



# the Waubeekan

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## Welcome, Autumn!

Dear Neighbors,

On special occasions, I reserve space in my column to acknowledge those who have made important contributions to our community. Over the past few months, we have been doing our best to keep the security system running as efficiently as possible. This has been no easy task. I'm not going to elaborate on the amount of work that has been done on this system since April. I'd rather spend my time thanking two board members, Mary Sacks and Donna Giachetti-Navarro, for their time, effort and dedication under unusual circumstances. Without their hard work, our security system would have been severely compromised. Their contributions to our community have been extraordinary. These are two very dedicated Waubeekans. Thank you, Donna and Mary.

In addition, I want to thank Seth Krate and Jackie Wilmott, two community volunteers, for their generosity and contributions during this period. Seth has graciously volunteered his services as system administrator, and Jackie will be our software consultant and liaison with the hardware company. Thanks for helping us when we needed you.

In March, we met as a community to vote on two very important and crucial initiatives, the Water Diversion Permit and the construction of a new well. I am pleased to report that our Diversion Permit has been approved by the State of Connecticut, and our new well has been completed. We expect that it will be in full operation very shortly. My thanks to you for your approval and support. This has been a long and arduous process. We have come through it with flying colors.

A committee has been formed to prepare a protocol for our Septic Tank Pumping program. More information will follow as we approach our next community meeting in May. You will be notified with information as soon as it becomes available.

Some of our neighbors have noticed a group of people perusing our forest. These are Yale University students who are part of the program that we have engaged to do a study of our forest. They will be evaluating and examining many aspects of our forest. In a few months, they will compile all their material and make a final report and recommendation in the form of a publication for our use. Everyone has received a questionnaire. Please fill it out. This questionnaire will assist them in developing their final report. Thanks again to Ruth Levine and Vivian Pierson for their coordination in making this effort come to fruition.

That's about it for now. I'm pleased with business at the Lake. I hope you are too. If not, let me know. I'm always available. To all my fellow board members, thanks for your time, effort and dedication to our community. I wish everyone the happiest and healthiest winter and spring.

Stay safe. See you on the road.

All the best, Jesse



## In Memoriam

Resident Joe Bucholt wrote this letter in tribute to a fine Waubeekan who recently passed away. We extend our condolences to the family.

"We were saddened to hear that Nathan Pearlman died in Saint Petersburg, Florida, on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the age of 86.

Nate and his wife Edith were an important part of the Waubeeka family for over 25 years. He resurrected and edited *The Waubeekan*, participated in all community activities, and wrote the definitive history of our community, called "Lake Waubeeka—The First Forty Years." His art and writing abilities came naturally, and from years of experience in creating materials for worthy causes in which he believed, as well as annual reports for Fortune 500 companies.

His big "splash" in Danbury was his participation in the annual race sponsored by the News-Times. One of his final runs resulted in his first place finish in the 60 and 70 age category. The newspaper featured that accomplishment with a photo of him and a story covering the entire front page.

Edith, a long-time member of the Board of Directors, died two years ago.

We extend condolences to their children Judy and Kenny, son-in-law Richard and grandson Jake."

### File this under "Just In Case You Didn't Know..."

*The Waubeekan* is an open community forum for residents who wish to share information and ideas. ALL residents are encouraged to participate with articles, questions, proposals and more. The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily approved or sanctioned by the Board of Directors.

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## Password, Please?

Along with your second pro-rata invoice, you should have received a form requesting you to choose a password if you wish to participate in a new security initiative to be inaugurated this winter. The deadline for sending in your password has been extended to November 15<sup>th</sup>.

For details, please consult page 4 of this Waubeekan.

## Yale Survey

You may have noticed a survey in your mailbox recently, from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Graduate students will be conducting a semester-long study of our forests and community which will result in an environmental assessment plan for our consideration. Please return your survey in the self-addressed envelope as soon as possible. If you have any questions or need a copy of the survey, contact Board liaison Vivian Pierson at 778-9263.

## Getting Ready for Winter

As the cold weather approaches, please make sure that your car is adequately equipped for winter driving. Lake Waubeeka's maintenance crew works hard at keeping our roads clear and drivable in winter weather. Remember: the less salt we use on our roads, the better it is for the health of our lake.

## Danbury Food Drive

Our names are Amy Setesak, Nick Seinfeld and Thomas Russell. We are a senior and two freshmen respectively, at Danbury High School. We would like to organize a food drive as part of our community service for acceptance into the National Honor Society and for Danbury High School's Key Club (which promotes community service).

Please consider contributing nonperishable food items that will be donated to various food pantries affiliated with St. James Episcopal Church, the United Jewish Center and the Dorothy Day Food Pantry.

Items may be left on the front porch of the Community House and will be collected daily. The deadline for the drive is November 21, 2003 so that donations may be made prior to Thanksgiving.

If you have any questions, please call:

Amy Setesak 790-7564  
Nick Seinfeld 743-2564  
Thomas Russell 748-3743

You may also contact our Lake Waubeeka sponsor Mary Ellen Graziano at 743-2564. Thank you in advance for your help.

