



Lake Shawnee News

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025

Even though we have plenty of great weather ahead of us, Labor Day pretty much marks the end of our summer season here at Lake Shawnee, as kids go back to school, fewer people will be at the beach. Just a reminder: all township schools open on September 4, so please drive with care.

In this edition, we acknowledge the passing of longtime Club Member and past Club President Kent Hansen. Kent served as Club President from 1984 to 1996 and helped organize our Jr. Sailors here on the Lake. Kent could often be seen walking around the Lake with his dog, Daisy. We extend our deepest condolences to his wife, Mary, and his entire family. Please keep all in your thoughts and prayers.

I have been asked to present some of my Lake Shawnee memories for the Jefferson Township Historical Society at the Jefferson Library on September 10 at 7:00 pm. Having grown up here in the Lake, and with my grandfather building one of the first 20 homes in the Lake, I was asked to share some of our history and my memories of growing up in our beautiful lake community. Our Membership VP, Dina Troha, will also be hosting our first "Welcome to the Lake" event on September 14, starting at 1:30 pm, for new members. All are welcome, and I will present a brief history of our Lake.

Thank you to Swim Team Chairman Amy Szekula, our Swim Team Committee, our coaches, Jamie Breiten, Sam Iversen & Michayla Vassallo, and all our parents for another great swim season. Our summer swim team has been a long-standing tradition here at Lake Shawnee, offering an excellent experience for our young swimmers.

Thank you to Kristen White, the Social Committee, and our Membership VP Dina Troha, for all the wonderful summer events and year-round work. We have one last summer event planned for August 30th to wrap up the season, so be sure to join us for our annual "End of Summer Beach Party." Check inside this edition for our fall events.

Putting on my Mayor hat, as all are aware, the Township micropaved roads on the East side of the Lake. I posted information regarding the tire turn marks on the LSC Facebook page. They will mostly go away after winter. Many asked when they would be line striping. They have to wait a month after the application. So around the first week in September, this should be completed.

There will be no regular Board meeting on September 5th.

Enjoy the end of summer.

Eric Wilsusen

Club President

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HIGHLIGHTS

September 7th, 8:00pm
Full Moon Celebration

September 8th, 7:00pm
Jewelry Making Class

September 14th, 1:30pm
Lake Day -
New Member Mixer

September 20th, 10:00am
Dog Walk and Pet
Parade

October 10th, 7:00pm
Fall Festival and
Storytime

October 19th, 3-5:00pm
Halloween
Trunk or Treat



The Lake Shawnee Clubhouse is located at 4 West Shawnee Trail Wharton NJ 07885

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www.lakeshawneeclub.org

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Social Committee Events



Social Committee: Please join us at the clubhouse with any new ideas you might have. Our next meeting dates are **October 7th and November 4th at 7pm – at the clubhouse.** If you can lend a hand at any of our events, it would be greatly appreciated.

Shawnee Seniors Club: Our Shawnee Seniors Club meets **every other Wednesday at 1pm at the clubhouse.** The club is open to all Seniors Age 55 and older.

Full Moon Celebrations: **Sunday, September 7th at 8pm.** See the full ad in the newsletter for more details!

Jewelry Making with Nina: **Monday, September 8th at 7pm.** See the full ad in the newsletter for more details!

Lake Day – New Member Mixer: **Sunday, September 14th at 1:30pm:** See the full ad in the newsletter for more details!

Lake Shawnee Dog Walk and Pet Parade: **Saturday, September 20th at 10am.** Meet at First Beach with a 1 mile dog walk. Cost is \$5 per four-legged friend. The walk will be followed by a pet parade featuring prizes for the cutest...funniest...and best overall costumes.

Fall Festival and Storytime: **Friday, October 10th, 7pm at the clubhouse.** Come join us for an evening filled with spooky stories, painting jack-o-lanterns, a Halloween movie and some festive games to celebrate the season! We'll even throw in a snack! Dress in your jammies or Halloween costume and bring your imaginations! All ages are welcome! ****You must RSVP in order to attend this event.****

Annual Halloween Trunk-or-Treat Party: **Sunday, October 19th from 3-5pm.** Trick or Treat from car to car in the clubhouse parking lot! Vote for your favorite Trunk- Prizes will be awarded! Decorated Vehicles arrive by 2:30pm. Please email social@lakeshawneeclub.org to reserve your space. (Rain date is Sunday, October 26th)

Contact the social committee at social@lakeshawneeclub.org with any questions!



The Social Committee is Seeking Volunteers

In order to ensure the success and continuation of this year's events, we need more volunteers to come out and lend a hand. Without increased involvement, we will be forced to cancel events that we have all come to love. A large commitment isn't necessary. We are asking members to sign up to chair an event(s). New ideas are always welcome. We will share experiences and help you every step of the way. Grab some friends, pick an event and let's work together!! If you are interested, please email social@lakeshawneeclub.org.

