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# Lake Shawnee News

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT JULY/AUGUST 2025

Welcome to the start of our summer season. Now, if Mother Nature would only get the message and give us some real summer weather, especially on the weekends!

Our Officer Manager, Lisa Peter, had a medical issue to deal with but is on the mend and will hopefully be back soon. Carolyn has been holding down the office the best she can. The best way to contact the office is by email or phone, as both are being monitored.

Thank you to all who came out for our Spring Work Day, despite the rain and new date, we were able to get our properties in order.

Lifeguarding on our beaches will be full-time on 1st, and part-time on 3rd after June 20th. We have a pretty good complement of lifeguards this year, and swim lessons will be offered again this season. As a reminder, the primary responsibility for your waterfront safety is the swimmer, and, for our younger swimmers, is the parent. Matt Matrisciano is back as our Beach Security this year; please help him do his job by adhering to our Club rules.

As we move into our summer season, we would like to remind everyone of our Standing and Beach rules to ensure a pleasant summer season for our members on our Club properties. Here are a couple of Standing rule reminders, especially for our newer members; please ensure your guests are also aware, as it is your responsibility to inform them. We suggest reviewing all our Standing rules, Beach rules, and Private Party Policy to avoid any confusion and make it an enjoyable season for all. Our Standing rules and policies are posted on our web page <u>https://www.lakeshawneeclub.org/members</u> (password: shawnee). Beach rules are posted under Swimming.

Please ensure you and your guests have badges or wristbands which are for members only on Club property. Boat stickers and car tags should be displayed, as well. You must use a koozie or other foam insulator when using glass bottles on our properties. This rule is simply for the protection and safety of all, particularly those with bare feet, in case the bottle falls and breaks on the ground. The Club has a carry-in-carry-out policy for personal trash (including plastic bottles!!) on all Club properties. Occasionally, we have issues with members and guests clearing the beach & property during thunder & lightning storms. Clearing the property is not a choice; it is part of our Waterfront Safety Policy & Procedure manual. If there is thunder, the water gets cleared; if there is lightning, the beach & property all get cleared, meaning you seek shelter in a car or building. No questions asked, please! This rule is for your safety!

Our Night Security patrols will begin on July 1st to enforce our 10 pm curfew on Club properties, and I ask that all our residents and members do their part in making LS a safe and secure place to live. If you see suspicious persons or activity, please report it to our local police. Every member has the right and obligation to question persons on Club property to inquire if they are members.

Firework displays on Club property are prohibited. We will have extra security patrols on the July 4th weekend to monitor. Please be courteous & respectful to your neighbors and their animals.

We hope to start swimming lessons in the first week of July. See any guard or look for our posts on social media.

Enjoy the start of Summer.

Eric Wilsusen

**Club President** 

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# HIGHLIGHTS

July 4th, 9:30 am Bike Parade

July 4th, 12:00pm Kick-off to Summer

July 8th & 22nd, 7:00pm Ice Cream Social

July 10th, 8:00pm Full Moon Event

July 18th, 4:00pm Kid's Biathlon & Color War

July 18th, 8:30pm Movie Night

July 29th, 7:00pm Children's Storytime 3rd Beach

August 1st, 1:00pm Argh! Pirate Day

August 9th, 6:30pm-9:30pm Karaoke Beach Party

August 12th, 7:00pm Ice Cream Social

August 22nd, 8:30pm Movie Night

August 30th, 12:00pm End of Summer Celebration

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

For Club Business and Rentals please contact our Office Manager,

Lisa Peter at 973-663-1307 or officemanager@lakeshawneeclub.org

The Office is open during the hours of 8:30am-12pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

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|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|
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Newspaper Deadline 15th of the month prior to printing.

Interested in placing an ad in the LSC News go to www.lakeshawneeclub.org/clubhouse.html



### **CLUB HOUSE RENTALS**

#### **Rates and Terms**

Members only Full Day Rental: \$300

A deposit off \$200 and a signed agreement are required to secure your rental date.

Call 973-663-1307

Board Meetings are held on the first Friday of every month. All members welcome!! Visit our website frequently for the most up to date information: www.lakeshawneeclub.org www.facebook.com/groups/lakeshawneeclub



# Social Committee Events



**Social Committee:** Please join us at the clubhouse with any new ideas you might have. Our next meeting dates are **July 1st and August 5th at 7pm**. If you can lend a hand at any of our events, it would be greatly appreciated.

