bloom which gets into our lungs and kill us birds.



MEMBERSHIP

Dan Nazzaro

As I look out at the world around me, I find it difficult to know and understand the right thing to do to keep my family safe, help my neighbors and to plan for the future. It seems that every news report provides a different understanding of the same facts. It seems that every day or every week there is another discussion, another change; to facemask or not, when and how to 'reopen the economy'. Truly this is an evolving situation and we all must respond to those changes.

The LPPOA is continuing to respond to new information and new understandings. We are continuing to evolve our plans for this membership year and refine our understanding of membership in light of all the changes. One change that we have made is to extend the deadline before late fees are imposed. Look for the specifics on that on our website in a formal announcement coming soon.

For those who have already paid their membership (over 1,100 as of 3/27) - Thank You. Your membership materials are in process. We have printed your membership materials and are in the process of stuffing it into envelopes and mailing it out to you. For those who

have paid since then, those too will be completed in the coming days.

For those who have not yet paid for membership because you have questions, you are challenged by the online process or other reasons; know that your membership team has been looking for ways to you who need that additional guidance or who have questions. For the computer enabled we have found a great online tool for having one-on-one sessions where we can help walk you thought the online membership process. For those who are not as "online" able we are looking for ways to schedule time where we can call you. For today, please use the Contact Us link on our website and let us know you need help. If you are one of the not so "online" types, please ask a friend, or contact us by mail. We need to know your name, address, phone number to call and the best times to call. Someone from the membership team will reach out to you. Once we have an established procedure, we will send out a mass email. We know this does not help those who are not as "online", so we ask those who are to share the information with your technology challenged friends and neighbors.

We really are living in changing times. Every day we understand things a little differently and need to adjust. Please keep yourselves, your families, and your neighbors safe. For those who are interested in helping the membership team, if you have ideas please share them through the Contact Us link at our website www.lake-parsippany.org. or by mailing us at LPPOA PO Box 62 Parsippany NJ 07054.

THE *sailor's* HAT



SEXTANT

Navigational instrument
used to measure a
ships latitude



LPMYC RADIO CONTROLLED SAILING

Spring has sprung and our lake is at its best.

Our new RC boat made it out of the shop, armoring a nice Green for hope of better days soon!

Until then our lake features plenty of good winds and a beautiful avian fauna, allowing for refreshing and quiet moments, during this difficult period.

ALSO, mark the still hopeful date of our annual Lake Parsippany Invitational Regatta which has already made the national calendar for October 3-4, 2020.



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

Left: A new winter project (green with hopes) explores the lake and its beautiful swans and migrating ducks.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For updates, click on "Event Calendar"

MAY 2020

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
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| CONSIDER THE CLUBHOUSE FOR YOUR UPCOMING RENTAL NEEDS. CALL JUDY AT 862-579-8407. | | | | | | |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|  10 | LPPOA Board Meeting Online. Check website for details. 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 |  25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | | | | | | |



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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