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Full Moon Celebration 8:00pm	8 Jewelry Making Class 7:00pm	9	10 Seniors 1:00PM	11	12	13
14 Lake Day New Member Mixer 1:30pm	15	16	17	18	19	20 Fishing Contest 6:30am Dog Walk Pet Parade 10:00am
21	22	23	24 Seniors 1:00PM	25	26	27
28	29	30				

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Board Mtg. 7:00pm	4
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Halloween Trunk or Treat 3:00-5:00pm	20	21	22 Seniors 1:00PM	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

SHAWNEE SENIORS

**Meets at the Clubhouse
every other Wednesday at 1pm**

Are you looking to meet other Seniors in the lake?
We offer different activities, like card games and special celebrations. It's a time to get together and enjoy each other's company. We are always open to new ideas.
Members aged 55 and older are welcome.
Coffee and Snacks will be served.

Please check lakeshawneeclub.org
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**FULL
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Gathering**

Sunday, September 7th
8pm at Second Beach

Join your neighbors for an evening of community and reflection under the Corn Moon. This full moon will glow a deep red during a total lunar eclipse, marking the shift into fall. Please bring an apple (for our lake release), a lantern or light to brighten your way and a blanket or chair to sit on. We will share some cider and apple treats to close the celebration. Come enjoy fellowship, the beauty of the lake, and this rare celestial event.

Text to RSVP
Dina Troha
973 663 6737

NEW DATE!
Jewelry Making Class!
Monday, September 8th at 7pm



All ages are welcome. The charge will be \$10/per person. Payment must be received by the office prior to the class. Please RSVP to social@lakeshawneedclub.org so we can make sure to have enough supplies for all attendees.

A Special Thank You to

Denville Dog & Grill!

They provided ice cream for our ice cream socials and for various swim team events!

The ice cream is delicious and we greatly appreciate their generosity!

Thank you!!!





Our LSC snake is looking awesome!!

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

1:30PM- 4:00PM

AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Lake History
& Fun Facts
Presentation

Meet & Mingle
with your Board
and members of
the community

Committee
Info Tables &
Door Prizes

Join us for a friendly afternoon bringing together all Lake Shawnee residents — from our newest neighbors eager to discover what makes our lake so special, to our long-time members ready to share their stories and wisdom. Come connect, learn, and celebrate the community we call home!

Please RSVP by September 10th to Dina Troha
by email to dinatroha@gmail.com or text 9736636737

ANNUAL DOG WALK AND PET PARADE



MEET AT FIRST BEACH WITH A 1 MILE DOG WALK.

THE WALK WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A PET PARADE FEATURING PRIZES FOR THE CUTEST...FUNNIEST...AND BEST OVERALL COSTUMES.

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**SEPTEMBER
20TH**

10AM – FIRST BEACH



FISHING COMMITTEE

By Bobbie Harris
Chairperson

First, we have to THANK this amazing community!!! OH, MY GOODNESS, our committee is absolutely floored by the generous fishing badge donations! During July's board meeting, it was reported that \$2,900 was collected, which will be put towards the 2026 Bass stocking!

Our summer fishing season is coming to an end. It is sad, but looking back we enjoyed great weather days with an average twelve bass caught per tourney.



Back in June, 17 anglers (including 4 juniors) watched Todd Lipchus annihilate the competition with a total of 85.75". Our fly guy, Mike Faber, came in second w/57.25" and Big Bass (21"). Mike paid it forward donating \$100 of his winnings towards next year's stocking. Logan Zimmer squeezed out the Big Pickerel (20") in the last 5 mins. 15 healthy bass were caught on a hot sunny day!

On July 19, our scheduled evening event was well attended, 22 participants. We had hoped to catch more fish, but despite the funky weather decent-sized fish were reported in. Marcia Farber topped out the evening with a total of 54.75" including the Big Bass (20"). Newcomer Jerry O'Conner tipped his lines for a second-place finish with 52.50" total. Logan Zimmer, who is becoming the new fish whisperer, landed Big Pickerel (19") for a second tournament in a row.



August 16th, an absolutely gorgeous day, the junior clinic was held from 11-3 which included a BBQ as awards were handed out. 12 young anglers joined Fish & Game officer A. Sutton, Casey Cumberton, Logan Zimmer and of course their very supportive and attentive parents (Chrissy, Kevin & Andy). Also, a big thanks to fishing committee members Vern, Marcia, Lynda and Tom for their part in making it another successful event. Make sure you keep an eye out for Kevin's write-up of the esteemed results.

August adult tourney has not been held previous to this report. Results will be posted in next newsletter; until then, Facebook will post winners.

As the summer days went by, we caught, watched and heard some really Big Bass being caught out there. In fact, as I write this, Logan Zimmer just caught 4.5 pounder from the docks! September is an amazing time of the year and that goes for fishing too! Please join us during our last 2 events because you never know - a lucky day at fishing just might place you in LS history books! **September 20th** is a 0630 start where **October 11th** a later start at 0730. Also, please keep an eye out for our annual fishing awards banquet which should be held sometime in November.



Junior Fishing Clinic & Contest

By Kevin Cumberton

On Saturday, August 16th, the Lake Shawnee Fishing Committee put on another fantastic event. They held Lake Shawnee's 2nd (officially Annual) Jr. Anglers Fishing Clinic & Contest. Committee head, Bobbie Harris gave both Jr. Anglers Casey Cumberton (14) & Logan Zimmer (15) full reign to create, plan, and execute the event. The boys did an absolutely amazing job! The event



went extremely smooth, was well organized, and did what it was intended to do. Get the kids fishing! The event had children from age 6 to age 13 working together and enjoying the day together. While part of it was a competition, the kids all worked well with each other helping & teaching those with less experience. It really turned out fantastic. Mission Accomplished.