<u>Seniors Social</u>: Our Shawnee Seniors meet **every other Wednesday at 1pm** at the clubhouse. The club is open to all Seniors - Ages 55 and older. Coffee and snacks will be served.

**Fourth of July Bike Parade and Kick off to Summer:** Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> (Rain date: Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>) The parade starts at 9:30am and the Kick off to Summer continues after that until 8pm. See the full ads in the newsletter for more details.

**Ice Cream Social Nights:** Who doesn't love ice cream?? Stop by the clubhouse at **7pm on Tuesdays July 8<sup>th</sup>, July 22nd and August 12<sup>th</sup>**. Enjoy an ice cream treat or ice pop to be followed by a few games of Bingo. All ages welcome.

Full Moon Celebrations: Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 8pm: See the full ad in the newsletter for more details!

<u>Kid's Bi-Athlon and Color War</u> – Come join us for our Annual Kid's Bi-Athlon on **Friday, July 18th at 4pm** on First Beach! This event is open to children of all ages. We'll start with a warm up, followed by a super fun color war! Participants will then race around the clubhouse grounds and then swim a length in the lanes. You will be rewarded for your efforts!!

<u>Movie Nights:</u> Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> and August 22nd at 8:30pm (Rain date: Friday, July 25) We'll pop the popcorn! You bring your tents and flashlights. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Movie selections to be determined!

**<u>Children's Storytime</u>**: Come join us for an evening of magical wonder as we read a story followed by a craft and snack. Dress in your jammies and bring your imaginations and blankets. Story time will be on **Tuesday**, **July 29<sup>th –</sup>7pm - at Third Beach.** Children of all ages are welcome! Hope to see you there!

<u>Argh! It's Pirate Day!! Kid's Beach Activities</u>- Friday, August 1st - 1pm at First Beach. (Rain date: Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>) Come in your favorite Pirate gear and we'll have a pirate adventure, searching for buried treasure and sailing the high seas of Lake Shawnee.

**End of Summer Celebration:** Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 12pm (Rain date: Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>) See the full ad in the newsletter for more details!

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

# July 2025

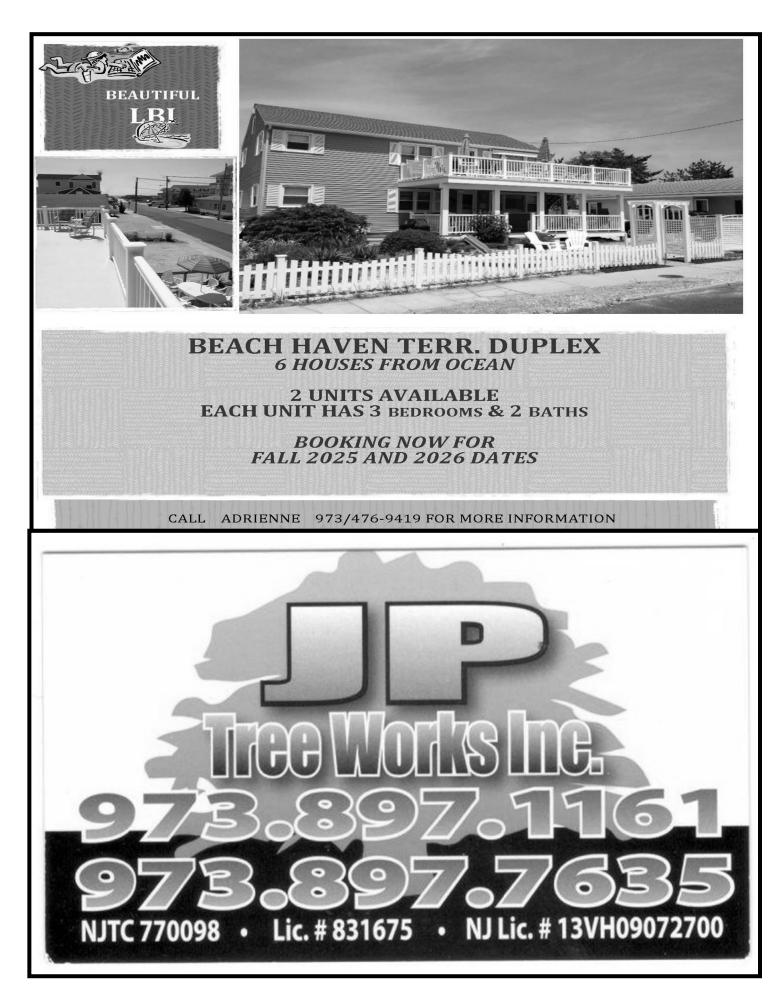
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# August 2025

