



Lake Shawnee News

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT MARCH/APRIL 2021

Well, I have to say, I am so done with winter and ready for Spring! I don't like terms such as historic snowstorms!

Annual Meeting-Mark your calendar!!!! We generally hold the annual meeting in March but have decided to move it to April, hoping the Governors' Executive Orders will relax a bit on indoor/outdoor gathering rules. We will see what happens. Please try and make an effort to attend this year's meeting scheduled for **Sunday, April 25th at 11 am.**

Meetings the last few years have been around an hour. We need a quorum (10%) of the total membership in good standing, currently about 50 members to conduct Club business. And to be clear, if two members of the same household show up, it only counts as one Club member for quorum purposes. The Annual Meeting is an opportunity for our Board of Governors and its' committees to report to the membership all the Club's activities. We will post the annual meeting packet on our webpage under Members Only Section.

For the 4th year in a row, we were not able to get our Winter Carnival in again, but this year was not because we didn't have any safe ice! We had some great ice to skate this year for a little while, finally!

Our Swim Team Committee begins its' monthly meetings to get ready for their season, so if you have a potential swimmer, please try and attend. Our Social Committee is getting ready for all our Spring and Summer events and can always use new volunteers.

Our Budget Committee has met, and the Board of Governors approved our 2021/22 budget at our February meeting. Invoices for Club dues will be going out shortly. Keep in mind, it is important for ALL members, just not a few, to donate some of their time to the Club from time to time, especially on our Workdays and with our committees, to help control those costs. Our dues would be significantly higher if we had to pay for all the labor to complete the many projects and events held throughout the year, which is why Volunteerism is very important. Please do not place any boats on Club property until you have received a new sticker.

While paying your dues this year, we ask our members to please update their contact information with the Club. It would be helpful to include your current phone numbers and email addresses when returning your dues invoice, even if you have done so in the past. We will include you in our future email notifications.

We have scheduled our Annual Workday for Saturday, April 24th. As always, we need volunteers to help get the Club properties ready for the season. Please consider coming out for an hour or two to help out. We have a light breakfast at 8 am and head out to the properties after that. If you are unsure where to go or what you can do, stop at the Clubhouse first. We are generally done by noon and have lunch available. There will be a Signup Genius put out at the beginning of April.

It is that time of year; we will start to see more activity around the lake, such as walkers/runners and bikers out and around the lake. Just a reminder to be alert and to please obey the posted speed limits throughout the lake to help ensure all our residents' safety.

Eric Wilsusen

Club President

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Highlights:

March 28th, 12:30pm
Easter Egg Hunt

April 24th, 8:00am
Annual Spring
Clean up

April 25th, 11:00am
Annual Meeting



The Lake Shawnee Clubhouse is located at 4 West Shawnee Trail Wharton NJ 07885

For Club Business and Rentals please contact our Office Manager,

Lisa Peter at 973-663-1307 or officemanager@lakeshawneeclub.org

The Office is open during the hours of 8:30am-12pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

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Bill Carroll	945-9310
Christine Cumberton	557-3845

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	Ruth Kuhl	222-2357
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Board Meetings are held on the first Friday of every month.

All members welcome!!

Visit our website frequently for the most up to date information:

www.lakeshawneeclub.org

www.facebook.com/groups/lakeshawneeclub



Social Committee Events



Social Committee: Please join us at the clubhouse with any new ideas you might have. Our next meeting dates are **March 2nd and April 6th at 7pm – at the clubhouse**. If you can lend a hand at any of our events, it would be greatly appreciated. Please email Kristen White or Ruth Kuhl at social@lakeshawneeclub.org if you plan on attending or if you have any questions.

Shawnee Seniors Club: Our Shawnee Seniors Club meets **every other Wednesday at 1pm at the clubhouse**. The club is open to all Seniors Age 55 and older. Contact the Social Committee at social@lakeshawneeclub.org if you plan to attend.

Baby and Me Playgroup: Meet every other **Friday at 10:00am - BEGINNING MARCH 5th**. Pre-K and under! Contact the Social Committee at social@lakeshawneeclub.org if you plan to attend.

The TLC Club: Neighbors Connecting with Neighbors. The mission of the Lake Shawnee TLC (tender, loving care) Club is to bring companionship and friendship to our Lake Shawnee neighbors. There is no better place to do this than right here in Lake Shawnee. If you are interested in being a part of this club email Adrienne Najjar-Keith and Kristine Wilsusen at lakeshawneetlc@gmail.com. If you, yourself or if you know anyone in our Lake Shawnee family who would benefit from a TLC visitor bringing friendship and companionship, please email lakeshawneetlc@gmail.com.

