



LORDSHIP FATHERS' CLUB

21 ½ Prospect Drive – Lordship

Celebrating 70 Years!!! 1947-2017

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Fall 2017

CALENDAR

Club Meetings

First Wednesday of every month from Sept-June
LFC Clubhouse 8:00 pm
Sep 6 - Oct 4 - Nov 1
Dec 6 - Jan 3 - Feb 7
Mar 7 - Apr 4 - May 2 - Jun 6

Fishing Derby

Saturday, September 16
7:00 am to 11:00 am
Russian Beach
base of Maple/Laurel

Lordship Olympics

Will be back in 2018!

Halloween Parade

Saturday, October 28
3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Lordship School field

Creative Writing Contest

Deadline for entries:
Late November
Check on website for more information.

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 16
9:00 am
Our Lady Of Peace Church



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Lordship Fathers' Club annual membership drive starts every September. Membership term is from September to August, and we appreciate your renewal each year. While we are always happy to accept new members at any time, throughout the year, our fall drive is our most important fundraiser and helps ensure we can sponsor our annual events.

The LFC has been continually hosting a variety of events since 1947. Some of the events, such as the Halloween Parade, the Easter Egg Hunt, and the Spelling Bee, are decades old. In just the past few years, we have added to our traditions with Lordship SMARTS (a science fair and expo), a Writing Contest, and Bands on the Bluffs (a summer concert series). We've also brought back the classic Lordship Olympics, which will be held again in September 2018.

All of the Fathers' Club's events are free! In addition to the membership drive, the Club also holds an Italian Ice sale at the Main Street Festival, and the Sunshine Committee holds a raffle at our summer Beach Picnic. While both of these fundraisers are important, the primary funding comes from this annual membership drive. When you join and make your donation, you are directly helping to ensure all of these great events continue each year.

Joining the Club is easier than ever. You can simply fill out the enclosed membership card and mail your check and membership card in the included envelope. Or you can even just drop it off at the clubhouse in the mail slot. You can also join and make a donation online via PayPal on our website.

Members are automatically entered into a raffle for a \$100 gift card to Super Stop & Shop. The drawing is held at the Breakfast with Santa in December. You don't need to be present to win, but you do need to be a current member by the time of the drawing.

**Please renew your membership and help us
have another successful year!
Thank you for your support!**

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SUMMER RECAP

Our summer kicked off with our **Italian Ice Sale** at the Stratford Main Street Festival. Each year, we offer the very tasty Italian ice from Micalizzi's in Bridgeport. We enjoyed a beautiful warm day, and served numerous neighbors and friends. About a dozen Club members came out and helped us have a successful day. They scooped a lot of ice and were cheerful ambassadors of the Club. Thank you to all volunteers! You are a key factor in our success.

Just a couple weeks later, on a lovely Sunday afternoon in June, we held our annual **LFC Beach Picnic**. It was a great way to celebrate summer. Kids were playing pick-up soccer on the field, with the flagpole just beyond. The enticing smell of a charcoal grill and hamburgers and hot dogs sizzling filled the air. There were all the toppings and plenty of homemade sides to go along. And icy drinks to wash it all down. Maybe the best treat was the return of "The Royal Din", a live band that closed out the 2016 Bands on the Bluffs series. They were a big hit, once again!

Our summer events continued with the rest of our **Bands on the Bluffs** concert series. This immensely popular event is already in its 4th year!

The series opened on July 16 with a straight up jazz group, led by Lordship resident (and LFC Secretary) **Larry Haddad**. In honor of the 50 year anniversary of John Coltrane's death, his quartet performed a number of compositions, all original works by the legendary tenor saxophonist. The band featured Larry on the alto saxophone, and a fantastic rhythm section of Jim Olbrys on guitar, Steve Clarke on electric bass, and Joe Corsello on drums. It was a great way to launch the 2017 series!

Next, the series took a turn toward the bucolic country side. On August 6 we were treated to **Buck Edwards & The Buckshots**, one of the top Country & Western bands in the state. These guys brought the "twang" and plenty of soul and blues! Led on vocals by Buck Edwards, they offered a fine collection of Country, Rock & Roll, and Blues. The crowd thoroughly enjoyed them!

