



Lordship Fathers' Club

21 ½ Prospect Drive – Lordship

www.lordshipfathersclub.com

Celebrating 65 Years!!! 1947-2012



Spring 2012

CALENDAR

Club Meetings

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

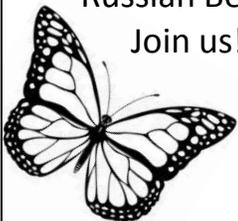
April 4th
May 2nd
June 6th
Sept. 5th

65th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

March 31st
1:00pm
Russian Beach
Rain Date Apr 1st

52nd Annual
Sixth Grade
Spelling Bee
May 23rd
Lordship School

Bash at the Beach
End of June
Russian Beach
Join us!



LORDSHIP EASTER EGG HUNT

The Lordship Fathers Club will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt at the base of Victoria Lawn on Saturday March 31st at 1:00pm (weather permitting). This is one of our most popular events so be sure to bring your Easter Basket and hunt for eggs on the Bluffs and exchange for a chocolate Easter bunny delight. Rain date will be on Sunday April 1st.

2012 SUNSHINE SPRING RAFFLE

*** 1st PRIZE APPLE iPad ***

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find tickets for our annual raffle. We have some new and traditional prizes for this year's raffle including a 1st Prize of an Apple iPad. Use the enclosed return envelope to mail tickets stubs along with \$1 donation per ticket, prior to the drawing scheduled to take place during our annual LFC Beach picnic on the Bluffs this summer. Those interested in purchasing additional raffle tickets may contact the club or buy tickets at one of our Spring events. Thanks to all of the businesses who contributed to our annual raffle; your generosity is what continues to make our raffle such a success:

- **Luigi's Italian Restaurant of Fairfield**
- **Acapulco's Mexican Restaurant**
- **Lordship Pizza**
- **Marnick's Restaurant**
- **Sitting Duck Restaurant**
- **Lordship Wine & Liquors**
- **Vazzy's of Stratford**

Residents may show their appreciation to these businesses by frequenting their establishments.

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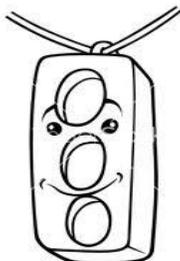
IT'S OUR 65TH YEAR LET'S CELEBRATE !!!

READY...SET....SPELL?

The LFC will sponsor the 52nd annual spelling bee on Wednesday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Lordship School all purpose room. Janet Warren will again serve as coordinator, and Richard Diedrichsen will be the moderator. Both are former LFC spelling bee participants, whose children also competed as sixth graders. The contest is open to all Lordship School sixth graders (regardless of where they reside), as well as all Lordship children in grade six at other schools or who are home-schooled. There are no preliminary qualification rounds for the event. Students who attend Lordship School, Stratford Academy, or St. James can register at school, and all others can register with Mrs. Warren at 375-8314. The top five contestants will be awarded cash prizes, with the winner receiving \$50. The annual event has attracted as many as 96 contestants, and has become a fond memory and rite of passage for participants, their parents, and teachers. While few former students remember who the winner was, everyone seems to remember the word that eliminated them, and they are careful to spell that word correctly for the rest of their lives! For more information, contact Janet Warren at the above number.

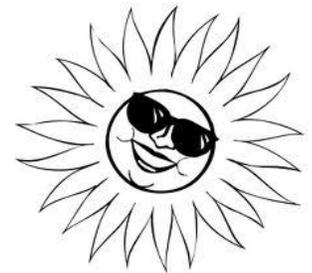
THE LORDSHIP TRAFFIC LIGHT

The original traffic light was installed by the Town in 1961 at the intersection of Stratford Road and Prospect Drive. The intersection is part of Route 113 which is a state road and runs from Main Street into Lordship via Stratford Road. At the light, Route 113 takes a right onto Prospect Drive to the Rotary and continues onto Oak Bluff Avenue. Route 113 exits Lordship via the Burma Road. As a result, the new traffic control signal is a State DOT project and budgeted at \$150,000. The old system will be completely removed when the new system is activated. The new lights will be fully functional with crossing signals and will operate as a traffic control signal. The metal box placed in the park contains all the electronic and electrical controls with relays for the new system. Any resident input about the project should be directed to the State DOT Traffic Control Division.