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Lake Shawnee Super Hero 3-6-9

Sadly, we needed to once again postpone the Lake Shawnee Super Hero 3-6-9 Race scheduled for Saturday, April 17th due to the COVID- 19 pandemic. We are STILL planning to hold the event once the current restrictions on outdoor gatherings have been lifted. A new date has not yet been determined. We will post more details once they are available.

We truly hope that you will come out and join us for this event to celebrate the SUPERHEROS in our community. Thanks to your support in the past, we are able to offer the scholarships again this year!!!!

We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. Thank you once again,
Kristeen McConnon and Dina Troha
Race Directors

If you have any questions, please contact us at lakeshawneesuperhero369@gmail.com

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Social comm. Mtg. 7:00pm	3	4	5 Baby and me 10:00am Board Mtg. 7:00pm	6
7	8	9	10 Seniors 1:00pm	11	12	13
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25 Annual Meeting 11:00am	26	27	28 Seniors 1:00pm	29	30 Baby and me 10:00am	

Summary of the Lake Shawnee Club Board Meetings

The monthly meeting of the Board of Governors was held on Friday, January 8, 2021 via virtual meeting due to current social distancing guidelines for Covid-19.

Recent Social Committee events including the Great Light Fight; there were lots of decorations throughout the Lake. The winners were announced on Facebook and through an email blast. Unfortunately, the upcoming Zumbini class and Winter Carnival were cancelled due to current COVID-19 restrictions on social gatherings. The Social Committee held their first meeting for the year and discussed some new social distancing ideas.

There are currently 8 houses for sale in the Lake, two are under contract, and one lot for sale. Our welcoming committee has not visited any new owners due to Covid-19 restrictions.

The Budget Committee will reconvene soon to discuss the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Motion sensors for the three flood lights on the Clubhouse have been purchased and will be installed. The hot water heater was serviced, and the heating coil replaced.

Four boats from White's Cove were relocated to the Clubhouse; two of the boats were sold and a donation was made to the Scholarship Committee.

There was a discussion on the updated nominating process. It was noted that the Club will solicit nominations through the LSNews, which are due by the end of January. A 3-person committee (non-Board members) will provide a nomination slate to the Club office and we will publish the nominations. Paper ballots will be mailed along with the Annual Meeting notice. There was a brief discussion on tie breaking rules. It was noted that all Board officers and any members at large whose terms are up should notify the Office of their intent to run.

The Club received a letter recently from the NJDEP. They had several comments on the plans we submitted and noted that we need to complete our annual inspection report from last year.

The Board had a discussion on a request made by a member for a bylaw change to include a proxy vote for either a homeowner to vote by mail or for the owner to designate a proxy voter. The Club's attorney will be contacted to see if we could accept a Power of Attorney to allow a proxy to vote without having to change our current bylaws.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Governors was held on Friday, February 5, 2021 via virtual meeting due to current social distancing guidelines for Covid-19.

The kids cooking class will be held on February 15th at the Clubhouse. The Social Committee discussed plans for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt with thoughts on how to spread it out around the Lake. The Lake Shawnee Seniors are still on hold due to COVID-19; they will determine their status on a month-by-month basis. The Social Committee closet has been painted and organized with new bins.

There was a discussion on the final photos from the Photo Contest to be displayed in the new Clubhouse space. An interior designer made a template showing how to display the photos; the Social Committee chairs will narrow the final pictures down to the number suggested on the template. Once the selections are made, a printer will be selected to print the photos on sound deadening canvas.

The Board voted to increase dues from \$435 to \$450 and Senior dues \$295 to \$305 (up \$10).

The Message Board needs to be updated and the Christmas lights need to be removed; unfortunately, with all the snow recently it has not been possible.

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Summary of the Lake Shawnee Club Board Meetings, continued

Mr. Keith spoke with our engineer from Solitude and they are planning to get started early to control the weeds this season.

The Swim Team Board will have a meeting soon to discuss the upcoming season.

No one came forward for any of the open Board positions. A ballot and slate will be prepared for the Annual Meeting notice. There was a brief discussion on the new process and the timeline. There was a discussion on postponing the Annual Meeting currently scheduled for March 27th due to the current COVID 19 social distancing guidelines. It was decided to postpone the meeting until Sunday, April 25th at 11am; a notice will be put in the LSNews and the Annual Meeting notice will be mailed accordingly.