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Friday, July 18th and August 22nd 8:30 pm CHILDREN'S STORYTIME TUESDAY, JULY 29TH **7PM AT THIRD BEACH** Movie selection to be determined! We'll pop the popcorn; you bring your beach chairs and beverage of choice. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an Come join us for a story adult. followed by a craft and snack. Dress in your jammies and bring your imaginations and blankets. Children of all ages are welcome!



# 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.



Although Lake Shawnee is known for tough fishing, it sure is nice seeing many members out and catching some really decent-sized bass. We are thrilled to report that our cultivation process is working. Despite the drought, draw-down and the rough, cold and icy winter our '24 stocked fish are growing. We now have lots of 9-11" bass who seem to have survived and so far, all reports say the fish are healthy! Remember: catch and release as soon as possible.

Our first tournament in June started off foggy but after a thunder threat passed it was gorgeous! 10 enthusiastic anglers participated and we were happy to see a sufficient amount of nice size fish caught.

Known for his copious nature, Todd Lipchus caught 5 bass total = 83" to win the tournament. Verny Appler had an impressive day as well, winning Big Bass (19.75") and 2nd place for the tourney = 37.75". Jesse Bardwell and Bobbie Harris tied for the Big Pickerel (20.75") category. Our second tournament was held on June 21<sup>st</sup>, just days after the deadline for this newsletter update so, results were posted on FB and will be included in the next newsletter.

Our committee will sponsor the Jr. Angler clinic and contest on Saturday Aug 19th. Casey Cumberton and Logan Zimmer are back to run and showcase the event. We believe there will be a great turnout, so if you're doing a "Shawnee-cation" make sure you sign up, mark the calendars and fill out informational and consent forms soon.

There is still plenty of time to mark your name on the '25 Bass Master or Angler of the Year plaques, so join in on any of the following events; you never know, you could be hooked on LS fishing for life!

| July 19th  | 4:00P-9:00P  |
|------------|--------------|
| Aug. 23rd  | 6:30A-12:30P |
| Sept. 20th | 6:30A-12:30P |
| Oct. 11th  | 7:30A-1:30P  |

# Dive Into Swim Season at Lake Shawnee!



2024 Tribe - LSC Swim team

# Ready your goggles, unroll your towels, and get ready to cheer!

The 2025 Lake Shawnee Swim Tribe is back and splashing into another fantastic season! Whether you're a seasoned splash veteran or just learning to tell the difference between a backstroke and a breakfast burrito, we're thrilled to welcome both familiar and fresh faces to our tribe this summer!

# Introducing Our 2025 Junior Assistant Coach: Michayla Vassallo!

Returning in a new role is Michayla Vassallo, a former Shawnee swimmer known for her constant smile, team spirit, and her uncanny ability for motivating swimmers even during those 7 a.m. practices (yes, really). Now making waves at Rowan University, Michayla joins Coach Jamie Breiten and Assistant Coach Sam Iversen to help guide our swimmers toward greatness.

# **Galvanized Greatness!**

A gargantuan shout-out to Gerry Fahy, who went full superhero mode and donated full galvanization for every single turn board frame. Because nothing says "we're serious about swimming" like unrustable hardware!

## Before the Splashes... Came the Sweat!

The swim area didn't magically prepare itself. Huge thanks go to our facilities lead Ryan Russell, who came in Clutch and coordinated the pre-season task list. His efforts deserve a round of applause, a refreshing beverage of choice, and perhaps a celebratory high-five. Don't forget to show that appreciation by showing up for our end-of-season workdays! And let's not forget the behind-the-scenes heroes: The Cascone, Fischetti, Kockonuck, Manning, Mignanelli, Walloga, and Zimmer families, who showed up at pre-season workdays with tools, muscles and team spirit.

# What Is LSST?

The Lake Shawnee Club Swim Team (LSST) is a recreational swim team in the North Jersey Regional Lakes League (NJRLL), welcoming swimmers ages 5–18, from first-time flippers to elite-level swimmers. While we love fast times and strong finishes, our number one goal is fun.