Special thanks to Matt Jablonski (15), a former Lake Shawnee resident and current Jr. Angler, for volunteering his time to help assist the young Jr's in the event. Andrew Zimmer, the grill master who kept everyone from getting hangry. Bobbie, Marcia Farber, and Lavern Appler for not only allowing the boys to run the event, but for also helping all day and, of course, for the generous donations that were used as prizes. Chrissy Cumberton for helping organize some of the needed clerical work; she got us fully digital for keeping track of the days' catches and stats! Also, for helping set up AND for breeding the worms in her worm farm! Tom Preston, once again, for donating his time to help out and honestly for being so patient with the kids! Tom grew up in LS, but no longer lives here, however he is still highly involved and donates his time to many of the events run by the Club. Also, a giant thanks to New Jersey Fish & Wildlife Conservation Officer Allen Suten for donating his time and spending the entire day interacting with the kids and for the giveaways they provided to the

kids. Not only did the kids get excited to see a real Wildlife Officer and Police truck, but random LS residents also came by and thanked him for participating, including Lake Shawnee's President and Jefferson Mayor Eric Wilsusen. The Deputy Chief of NJ Fish & Wildlife is former colleague of mine and now a personal friend; he told me the officers love to visit Lake Shawnee and are impressed with how nice our private community is and how well it is run. They have again invited themselves back for next year! Finally, to the parents that encouraged the kids and those that participated as needed.

This event was run solely on volunteered time and just about everything needed to run the event was donated. The event was completely free to the children and IMO was again a success!



Now to the results (Go ahead, make the drumroll sound)

Total participants: 13 registered, 7 were new to the event this year. Ages 6 to 13 were represented. At least 6 others could not attend due to youth sporting events today.

Bait used: 2 dozen packs (12-15 per pack) of live worms were used!

Total fish caught (recorded): 51. Some fish were released before they were recorded, and some were caught outside of the 'official' fishing zone. So, the actual total is a bit higher than the official recorded number. All fish were safely released back into Lake Shawnee.

Most Fish caught (total): Harrison Ward (10 fish), Nicholas Wilson (8 fish), Anthony Fischetti (5 fish)

Largest fish of the day: 9.25" – Joe (JoJo) Chismar, Nicholas Wilson 9", Garrett Zimmer 7.5"



Smallest fish of the day: 3" – Paige Fedo & Anthony Fischetti (Tie)

Superstar Volunteer: Alayna Chismar, she was not registered and did not fish. She just was at the beach to swim but she came over and just started to help without hesitation. She handled the fish with such grace and was very patient.

Sportsmanship Award: Harrison Ward. This award was given to the participant who displayed the most character. Harrison was respectful towards wildlife and the safe release of the fish, as well as to the Conservation Officer and fishing committee members during casual conversation. Several times he was seen clearing brush to make room for the other anglers to compete along his side, as well as

cleaning up random trash. He untangled a few anglers' snags, and when the group was asked what the criteria for this award should be in their opinions, Harrison (unknowingly had already won) had the best answers that were in-line with the committees to win this award. Congratulations to Harrison!

Thanks again for all who came out to support this event, the donations received and for the parents who helped out...great event and we are looking forward to next years!!!



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SHAWNEE SPOTLIGHT

By Ed Crinnian

Welcome to this month's **Shawnee Spotlight**, where we celebrate the incredible accomplishments of our community's youth. This edition dives into the energy and teamwork fueling our lacrosse standouts, and honors a graduating swim team member making waves one last time. Join us as we cheer on these athletes who continue to inspire us all.



Kelty and Harper White, born and raised in Lake Shawnee, are set to begin Fourth and Fifth grade in September at the Jefferson Intermediate School. Both young ladies have achieved honors in the classroom for band, chorus, leadership, and kindness among many other accomplishments. Outside of the classroom, these amazing ladies enjoy gymnastics, basketball, lacrosse and being members of our very own Tribe swim team. But, like their parents, their hearts lie with lacrosse. Kelty had great success this year at the goalie position while Harper shined at Midfield with Kelty achieving her first two shutouts and Harper scoring multiple goals. With parents Chris and Kristen coaching and these young ladies ruling the pitch, the team ended the season with a record of 18-3! The drive, motivation, heart, kindness and pure craziness of these ladies is immeasurable. Kelty and Harper enjoy doing anything outdoors, reading, playing with their two dogs and being a part of this amazing community that they proudly call home.

And what better way to celebrate another summer than with one of the newest additions to our lake community! On August 14th, Marcin and Sandra Rzeszutko welcomed Emily Iris to the world. I for one, cannot wait to see what Emily and the Rzeszutko family go on to accomplish!



The Shawnee Spotlight was able to chat with the Lake Shawnee Swim Team's sole graduate in 2025, **Dylan Lee**. Dylan took some time to share his thoughts on the swim team and how its help mold him into the fine young man he's become.