There was a brief discussion on changing membership badges to membership cards in an effort to be more cost effective. The office staff will research more options and bring it to the Board at the next meeting. Wristbands will still be available for use.

Race directors, Ms. Kristeen McConnon and Ms. Dina Troha, have decided to postpone the Lake Shawnee Superhero 3-6-9 currently scheduled for April 17th until the COVID-19 restrictions allow for larger gatherings. They do plan to offer a scholarship again this year with money left in reserves although the amount is still to be determined.

Mr. Sanderson reported on the recent Budget Committee meeting. They decided to increase dues from \$435 to \$450 (up \$15) to offset the costs of the new HVAC system. Senior dues will increase from \$295 to \$305 (up \$10). There was a lengthy discussion on the increasing Senior population in the Lake and the breakdown of the Senior dues according to our Bylaws. The Board will vote on the dues increase under New Business.

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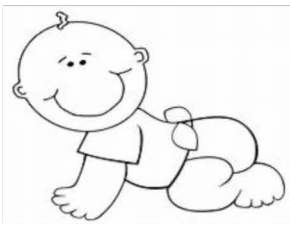
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if you plan to attend.



**VOLUNTEERS DO NOT
NECESSARILY HAVE THE TIME;
THEY JUST HAVE THE HEART.**

ELIZABETH ANDREW

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Social Committee Needs You!

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Neighbors Connecting with Neighbors

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If you, yourself or if you know anyone in our Lake Shawnee family who would benefit from a TLC visitor bringing friendship and companionship, please email [lakeshawneetlc@gmail.com](mailto:lakeshawneetlc@gmail.com)



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Although things are still uncertain for travel, it can be a good time to think about what you may like to do for a vacation when this is all over. We can help. Give us a call.



## **The Social Committee is Seeking Volunteers**

In order to ensure the success and continuation of this year's events, we need more volunteers to come out and lend a hand. Without increased involvement, we will be forced to cancel events that we have all come to love. A large commitment isn't necessary. We are asking members to sign up to chair an event(s). New ideas are always welcome. We will also share experiences and help you every step of the way. Unfortunately, if we do not get people to chair more events, they may be cancelled. So grab some friends, pick an event and let's work together to make 2021 an exceptional year!! If you are interested, please email [social@lakeshawneeclub.org](mailto:social@lakeshawneeclub.org)



### **Shawnee Seniors Club**

Meet **every other Wednesday at 1pm**

The club is open to all Seniors Age 55 and older.

Contact the Social Committee at [social@lakeshawneeclub.org](mailto:social@lakeshawneeclub.org) if you plan to attend.

### **In School or Home School???**

If you need any help with High School / College Biology or Chemistry; give me a call (973-663-4698).

I have helped a number of students boost their grade point average over the past few years. Call me and we can arrange for a study plan. Leave a voice message if not home, and I'll get back to you.

Al Gazdalski

# Slow Down Shawnee!

The group's purpose is to increase safety for pedestrian and vehicle traffic along Shawnee Trails.

## Hurry up spring but Slow Down Shawnee!

Other ideas are being explored. This takes time, research, education, and persistence. If you would like to get involved, please join the Facebook group, Slow Down Shawnee, and help make our community safer. Next meeting to be announced on our Facebook page.

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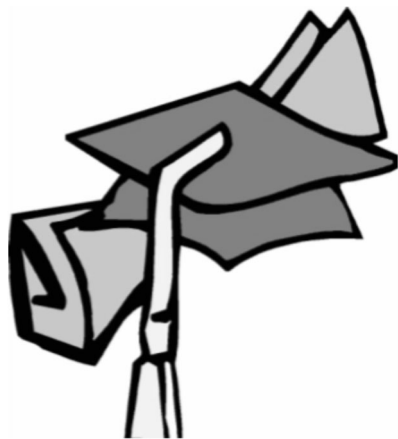
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## Lake Shawnee Club Scholarship

*Unfortunately, due to the current social distancing guidelines, the annual Lake Shawnee Super Hero 3-6-9, has been postponed until further notice. 100% of the proceeds from the race fund our Lake Shawnee Scholarship.*

However, we are so excited to be able to offer the Lake Shawnee Club

Scholarship. Once again, we would like to celebrate the passionate champions of our community who are active in community service and have plans for post-secondary school either college or vocational. This one-time award may be used for tuition, books and other school related expenses. Applicants must be a Jefferson township resident as well as a 2021 graduating high school senior.

Applications are available at the JTHS Guidance office or by contacting [lscnews@lakeshawneeclub.org](mailto:lscnews@lakeshawneeclub.org). A Scholarship Committee will evaluate all applications to determine the recipient(s) of the Lake Shawnee Club Scholarship!