Our final concert, on August 20, featured **Theresa Wright**, a jazz/R&B/gospel singer that can really belt it out. She really had the crowd on their feet with classics like "Mustang Sally", "Route 66", and "Come Fly With Me". The feedback was tremendous, with some of our veteran audience members expressing this was the best concert yet. That will be hard to top!

We look forward to bringing back some more great bands in 2018!



FALL/WINTER EVENTS

The Lordship Fathers' Club will host its annual **Fishing Derby on Saturday, September 16**. Contest is from 7:00 to 11:00 AM. The high tide is at 9:00 that day, so just perfect for surf fishing off Russian Beach. A variety of baits will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own, and your own lures and tackle. Check in at the LFC table, and enjoy the complimentary coffee and a donut. We'll be set up on Russian Beach (use the steps at the base of Laurel/Maple). Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, for the longest fish caught. Good luck, and see you on the beach!

Next after the Fishing Derby is the Club's oldest event, the **Halloween Parade, on Saturday, October 28**. Meet at the Lordship School field by 3 PM for the start of the parade. Prizes will be awarded for best costume in 5 categories: scariest, funniest, most original, cutest, and best group. The Sunshine Committee will be on site and hosting a number of crafts and activities. Come on out in your Halloween best!

One of the LFC's newer events, the **Creative Writing Contest** is already in its fifth year. The contest is open to students in 4th through 8th grade, who either attend Lordship School, or else reside in Lordship. You may recall reading the winning entries in the Spring Newsletter. The students do an excellent job each year coming up with creative stories around the three prompts we provide. Please check the LFC web site for entry deadline, entry form, and all other contest details. The deadline will be around the second or third week of November.

A long favorite tradition, the Lordship Fathers' Club will be hosting the annual **Breakfast with Santa, on Saturday, December 16**. The event starts at 9 AM. We'll have the usual breakfast of fresh, hot pancakes, and coffee, hot chocolate, and orange juice. Santa promised to stop by again, so be sure to get there early for a photo with Santa. We will also hold a drawing for a \$100 gift card to Super Stop & Shop. All current members of the Club are automatically entered, so be sure to renew your membership, or make your donation at the event.

About a week later, the Club will be judging for the annual **Holiday Decorating Contest**. We round up a group of volunteers to drive up and down every street in Lordship and check out the best Lordship has to offer in lights, decorations, and even soundtracks to go with the light shows. We have enjoyed some really amazing displays in past years, and always look forward to seeing all the creative efforts. Three winners are selected and presented with gift baskets. Get out those lights, and best of luck to everyone!

LFC BOARD UPDATE

The Lordship Fathers' Club holds annual elections for Club officers each June, so we periodically welcome new members to the board and have to say goodbye to some of the officers as they step down.

Club President, Chris Hewitt, has stepped down and returned to his prior position of Vice President. We are very happy to have him remain on the board, as he has been part of the board for several years now, and helps with nearly all of our events. Thank you, Chris, for your continued service to the Club!

Previously a Vice President, Jeff Yawman is now President, taking over for Chris. Jeff had already become a valuable addition to our Club by volunteering at many events, and most recently helping as a co-chair for our Italian Ice sale fundraiser. We are confident Jeff will do an excellent job in his new role. Thank you, Jeff, for all you are doing for the Club!

Matt Ralabate, after serving several terms as a Vice President, has stepped down from the board. Matt has volunteered at numerous events over the years, and has helped co-chair several of our events, notably our Beach Picnic. You may have seen him cheerfully flipping and serving burgers each year, at one of our most popular gatherings. For all your years of dedication and service to the Club, thank you Matt!

Replacing Matt as Vice President, the Club is happy to welcome back Tom Halverson. A veteran of the LFC, Tom has served in nearly every board role, including President. His long history with the Club is invaluable, as are his insights and wisdom. We are thrilled to have him on the board in an official capacity. Thank you very much, Tom, for your devotion to the LFC!