How long have you been swimming for Lake Shawnee? I've been swimming at lake Shawnee for 7 years.

What's your favorite event? My favorite event is 100 free.

What other hobbies or activities do you participate in? I like to go on hikes, draw & paint, I also like watching a show or movie from time to time.

What are your plans for after graduation? My plan is to go to CCM (County College of Morris) for engineering sciences.

How have you benefited from the swim team? I've benefited from the swim team because it allowed me to meet these amazing people I would have never met without it. Also, it gave me something to do in the summer instead of doing nothing.

Favorite swim team memory? My favorite memory is when it was just me and former assistant coach Jodi at practice one day and she jumped in the water with me and that year everyone was complaining about seaweed in the lanes, so when she finally jumped in, she said "you guys are right, there is a lot of seaweed in here".

What advice do you have for the new swimmers? For new swimmers I'd say always show up for the team, go to practice, go to the meets. The Swim team is like a family and it's awesome to be a part of it.

What's your favorite thing to get at the snack shack? My favorite thing from the snack shack is a Root Beer Float

Any parting words for Coach Jamie? For Jamie: It truly has been an adventure and such an amazing 7 years, I wouldn't have stayed on the team for any other coach but you. You're an amazing coach, truly one that glues the team together. I hope the team continues to have amazing swim seasons with you leading it.

Describe the Lake Shawnee Swim Team in 3 words: In 3 words: A Big Family!

Summary of the Lake Shawnee Club Board Meeting

July 11, 2025

It was reported that Planet Network was installed to provide internet service at the Clubhouse, First Beach and the Snack Shack.

The Social Committee reported on events held in June - Wine Tasting on the 7th, Full Moon Celebration on the 11th, and Trivia Night on the 21st. In July, they held the 4th of July Bike Parade and Kick off to Summer. It was a beautiful day and a great turnout! The Seniors raised \$142.05 from their bake sale to donate to the LSC Scholarship Fund. LSC merchandise and several ducks for the End of Summer Celebration were both sold. The Rock Snake was started and several votes were received for the name and distance achieved by the End of Summer Celebration. The first Ice Cream Social was cancelled on the 8th, due to the weather. Coming up in July are the following events: Biathlon/Color War/Movie Night – 18th, Ice Cream Social – 22nd, and Storytime – 29th.

There was a brief discussion on Summer Night Security. It was decided to skip this season due to lack of volunteers, but to consider coverage on weekends and holidays in the future.

Life guards are doing well this season and are offering swim lessons once again.

The Fishing Committee reported that the lake has had two fishing contests so far this Summer. The bass are healthy and averaging 9-11". There were 10 anglers for the first contest and 17 for the second (4 kids and 7 fly fishermen). Donations were made towards stocking the lake for next year. The next contest is 7/19 – 4-9pm, which will finish at the Clubhouse. There will also be a children's contest on 8/16. It was reported that \$2900 came in for the Fishing Committee from member donations and fishing badges.

The Swim Team kicked off their season on June 25th versus Cranberry Lake. The team lost, but gave a great effort. They continued with a win on June 28th versus Park Lakes, a win on June 30th versus Shore Hills, a loss on July 2nd vs. Saffin Pond and a loss on July 9th versus Shongum. The team held a car wash on June 29th that was very successful. The Ribbon Meet was held on July 7th where the team hosted 6 teams and several alumni were in attendance. The team held a water polo night on 7/10 instead of practice. Upcoming events include meets on July 12th versus Roxbury and the last home meet on July 16th versus Randolph. The team will be going to the Miners baseball game on July 19th and participating in a lake swim on July 23rd. The last team meet will be on July 22nd versus Mount Olive. Silvers will take place on July 26th and the End of Season banquet will be held on July 27th at Picatinny Arsenal.

Projects completed on Club properties included the following: urinal in the men's bathroom at the Clubhouse repaired, new locks installed on the outside bathroom (the code is still the same), new picnic tables were added and the old ones were discarded at First Beach (Thank you to the Zimmer family for assisting with the waterproofing), weed treatment was completed at 2nd Beach, the dock was installed at Whites Cove (the height and angle will be readjusted in the near future.)

There was a brief discussion on Sailing at 3rd Beach which was included in a recent edition of the Lake Hopatcong News magazine. Thanks to Mr. Tom Preston for all of his efforts; it is very nice to see all of the sailboats out on the lake.

There was a brief discussion on the new dock at North End; the Board determined that this dock is not meant for kayaks.

There was a brief discussion on the beach rule concerning children at the Beach - Children under 12 need to be supervised by a parent or an individual of at least 14 years old. It was determined that if a child under 12 is unattended, the parents should be notified to pick them up.

The Board is obtaining estimates for surveyors to complete the study for the reserves as required by new State legislation, as well as estimates for paving the Clubhouse parking area.

The Board approved to have the Clubhouse, deck, patio area, cement walkway, ramp, seawall and windows power washed for \$800.

The Board approved at purchase and installation of a gas generator for the Clubhouse; quotes will be obtained for the project.

Sue Bedel/Catherine O'Regan donated \$1,000 for the lifeguards.

