



Lordship Fathers' Club

21 ½ Prospect Drive – Lordship

www.lordshipfathersclub.com

Celebrating 65 Years!!! 1947-2012



Autumn 2011

CALENDAR

Club Meetings

First Wednesday
of every month
from Sept-June
LFC Clubhouse
8:00 PM

November 2nd
December 1st
January 4th
February 1st

65th Annual

Halloween Parade

Sat. October 29th
3:30pm - 4:30pm
Lordship School Baseball
Field

Breakfast with Santa

December 10th
9:00 to 11:00
Our Lady of Peace Hall

Christmas Display Contest

December 14 to
December 21



LORDSHIP SCHOOL HARVEST FAIR



The Lordship School PTA will once again be holding their Annual Harvest Fair at Lordship School on Saturday October 29th at 1pm. The fair will offer plenty of family games and crafts, as well as a bake sale and raffle. It's certain to be another great PTA sponsored event! Come in costume and join in the Lordship Father's Club parade and trick or treating immediately following at 3:30pm.

65th ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE

It is time for the Lordship Fathers Club Halloween Parade, there will be witches, fairies, ghosts, ghouls and that's just the neighbors. In 1947, the LFC held the first children's event, the Halloween Parade at Lordship School. This year's Parade begins at 3:30 pm Saturday October 29th at the Lordship School ball field (directly behind the Fathers Clubhouse). Last year's Halloween Parade was creepy, kooky and all together spooky, except for the adorably dressed toddlers. Kids big and small cannot wait to go trick-or-treating, so they had a blast showing off their costumes to all their friends and running amok. The much anticipated costume contest categories will include: scariest, funniest, most original, cutest, and best group. Expect the competition to be fierce – werewolf fierce. The afternoon's fun will be topped off with the candy parade, where each child collects enough sweets to keep Stratford dentists in business for years to come. Bring your cameras and bear witness as Lordship is invaded by monsters, super heroes, princesses and kitty cats. It promises to be a screamingly good time.



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**IT'S OUR 65TH YEAR
HELP US CELEBRATE !!!**

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The LFC is currently holding its annual membership drive. We are returning to our traditional fall timeline for this important fundraiser as last year's drive was switched regrettably to the spring due to various circumstances. Your membership allows us to continue to enrich the social welfare and support the education of Stratford's youth. The LFC offers relief for the distressed or disadvantaged, and also provides a focal point for community based activities and volunteer work.

As we celebrate our 65 year anniversary, would you please consider donating \$1 for each year we've been serving Lordship.

Enclosed in this newsletter is the LFC 2011-2012 membership enrollment. We appreciate and thank you for your continued support.

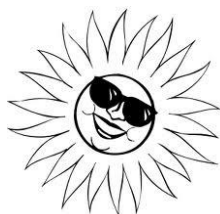
SANTA CLAUS COMES TO LORDSHIP



The 22nd Annual Breakfast with Santa will be held on December 10th at Our Lady of Peace Hall from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Come join us for pancakes and have your children's photo taken with Santa.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

The Sunshine Committee is a division of the Lordship Fathers Club, dedicated to establishing a network of friendly volunteers in our community, extending cheer on special occasions, and encouragement during times of need. The committee recognizes the significance of bringing neighbors and generations together within our community by reaching out and reminding Lordship residents that they are known and cared for. The Sunshine Committee is reaching out to new neighbors, those with recent births, anyone seeking assistance while recovering from an illness or injury, and support during bereavements. Should you know anyone within Lordship who falls into one of these categories and you think the Sunshine Committee may be of assistance, please let us know. This past year the sunshine committee has delivered six handmade baby quilts to the newest Lordship residents! Additionally we have delivered welcome gifts to new neighbors here in Lordship, and visited residents who were hospitalized. The Sunshine Committee has been meeting frequently and you are welcome to join us.



Contact us via Email at

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or visit www.LORDSHIPFATHERSCLUB.com

to send or request a ray of sunshine for a Lordship neighbor.

