

Summer 2006: A Very Good Year

Contact Us!

To reach Board members, please use Lake Waubeeka's official mailing address, website, or our phone number.

Lake Waubeeka Association
137 Post Road
Danbury, CT 06810
www.waubeeka.org
798-1183

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.

Special Kids' Corner

We'd like to inaugurate a new section of the Waubeekan—a space to honor our young Waubeekans who “do the right thing.” Please send any suggestions for future honorees to dgiachetti@yahoo.com.

Thank you to the following young Waubeekans who initiated an impromptu fundraising campaign for the Lake Waubeeka Children's Garden on the weekend of June 10th. They raised \$100! This is what Lake Waubeeka is all about—community spirit! Good work, special kids!

Aaron Dempsey	Cammy Slingerland
Danielle Dempsey	Cody Slingerland
Joshua Dempsey	Ari Sterzinger
Noah Dempsey	Ayla Sterzinger
Gaia Mistriell	Kira Sterzinger



Congratulations 2006 Graduates!



Matt Zwang	University of Connecticut Graduate Program
Carrie Zwang	University of Connecticut
Brian Donegan	Danbury High School
Allison Donofrio	Danbury High School
Gal Artsi	Rogers Park Middle School
Allon Hadaya	Rogers Park Middle School
Max Seinfeld	Rogers Park Middle School
Cassie Cortes	Rogers Park Middle School
Jessica Levinson	Salk School of Science
Noah Dempsey	Mill Ridge Intermediate
Lindsay Glaser	Mill Ridge Intermediate
Sara Wall	Mill Ridge Intermediate
Megan Glaser	Mill Ridge Primary
Jacob Keller	Mill Ridge Primary
Cameron Matthews	Mill Ridge Primary
Cody Slingerland	Mill Ridge Primary
Gaia Mistriell	Maimonides Kindergarten
Cosme Nicholas Navarro	Mill Ridge Primary Kindergarten
Adam Russo	Mill Ridge Primary Kindergarten
Cameron Slingerland	Mill Ridge Primary Kindergarten
Ari Sterzinger	Mill Ridge Primary Kindergarten

Our apologies if we have forgotten anyone!

Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, July 22nd at 9 pm
at the Community House

We are seeking nominees to fill positions on the Board of Directors for 2006 - 2007. If you would like to be nominated, please fill out the form below and return it TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE MEETING to the Recording Secretary c/o LWA, 137 Post Road, Danbury CT. Elections will occur at our Annual Membership meeting on Saturday, July 22 at 9 pm.

Petition for Nomination
LWA Board of Directors

We, the undersigned, being all members in good standing of the Lake Waubeeka Association Inc. would like

_____ (candidate's name), residing at _____

(candidate's LWA address) to be considered for nomination to the Board of Directors of the said corporation.

Elections for the Board of Directors to be held July 22, 2006 at 9:00 pm at the Community House.

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Pizza Party Fridays

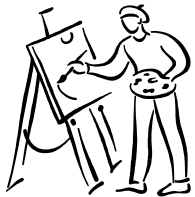
All Waubeekans young and older! Bring a beach chair or blanket and join the Community Pizza Party every other Friday at 6 pm at the Paul Street beach. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin boards at each beach until 10 am on the day of the party. Order your own pie for \$10. No drop-ins please! If you sign up but do not attend, you will still be obliged to pay for the pizza you ordered. Cancellations or rain dates will be posted on all bulletin boards. For more information call Virginia Weisgerber at 778-0151.

Friday, June 30th
Friday July 17th
Friday, July 28th
Friday, August 11th
Friday, August 25th



Art Show 2006

Once again we look forward to celebrating and sharing the art work of our many talented friends and neighbors—paintings, drawings, sculpture, jewelry, crafts, needlework, poetry, photographs—all of the arts. This year's show will open at the Community House on Saturday evening, August



19, at 8:00 pm, with a festive gala featuring food, drinks, music, and a great collection of art work by young and old. The exhibition will be on display throughout the day on Sunday, August 20, as well.

NEW THIS YEAR: We invite you to take part in learning guidelines for "Preparing for Exhibition." You'll make sure your works look their best in a show, with framing and hanging tips, suggestions, and sources. Sabine Luttenschlager, of Fine Framing in Ridgefield, will offer the professional point of view, and Carol Nicklaus will provide information for the "first-timers." Workshop will take place at the end of July, to make sure you have time to get your works ready for the show! Date to be announced...