Summary of the Lake Shawnee Club Board Meeting

August 1, 2025

Planet Network has finished all of their installations, which provides the Clubhouse with free phone and internet indefinitely and the Snack Shack, as well; Optimum service was cancelled. Service for the Clubhouse television will need to be determined possibly a Firestick.

Mr. Wilsusen offered an update regarding the cape sealing/micro paving. Most of the lines have been removed along Hurdtown Trail, East Shawnee Trail, Fawn Terrace, Island Trail, Deer Trail Point and Beaver Point Trail, leading up to West Lakeview Trail. Notices will be sent out with any changes and/or updates.

Regular memberships are up by 16 households and Senior memberships are up by 20 households this year.

It was reported that homes for sale within the lake are on the market longer now and price reductions are occurring.

We will be hosting a Learn About the Lake Day on September 14th. The time is TBD.

The Social Committee events in July were the Kid's biathlon/color war and Movie night on the 18th, an Ice Cream Social on the 22nd and Storytime on the 29th. All events had great turnouts and very positive feedback. The Rock Snake is going really well and many creative rocks have been added. They are continuing to sell ducks for the End of Summer celebration. Coming up in August are the following events: Pirate Day – August 8th, Karaoke Bonfire Party and Full Moon Celebration – 9th, Ice Cream Social – 12th, Movie Night – 22nd, End of Summer Celebration – 30th.

There was a brief discussion on an increase in fishing line/lures/hooks left on Club properties, which caused an injury to a hawk that was taken to an animal sanctuary for care.

The Board was updated on the progress of the hydro raking project after several Board members met with Tigris. The survey was completed and Tigris will be sending out a proposal.

The guards are doing well, but there will be no guards on duty Saturday, August 2nd, due to scheduling conflicts with Swim Team Trials and Finals. The membership will be updated by email blasts.

The swim team ended their season with 3 wins and 6 losses. The team received an overall ranking of 2nd place in the small lake division. It was reported that Park Lakes will be leaving our league next year, leaving us with a league of 9 teams. Swimmer Madison Castle-Dalton reached a new LSC team record in the girl's 13-14 50-meter breaststroke, beating the LSC record held by Sarah Gazdalski from 1994! Silvers was held on July 22nd where eight of the eleven swimmers stood on the podium and received medals. The team held their banquet at Picatinny Arsenal on July 27th where sole senior, Dylan Lee, was recognized. Trials were held yesterday and today with Finals to be held tomorrow, August 2nd.

Projects on Club properties included: Clubhouse was power washed, weeding around the clubhouse (the Sassafras tree may be removed, and poison ivy should be sprayed and removed), LBC landscaping quote obtained for more landscape fabric and river rock for 2nd Beach lower area, 2nd Beach weed treatment by Native Fields. There was a brief discussion on walkway for the lower area to the new retaining wall including grading of the area as a future project. Thank you to Ms. Cathy Fahy for pulling weeds and cleaning up the grass along the water line at 3rd Beach. There was a brief discussion on launching kayaks at North End.

The Board was updated on the easements at 3rd Beach and property sale at North End.

The Board was updated on quotes obtained for a generator including a possible conversion to a gas stove. We are still waiting on more estimates for consideration.

There was a brief discussion on our bylaws, specifically how we set our yearly budget. It was suggested by our Club attorney that a bylaw should be written regarding reserves and what would be covered under those reserves. They would cover things that would need to be replaced in the future, such as appliances, the roof, the playground, etc. This all stems from the law: Planned Real Estate Development Full Disclosure Act.

LAKE SHAWNEE SWIM TEAM



The Lake Shawnee Tribe swim season? It ate and left NO crumbs. The squad pulled up for 9 dual meets and made waves (literally). Special shoutout to our new recruits Gavin Estey and Paige Fedo for hopping in the pool like they've been here since day one. And yeah, it hurt to say goodbye to senior Dylan "Big Dyl" Lee, but he left the team like a legend... demonstrating the brains, kindness, and leadership we should all strive for.

The season ended with Tribe victories over Park Lakes, Shore Hills and Lake Forest. The season saw many highlights, including the aforementioned first and final swims. But the moment that had everyone gasping-for-air? July 16th, when

Madison Castle-Dalton went full beast mode in the Girls' 13-14 50M Breaststroke. Time: 36.97. Result: Record shattered. Sarah Gazdalski's record from 1994? Beaten. A new era unlocked. Legendary doesn't even begin to cover it.

Points piled up quickly thanks to sibling power duo Everett Johnson (97.5) and Brea Johnson (91.75), who apparently decided domination would be their summer hobby. They were followed closely by a whole roster of heavy hitters: Tyler Fedo (91.5), Gavin Breiten (82.25), Anthony Cascone (80), Madison Castle-Dalton (77), Harper White (75.25), Donnie Andrews (70.25), Isabella Russell (69), Paige Fedo (62), Angie Andrews (54.5), Alex Johnson (53.75), Phoebe Szkula (51.75), Mia Fischetti (48.75), Dylan Lee (46.5), Andrew Doerr (44.75), Kaan Kockonuk (44), Hannah Mignanelli (30.5), Sierra Crinnian (29.75) and Gavin Estey (26). If you're wondering, yes, the scorekeeper's calculator nearly overheated from all the math.