2011 STRATFORD DAY

After a one year hiatus, the LFC participated in the new Stratford Main Street Festival sponsored by the Stratford Rotary Club. The LFC has participated in every Stratford Day since the beginning. The LFC once again sold Micalizzi Italian Ice and as always we sold out. Micalizzi is located on Madison Avenue in Bridgeport and is the gourmet of Italian Ice. The LFC committee consisted of Andrew Roselli, Dan Cox, Matt Silberger, Chris Hewitt and Tom Halverson. Also volunteering were Mark Cody, Christina Blais, Dan Villagomez, Dennis Tomscheck, Dan Pato and John Feeley. We would like to thank all who volunteered that day and our customers. The LFC would also like to thank our partner Micalizzi and the Stratford Patch for doing a story on the LFC which can be viewed at: <http://stratford.patch.com/articles/lordship-fathers-club-puts-children-first>.

LFC CELEBRATING 65 YEARS

The Lordship Fathers Club was formed in 1947 to help the children of Lordship either directly or through the schools. The first executive board consisted of Martin Tristine, president; Edwin Sargent, vice president; Irving Zar, secretary and treasurer; Clinton Brooks, membership chairman; Frank Weller, publicity chairman; Albert Osman program chairman and Louis Katz, After World War II most schools in Stratford and across the country formed Fathers Clubs to give the men of the community a vehicle to contribute to the community. **The LFC is the only remaining club in Stratford from this original group.** Membership is open to men and women and all are welcome. If you are looking to become a part of the Lordship community and like to volunteer and make new friends, stop in during our next meeting. We welcome help planning and organizing the many events run by the club for the children and families of Lordship.

LORDSHIP HAS TALENT !

The Club would like to mark this milestone anniversary by hosting a special family fun event in Spring of 2012. We are gauging the interest in hosting a talent show or a family friendly Olympics as part of celebrating our 65th year. Anyone interested in being a member of a committee to investigate the feasibility of such an event is asked to share your thoughts during one of our monthly meetings, or drop us a line on our website and let us know what you think.

BASH AT THE BEACH

The Annual Bash at the Beach was held at Russian Beach on June 26 and we had terrific weather and a good turnout. The hit of the picnic was the dodge ball event set up by Mark Cody. Hot dogs, hamburgers and fun were on the menu as LFC members enjoyed a beautiful bug free afternoon on the Bluffs with the Lordship Community. Thanks to the committee for running the event and all who helped out. For those who missed it, hope to see you next June.

LORDSHIP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION LOOKING TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP

Lordship Improvement Association (LIA), founded in 1928, has been reorganizing due to long-time trustee Bob Sammis' relocation to Pennsylvania. The new slate includes Richard Diedrichsen, Dennis Tomsheck, Kevin Kelly, Jean Cody, and Tom Halverson. Our mission is to improve the quality of life for all residents of Lordship through preservation of open space, conservation, education and environmental protection designed to preserve and enhance the unique quality and character of the Lordship waterfront community. We are actively seeking to increase our membership and expand our services and activities. There is much work to be done in many areas of Lordship, and we are creating several committees, including finance, publicity, development, communication, environment and education, as well as special projects, such as the seawall. Our membership brochure recently arrived in your mailbox. We are kicking off our educational program with a series of astronomy events on the bluffs. See the announcement below.

STAR GAZING ON THE BLUFFS

Lordship Improvement Association has arranged a series of free astronomy events under the guidance of Andy Poniros, a public outreach volunteer for NASA. Andy will set up his telescope near the flagpole at the foot of Margherita Lawn on the first Friday of October (10/7), November (11/4), and December (12/2), weather permitting. The event is free, and all ages are invited, although young children should be accompanied by an adult. Viewers should arrive around dusk, and there is no need to bring a flashlight. Parking is available at Our Lady of Peace on Maple Street. The event will last an hour or more, allowing everyone to get a good look through the telescope, while Andy shares his wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm.

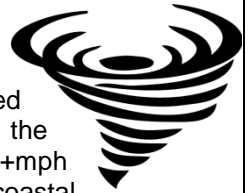
FACEBOOK



Both the Lordship Fathers Club and the Lordship Improvement Association have each established a Facebook page. Anyone with a Facebook account, (which is free) can become a member and stay connected with the upcoming events of both organizations.