## Tuesday Nights at the Movies

As long as weather permits, movies for adults (rated PG, PG-13 or R) will resume on Tuesday nights now that the new movie screen has been installed at the Community House. Movies start promptly at 8 pm. Bring your own cushions for comfort. The movie title will be advertised at the gate in the days preceding its showing.

## Baby Waubeekans

Welcome to the new arrivals!

Bob and Jen Evans —proud parents  
of twin boys born 9/29/03  
Bryce John Evans  
Brayden Thomas Evans



## Chili Cook-Off Winners

Congratulations to this year's winners!

Winner: John Gonnelli  
1st runner up: Alison Donofrio  
2nd runner up: Veronica Epranian  
People's Choice award: Jeanine Nadler



## Drinking Water Report

Our drinking water's sodium level was recently reported as being 54.4 mg/L, which is in excess of the mandatory consumer notification level (28.0 mg/L) as specified in the CT Public Health Code. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, please inform your physician.

## Lake Waubeeka Sweatshirts Now Available

Adult hooded sweatshirts in navy  
medium, large, x-large

Children's hooded sweatshirts in red  
sizes 6-8, 10-12 and 14-16

Call Mary Ellen Graziano 743-2564

## Airport Noise

Several people have asked the Board to let Waubeekans know about a volunteer group operating out of Danbury and Ridgefield. The Danbury Airport Neighbors Association (DANA) is working together with the mayor, the Danbury airport and the Aviation Commission to improve the noise problems and address safety concerns at the airport.

They are currently organizing a petition that would ask the City of Danbury to charge a \$20 landing and take-off fee on all aircraft using the Danbury airport.

If you would like to know more about this petition or about the association, email [DANAssociation16@hotmail.com](mailto:DANAssociation16@hotmail.com), write to PO Box 2944, Danbury CT 06813-2944, or call 203 / 743-2560 for details.

## Request For Personal Security Password

The Security Committee would like to thank all residents for their patience during our recent audit. We are confident that the improvements we've made will help the security system run more efficiently.

During the autumn, we'll be starting a new initiative—namely, an EMERGENCY ONLY phone service at the dialer so that a resident can gain entrance to the community if his/her pass is lost or broken. Right now the details are still under discussion. The goal is to hire a 24-hour answering service to assist residents at the dialer. We will send a notice when the service is available.

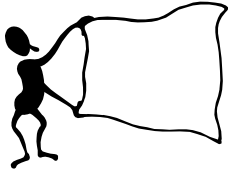
For now, we are inviting all homeowners who wish to participate in this service to decide upon a personal password that can be used at the dialer to identify you as a legitimate resident of Lake Waubeeka. Your personal password can be any 5 digits you wish, or it can be a short word. Please choose a password that you will readily remember.

If you'd like to participate in this service, please return the form below—or write the information on a separate sheet of paper—by November 15th. Mail it to 47 Post Road, Danbury CT 06810 or drop it at one of the green security boxes (at the exit gate or tennis court).

Thank you,  
Security Committee, Lake Waubeeka  
Tel: 203 / 798-1183

_____
— Homeowner Name
_____
— Homeowner Phone Number
_____
— LWA Address
_____
— Your Personal Password (used at dialer only in case of emergency)

**NOTE:** If you rent your home, have your tenant fill out a separate form, to be returned to the address above.



## Community Bulletin Board

**BABYSITTER AVAILABLE:** Experienced in the ways of the babysitting. Certified by Danbury Hospital and Danbury Fire Department. Contact Thomas Russell tel: 203-748-3743.

**FOUND:** Man's watch found in the vicinity of the ballfield. Please call Mary Ellen to identify. 743-2564.

**FOUND:** Men's gold rim aviator style glasses found at the playground. Call Mary Ellen to identify. 743-2564.

**MA JONG SET:** Novice player seeks to purchase a used ma jong set. Call Mary at 744-8370.

**SNOW SHOVELING:** Farmer's 2004 Almanac predicts more snow than last year! Sign up now to have your driveway cleared. Price determined by size of driveway. Call Nick Seinfeld 743-2564.

**MATH TUTOR:** Danbury High School Senior, soon to have limited availability for Math tutoring. Has completed highest Math courses offered at DHS including AP Statistics and AP Calculus. Call Zane Johnson at 743-9617, 5 Arthur Street.

**TUTOR:** for children in grades K - 5. Tenured Danbury teacher (6 years), \$35 per hour. Call Sue 794-0109

**LEATHER COMPUTER BAGS:** \$100 retail, on sale for \$35 each. Limited availability. Call Fred 794-0109

### Waubeeka Tag Sale?

Let's face it: we've all got junk. Or should we say *collectibles*? I'd like to organize a **residents-only** Tag Sale to spread the wealth around. If you would like to participate in a mountaintop tag sale sometime during the autumn, contact Donna Giachetti at 744-8370 or via email at [dgiachetti@yahoo.com](mailto:dgiachetti@yahoo.com). Date and location to be announced.