There's also: Skill-building Sportsmanship Team spirit Confidence-boosting

Friendships that last long after Harry the Heron moves South Want to learn more about the LSST, our history, or how to plan your summer around awesome swim events? Scan the QR code below to dive in.

LSST Website QR Code:



# The 2025 Ribbon Meet: July 7

Mark your calendars and prepare for a showdown of swim caps and smiles. Lake Shawnee is thrilled to host the 2025 NJRLL Ribbon Meet on Monday, July 7! This beloved event spotlights our league's younger swimmers and offers the perfect chance to showcase our gorgeous lake and incredible community.

## Volunteers Needed!

From timekeepers to snack shack superheroes, we're calling on the entire Lake Shawnee village to help make this night unforgettable. Whether you bring baked goods or your best high-fives to assist in parking, your support helps create a magical memory for every swimmer involved.

## Let the season of splashes and smiles begin!

# Summary of the Lake Shawnee Club Board Meetings

May 2, 2025

Board was updated about paving to occur in the Lake; it has been five years since gas installations and paving occurred in half of the lake. Natural gas hook ups will be permitted from Hurdtown to East Shawnee including all of the side streets. Letters have been sent to inform to residents.

Social Committee reported that the April Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Brunch went well and the RSVP with wrist bands provided kept the brunch inside much more pleasant for all attendees. They will continue to use them in the future. Other recent events held included a kids' cooking class, a kids' art class, and Texas Hold 'em. Upcoming events in May include a Full Moon Celebration on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Storytime on the 15<sup>th</sup>, and the Community Garage Sales on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that the Jewelry Making class was canceled; plans are to reschedule.

It was reported that a representative from the NJDEP has been out every two weeks to help locate and to addle geese eggs. Mr. Keith recently installed a net in the inlet by Gatwynn's to prevent geese from entering our lake from Lake Hopatcong. Tigris has also been here a few times to survey and he noted that the lake is beginning to wake up.

The Board was updated the on the hydro raking project as discussed with Mr. Larry Kovar, who runs the company we will be utilizing.

Workday was rescheduled from April to Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. A SignUp Genius was posted online and several jobs have already been completed. An email blast was sent to the membership to get volunteers. Projects to be completed were discussed.

A Lifeguard meeting will be held with Lifeguard Supervisor Ms. Kristen laconetti. Duties of the guards will be discussed, including providing kid's swim lessons.

The Junior Fishing event will be August 16<sup>th</sup> and the committee is planning for a Bass Fishing Contest on May 17<sup>th</sup> weather permitting.

Swim Team registration was held Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and Swim Team Work Day is also scheduled for Sat., May 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are two candidates for Junior Assistant Coach; interviews will be held. Jamie Breiten will be Head Coach and Sam Iverson Assistant Coach. Swim Team Car Wash will be held June 14<sup>th</sup> at JTFD on Route 15.

It was noted that paving of the Clubhouse parking lot will be added to Capital Improvement budget.

It was reported that the lot line adjustments will now become easements for the remaining members involved. Dolan and Dolan will complete needed paperwork along with Mr. Fred Stewart. Each property owner will need to have proper insurance which names the Club as insured on the properties.

#### June 6, 2025

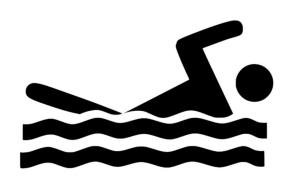
The Board discussed Office Manager, Ms. Lisa Peter and her recent health issues. Ms. Carolyn Sior is covering in the office during her absence; the membership has been informed of updates to the office hours, dues payments, and badge pickup via social media and email blasts.

The Year-end report dated March 2025 was discussed and financially the Club had another good year with \$25,000 in initiation fees and \$7500 in liens collected and \$4800 earned in interest income.

Recent Social Committee events held in May included a Full Moon Celebration, a Kid's Storytime and the Lake Garage Sales. The Ecology Seminar was held on June 4<sup>th</sup> with 10 kids in attendance. Upcoming events include Wine Tasting June 7th, Full Moon Celebration on June 11<sup>th</sup> and Trivia Night on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Summer Social events will be starting up with the end of school on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The Rocky Horror and Beach Bonfire were postponed; Rocky Horror may be rescheduled for the fall and the Beach Bonfire will be held along with Karaoke on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Board discussed the situation with JTHS prom picture taking at 1<sup>st</sup> Beach, which has been getting out of control even after efforts to have police monitor traffic; the Board will police the situation better next year and perhaps only allow members and their dates on the property.