For questions, information, or to volunteer, contact Carol Nicklaus at 791-2720, or cnicklaus@comcast.net. Look for a flyer in your mailbox soon!

In Memoriam

With great sadness, we note the passing of these wonderful Waubeekans. Our sympathies are extended to their families and friends.

Fred Hainbach
Max Lesnick
Max Sinowitz
Irving Small
Sylvia Steinbaum
Isadore Steinbaum

Duplicate Bridge

Calling all bridge players to the summer duplicate game on Thursday nights in the Community House. We begin 7:30 sharp and all players are welcome. First game will be June 29th. Call Judy Gurian for further information at 743 3383.

Amber Alert

The Danbury Rotary Club is a leading participant in the State Rotary project to register all Connecticut children into the Amber Alert emergency response system, in cooperation with the Connecticut State Police. Local registration sessions are held several times per month. For the upcoming schedule, go to www.Danburyrotary.org

Register Your Boat

All boats used on Lake Waubeeka must be registered and tagged. Please contact our website to register your boat and receive a LWA tag: www.waubeeka.org/boatreg.htm

You can also mail your own registration request—include your name, LWA address, phone number and a brief description of your boat—to LWA, 137 Post Road, Danbury CT 06810.

Boats should be kept clean, free of algae and weeds. **NO MOTORIZED BOATS PERMITTED!**

All boats must be stored at the Paul Street beach, on the right side of the beach (if you are facing the water). Lake Waubeeka is not responsible for your boat. Leave at your own risk.



Thank You!

Thank you to Amelia and George Benitez for their very generous contribution of hundreds of dollars' worth of art supplies for the children's arts & crafts program.

Bake Sale Success

Our Lake Waubeeka Bake Sale was held on the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend and was a huge success! More than \$200 was donated to help start the new Children's Garden being built in the playground. A big thank you to Jacki Johnson for orchestrating this event and to all the volunteers that baked such wonderfully delicious baked goods for this event!

Children's Garden

Any children between the ages of 3 and 10 who would like to help out in the new Children's Garden at the playground may contact Rachel Steitzel at stietzels@gmail.com.

Thank You, Beautification Volunteers

A huge thanks goes out to the people on Lake Waubeeka's Beautification Committee. The community looks great because of all your hard work and dedication. Thank you to co-chairs Sandy Ritter and Chris Zwang, and to the rest of the team: Chris Prigge, Sharon Bernd, Carol Nicklaus, Sybil and Charlie Frisina. A double thanks to Charlie because he does so much extra for us. A special thanks to Victor Cohen and Flo for their help last year at the ball field.

If you want to participate in the beautification efforts (and the fun!) please contact Sandy at 792-1631 or Chris at 743-1451. We can always use new ideas and helping hands.



Bliss to those who keep their trash away from scavenging raccoons! Please don't leave your garbage at the curb for several days before pick-up unless you have a securely-covered trash bin.
Put it out the NIGHT BEFORE!

Volunteers Wanted

We are looking for volunteers to take care of a special garden. Be in charge and take credit for creating your own masterpiece. The work can be shared by two or more people if interested.

- Community House entrance garden—We have put in a few annuals, but we need someone to be creative, water, spray and generally take care of this garden.
- The Welcome Garden—Currently being cared for by Chris Zwang, but she needs to focus on the Gate area and bottom of hill entrance.



I would love to discuss with anyone interested. I can explain the details of how it works, just give me a call at 791-1631 and ask for Sandy.

Beach Clean-Up Thanks

This community was built by volunteers more than 50 years ago. Today, we are happy to announce that the tradition of volunteerism continues! In May, astonishing work was done on the Paul Street beach by a group of hard-working

volunteers, headed by Bob Evans. Below are the names of the folks who helped make our beach even more beautiful. We will all enjoy the beach this summer, thanks to your efforts! Apologies if we have forgotten anyone!



George Benitez

Joel Berkowitz

Sharon Bernd

Flo Bouchard

Leo and Quinn Curtin

Dean Dafino

The Dempsey family

Bob Evans

Charlie and Sybil Frisina

The Hadaya family

Rod and Jackie Johnson

Herb and Harriet Krate

Bray Lashley

Louis Lora

Bob Masi

Bill and Thomas Russell

Nick and Max Seinfeld

Kirk Slingerland

Rachel and Drew Steizel

Chris Zwang

Update on Lake Weeds

Submitted by Dave Zwang

So where did all the weeds come from?

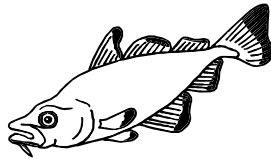
Unfortunately due to a relatively mild winter coupled with very light precipitation, we have great conditions for weed growth in the lake.

