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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we near the tail-end of Summer, Lake Pine is buzzing with activity. We all see the obvious activity: new families moving in; children playing; members enjoying the company of friends at the lake, particularly on Wet Wednesdays; and the reopening of Falls Road after construction. To make all this happen, there are many behind-the-scenes activities: managing weekly water testing, periodic weed treatment, beach inspections, landscaping, portable toilets, addressing member concerns that are relayed, social event planning, paying of bills, and ensuring the stability of LPCC as an organization. No board member or volunteer is immune from sacrifice of time away from leisure or family. While board members and volunteers always have individual reasons for serving, we all care about LPCC and know that the summer is when Lake Pine shines! Be sure to check out the Lake Pine Days information in this edition of The Pine Needle and thank the event chairs for their hard work.

We are excited to report to the membership that the dam project is done! After over a decade we are thrilled that the state-mandated dam project is finally complete. After a final inspection last week, we are happy to say the silt fencing will be removed and a second grass seeding will take place soon. Once the final invoice comes in, we are anticipating being under budget and we will report more thoroughly at our next member meeting. I will take a moment to remind members that standing on the rocks at the dam undermines the stability of the rocks, which are the primary

stabilizers for the dam. Please do not stand or sit on the rocks or concrete wall.

We are also excited to report that the Bylaws revision is complete. After several meetings, respectful debate and discussion, and a lot of motions and voting, the Membership present at the July 28th meeting adopted the bylaws. In this edition, you will also find an additional set of rules for boats and motors on the lake.

The Board is also looking forward to hosting a networking meeting this week with many of the surrounding lake communities. Our goal for this meeting is to discuss best practices and shared concerns in order to better serve LPCC's needs. As always, if you have concerns, let us know. Even better, run for a board position! Our new Annual Election date is the third Thursday of October, this year October 20. In order to consolidate our time and effort, the Board is moving the Member Meeting previously scheduled for October 27 to October 20. See further notice and email for an election timeline and information.

I look forward to seeing you out and about or at a Wet Wednesday. As always, I have an extra beer to trade for a conversation. I hope you have a great finish to the summer as we all make a mile of memories at Lake Pine.

Brian Schkeeper, President

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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MEETING/EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
8/25	7:00p	Book Club	South Beach
8/27	6:30p	Adult Party	South Beach
9/2-4	NA	Lake Pine Days	Lake Pine At Large
9/15	6:30p	LPCC Board Meeting	Clubhouse
9/24	4:00p	Family Campout	South Beach
10/12	6:30p	LPCC Board Meeting	Clubhouse
10/20	7:00p	Annual Election of Officers & Trustees & General Member Meeting	Clubhouse
10/22	TBD	3rd Annual Dock-or-Treat	Lake Pine Waterfront
10/28	TBD	Halloween Party	Clubhouse
11/16	6:30p	LPCC Board Meeting	Clubhouse
11/23	3:00p	Turkey Trot	Lake Pine At Large
11/23	TBD	Thanksgiving Eve Adult Party	Clubhouse
12/3	9:00a	Breakfast with Santa	Clubhouse
12/3	TBD	Winter Wonderland Dance	Clubhouse
12/14	6:30p	LPCC Board Meeting	Clubhouse

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW BOAT & MOTOR RULES

- No gas motors are permitted to operate on the water with the exception of search and rescue operations.
- All Watercraft with electric motors:
 - a) Only 12-volt electric motors with no more than 55lb thrust is permitted.
 - b) Only one motor per watercraft.
 - c) Batteries must be secured to watercraft to avoid falling into water.
- Any watercraft (excluding kayaks, canoes, and paddle boards) cannot exceed 14' long and 6' wide.
- No e-foils are permitted on any watercraft
- LPCC reserves the right to restrict any watercraft that presents a safety risk to the members.
- Operators of watercraft will follow all local and state laws regarding registration, licensure, and operation

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

Please watch your email for a call for nominations for officers and trustees, which will come from the newly formed Election Committee. The annual election will be held **OCTOBER 20** - this is a change from the past per the new by-laws.

BEACH & PROPERTY REMINDERS

- Please remember there is no glass allowed at the lake
- Please do not stand on the dam rocks or wall
- Please do not fish in the swimming area
- There is no driving on ANY beach

ADVERTISE IN THE PINE NEEDLE

Have a business you'd like to share with your neighbors? Offer a great service we could all use? Advertise your business in the next Pine Needle. Contact lpccpineneedle@gmail.com to reserve your space today!