Thirteen acres of milfoil were treated recently which was included in our contract at no additional cost to the Club. It was noted that the treatment of Procelacor three years ago has been very effective. The Board discussed egg addling with a representative from the NJDEP and the netting that was installed to prevent geese from coming into the Lake from the canal. Finally, there was a discussion on plans for the upcoming hydroraking project this fall.



# LAKE SHAWNEE TRIBE SWIM MEET SCHEDULE

| Wed. June 25 <sup>th</sup> | Swim Meet HOME vs. Cranberry Lake  | Start Time: 6:00 PM |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Sat. June 28 <sup>th</sup> | Swim Meet HOME vs. Park Lakes      | Start Time: 9:00 AM |
| Mon. June 30 <sup>th</sup> | Swim Meet AWAY Shore Hills         | Start Time: 6:00 PM |
| Wed. July 2nd              | Swim Meet AWAY vs. Saffin Pond     | Start Time: 6:00 PM |
| Mon., July 7 <sup>th</sup> | RIBBON MEET HOSTED BY LAKE SHAWNEE | Start Time: 6:00 PM |
| Wed. July 9th              | Swim Meet HOME vs. Shongum Lake    | Start Time: 6:00 PM |
| Sat. July 12 <sup>th</sup> | Swim Meet AWAY vs. Roxbury         | Start Time: 9:00 AM |
| Mon. July 14 <sup>th</sup> | Swim Meet AWAY vs. Lake Forest     | Start Time: 6:00 PM |
| Wed. July 16 <sup>th</sup> | Swim Meet HOME vs. Randolph Park   | Start Time: 6:00 PM |
| Mon. July 21 <sup>st</sup> | Swim Meet AWAY vs. Mount Olive     | Start Time: 6:00 PM |
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#### June 6, 2025 Board Minutes Continued

Lifeguards and Summer Security began on weekends starting on Memorial Day. We are well staffed with guards for the season after lots of advertising, increasing the hourly wage and paying for certification to be competitive. Lifeguards were informed that providing swim lessons were a condition of employment.

There is a Fishing Contest on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The date for the Junior Fishing event will be August 16<sup>th</sup> from 10-3. Registration will be required; information will be provided in the next edition of the LSNews. Fish and Game will be present and a BBQ will be provided again.

There are currently 33 registered swimmers on the Swim Team. A Parent's meeting will be held on June 12<sup>th</sup>, and June 25<sup>th</sup> is their 1<sup>st</sup> Home Swim Meet vs. Cranberry Lake. This year, Mr. Jamie Breiten returns as Head Coach, along with Assistant Coach Sam Iversen and Jr. Assistant Coach Mikayla Vassallo. Swim Team Car Wash is scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup> at JTFD #2 Route 15 and Swim Team Sponsorships are due by June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Three new picnic table will be purchased for 1<sup>st</sup> Beach.

The new docks will be put in the water at White's Cove on Sat., June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am; an email blast will be sent seeking volunteers.

Sailing ads were placed in the LSNews and in Harry's Happenings advertising a Sailing Camp the week of June 23<sup>rd</sup> along with Summer Sailing dates.

The Board was updated on the property easements. Updated surveys have been completed and given to Dolan and Dolan to execute. We are waiting for an updated survey for the sale of property at North End.

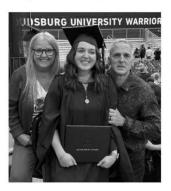


# Shawnee Spotlight

By Ed Crinnian

Hold onto your caps and toss some confetti because it's time to celebrate the unforgettable and occasionally sleep-deprived graduating class of 2025! From high school hallways to college lecture halls, these future leaders of our community have powered through group projects, cafeteria fries, and the existential dread of midterms.

We couldn't be prouder of our Lake Shawnee grads—whether they're off to conquer the world or just figuring out how to do laundry without calling home. Here's to your brilliance, your hobbies, and your next big adventure! Let's take a moment (maybe more than one) to cheer them on for all that they have and all that they will accomplish!