What we are doing:

We started weed harvesting around the middle of May, and will continue aggressively throughout the summer.

This should help a bit, but expect that there will be more weeds in the lake this season, especially in the coves. We are trying to get parts of the coves harvested, but due to the shallow depths, we can't safely get the harvester into some areas.

While it won't help much this season, we are getting everything in order to introduce another release of sterile Triploid Grass Carp for next season.



The last release was in 1999 and they are starting to die off. Since they are sterile (by design) we will need to reintroduce a new batch. For those of you who wonder why we don't just introduce 'non sterile' grass carp, there are a number of reasons. First it is illegal. But more importantly if we let these multiply unchecked, they will clean out the entire lake, causing catastrophic results.

What can you do?

If you have a house on the lake, please pull out any 'floaters' or weeds you can safely get to. You can bring them up on shore, let them dry, and you will have some excellent natural fertilizer.

If we leave the floaters in the lake it will only add more nutrients to fuel additional growth.

Also, please don't use chemical fertilizers next to the lake, since that will have a similar effect.

15 MPH speed limit SERIOUSLY!

News About the Gates

Submitted by Bruce Clark

The Community recently voted to invest \$25,000 in improving our access control system. In July you will see the results of four changes in the gate area designed to make our system more reliable and easier to use.

First, Flo will be remounting each of the three gates on concrete pads about 4" above ground level. This correct mounting will reduce the groundwater-caused moisture build up in the gates which causes electronic malfunctions.

Second, you will see surveillance cameras being installed. Images of activity at the gates will be recorded so we can determine the causes of gate breakages and, when appropriate, identify the vehicle which did the damage. As you know, Community Rules allow the Board to assess fines for willful or accidental gate damage.

Third, the speed bumps on the uphill side of the gates will be moved to minimize vehicle speeds just before they transit the gates. We believe that this will minimize gate breakage due to tailgating. You should be aware that later this summer the speed bumps will be replaced with Speed HUMPS at the gates and in many other critical locations in the community. The HUMPS will be plowable in the winter and therefore a permanent change to reduce speeding on our roads. In addition, Flo will be painting over most of the bright arrows and words he put near the gates earlier this spring.

Fourth, the dialer/intercom will be replaced with an upgraded console to correct a problem which has, during the last year, shut down the guest gate. The screen on the replacement unit will also be more readable. A new instructions sign will be posted there as well to assist guests.

Residents with guests can make it easier for them as well. All you have to tell them is your three digit "Code" number. Then, all they have to do is key in the three numbers and the call to you will be automatically dialed. To get your personal "Code" number just go to the dialer, scroll to your name and write down the number next to your name on the screen. Then tell all your relatives and friends and other guests your "Code" number. **Try it, it works great.**

And remember to call 798-1183 to report anything wrong at the gates or to get information you may need. Remember, YOU are an important part of the access control system.

Help Our Troops

Jenifer Niezgorski of 37 Alan Road offers this letter:

My husband Steve spent 10 years with the Marine Corps Reserve Unit, 1/25 Charlie Company in Plainville CT. The unit was recently activated and sent to Fallujah, Iraq. Website is www.mfr.usmc.mil/4thmardiv/25thMar/1stBn/

If anyone would like to write directly to the Marines, here is a list of local men who receive little or no mail. I know they appreciate our wishes. Children may also want to send drawings to the Marines. They need to know that we support them, regardless of our personal feelings about the war. They are a long way from home and need our help.

Letters to the Marines cost one regular stamp to send, as long as the envelope weighs one ounce or less. Please keep letters positive and upbeat!

Mail should be addressed as follows:



Name of Marine
Charlie Company
1st Bn 25th Marines
Unit 72190
FPO AE 09509-2190

Capt. John Harris	LCpl. Jose Saltos
LCpl. Aldo Rodriguez	Cpl. Brian Moody
LCpl. Picard Vance	LCpl. Brian Reopel
Sgt. John Malm	Sgt. John Elsdon
Pfc. Matthew Swan	Sgt. Martin I barracastro
LCpl. Lsmael	SSgt. Hannah
Cpl. Heredia Derrick	Cpl. Heredia Manuel
LCpl. Washington	LCpl. Hotts
LCpl. Pierce	LCpl. Sengphachan
SSgt. Torrey	Capt. Miller
Capt. Pandak	

Please do not launch any boat on the lake without first cleaning it thoroughly.