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COMMITTEE UPDATES

Governance: At the June 29th Special Meeting many of the LPCC By-law Articles were approved; and about 10 others were debated and motioned; then removed or revised based on Memberships input. At the July 28th General Membership Meeting, the remainder of the Board approved outstanding proposed By-laws were again discussed; and ultimately approved by Membership. The entire final document is attached [here](#).

The By-laws will be used by the Board as a strict guideline for operating the Lake Pine Colony Club and for Membership to hold them accountable. As importantly, each LPCC Member Household is obligated to know and follow the By-laws in partnership with the LPCC. This document will be filed in the Burlington County Records Dept. in August 2022.

The next steps include updating the Rules & Regulations Documents, and finalizing all Policies sited in the By-laws to ensure fuller understanding.

Thanks to all those who contributed their ideas and came out to debate and influence the final By-Laws document. It was quite the effort, and although different opinions about some items likely remain, we collectively have made the best choices for the LPCC as a result.

How lucky are we to live in Lake Pine!

Martha Curren Kin, Governance Committee Liaison

Lakefront: Fall Lake Lowering: We have applied to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Fish and Wildlife for a permit to lower the lake this fall. The dates we have requested are October 31st to November 13th. As soon as we receive approval and our lake lowering permit, we will let you know.

Please submit all lakefront construction requests no later than **September 15th** to give the board time to review your projects prior to the lake lowering. Construction requests and questions can be emailed to seanmalady@gmail.com.

Properties and Beaches: We are having the LPCC Clubhouse Bathrooms painted - contracted with Revive painting. This should be completed by end of September.

We are seeking 2 to 3 volunteers to help take out the swimming ropes and replace the older metal (some rusted) poles with new White PVC poles for all the beaches.

2022 Lake Pine Days Schedule of Events

Friday, September 2nd

5:30 pm Geocaching Sign Ups @ South Beach

5:30 Fishing Derby Sign Ups (Event 6-7:30) @ South Beach

Saturday, September 3rd

9 am - 11 am Sandcastles @ South Beach

11 am Cardboard Regatta @ South Beach

1:30 pm Swim Races @ Main Beach

3 pm Boat Races @ Main Beach

6 pm Boat Parade @ East & Main Beaches

7:30 pm Movie Night on the water - featuring JAWS @ South Beach

Sunday, September 4th

11 am - 1 pm Kiddie Carnival @ Clubhouse

12 pm Softball Game @ The Field

4 pm Picnic @ Clubhouse Grounds

4 pm Geocaching Complete

7:30 Family Movie @ Clubhouse Grounds

Monday, September 5th

9 am Adult Yoga & Meditation
@ South Beach



Fishing Derby: Friday 9/2 at 6-8pm, South Beach

Event Chair: Maggie Clark, maggiemay629@gmail.com

This year's start to Lake Pine Days is a family favorite: our Fishing Derby! All ages welcome to participate - just bring your own pole, fishing equipment and bait. Register at South Beach and fish from the beach or use your boat to catch the big one. Once you've caught a keeper, fish must be weighed by a judge at South Beach. Pizza and water will be provided to participants. Trophies and awards to follow.

Geocaching: All Weekend - Sign up Friday 9/2 at 5:30pm, South Beach

Event Chair: Suzie Ruskowski, Suzie.ruskowski@gmail.com
Geocaching has become a must-do Lake Pine Event! Fun for the entire family, or all on your own, you'll compete in a scavenger hunt for small boxes (caches) hidden throughout the neighborhood. You will be given a map, some clues, and may use a compass (smartphone) to search by coordinates. Stamp your sheet for each cache you find and bring your stamped sheet to the Family Picnic on Sunday afternoon. Each stamp earns you a raffle ticket!

Sandcastle Contest: Saturday 9/3 at 9:00am, South Beach

Event Chair: Gretchen Taylor, zimmer1974@aol.com
Come join us for our much-loved family tradition, our Lake Pine Sandcastle Contest! Categories include Best Castle Built by the Whole Family, Most Creative, and more. Bring your own building materials, shovels, and pails. Coffee and breakfast bars will be available for all to enjoy.