**Samantha Barone**, a proud Lake Shawnee native, has been on an impressive educational journey. After graduating from Jefferson High School in 2013, she went on to earn her degree from Marywood University in 2017. Most recently, she capped off her academic achievements with a Master's in Education from East Stroudsburg University. Samantha now lives in Scranton, PA, where she's making a real difference, empowering young minds, as a special education teacher in East Stroudsburg.

**Mike Hall**, a 2025 graduate of Jefferson High School, will be continuing his academic journey at County College of Morris, where he plans to study writing. Mike enjoys a diverse range of hobbies that reflect both artistic and technical interests, including the world of 3D and resin printing, combining his passion for design and technology. He is an avid reader and painter of Warhammer miniatures, a fan of classic black-and-white horror films, and a dedicated gamer.

**Casey Hartnett**, a recent graduate of Jefferson Township High School, has distinguished herself both academically and athletically. A standout on the lacrosse field, Casey achieved the remarkable milestone of becoming one of the few athletes in JTHS history to surpass 100 career points. Her hard work and dedication have earned her a spot at Fairleigh Dickinson University, where she will continue her lacrosse career at the collegiate level while pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice. With her drive, discipline, and leadership, Casey is poised for continued success on and off the field.





Casey's sister and fellow JTHS alum, **Carly Hartnett**, a recent graduate of Bloomsburg University, is already making strides toward a career rooted in purpose and service. With a passion for protecting and uplifting vulnerable communities, she is currently considering multiple opportunities across Luzerne County in child advocacy and related fields. During her time at Bloomsburg, Carly demonstrated her commitment to justice and public service through an impactful internship with the Columbia County District Attorney's Office. Her determination to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others is as inspiring as it is unwavering. Dylan Lee is making a splash—literally and figuratively—as he graduates from Jefferson Township High School! A proud lifelong resident of Lake Shawnee, Dylan has practically lived in the water since the age of eight, swimming competitively for both the Lake Shawnee swim team and the Sussex County YMCA Swordfish through his junior year. He also made waves as a varsity swimmer for the Jefferson/Sparta High School team. When he's not in the swim lanes, Dylan is keeping Lake Shawnee safe as a seasoned lifeguard; this summer marks his third year on duty. This fall, Dylan heads to County College of Morris to dive into engineering studies, with plans to build a bright future—perhaps even with blueprints and goggles in hand



Finally, we have **Shannon Reilly** graduating from Jefferson Township High School in 2025 with an academic and extracurricular résumé that's nothing short of exceptional. Ranked in the top 20 of her class, Shannon has earned her place at Rutgers University's New Brunswick campus, where she's been accepted into



both the prestigious Rutgers Business School and the Rutgers Honors College thanks to her hard work, intellect, and ambition. A member of the National Honor Society, Shannon has served her school and peers through student council and as a leader in the Peer Development Program (PDP). Beyond the classroom, she's been a force on the field, playing varsity soccer all four years and lacrosse for three, all while supporting the boys' basketball team as their dedicated stat girl since freshman year.

We can't wait to see what all of these brilliant minds accomplish next.



The Lake Shawnee Scholarship Committee Is happy to announce the recipient of the 2025 Lake Shawnee Club Scholarship

# Kayla Harris

Congratulations to our winner and to all the graduates!

Best of Luck to the Class of 2025!



# Get to Know Your Board...

#### Treasurer - Marc Sanderson



Marc is our second longest serving Board Member, volunteering his time for over 30 years. He purchased his home in 1977 and married his lovely wife, Donna in 1992. Marc is a CPA with an office right here in town. Marc is currently our Treasurer, ensuring everyone is being fiscally responsible by wearing different colored shirts to board meetings - yellow meaning proceed with caution and red is don't even go there. I am not sure I have ever seen a green shirt. Marc was instrumental in deciphering all the ins and outs of the legal and monetary aspects of our SBA Loan. He is also very involved in Phase 2 of our Dam Repairs and the creation of our new Lake Shawnee Foundation. He provides monthly finance reports and has the best interest of every member in mind when calculating our dues each year. One of Marc's accomplishments was funding our \$300K

clubhouse rebuild without taking out a loan or mortgage. This is why you may have heard Marc referred to as Mandrake - he will always find a way to get the job done. Marc enjoys his role on the Board, loves his community and is looking for ward to remaining Treasurer as long as he is able.

