

History of Lake Shawnee

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Early History

- Know as “Duck Pond”, “Brady’s Pond” & “Lake Weown”
- Ice harvested until 1934, stored in the “Stackhouse”
- Gatwyn’s formally known as Langdon Arms, Pallis III built originally as the Hurd Mansion, later owned by the Brady Family.



Early History

- Boy Scout Camp located at the end of Beaver Point-1940's.
- 1948, Arthur D. Crane Co. purchased from William & Albina Schneider and subdivided the Lake Shawnee Reservation.

Lake Shawnee Reservation



- Started mainly as a summer community
- Many came from the Bergen & Passaic County area.
- 83 acre lake
- Subdivided as to not allow other developments attached to it.
- Had to be approved for membership prior to purchase. Lake Shawnee Club incorporated April 13, 1946, Crane Co. held a controlling interest.

Lake Shawnee Reservation

- 9 homes built by end of 1948.
- 94 families in the lake by 1950. 567 today.
- Mainly dirt roads
- First Beach was only beach
- 1950's second beach & pavilion built.



Lake Shawnee Reservation



- Had its own security & police
- Late 1950's- Greinwald's store next to 2nd Beach.
- Arthur Stanlick School built 1964.

Club Activities

- 1950's though late 1960's was the heyday of the club.
- Numerous social activities:
 - Boat parades
 - Miss Lake Shawnee contest
 - Baby contest
 - Sailors
 - Ladies Luncheons
 - Numerous Dances
 - Soap Box Races



Club Organization

- All Volunteer based
- Consists of Board of Governors
- Various Committees
 - Social
 - Fishing
 - Lake Preservation
 - Properties

Club Activities



- 1961- Swim team formed
- History by Jeanie Ubhaus

Club Properties

- Lake Bottom
Purchased -1955
- Weown Beach- 1966
- Pioneer Beach- 1973
- Alpine Beach-1973
- White's Cove-1973
- North End -1973
- Beavers Cove-1973



Other History Notables

- Lake Shawnee News
- Reservation was expanded in 2001 to include part of Mallard Drive
- Great Flood of 2000
- Developed web site 2004
- Mandatory membership revisited