The Lake Shawnee community would like to offer our deepest sympathies to the family of Dave Buglino, 56, who passed away in his home on December 29, 2020 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. On his final day, he was surrounded by his wife, Charla, three children, Carly, Lindsey and Nikki, and two dogs Bianca "Beans" and Oscar, who he protected and loved more than anything else in this world.



## ASK JEFF

Lake Ecology  
Jeff Keith  
973-663-4230  
[jeffieboy47@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffieboy47@yahoo.com)

This is to continue our conversation about what we all can do to help keep our Lake clean. There are two areas of concern that will make a difference in keeping Lake Shawnee one of the cleanest Lakes in the area. We all have to do our part and that is what makes Lake Shawnee a great community.

Fertilizers - Fertilizers have come a long way in the past 10 years. Normally, they contained a great deal of Phosphorus. That material aids in root growth and it will do the same thing in our Lake as it would in your yard and for many years contributed to our weed growth. Now you will see most fertilizers have no Phosphorus (It is the middle number on the package). There still are some fertilizers with phosphorus for new plant growth such as a new lawn. If you are putting in a new lawn, please use that fertilizer sparingly, because it will expedite weed growth in the Lake which is something we certainly want to avoid.

Leaves- I saved the best for last. Leaves in a lake community are probably one of the biggest contributors to Lake eutrophication, which simply means lakes fill in over time and they get shallower and eventually dry up if left unattended. When leaves get into our Lake, they fall to the bottom, bio-degrade, and will eventually become soil. That is why we must be extremely diligent in getting leaves off our lawns and out of our driveways. Otherwise, they wind up in the street and are carried by a heavy rain into the catch basins and into our lake. They also clog up our catch basins preventing them from working properly. In the past several years we have used a weed harvester (a backhoe on water with a bucket that looks like a rake) to eliminate some of this material that has built up over the years. The rake picks up vegetative material along with soil and then is taken to shore where it is put on a truck to be disposed of. We also put some on the islands to help build them up. That organic material is very fertile, so we have planted milkweed on this new soil to help the Monarch butterfly population.

Now, lake front homeowners, you have a tremendous responsibility because the wind will literally take your leaves off your lawn and into the Lake. I see so many people raking and blowing and bagging "nature's food factory for trees" and we thank and applaud you. If you hire a landscaper, make sure he or she knows how to dispose of your leaves properly.

That's it for now. So as always, I hope this has been helpful and informative.

Always remember that the value of your house and property is directly related to the beauty and health of our Lake. If you have questions about the Lake, do not hesitate to ask. If I do not know the answer, I will find somebody who does.

Jeff

Next month, we deal with Water - that amazing natural resource that sustains life on our planet. We will look at things we can do to protect and conserve it.

### Ice Safety

Outdoor ice sports and activities can be safe and enjoyable, but there is no such thing as 100 percent safe ice. Anyone who spends time near the ice should first determine the ice conditions, and then take precautions to stay safe.

#### Preventing Ice Accidents

- Follow these guidelines to avoid accidents when on or near ice:
- Check the ice thickness before going out. To be safe, ice should be solid and at least 4 inches thick. Remember, the ice may not be the same thickness over the entire area of a lake or pond. Test ice thickness by using a chisel, cordless drill or ice auger.
- Be safe—the more people on the ice, the thicker it should be.
- Use ice on smaller, shallower and slower-moving bodies of water for ice activities, it is usually more solid.
- Look for objects sticking up through the ice and mark them as hazards.
- Do not go out on ice that has recently frozen, thawed and then frozen again. This happens in the spring and early winter as temperatures change often. Wait until the outside temperature has been below freezing long enough that at least 4 inches of solid ice forms over the entire area.
- Always stay with at least one other person.

Source: American Red Cross

## LAKE SHAWNEE ICE FISHING RULES

- No use of gas-powered augers before 8 AM
- No fishing closer than 50 feet from the shore of anyone's property unless it is your own
- No fishing closer than 100 feet from the Beach areas and directly behind the Clubhouse
- Drill no more than ten holes per person per day
- Return all fish to the Lake alive that you do not intend to eat or otherwise take with you
- When leaving, take everything off the ice with you, including fish, garbage, coals, firewood, cans, etc.
- No glass bottles allowed on the ice at any time
- No fires allowed on the ice other than cooking on a grill
- Member or guest badges must be worn while on the ice

**These rules must be followed in order for all of us to continue enjoying our ice fishing on Lake Shawnee!**

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