#### Membership Vice President - Dina Troha



For many years, Dina had worked in the corporate world but when her son Zachary was born, decided a career change was needed. She happily became a stay-at-home mom and volunteered as much as she could, first at school and then in the community that she called home, Lake Shawnee. Since moving from Brooklyn, she always missed that feeling of family in a neighborhood. Once Dina moved to Lake Shawnee in 2001 with her husband Rob, she felt like she was home again. Summers in Lake Shawnee have always been the most memorable and watching Zach swim on our Swim Team was something she always looked forward to. In 2009, Dina ran into Eric Wilsusen at a swim meet in Lake Forest, where she found herself saying yes to chairing the

Social Committee. She loved to try new things and that really showed in the Club's calendar of events. Dina decided she wanted to learn more about the community, so in April of the following year she ran for a Board position and was elected. After ten years of leading the Social Committee, she stepped down to focus on other activities, but has remained involved with the Board with a brief hiatus in 2020. Dina is currently serving as the Membership Vice President. She is honored to continue the work that Milt Felter had been doing for over 50 years. You will now find her welcoming new members with a bottle of wine and a smile. She has been working with our Office Manager to update how we gather data for our new members and has recently introduced an online newsletter, Harry's Happenings, as an additional resource to keep members informed. She still plays an active role in helping the Social Committee run events. She loves being on the Board and hopes to be able to continue to do so for many more years.

#### Member-at-Large - Jeff Keith



Jeff Keith has lived in Lake Shawnee for 46 years and has been on the Board for 38 years. His responsibility on the Board is to oversee the health of our 90-acre lake. This entails weed and algae growth, geese population control by finding nests and addling their eggs so they cannot reproduce, and most recently removing deceased wildlife from the lake and burying them. He surveys the lake almost every day during the summer while out on his paddle board and every 2 to 3 weeks he is out with the biologist from Tigris (our treatment management company) on their airboat doing a more detailed survey for plant growth to assess if they have to treat or not. They also test for dissolve oxygen in the water, PH, temperature, and water clarity. All these factors contribute to the health of

a body of water. Needless to say, he takes this job seriously. He loves this lake and considers it an extension of his property. He tries to keep residents up-to-date about the health of our lake and what they can do to keep it clean through articles in the Lake Shawnee News called Ask Jeff.



# On behalf of the editor of the LSNews, please enjoy the May/June edition of "Ask Jeff" that was misprinted in the last newsletter.

<u>Weeds</u> - We had our first survey on Tues April 15th. The water was 44 degrees, so it was a bit early for any weed growth. As our biologist often says, "The lake is still sleeping from a very cold winter." Our chemistry was amazing with the DO 13, which is very high, and our clarity over 5 feet. Our lake levels were very high from the abundance of rain we have been receiving with water running over the spillway, which is always a good sign.

<u>Geese</u> - They are definitely pairing up. We found a nest on the island at North End with 4 eggs. Before we had a chance to addle those eggs, a representative from the Dept. of Agriculture was on the lake surveying, looking for eggs, and took care of that nest. That department has been assigned the task of helping lakes keep the population of geese down. I am very appreciative of their help. In fact, we are going out next week together to locate more nests. While we were doing a survey looking for vegetation, we were also looking for nests. So, the more eyes we have on the lake locating nests the better. There are several in Beaver Cove pairing up so that is our focus. If anyone is out on the lake and sees a nest, please let me know.

To help control our feathered friends, I am putting a net underneath the bridge in the entrance to our lake. The last two years we had many goslings swimming from the canals in Lake Hopatcong into our lake via the waterway under the bridge. Hopefully this netting across the water will deter them. It's worth a shot.

<u>Weed Harvesting</u> - After our survey on Tuesday, we were joined by Larry who arranges the weed harvesting operation and he advised what we need to accomplish if we move forward. We discussed and identified staging areas for unloading the material and where we can store it so it can dewater before moving it. Two members of our committee were on hand so we have a very clear understanding of how this is going to work. We will keep you posted as things develop.

<u>Reminders -</u> Just to follow up on my last article about debris on the road getting into catch basins and eventually into our lake, I would ask a small favor of those who walk around the lake, and there are <u>many</u> of you. Bring a small bag to pick up any garbage the you may find as you walk. (Ursel Braun has been doing it for years, thank you Ursel) Every little bit helps and I thank you in advance. So Happy Spring Everyone and get out there and enjoy this beautiful place we call home. As always, IT TAKES A VILLAGE!