Keeping boats clean keeps the lake happy!



Our Beautiful Beaches

Attention beach-goers! We're counting on you to do your part to keep our beaches clean.

- ☞ Use the correct garbage receptacle for your refuse.
- ☞ Don't place trash in the cans that are marked "goose poop" or "ash."
- ☞ Collect your children's toys at the end of the day and take them home with you.
- ☞ Don't store your chairs and towels on the beach. They will be thrown away.
- ☞ Pick up and dispose of your cigarette butts.
- ☞ Plain and simple: CLEAN UP YOUR TRASH!!

There are two Lost & Found bins located on the wall of the Paul Street beach. If you find an item, please place it in a bin. If you've lost something, check the bins. Items not picked up will eventually be disposed of.

Route 7 Reconstruction

In March, Route 7 traffic lanes were shifted to the east of the pre-existing pavement, from just north of the Route 35 intersection to West Starrs Plain Road, to facilitate widening the pavement on the west side of the road.



On April 3, night work commenced, requiring one-way alternating traffic on Route 7 between 10PM to 6AM to install drainage across Route 7. The work is scheduled to take 6-8 weeks.

Also on April 3, Starrs Plain Road at Route 7 (not West Starrs Plain Road) began to be intermittently closed during the daytime to allow work to re-align the Starrs Plain Road intersection. Motorists are advised to use West Starrs Plain Road as an alternate; detour signs are posted. This work was slated for completion in about two months

On May 9, Route 7 traffic lanes were shifted to the west side of the pre-existing pavement, from just north of the Route 35 intersection to West Starrs Plain Road, to facilitate construction of the new pavement on the east side of the roadway. This work will continue until further notice. Route 7 traffic was shifted onto the new alignment of West Starrs Plain Road.

For additional information on this project, visit www.metropool.com or call MetroPool at 1-800-346-3743.



(excerpted from the CT Dept. of Transportation web site, <http://www.ct.gov/dot/>)

Tuesday Nights at the Movies

Movies for adults (rated PG, PG-13 or R) will be shown every Tuesday night at the Community House, starting promptly at 8 pm. Bring your own cushions for comfort.

The title of each week's movie will be advertised at the gates in the days preceding its showing.

June 13	The Producers
June 20	Lord of War
June 27	Just Like Heaven
July 4	Good Night & Good Luck
July 11	Syriana

Children's Craft Hour

Children's Craft Hour on Thursday mornings for ages 5 - 11. Beginning July 6th through August 24th there will be a Thursday children's craft hour from 10:30 - 11:30 am at the Community House Craft Room. Valerie Balandis-Bick will lead the activities.



Fishing Tournament

Lake Waubeeka's Fifth Annual Fishing Tournament will be held at the Paul Street beach on Sunday, August 13th from 9:30 -11:30 am. Drizzle or Shine! For children to the age of 17. Pole fishing only. No net fishing, please. "Ed Lansky" fishing awards will be presented at 11:00 am.

Candy Bar Bingo

Back by popular demand! Join us on Wednesday, July 12th and August 9th at 8 pm at the Community House with our favorite Bingo caller, Kristen Krate. For children 5 years and older. One "regular" size candy bar buys one bingo card. Limit of two cards per person. No losers!

Frog Jumping Contest

Children up to age 17, come and join the 17th Annual Frog Jumping Contest at the playground at 11 am on Saturday, September 2nd. One frog per child. Bring your frog in a closed container (one that allows for air). Please set frogs free where you found them after the contest.

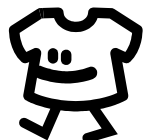
Monday Night Kids' Movie

Every Monday night there will be a G-rated children's movie at the Community House. The movie begins promptly at 7 pm. Titles will be posted on the bulletin boards at the beaches, Community House and ball field.

July 10 th	July 17 th	July 24 th	August 31 st
August 7 th	August 14 th	August 21 st	August 28 th

Waubeeka T-Shirts

2006 Waubeeka T-shirts available.
Call Mary Ellen at 743-2564.



Kitchen Science is Back!

Summer Science for Ages 8 and up returns Fridays from 10:30 to noon in July and August. Watch for posters at the Community House and Paul Street Beach. On the air pressure front, we will explore Bernoulli's Principle (lift in flight); light neon and fluorescent bulbs with a plasma globe; examine amazing Ferrofluid; use the pool table and toys to review Newton's Laws; do magic tricks that demonstrate inertia; train our microscopes on Lake Waubeeka; build terrariums—if we can collect some super-size plastic jars (please save!); and wrap up with a spaghetti and gumdrop building contest.