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CORNER

For a little over two years the Sunshine Committee, a division of the Lordship Fathers Club, has been 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, let us know. When we are alerted, we have delivered handmade baby quilts to our newest Lordship residents! Additionally, we have distributed welcome baskets to new neighbors here in Lordship, and visited residents who were hospitalized.



The Sunshine Committee typically meets every other month to discuss opportunities to help others or plan events in our community to bring people together. We always welcome new members who enjoy helping others or are looking to participate in Sunshine Committee endeavors. The next meeting is **Tuesday May 1st at 7:30pm**, at the Lordship Fathers Clubhouse; 21 1/2 Prospect Drive Stratford, CT 06615. We plan to have a table setup selling raffle tickets at the LFC Easter Egg hunt in March, so be sure to stop by and say Hello, or Contact us via Email at:

sunshine@lordshipfathersclub.com

To request a ray of sunshine
for a Lordship neighbor visit

www.LORDSHIPFATHERSCLUB.com

A word of thanks must go to the ladies of our Sunshine Committee quilting brigade; They have collaborated again to assemble a handmade quilt for the LFC Raffle.

FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We would like to thank all who participated in our Fall Membership Drive. Your membership allows us to continue to enrich the social welfare and support the education of Lordship's youth, and also provides a focal point for community based activities and volunteer work. For those of you who did not receive a Fall newsletter with the enclosed membership enrollment, contact the club and we shall make it available. We thank you for your continued support.

LORDSHIP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (LIA) NEWS

Since 1924, the Lordship Improvement Association (LIA) has worked to preserve and enhance the unique qualities and character of the Lordship waterfront community. The organization protects land for its natural, recreational, scenic, historical, and productive value through preservation of open space, conservation, education, and environmental protection initiatives. In addition, it acts as trustee for all residents of Lordship, paying municipal taxes and maintaining the property and scenic vistas of the Park Boulevard bluffs, protecting access to Long Island Sound and its beaches, encouraging waterfront community activities, smart growth, prudent land development, and improving the aesthetic beauty of Lordship and its natural environment. The Association also preserves, protects, and develops the history and historical structures of Lordship.

LIA has reorganized as a 501(c)(3) public charity, recognized by the IRS. Every household in Lordship was sent a mailing announcing our first meeting, along with membership information, from the board of governors, consisting of:

Richard P. Diedrichsen, President
Dennis Tomsheck, Associate President
Sen. Kevin C. Kelly, Secretary
Susan Birge, Treasurer
Jean Glad Cody, Burgess
Tom Halverson, Lordship Historian

All Lordship residents are encouraged to become members through tax deductible donations. Also, volunteers are invited to work on several committees, including:

Finance/Development
Publicity/Communication
Environment/Education
Beautification /Parks

Special Projects: We have already begun our 2012 special project, Lordship Road beach access and landscaping. For further information contact Mr. Diedrichsen at MrDPilgrim@aol.com.

FRIEND US ON FACEBOOK!



The Lordship Fathers Club and the Lordship Improvement Association have established a Facebook page. Anyone with an account can stay connected with upcoming events. Friend us today!

LORSHIP HISTORY: LORDSHIP PARK

The Lordship Park Association was organized in October 1896. The officers were William Hopson, William Howes and Arthur Burritt. Their first development was along the shore on Ocean Avenue in the late 1890's. Many of these homes still stand there today. As neither water nor gas pipes were running to Lordship for a number of years, every cottage had its own well and strange to say, every well was filled with very fine water. Some of these wells were operated by windmills. In the early 1930's, the LPA donated Rose Park, the Rotary and Beach Drive Park to the Town of Stratford to be kept as open space. In 1938, they deeded Russian Beach to be held in perpetuity as a park for the people of Lordship Manor. This park is now managed by the Lordship Improvement Association. The LPA was responsible for destroying the famous historic Lordship Point, a promontory overlooking Long Island Sound in November 1940. More than 1,200,000 cubic yards of gravel from the 60 acres of land were removed and sold to build the Vought Sikorsky parking lots and Bridgeport Airport. The cliff was reduced by 25 feet along what are now Park and Bayview Boulevards. In 1948, the LPA started to develop from York Street to the lighthouse. They would continue to develop sections of Lordship into the 1960's.

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, etc. Anyone wishing to contribute material is asked to contact Tom Halverson. The history of Lordship can be viewed at: www.lordshiphistory.com.

