



Lordship Fathers Club

21 ½ Prospect Drive - Lordship

Celebrating 66 Years!!! 1947-2013

www.lordshipfathersclub.com



Spring 2013

CALENDAR

Club Meetings

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

April 3rd

May 1st

June 5th

Sept. 4th

66th Annual

Easter Egg Hunt

March 23rd

1:00pm

Russian Beach

Rain Date Mar 24th

53nd Annual

Sixth Grade

Spelling Bee

May 22nd 7pm

Lordship School

Bash at the Beach

June 29th 12pm-4pm

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 23rd at 1:00pm (weather permitting). This is one of our most popular events so be sure to bring your Easter Basket and search for eggs on the Bluffs in exchange for a delicious chocolate Easter bunny delight. Rain date will be Sunday March 24th.

LFC 2013 SUNSHINE RAFFLE

FIRST PRIZE - YANKEE TICKETS

It's that time of year again, when the LFC delivers raffle tickets along with our Spring Newsletter, affording every Lordship resident a chance to win fantastic prizes. This annual raffle fundraiser supports the Club's outreach to the community, and ensures the Club is able to maintain its full complement of family events throughout the year. We have some excellent prizes for this year's raffle including a 1st Prize pack of four tickets to a New York Yankees home game at Yankee Stadium, \$600 value. The drawing will be held again this year at the annual LFC Beach picnic on the Bluffs, on Saturday June 29th. Use the enclosed envelope to return raffle ticket stubs along with \$1 donation per ticket to the Lordship Fathers Club. Those interested in supporting the Club further should contact the Club to purchase additional raffle tickets improving their winning chances. Thanks to following businesses who contributed to our raffle; their donations, along with the generous participation of the Lordship community, will help make our raffle a success:

Luigi's Italian Restaurant of Fairfield
Marnick's Restaurant - Akoya Restaurant
Knapp's Landing - Lordship Pizza
Sitting Duck Restaurant - Vazzy's of Stratford
Acapulco's Mexican Restaurant

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READY...SET....SPELL !

The LFC will sponsor the 53rd annual spelling bee on Wednesday, May 22nd at 7:00pm 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 first place 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.

2013 STRATFORD DAY

On June 1st 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 will be the exclusive seller of the refreshing Micalizzi Italian Ice again which normally sells out. Micalizzi is located on Madison Avenue in Bridgeport and is the maker of delicious gourmet 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. Those wishing to volunteer to help serve Italian Ice should contact the Club through our website or join us at the monthly meeting to learn more details. We welcome any volunteers to help serve Italian Ice.

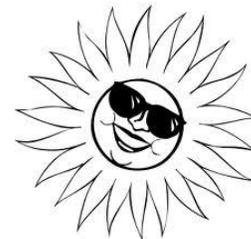
FRIEND US ON FACEBOOK!

The Lordship Fathers Club has established a Facebook page. Anyone with a Face book account can stay connected with upcoming events.



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CORNER

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 Sunshine Committee



continues to reach out to new neighbors, delivering quilts to newborns, those seeking assistance while recovering from an illness or injury, and support during bereavements. Should you know anyone within Lordship who could use a 'Ray of Sunshine' and you think the Sunshine Committee may be of assistance, contact us via the LFC website or by email at:

sunshine@lordshipfathersclub.com

The Sunshine Committee typically meets every other month to discuss opportunities to help others or assist in planning Lordship Fathers Club events in our community. We always welcome new members who enjoy helping others or are looking to participate in Sunshine Committee endeavors.

The next meeting is: **Tuesday May 14th, 8:00pm**

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The Sunshine Committee will be serving cookies and hot chocolate at the annual LFC Easter Egg hunt again this year. Visit the LFC website to learn more about our mission or request a 'Ray of Sunshine' for a Lordship neighbor.

The Lordship Fathers Club would like to thank all of the ladies in the Sunshine Committee for their help and participation with events throughout the year. The support and tremendous caring enthusiasm the committee shares for the members of the Lordship community never goes unnoticed.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LORDSHIP?