Lake Shawnee stayed hot at Silvers, with Sierra Crinnian, Reign Dalton, Gavin Estey, Kaan Kockonuk, Dylan Lee, Kayla Lee, Emmie Manning, Phoebe Szkula, Fiona Walloga, Harper White, Kelty White and Gavin Zimmer all bagging ribbons or medals. The next weekend at Finals, Tribe members Gavin Breiten, Anthony Cascone, Madison Castle-Dalton, Paige Fedo, Tyler Fedo, Mia Fischetti, Dylan Lee, Bry Liptak, Isabella Russell, Phoebe Szkula and Harper White pulled top-8 finishes across the whole league.

And while the swims were impressive, the off-deck antics were equally elite: a Gatwyns dine-to-donate night, team outing at the Miners game, water polo showdown, car wash, lake swim, pasta party, awards breakfast at The Club at Picatinny, and hosting a Ribbon Meet. If there had been medals for "most extracurriculars crammed into 6 weeks of summer," Lake Shawnee probably would've won those, too. Huge W to our volunteer MVPs—the Cascone Family, the Walloga Family, the Breiten Family, Amy Gaul and Suzanne Jackson. These folks had more hours on deck than some of the swimmers (seriously, I was beginning to think they lived there). Whether it was timing swimmers, wrangling kids, or slinging snacks, they kept the Tribe afloat. Add in community helpers and alumni icons Chriss Castle-Dalton, Lisa Denbleyker, Billy Kuhl, Shan Lee, Max Russell and Maura White, and suddenly we're looking like the most well-supported team in lake-swimming history.

Finally, hats off to our coaches Jamie Breiten, Sam Iversen, and Michayla Vassallo, who somehow survived another season of herding over-sugared swimmers. We wish them, and all of our swim families the gift of a calm, seaweed-free school year ahead.

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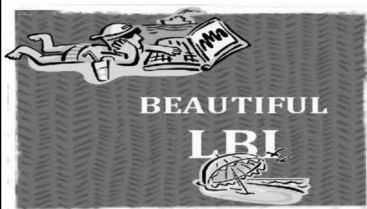
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On Behalf of the Board of Governors and the entire Lake Shawnee Community, a sincere thanks to Mr. Tom Preston for bringing back sailing to our Lake this season by offering sailing lessons for both adults and children and holding Sunday Sails for all. It's been great seeing so many sailboats on the Lake.

Thanks, Tom for all of your time and efforts.



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Get to Know Your Board...

Member-at-Large - Al Pichieri



I've lived in Lake Shawnee for thirty-five years. I enjoy the opportunities it gives me to do things that I enjoy such as fishing, biking (I need to get back to doing this more frequently), walking around the lake and the hiking trails in the area, gardening, and fishing. I used to fish a lot on Lake Shawnee but have switched to fishing on Lake Hopatcong. It's always exciting when you connect with a large hybrid striped bass! I've been a board member-at-large for seven years and am the property manager for Whites Cove. That's a busy property since it has the boat ramp and the largest number of racks for boat storage. I recently retired after a thirty-three-year career in the pharmaceutical industry. Thanks to that I got to travel around the world to eleven different countries. And once I literally traveled around the world working with manufacturing sites in three countries. What I've found is that people are pretty friendly everywhere; you need to respect their customs, and they'll welcome you. In my teens, I was in Scouting and earned my Eagle Scout award. Now that I'm retired, I'm volunteering with the Patriots Path Council, BSA. It's real interesting to see how Scouting has evolved since I was younger.

Member-at-Large - John Stern



Hello Lake Shawnee friends and neighbors, my name is John Stern and I've been a Member-at-Large Lake Shawnee Board member, for over 3 years now. One of my duties is to manage the property at 3rd Beach. I've spent so much of my time there, grilling and chilling over the 36+ years living here on Lake Shawnee. I've lived in the same house all of that time with my wife Margie. I have 2 daughters, Gillian and Cat, who both grew up here, participated in the many activities and both were on the swim team for many years. I have always thought, what a great place this is for them to grow up. I took early retirement from the United States Golf Association (USGA), after working there over 32 years where I managed a Tech Support Team. If you're thinking that I must be a golfer, you'd be right. I'm not the best, or the worst, but I do like to have fun on the links. In addition to golf, I like most all sports and I'm still out there trying to run (more like jogging) 4 days a week. You also may see me out walking our 2 dogs, Delilah & Dexter, 2 to 3 times a day. Yes, they are spoiled babies, but I've been a dog lover forever.

Member-at-Large - Matt Dallicardillo



I moved to West Shawnee Trail in 2013 with my wife Jen, herself a lifetime Lake Shawnee resident. Shortly thereafter we started our family here, welcoming Sadie ('16), Wyatt ('18), and Peggy ('21), and finally our new puppy, Luna. I began participating in work days in 2015 with the installation of the new playground at Second Beach, and have since regularly volunteered my time and materials to fix things I have noticed in dis-repair around Lake properties. In late 2024 when a board position was available, I was glad for the opportunity to serve the community further. Professionally, I have been an Application Developer with Gotham Technology Group since graduating from college in 2012. In my spare time I enjoy a myriad of hobbies, from guitar to woodworking to 3D printing, but time with my family is always my priority. When the weather is nice you can find us at the beach, out on our paddle boards, or at the park, and when it's not, you can be certain we are battling it out in a board game marathon. I look forward to spending the rest of my life in this beautiful community, watching it and my family grow, and I am honored to serve the community as a board member for as long as I am needed.