Finally, the Sergeant-at-Arms, Matt Silberger, has also stepped down from the board. Matt had most recently been President of the LFC, but had also served in other roles prior to that. We really can't thank him enough for all his years of service to the Club, as well as his tremendous leadership. Matt has been instrumental in refining and perfecting many of our traditional events, as well as helping bring to life many of our newer events including: Lordship SMARTS, Lordship Olympics, and the Creative Writing Contest. On behalf of the Club and the entire community, thank you for all you've done, Matt, and best to you!

Brian Secskas is our new Sergeant-at-Arms. He has recently become active in many Club events and attending monthly meetings. We are certain Brian will continue to serve the Club well in his new role. Welcome, Brian, and thank you!

The remaining members of the board will serve another year before their terms expire at our next elections in June of 2017. Thank you, all, for your continuing service and support of the LFC and the Lordship community!

HOW CAN I HELP?

We're glad you asked! The Lordship Fathers' Club is always looking for extra hands to help at our events. There's actually only one qualification—you're willing to show up and help out. We're not limited to Lordship Fathers, so if you just want to lend a hand and meet some neighbors (and have a great time, too), reach out to us. Contact any of our board members, or get on our email list on our website. We'll keep you posted of upcoming events and if we need any help in particular. Our volunteer network is just as critical as our fundraising, so we thank you for all your support!

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, by delivering quilts to newborns, and providing support to those seeking assistance while recovering from an illness or bereaving. The Committee also gathers for the occasional social event, including "Girls' Night Out", summer BBQs, or family events for LFC volunteers. Should you know of anyone in Lordship who could use a *ray of sunshine* and you think we could be of some assistance, or if you would like to become a member of the Committee, contact us on the LFC website, or email: sunshine@lordshipfathersclub.com.

LONG BEACH SKATELAND

After being closed for many years, the skating rink will finally be razed. It is certainly a long standing part of Lordship history, and will be missed. Many Lordshippers can still remember skating there as children, and the countless birthday parties celebrated inside. If you would like to learn more about the long history of this Lordship landmark, as well as see a number of great pictures and newspaper clippings, check out the article on the Lordship History page:

<http://www.lordshiphistory.com/RollerSkatingRinkwebpage.html>



DID YOU KNOW?

There's always so much going on in and around Lordship it can be hard to keep up. Here's some information that may help...

After being closed for 13 years, **The Cricket Car Hop**, is back in a new location, in a brand new building. The hot dogs must really be amazing, since they seem to be running out of them by the end of each day. We hear the shakes are also fantastic. Find them at 900 Access Road.

On the east side of the airport, you may have seen a little building for the **Civil Air Patrol**. Yes, Lordship has their very own squadron, the **Stratford Eagles**. A composite squadron, it is made up of both Cadets (ages 12-21) and Senior Members (ages 18+). If you've got a young person at home interested in the Air Force and aerospace, this could be the ticket. Learn more at:

<http://www.stratfordeagles.com/>

Maybe the air is not your thing, and you'd rather be into the sea and ships. Ever heard of Sea Scouts? That's OK. The **Sea Scouts** is a program within the Boy Scouts of America, that is open to both young men and women, ages 14 to 21. Sponsored by Our Lady of Peace, **Sea Ship 101** is based right here in Lordship. The Sea Scouts are a perfect way for youth to take advantage of living on the shoreline and learn about boating, water safety, and many other related areas. To learn more, please contact Karen Daden.

If you were a boy growing up in Lordship in the 1950s

and 1960s (and even up until the 1990s), you might have been a Cub Scout in **Pack 74**. And very likely, Bill Green was your Cubmaster. Maybe you have a boy now, and thought wouldn't it be great if they could be a Cub Scout in the same Pack. Well, great news — Pack 74 is back and going into its 3rd year already! Sponsored by the Lordship Community Church, the Pack was 12 boys strong in 2015, doubled in size to 24 boys last year, and is looking to expand even more this year. If you know of any boys interested in joining Cub Scouts, please reach out to the Cubmaster, Larry Haddad, at larryhaddad@hotmail.com, or call him at (203) 383-2289 (not a mobile, so not texts please).

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