For almost a year now, local groups here in Lordship have been posting a variety of events on the interactive calendar found on the Lordship Fathers Club website. The calendar currently includes events hosted by the Lordship Fathers Club, the Lordship PTA, Stratford Alliance for Innovative Learning (SAIL), Lordship Improvement Association (LIA), Protect Your Environment (PYE), and a variety of Town of Stratford events which take place here in Lordship. The calendar also incorporates the Lordship School calendar and additional topics which may be of interest to Lordship residents. To view the calendar visit the website:



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HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

This year's annual holiday lighting contest was held the week before Christmas 2012. The top 3 winners were:

- The Squarciafico Family, 330 Second Avenue
- The Puerta & Tomassini, 431 Washington Pkwy
- The Nuzzo Family, 985 Stratford Road

The community appreciates how much energy each family puts into sharing the festive spirit with all of us to enjoy as we stroll around Lordship during the holidays. Each winner received a gift basket of assorted items from the Club, 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 spend in decorating your home exteriors; it certainly makes our holiday season merrier.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE BLUFFS?

The Lordship Improvement Association has nearly completed the planning stages for a major restoration of The Bluffs, including measures to improve beach access, stem erosion, remove invasive plants, and restore the habitat with many of the native bushes, trees, flowers, and plants that we once enjoyed. The LIA intends to rebuild the "main path," a footpath that once ran through the underbrush below 'The Bluffs' extending from Lordship Road to Laurel Street. This path will create a "nature's classroom" where residents can observe the rare habitat up close, and learn more about its value to the environment and our community. Most likely, the path will need an application of wood chips every year.

LFC SANTA BREAKFAST



Breakfast with Santa, held Saturday December 15th at Our Lady of Peace Hall, was well attended by many families and children of all ages. Santa was thrilled to visit with more than 150 children from Lordship, and the children were not hesitant to share their most desired Christmas wishes as they posed for a few photos. We all enjoyed an abundance of pancakes and hot chocolate courtesy of the excellent breakfast chef volunteers from the Lordship Fathers Club.

WINTER STORM NEMO

As winter storm Nemo approached the first week of February, forecasters estimated between four and thirty inches may fall in our neighborhood. So how did Lordship end up with a record breaking 34 inches of the white stuff blanketing our community? We've heard the warnings before, and were cautious doing the best to prepare, clearing the grocery stores of milk, eggs, and bread as if we'd be stranded for days. By Friday evening, with snow falling lightly most of the afternoon the totals were less than six inches. As day turned into night, we prepared our shovels, and stood by with snow blowers ready for battle. On Saturday morning we quickly realized that bucket loaders and snowmobiles would be the only logical means to move about Lordship. Overnight, Lordship was transformed into a life-size snow globe. With a state of emergency declared, roads were impassable, emergency services were limited and the neighborhood stood silent, impaired with snow depths more familiar to Buffalo or Duluth. Thirty-six hours after the last flakes had fallen; many streets in Lordship were still entombed in snow. With residents in survival mode, we ventured into our new arctic world, eight foot snow piles which flanked our local roadways, to check in on neighbors, assessing our property, and began the slow dig out from the record breaking snowfall. Plows and heavy equipment challenged by the depth of the snow, took more than a week to provide access to goods and services and return municipal buildings to a more regular schedule. Just keep shoveling...just keep shoveling....just keep shoveling....

DODGEBALL

The Lordship Fathers Club invites the community to join in an evening of Dodgeball hosted on Friday April 18th from 6-8pm at the Lordship School APR. In the meantime, remember to practice 'Dodge, Dip, Dive, Duck, and Dodge'

LFC BEACH PICNIC

The Lordship Fathers Club Annual Bash at the Beach picnic is planned for Saturday June 29th 12pm-4pm at the Bluffs on Russian Beach. An estimated 200 Lordship residents attended the event on the Bluffs last year, as warm, sunny skies prevailed. The grill will be loaded with juicy burgers, hot dogs, assorted fixins' and a variety of complementary side dishes. 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.