WEEDS - AS WE ALL KNOW, JULY & AUGUST HAVE BEEN VERY HOT WITH MINIMAL RAIN. THIS IS GREAT FOR RECREATION AT OUR BEAUTIFUL LAKE WITH MANY SUNNY DAYS & WARM TEMPERATURES, BUT NOT SO GREAT FOR CONTROLLING WEED GROWTH. ON OUR LAST SURVEY WITH THE AIRBOAT, THE LAKE WAS 80 DEGREES AND A FOOT DOWN ON DEPTH. THERE IS VERY LITTLE WATER COMING IN & NO WATER GOING OVER THE SPILLWAY. IT'S LIKE A POT ON A STOVE, OUR LAKE IS "COOKING". IN SPITE OF A PERFECT ENVIRONMENT FOR WEED & ALGAE GROWTH, JULY HAD MINIMAL WEEDS & ALGAE. WE TREATED ONLY 1 ACRE FOR FILAMENTOUS ALGAE AT THE END OF JULY & SURPRISINGLY OUR CHEMISTRY FOR THE LAKE WAS VERY GOOD. THE D.O (DISSOLVED OXYGEN) WAS 9, CLARITY WAS 5 FEET, PH WAS 7.5 — ALL GREAT NUMBERS FOR A HEALTHY LAKE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE TEMPERATURE WAS 84 DEGREES WHICH IS NOT GOOD. BUT SINCE THE FIRST 2 WEEKS OF AUGUST, THINGS HAVE CHANGED. OUR BIOLOGIST FROM TIGRIS (JEFF HORN) TELLS ME THAT THIS IS HAPPENING AT MANY OF THE LAKES THAT THEY SERVICE. 2 WEEKS LATER, WE HAD 2 ACRES OF ALGAE, 1 ACRE OF MILFOIL & ABOUT 30 ACRES OF TAPE GRASS. WE TREATED FOR THE ALGAE & MILFOIL & ABOUT HALF OF THE TAPE GRASS. WHY ONLY HALF? WHEN AN HERBICIDE KILLS A PLANT, IT USES OXYGEN TO BIODEGRADE. BUT THAT OXYGEN IS WHAT FISH NEED TO SURVIVE, SO TAKING OUT TOO MANY WEEDS CAN RESULT IN A SIGNIFICANT & UNWANTED "FISH KILL". ALSO, TAPE GRASS PRODUCES OXYGEN DURING PHOTOSYNTHESIS THAT FISH NEED, SO IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE PROTECT OUR FISH POPULATION. JEFF HORN WILL RETURN ON AUGUST 26th TO TREAT THE REMAINING EEL GRASS, WHICH WILL GIVE OUR LAKE TIME TO RECOVER THE "D.O".

WATER FOWL — THE GEESE POPULATION HAS BEEN A MYSTERY THIS SUMMER. AT THE END OF JUNE, WE ADDLED 4 EGGS AT NORTH END. WE MISSED ANOTHER NEST THAT SUCCESSFULLY HATCHED 4 GOSLINGS WHICH I INITIALLY SPOTTED BUT THEN NEVER SAW THEM AGAIN THIS SUMMER. IN MY MANY SURVEYS ON THE LAKE, I RARELY SEE ANY GEESE. APPARENTLY, THEY COME EARLY MORNINGS & EVENINGS & EAT THE GRASS AT FIRST BEACH. THEIR DROPPINGS HAVE BEEN MINIMAL AT THE BEACH. MANY LIFEGUARDS AT FIRST BEACH REPORTED SEEING OVER 20 GEESE ON THE GRASS AT FIRST BEACH IN JULY. BUT IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS, THEY HAVE SEEN VERY FEW (my thanks to the guards). PERHAPS THEY HAVE RETURNED TO THE CANALS OF LAKE HOPATCONG.

ALSO, WHERE ARE OUR SWANS? THEY HATCHED 4 SIGNETS IN JUNE, BUT HAVE NOT BEEN SPOTTED IN OUR LAKE. MAYBE ONCE THEY WERE ABLE TO FLY, THEY FOUND A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE?

WE HAVE OVER 30 DUCKS AND THEY SPEND MOST OF THEIR TIME IN WATER AND EAT AQUATIC VEGETATION. USUALLY NEWLY-HATCHED DUCKLINGS ARE CONSUMED BY SNAPPING TURTLES, BUT THIS SUMMER MANY HAVE SURVIVED.

WE ALSO HAVE 3 OR 4 CORMORANTS LIVING ON THE LAKE. THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL BLACK BIRDS WITH LONG NECKS THAT ARE COMFORTABLE UNDER THE WATER DIVING FOR FISH & CAN STAY UNDER WATER FOR 30 SECONDS.