Beaches close at 11 pm

Got News?

Submissions for the Waubeekan may be mailed to 138 Carol Street, Danbury CT. Send electronic submissions to dgiachetti@yahoo.com. All articles should be signed and have a phone number.

LWA Softball

Get your bats and gloves ready! Adult softball games will be held at 10:00 am. You don't need to register, just show up. A splendid time is guaranteed for all.

Sunday, July 2nd

Sunday, September 3rd

Garbage Matters

The summer garbage pick-up schedule (Mondays & Thursdays) will be in effect July 4th through Labor Day. Recyclables are picked up only once weekly on Mondays. Please have your garbage and recycling out at curbside no later than 6 am Mondays.

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.

Lake Waubeeka's Beach Party!

Back by popular demand!

FRENCH COOKIN' BLUES BAND

Sunday
July 2nd
3 - 7 pm
at the Paul
Street beach



Celebrate the holiday on the beach! Join us for a lot of food, a lot of fun, and a lot of great music! (In case of rain, the performance will be held at the Community House.)

Because of the tremendous turn-out for this event, the parking lot gets congested quickly. Please walk, carpool, canoe, row or swim to the beach.

Park on Danfred, Paul or Carol Street and walk down to the beach. **We'd like to try to avoid parking headaches!**

If you do park at the beach lot, please make sure that your name and cell number are placed prominently on the window of your dashboard.

When talking about dog poop,
a scoop is worth a thousand words.

Drinking Water Sodium Levels

NOTE: THE 2005 WATER QUALITY REPORT IS INCLUDED IN THIS WAUBEKAN.



Our water's sodium level tends to exceed 28.0 mg/L, which is the mandatory consumer notification level as specified in the CT Public Health Code. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, please inform your physician.

Splashdown!



Our annual Splashdown field trip will be held on Sunday, July 23rd. Splashdown Water Park is now Splashdown Beach. They now have a wave pool and beach, sidewinder raft slide, and new expanded food service. Along with these new attractions are your favorites like Crocodile Creek Lazy River, 3 giant water slides, Shipwreck Island, Poly Wog Pond and Coconut Lagoon. The park is located at 16 Old Route 9 in Fishkill, New York. For information call 845 897-9600.

Sunday, July 24th
10 am – 2:00 pm

Group rate is \$15 per person (no matter the age) for an all-day pass, from 10 am – 7 pm.

Directions: take route 84 west to the Fishkill Exit (exit 13), make a right turn off the exit onto route 9. Proceed 2 miles on Route 9. Water Park is on the left.

To take advantage of the Lake Waubeeka Group Discount Rate you must mention that you are with Lake Waubeeka. Questions? Call Mary Ellen at 743-2564.

NOTE: be sure to arrive early—the ticket line to enter the park is insane!

Camping Overnight at the Beach

Camping at the beach has been a long-standing tradition at Lake Waubeeka. The Board of Directors urges campers to observe these rules, which were developed to ensure our community's safety and tranquility:

1. Fire pit may be used until 11 pm WITH adult supervision.
2. No loud noise or music after 11 pm. Please remember that the beach is officially CLOSED at 11 pm. Overnight campers should be respectful of their neighbors.
3. All tents and garbage must be cleared away by 9 am. Please leave the beach clean!

Fire Pit Safety

The Board wishes to remind all residents (and guests) that the fire pit must be used with caution and common sense. If the guidelines below are not followed, the fire pit will be dismantled.

The fire pit is meant for a small campfire only. No cooking except for marshmallows & s'mores.

Make sure that you have everything required to put out your fire (buckets, shovel). Please put out fire with water only. **DO NOT USE SAND.**

Discard all cold ash in the aluminum can beside the pit.

If the ash is too warm to place in the ash can, it is your responsibility to return the next morning and clean up!

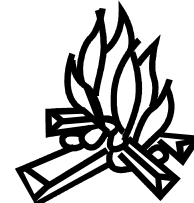
There is a difference between warm ash and hot ember. You must stay until your the embers are no longer burning.

Take all unused wood home with you.

Do not burn trash.

Please, no fires on windy days or nights! Check the Weather Channel for Wind Advisories.

Use common sense!



Beaches close at 11 pm. All fires must be put out by 11 pm.

ALL FIRES MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES! This includes supervising teenagers!
Teenagers are not adults.

PARENTS, WATCH YOUR CHILDREN!

A pumped septic tank
is a happy septic tank!
Showers of joy to
those who pump
every two years!