KIDS KORNER

Due to the significant snowfall this winter, and schools closed more than usual; we caught up with a few Lordship children on a recent snow day to get their thoughts on a few questions:

1. **What is your favorite activity to do on a snow day when schools are closed?**
 - ✓ *"Throw snowballs at my brother"* E.C. 3rd Grade
 - ✓ *"Read books and drink hot chocolate"* M.S. 4th Grade
2. **Name something in your house you hope would last forever?**
 - ✓ *"My Wii.... I like the Wii"* J.S. Kindergarten
 - ✓ *"My iPad, and my Mommy"* E.C. 3rd Grade
3. **Can you think of something we can do to food to make it more interesting?**
 - ✓ *"Color all food brown so it looks like chocolate"* J.S. Kindergarten
 - ✓ *"Food should be able to talk to you, and vegetables should be able to transform into the foods you like"* R.S. 2nd Grade
4. **If you could switch places with anyone else in the world for a day, who would you choose?**
 - ✓ *"The President's daughters"* R.S. 2nd Grade
 - ✓ *"Tony Hawk (professional skateboarder)"* D.C. 4th Grade
 - ✓ *"I would like to be my sister, because it would be nice to be the younger sister for a change, I'm always the oldest"* C.R. 4th Grade
 - ✓ *"My Grandma, because she is old and gets to do anything she wants, like go to work"* M.S. 2nd Grade
5. **What is the most amazing thing you ever saw?**
 - ✓ *"I saw a photograph of my cousin before she was born (ultrasound), that's incredible!"* R.S. 2nd Grade
 - ✓ *"I got to swim, pet and feed a real dolphin"* C.R. 4th Grade
6. **Where do think is the best place to live in the United States?**
 - ✓ *"The White House"* R.S. 2nd Grade and E.C. 3rd Grade
 - ✓ *"Alaska, because they always have lots of snow."* D.C. 4th Grade

FIND THE CREATURES OF LORDSHIP

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DEER-HERON-FOX-TERN-HORSESHOECRAB
 OSPREY-OYSTER-PARAKEETS-COYOTE-SKUNK
 TURTLE-PIPINGPLOVER-RABBIT-RACCOON
 TURKEY-HAWK-DUCK-SANDPIPER

LORDSHIP SMARTS

On February 1st, 2013 the Lordship Fathers Club hosted Lordship SMARTS a Science, Math and Arts Exposition. Lordship SMARTS, open to all residents of Lordship grades K-12, was intended promote importance of creativity, ingenuity, attention to detail and communication through Science. The more than 150 residents who attended the event spent almost two hours perusing the exhibits and were impressed with not only the ideas and craftsmanship, but, more importantly, the enthusiasm with which each student carefully described their exhibit. From Bee Keeping to Space Shuttles, the imagination of participants was exceptional in every regard. In addition to exhibits, volunteers from the community helped run hands-on science based activities, such as bridge building, buoyancy demonstrations, surface tension experiments and the discovery of animal tracks here in Lordship. A big thank you to all volunteers and participants who were involved, because of your efforts the expo was a success. Lordship SMARTS not only gave the children a sense of pride and accomplishment derived from participation in a Science Exposition, but also created an opportunity where the community could gather and appreciate students' efforts in science. Five judges from the Lordship community, with backgrounds in math and science, were impressed with the exhibits and deliberated intently before making their decisions. Each child received a certificate of participation, with the top winners in each category sharing more than \$1000 in prizes.

ART THROUGH SCIENCE CATEGORY:

Ceili & Ciara Roberts - Micheal Koda - Chloe Atkins

SCIENTIFIC DISPLAY CATEGORY

Jacob Haddad - Edie Threshie and
 Heather Buynovsky - Bridget Hewitt

SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENT CATEGORY

McKenzie Moore - Marcella Silberger - Kelsey Welch

PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD

Taylor and Sydney Pivarnik

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!!

To view photos and the event program which includes a list of the displays, visit the LFC website at www.lordshipfathersclub.com Look forward to seeing more exhibits next year!