LFC NEWSLETTER

The Lordship Fathers Club is exploring the option of adding additional newsletters via email throughout the year. For those who have been receiving the Lordship Fathers Club Newsletter for years and appreciate its content, you will be pleased to learn that the Fall and Spring issues will continue to arrive via mail. The additional summer and winter online versions plan to have possibly more content, a few photos, and interactive web links which might be of interest to those in our community. If you have photos or content you believe would be pertinent to the newsletter and benefit the community please share it with us. By updating your email address with the LFC via our website you will be included in these e-newsletters and added to our growing list of subscribers.

BASH AT THE BEACH

The Annual Bash at the Beach picnic is planned to be held at Russian Beach at the end of June. It is anticipated that good fun will be had, so keep your calendars flexible and check our website often for updates on the specifics. The LFC Raffle drawing is to be held at the picnic. All Lordship residents and Lordship Fathers Club members are welcome to join us.

WINTER WEATHER....WHERE?

Not to jinx our good fortune so far, but how did you enjoy June-uary? Lorship residents have not been shoveling much of the white stuff or scraping the windsheilds this season, thanks to the unseasonably warm weather. We are not alone; so far this winter has brought the 3rd smallest snow pack across the lower forty-eight which as of March 1st is 369,000 square miles

below average for the forty-six year period, the third lowest on record¹. On Feb. 2nd in Punxsutawney, home to famous weather forecasting groundhog. As you are aware, Phil saw his shadow, which is supposed to mean six more weeks of winter which left just about



everyone asking "What happened to the first six weeks of winter?" It should be noted that the prognastigating groundhog's weather predictions are 35% accurate. The early storm that whacked Connecticut just prior to Halloween knocking out power to thousands had us bracing for a wild winter tour. That same day NY's Central Park recorded over an inch of snow for the first time in October since 1869. After last year's "snowpocalypse", as many have called it, this winter hasn't yet had any snowstorms worthy of the season. As a matter of fact this winter should be ashamed of itself. About all that can be deduced this season is October snowstorms are not a certain predictor of a cold bitter winter ahead.

¹Ref: NOAA National Climatic Data Center, National Overview for January 2012

2012 STRATFORD DAY

This year on June 2nd the LFC will once again participate in the Stratford Main Street Festival from 10am-4pm. The LFC has participated in every Stratford Day since its inception. The LFC plans to sell the refreshing Micalizzi Italian Ice which normally sells out. Micalizzi is located on Madison Avenue in Bridgeport and is the gourmet of Italian Ice. If you would like to show support for the LFC, stop by our booth and order some Italian Ice, it is certain to cool you off on a warm summer afternoon as you wander about the festival. Anybody wishing to volunteer to help serve Italian Ice should contact the club through our website or join us for a monthly meeting to learn more details. It is a busy day, and we welcome volunteers to help setup, serve or break down the event.

FAMILY SPORTS NIGHT AT THE UAC

On March 9th, the LFC, in conjunction with UAC hosted a Family Sports Night at the United Athletic Center of Stratford located at 1330 Honeyspot Ext. This fun afternoon of activity replaced the long running Spring Break skating party that is usually held at the Long Beach Skating Rink. We await word as to the condition of our beloved rink - as we understand it suffered significant damage during Hurricane Irene. The generous folks at United Athletic Sports Center set up Bouncy Bounces, and provided space for Dodge Ball, kick ball, soccer, and other activities for our youngsters. Children exhausted themselves with friends, and then enjoyed pizza and drinks. Those who know this facility are familiar with what a great venue it is for indoor sports activities. Anyone wishing to join the UAC to achieve their health fitness needs may contact them at (203)386-0449.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS

This year's annual holiday lighting contest was held the week before Christmas 2011. The winners were:

- The Foss family at 356 Curtis Avenue
- The Murtha family at 54 Washington Prkwy
- The Daugherty family at 111 Second Ave

The community appreciates how much energy they put into sharing the festive spirit with all of us to enjoy as we stroll around Lordship during the holidays. Each

winner received a great gift basket of assorted items from the club, eloquently prepared by Karen Tomscheck. Each year's winners are excluded from the next three years of competition; so be ready for next season as your decorative efforts could place you in

the winner's circle. Most importantly thanks to all of this year's Lordship residents for the effort you employ into decorating your home exteriors; it certainly makes our holiday season merrier.