HYDRO RAKING — OUR COMMITTEE MET WITH 2 REPRESENTATIVES FROM TIGRIS WHO RUN THEIR HYDRO RAKING OPERATION. THE MEETING WAS PRODUCTIVE — THEY EXPLAINED EACH FACET OF THEIR OPERATION & THE COST OF EACH PHASE. (more to come next time)

I HOPE YOU HAD A WONDERFUL SUMMER AT OUR WONDERFUL LAKE.
JEFF



On behalf of the Board of Governors, we offer our condolences to the friends and family of Kent E. Hansen (78) who passed away on July 26th surrounded by his wife, children, and sister. Kent was born in Jersey City to Gloria and Edward Hansen, and was raised with his sister, Meryll, in Hasbrouck Heights. He graduated from Rutgers College with a degree in Economics and Art History, and later earned his Juris Doctor from St. John's University.

Kent was admired for his wisdom, insightfulness, honesty, kindness, dry sense of humor, and punctuality in nearly every aspect of his life, all of which were backed by a lifetime of community service. He served as the President of the Lake Shawnee Club for 15 years and organized and taught young adults about his passion for sailing through the Junior Sailors' Club. He was deeply involved in the Hurdstown Methodist Church, where he taught Sunday School, led the youth group program, and served on the Parish Economic Council. He also dedicated many years to the Jefferson Township Board of Education and other township advisory boards. Recently, Kent served as the President of the Jefferson Township Child Care and Education Center. He truly made a positive impact on everyone who knew him, although he was too humble to realize it.

Kent's faith in the Constitution was rooted in the belief that it could serve as a force for justice, equity, and progress. He championed democratic values throughout his life, always standing up for the rights of the marginalized and the promise of a better future for all of us. He served as General Counsel of Fedders Corporation for many years. After his tenure, Kent initially volunteered countless hours at Pro Bono Partnership in Parsippany, NJ, before becoming a Senior Staff Attorney. Kent truly loved the mission of Pro Bono Partnership, providing free legal support to numerous wonderful nonprofit organizations with the goal of helping them carry out their mission to make the world a better place.

In the little time he saved for himself, Kent's main passions were writing and recording music, being Norwegian, and drinking a glass of wine on the rowboat with his dog and his wife.

Kent is survived by his wife, Mary Elizabeth Judge; his son, Joshua, and daughter-in-law, Hanako Yamanaka; his daughter, Valle, her partner, Vincent Hagedorn, and their son, Arlo. Also surviving are his stepdaughter, Kelly Galinkin, and her daughter, Jessica; his stepsons, Andrew and Daniel Curran; his sister, Meryll; and his beloved dog, Daisy Jane.

Kent will be dearly missed and forever remembered.

Lake Shawnee Boat Usage and Storage Policy

1. Boats are defined as any vessel including but not limited to any row boat, patio/deck boat, sailboat, canoe, paddle boat, kayak, paddle board or other watercraft.
2. All boats utilized on the lake or stored on any Club property are required to obtain a Club issued boat decal. Boat decals are valid through April 1st following a Presidential election year. The decal shall be valid for a period that does not exceed 4 years.
 - a. All Boat decals shall be affixed outside the vessel closest to the bow on either the port or starboard side.
 - b. Boats & watercraft cannot exceed 25 feet in length and cannot be capable of exceeding 15mph.
 - c. Motorized boats must be electric powered only.
 - d. Member Guests launching boats on the lake shall have a guest badge in possession and present upon request.
 - e. Any boat & trailer launched into the lake must be clean and free of weeds.
3. Boats stored on Club Property:
 - a. Any member wishing to store a boat on Club property shall complete a boat storage permit at the Club Office. Storage permits will be issued on a first come first serve basis; assigned by property stored and valid for the requested property only. Before moving a boat to another club property, members must first obtain a new boat permit at the club office, if one is available for the new property. The old permit will then become invalid. If permits are not available for the desired property, the boat may not be moved. There is no additional charge for a boat storage permit. The Board may limit the number of boat storage permits available to a single household to ensure availability to the overall club membership. Limits will be posted in the Club Office. The Board may also rescind any permits that are unused by July 1st of any year in which the permit is valid, and re-allocate to a member in need of a permit.
 - b. Boats stored on Club property are to be stored on designated boat racks and in designated areas only. Boats stored outside the designated racks (e.g. on the ground) will be subject to removal from the property.
 - d. Boat owners storing boats on Club property are responsible to remove any water from boats within 48 hours of any rain event.
 - e. Sailboats may be moored not more than 25 feet off club property at White's Cove and Third Beach within designated areas.
 - f. Excluding sailboats, no boats are to be stored or left in the water off club property for more than 24 hours.
 - g. At White's Cove only and with permission of the Club, handicapped members as determined through a State Handicap Parking Permit, may leave their boat in water and/or request a closer/lower storage rack location. Provision 3c still applies.
4. Policy Compliance.
 - a. Failure to comply with any section of this policy can result in loss of Club privileges as determined by the board.
 - B. All Boats utilized on the lake are required to comply with existing NJ State laws and regulations regarding boats and vessels.

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