### Gate Reminder

Please be patient with the entrance and exit gates! Let the gate go through its full cycle before proceeding. A \$100 fine will be issued to anyone caught breaking a gate.

## Autumn Garbage Pick-Up

The autumn garbage pick-up schedule (Mondays) is now in effect. Please set your perishable garbage out NO LATER THAN 8 am on pick-up days.

Large items (furniture etc) can be left at curbside at any time for removal by our caretaking staff.

Contractors MUST NOT dump construction materials in Lake Waubeeka's dumpsters. Fines will be imposed on homeowners whose hired workers do not follow this rule.

Metal cans, aluminum foil, glass and plastic bottles and all other recyclables should be placed curbside in a clear or blue bag. Newspapers, and flattened cardboard boxes should be bundled together with string, or in a brown paper bag. DO NOT MIX RECYCLING WITH GARBAGE!

Please don't leave your garbage out for days before pick-up unless you have a raccoon-proof trash bin.

The dumpsters are always available for disposal of garbage and limited household trash, but are not for disposal of recyclable items, construction debris, or large items such as furniture and appliances.

## We're Online!

Lake Waubeeka's website is full of great information, helpful phone numbers and a Community Discussion Forum where you can post your views. You can register your boat online, browse through old issues of the Waubeekan, contact Board members and much more. Visit us at

<http://www.waubeeka.org/>

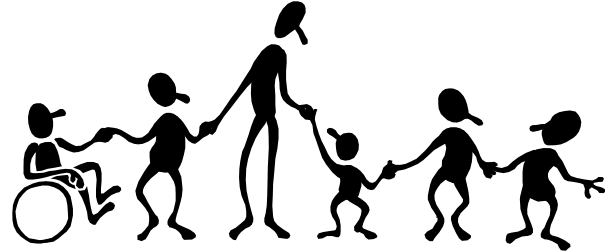
## Got News?

You may submit articles, comments, poems, items for sale, and more. Submit to mailbox at 138 Carol Street. All articles should be signed and have a phone number. Send electronic submissions [waubeekan@waubeeka.org](mailto:waubeekan@waubeeka.org).

## PLEASE SLOW DOWN!

15 mph speed limit

## Your Neighbors Say...



### Help Fund School Equipment

Resident Edna Feldman suggests that Waubeekans consider registering with ShopRite's "Education Program," which helps local schools earn free educational equipment.

To register, go to [www.shoprite.com/educate](http://www.shoprite.com/educate) and follow the instructions online. Details are also available at ShopRite stores. This program expires April 30, 2004.

Mill Ridge Primary  
Rogers Park Middle School

Mill Ridge Intermediate  
Danbury High School

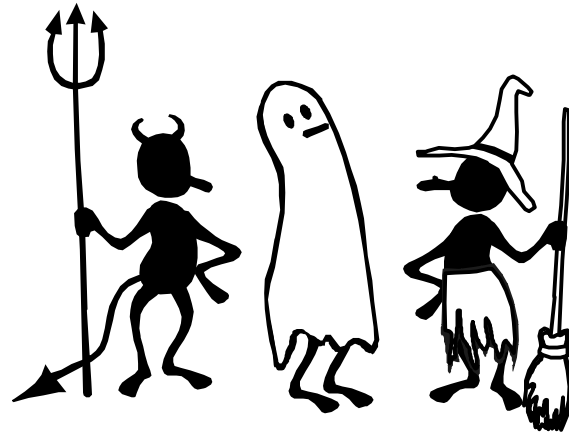
### Mountain Directory

Resident Carol Nicklaus proposes the following: It's Sunday morning. Your computer goes ballistic and you can't get in touch with your usual computer whiz. AARGH! You know there are probably a dozen people right here on the mountain who could solve your problem... But WHO ARE THEY? WHERE ARE THEY?

Or there's that perpetual leak in the kitchen faucet, the gutter hanging off the roof, a garden that needs work, a cat who needs to be fed while you're on vacation, a new coat of paint on the shed, or you might even like a makeover, a massage or a private yoga lesson!

If you have a business skill or personal talent that you would like to let our community know about, contact Carol Nicklaus at 791-2720 or by email at [cnicklaus@comcast.net](mailto:cnicklaus@comcast.net). Why not organize a directory of experts right here on the mountain? Call to discuss your ideas and share your skills. Let's put this resource together over the winter!

# HALLOWEEN PARTY



October 25<sup>th</sup>  
from 3:00 - 5:00  
at the LWA community house

**Come in costume  
And bring a dish to be shared**

If your last name begins with

A - H

frighteningly delicious appetizers

I - N

ghoulish finger sandwiches

O - S

assorted salads for the hungry goblins

T - Z

devilish desserts

Bring your little goblins for an afternoon of parades, games, hayrides  
and food !

a fun afternoon guaranteed for ALL !

RSVP to Lisa Glaser at 790-8040 or Gin Weisgerber at 778-0151.  
Call now!!