GOOD NIGHT IRENE

Last summer a tornado, this summer an earthquake, followed shortly thereafter on August 28th by a strong storm which crippled parts of the East Coast. Downgraded to a Tropical Storm before reaching the Connecticut coastline, Irene arrived with 60+mph winds ripping trees from their roots, flooding coastal areas, and leaving half of Connecticut residents without power. Suggested evacuations were posted as water crashed over the seawall and storm surge flooded several streets leaving residents fleeing for higher ground. The power of mother nature was certainly noticed leaving several nearby beaches with significant erosion. Both main access roads into town were temporarily blocked by epic flooding; leaving Lordship almost once again an island for a few hours. Shortly after the storm, emergency crews and town employees worked diligently to return utilities to service and ensure the safety of the residents. Throughout Lordship, resilient neighbors were helping one other to clear debris and damage left by Tropical Storm Irene. Most schools postponed the first day of classes by one week as crews cleaned up and temporary emergency shelters were vacated.

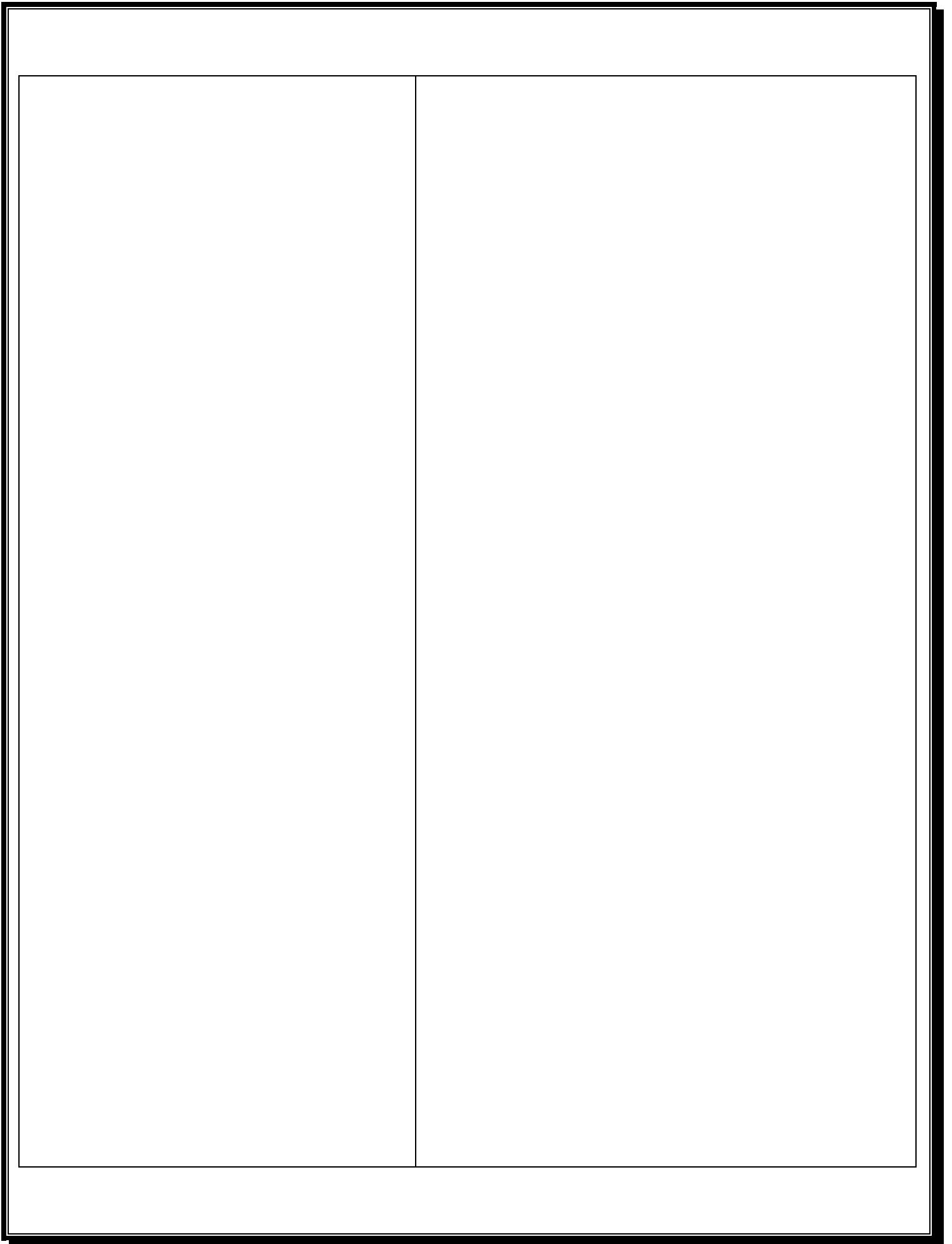


Did you know that the Town of Stratford has an Emergency Notification System for its residents? Voice, text and/or email messages are sent to those residents who sign up for this service. The messages contain up to date and official status information during an emergency. During Irene, and last year's tornado, residents were advised of emergency information, including where they could receive emergency services during the storm. If you have not already done so, you can sign up to receive town messages by going to the Town of Stratford website, <http://www.townofstratford.com>, and click on the "Get Connected" icon.