Cardboard Regatta: Saturday 9/3 at 11:00am, South Beach

Event Chair: Danielle Rose, rosedani33@gmail.com
Join us for the Third Annual Cardboard Regatta! All ages are welcome to join immediately following the sandcastle contest. Age groups will be based on who signs up - please pre-register by emailing Dani at the address above! Rules:
1. Boats must be made out of cardboard and duct tape only.
2. Boats must hold at least one person.
3. You can use any paddle you want; it does not have to be made out of cardboard.
4. All participants must wear a life vest.

Swim Races: Saturday 9/3 at 1:30pm, Main Beach

Event Chair: Greg and Lindsey Wilkinson,
gregoryawilkinson@gmail.com

Show off your swimming skills with our annual swim races! Children will be grouped by age and prizes will be awarded!

Boat Races: Saturday 9/3 at 3:00pm, Main Beach

Event Chair: Sue and Mark August,
august.susanj@gmail.com

Whether you join in the races or cheer from a dock or beach, these races aren't to be missed. Kids, Junior, and Adult Kayak/Paddleboard/Canoe Races grouped by age – awards and bragging rights for all!

**Boat Parade: Saturday 9/3 6:00pm,
East and Main Beaches**

Event Chair: Scotty and Jess Farrell, scottfarrell@kw.com
Get your boat ready – or a chair on your dock! The parade will start from South Beach at 6:00 pm and travel up Lake Pine, ending back at South Beach. Canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, and boats are all welcome in the parade. Adult supervision and life jackets are needed for younger boaters. Participants are encouraged to decorate their boats, dress in costume, or even build a canoe carnival-like barge. Boating and water safety guidelines apply.

**Movie Night on the Water “Jaws”: Saturday 9/3
7:30pm, South Beach**

Event Chair: Scotty and Jess Farrell, scottfarrell@kw.com
Join us at South Beach and float if you dare while we watch Jaws on the beach! Children 16 and under must be supervised at all times while in the lake.

**Kiddie Carnival: Sunday 9/4 at 11:00am,
Clubhouse Field**

Event Chair: Liette Kelly, Lak@comcast.net
Bring your little ones down to the clubhouse grounds for some old-fashioned carnival games! Prizes will be given to all children who participate. Have a teenager who needs service hours? We are looking for volunteers to host the games; please reach out to Liette to sign up!

Softball Game: Sunday 9/4 12:00pm, Baseball Field

Event Chairs: Vanessa Cardwell and Bob Benedetto,
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East vs. West - which side of the lake will win? Join us for a fun game of ball! Neighbors ages 13+ are invited to play in this year's game. Whether you plan to play or cheer on your team, join us for some fun and bragging rights.

Picnic & Raffle: Sunday 9/4 4:00pm, Clubhouse Field

Event Chair: Amanda Schkeeper,
amandaschkeeper@gmail.com

Join in our neighborhood party, complete with music, games, and prizes! Set up your chairs, lay out a blanket, and join the biggest party of the year! We will return to our potluck style picnic this year – bring a side or main dish, or dessert. LPCC will provide a small amount of food, and will also treat kids (young and old) to Mister Softee. Bring your raffle tickets and take your chances to win great toys, prizes, and much more!

Movie Night: Sunday 9/4 7:30pm, Clubhouse Field

Event Chair: Scotty and Jess Farrell, scottfarrell@kw.com
Bring some blankets and popcorn, for a family friendly movie under the stars once the Picnic ends.

**Adult Yoga and Meditation: Monday 9/5 9am,
South Beach**

Event Chair: Lisa Bakanas Lisabakanas@gmail.com
Unlock your chakras and finish out the weekend with peaceful yoga & meditation on the beach. Please note this event is just for adults!

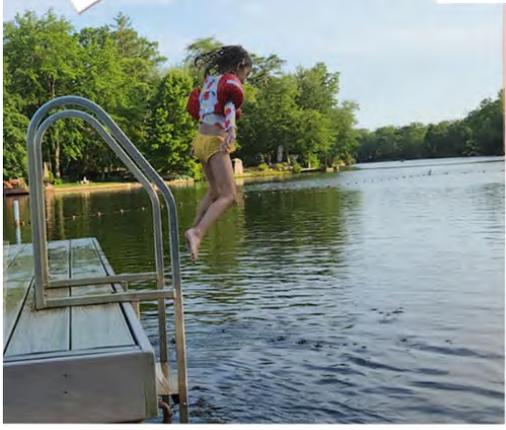
Prize Donations Needed

We are seeking prizes, toys, gift cards, baskets, and more for our annual raffle! Have a local business you'd like to spotlight with a gift basket donation? Please email Amanda Schkeeper at amandaschkeeper@gmail.com or drop off at 2 Falls Rd. no later than September 1. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed

We need help from our entire community to make Lake Pine Days a success! Please sign up to help out with an event, even if it's just for an hour! Opportunities for volunteers can be found at this [link](#).

Wet Wednesday!



SOUTH BEACH AT LAKE PINE



ADULTS ONLY BEACH PARTY

— AUGUST 27 • 6:30 PM —

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THE TRADITION CONTINUES

SOUTH
BEACH



LAKE PINE CAMPOUT AT THE LAKE

SEPT 24TH • 4:00 PM

JOIN NEIGHBORS FOR A NIGHT AT THE LAKE

BYOB TENT, SLEEPING BAGS, FOOD & DRINKS
FIRE PIT, SMORES, MUSIC & GAMES PROVIDED

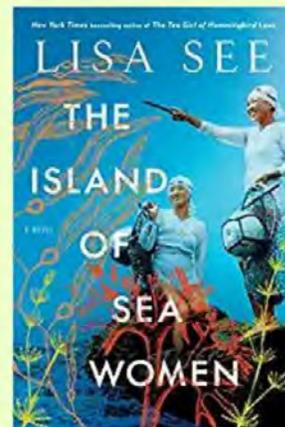
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BOOK CLUB

AUGUST 25 | 7:00PM | SOUTH BEACH



JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR
SECOND ANNIVERSARY!



Our Annual Toys for Tots Drive Has Begun!

Toys and books must be new and not wrapped. We will have a collection bin at the LPD Picnic and plan to have it at any other events between then and Breakfast with Santa. Drop off can also be done at 105 Forest Ave and 5 Pine Blvd. Let's rally together to give needy kids a great holiday season!

Contact Joyce for more information:
jscheller32@gmail.com

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FINANCIAL REPORT

FINANCIAL REFORECAST COMPLETED

In July, the Board Completed a detailed reforested of the Operating and Cash Flow Budgets for 2022 to ensure we are in good financial standing for the full 2022 fiscal year.

We are in good shape and we expect to end in a break even position for Operating Budget. Although we expect less revenue than planned, it will be offset by lower expenses bringing us to a breakeven. Membership revenue is strong; Clubhouse rentals may be less than budgeted by \$8.5K. This has been offset by saving in key Operating Expenses including Weed Management (\$5.6K), Landscaping (\$2.4K), Clubhouse Repairs (1.8K), and Fish Stocking (\$1.5K).

(\$K)	REFORECAST July 2022	Budget	Reforecast		Change
	Revenue	160.1	151.6		8.5
	Operating Expenses	118.1	104.8		13.3
	Capital Accts (L&D/Cap)	42	41.5		0.5
	Operating Income	0	5.3	0	-5.3

Note: The \$5.3K available will support projects as needed like beach weed clean up etc.

Based upon current estimates on final dam project costs, LPCC will be under the budget of \$158K, by \$17K or more. We will end the year with more cash than budgeted, which provides a solid position to start 2023.

End of Year Budget: \$46.2K

End of Year Reforecast: \$63.6K

(Assumes \$5.3K Operating Acct. and \$9.1K in budgeted capital is expensed)

-Martha Curren Kin, Treasurer

CLUBHOUSE RENTALS



The Lake Pine Colony Club clubhouse is available for rent to both residents and non-residents. It is the perfect size for celebrating that special family occasion, hosting a company function, or for holding training classes such as karate or arts and crafts.

Please follow all current COVID-related guidelines. Tables and chairs and use of the kitchen which includes two refrigerators, two microwaves, and a six-burner professional oven are included in the rental price.

CONTACT US TODAY

Karen Dougherty, Rental Manager
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MEMBER RATES

Friday - \$375

Saturday - \$425

Sunday - \$375

Other Days - Contact Us

\$200 Security Deposit
Required

FEATURES

- ✓ 137 folding chairs
- ✓ 7 8'-long tables
- ✓ 16 58"-round tables
- ✓ PA System
- ✓ Parking
- ✓ Full kitchen