LFC FISHING CONTEST

A good turnout of families with fishing poles as well numerous onlookers attended this year's fishing derby at Russian Beach on September 24. The weather was good, bait was fresh and the tide was high, but we still were unable to lure any fish to our new spot from last year's Long Beach. Many fished all morning, but the fish were allusive the day of the event possibly due to the recent tropical storm activity which had churned up the local waters. A big Thanks to Mark Cody for running the event, and all the participants who attended. A good time was had by all!





HAUNTED LORDSHIP

THE PHANTOM SHIP OF LORDSHIP

It is related that Captain John Brooks always blew the whistle of his steamboat when passing Lordship and a horn from the manor responded to the salute. Another vessel associated with Lordship is one referred to as The Phantom Ship. A vessel set sail from Stratford with three men in charge. Their fate never was learned, thought the prow of a ship was washed up on shore and long remained on the Lordship Farm. Then folks used to say that on certain stormy nights, when winds lashed waves to fury, that a certain ghostly ship was seen to ride waves off shore, then to vanish. Imaginative folks are still supposed to be able to get this vision of a vanished ship.

BREEZY POINT

The ancient road into Lordship from Colonial times crossed Duck Neck Creek and went up Breezy Point into the heart of Lordship. Breezy Point was considered a haunted place in Colonial times and was avoided at night due to the fear of witches and their minions. Legend has it that they would light fires here to confuse sailors who thought the fires were at Stratford Point which would cause the ships to wreck on the rocks of Lordship. There they could be plundered. Breezy Point gets its name from the almost constant wind that blew unhindered across the marsh from the west.



LORDSHIP GHOST STORY

Around 1800, Edward DeForest married a daughter of Legrand Cannon, and to this

daughter the father gave the house and land at Stratford Point. Mr. DeForest lived there several years until he killed his wife's servant-woman by stabbing her with a pitchfork, which created much talk, but nothing was done about it. Later tales of the woman's ghost haunting Stratford Point would lead to the Hidden Door story written by Mrs. J. Lobdell about 1910 or 1911. For the full story see the Legendary Lordship page at lordshiphistory.com.

CAPTAIN KIDD

There are many legends surrounding Lordship and the infamous Captain William Kidd. On July 1, 1894, a monument was erected with proper ceremonies to Captain Kidd at Pleasure Beach, which until a few years earlier was part of Lordship's Long Beach. This is the spot where the pirate buried his treasure in the year 1696. The handsome monument of Captain Kidd stands twenty-five feet high, and is placed on that section of the beach where it is supposed the pirate and his followers landed and buried their treasures.

It is an old tradition that in 1699 a servant once lay there in the moonlight watching for game when he saw a large boat come ashore and men with a heavy chest landed on the shore and started to bury it in the sand. Discovering the presence of the servant watching them from the bluff they immediately set chase intending to kill him but he made good his escape. Not wishing to take a chance of losing their treasure they buried it further to the west.

In 1850, a group of Stratford citizens believed they had found a clue to the exact location of the treasure and set about to find it. For many weeks they dug at a location inside the cove at the Point. Just as the diggers had abandoned hope of finding the treasure, one of them drove his spade into something metal which resembled a chest. At the moment, the Devil leaped out of the excavation and, shrieking with rage, cursed the treasure hunters. The diggers took to their heels and never again looked for Kidd's treasure. The dirt road they took to the Point would later be named Prospect Drive.

PRESERVING LORDSHIP HISTORY

The LFC is helping to collect and preserve the history of Lordship. We are looking for old photos, Lordship Directories, stories, newspaper articles, ect. Anyone wishing to contribute material is asked to contact Tom Halverson. The history of Lordship can be viewed at: lordshiphistory.com.