Jeff



<u>WEEDS</u> Our Biologist has visited the lake 4 times already this year. At the end of May, he treated 13 acres of milfoil. The good news is the cost of that treatment was included in our contract with Tigris. Our lake chemistry was rated good with appropriate numbers for this time of year (the D.O. was above 9, which is excellent). Our Biologist came again 2 weeks after the first treatment and he saw that the treatment was effective. He will return on June 24th.

<u>GEESE</u> Surprisingly, only 1 nest was found on the island by North End and there were only 4 eggs in that nest. They were addled in early May. Unfortunately, there was another nest hidden on the island and neither the biologist from World Wildlife nor I saw it since it was so well hidden. It was only discovered after 4 eggs hatched and the goslings were seen. I have NOT seen these geese on the lake during my surveys.

As I have mentioned before, we have geese coming into our lake from the canals on the other side of Rt. 15. To stop this from happening again, we erected a net blocking their path under the bridge which runs over the entrance to Lake Shawnee. Unfortunately, animals have ripped the nets, which I repaired, but now everything has been removed (it remains a mystery how this has happened). Ironically, within 2 weeks of the net's mysterious disappearance, I had to stop my car to allow a female and her 2-3-week-old goslings to cross the road to enter the lake (they had just gone under the bridge).

<u>STUDENT LAKE STUDY</u> On June 4th, we ran a Biotic Index Study. This entails water temperature, water clarity, Ph, and gathering nymphs (middle stage of a flying insect) in the water. These particular insects only thrive in very clean water. We had 12 kids who attended and it was held at First Beach. The kids were interested and were great participants. Perhaps, we can run this activity for interested adults in the future.

As always, call me (on my cell phone) with any questions or concerns.

The health of a lake always benefits when the community is well informed.

Have a great summer. Jeff

#### 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.

#### Lake Shawnee Club Policy Policy for use of Club Properties for Parties/Events

- Beginning the first Friday of Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, any member utilizing Club properties for any private party/event on weekends or holidays where non-member guests will exceed 7 or more guests, the hosting member is required to notify the Club office at least one week prior to the party/event to detail the type of party/event to be held which can be subject to Club approval.
  - a. All approved private parties/events will be issued a permit for the day. Failure to obtain a permit in a timely manner will result in denial and/or cancellation of the party.
  - This section does not apply to any clubhouse rentals and or member only parties/events.
- 2) Picnic tables are limited to one per member family, this applies at all times.
- 3) Any private parties/events, non-member guests cannot exceed 20 guests.
- 4) The Club reserves the right to deny any private parties/events based on scheduled Club events, clubhouse rentals and other reserved parties the same day. Private party/event permits will be issued on first come first serve basis and at no time will exceed three private parties per day per property.
- 5) Members are responsible for all their non-member guests and their adherence to Club rules at any private party/event.
- 6) Pop up(EZ up) tents are limited to one per party not to exceed 10x10 within the beach/picnic areas and 20x20 within the dock/grass area at first beach. This applies to member only, club events and private parties.
- 7) Set up of private and/or member only parties/events should not occur before 6am the day of the party/event. This includes the reserving of picnic tables for any purpose.
- The Club requires wrist bands be worn by all non-member guests at any private parties/events which will be provided by the Club.
- 9) Any member who wishes to enter into any rental agreement for party rental equipment, inflatable's or any other equipment to be used on Club property that may require an insurance liability waiver must contact the Club for approval prior to signing of any contracts.
- 10) The rights of Club members and common courtesy, including but not limited to the use of any music, should be paramount when hosting private parties and events on Club property.

#### **BEACH RULES**

Current I.D. badges must be displayed while on all Club properties.

There is a 10 PM curfew on all Club properties.

Swim at your own risk when lifeguards are not on duty or not present.

Pets are not allowed on first or third beach properties from Memorial Day to Labor Day while other members are present. Owners are responsible for cleanup of their pets at all times. *Dog owners are responsible to control their dogs at all times when utilizing all Club properties.* 

Children on Club properties under the age of 12, must be directly supervised by a parent or other responsible person who is at least 14 years old.

Unprotected glass containers are prohibited on beach properties. Glass containers when utilized must be in a protective or insulating container to prevent breakage.

Bicycles or motorized vehicles are not permitted on the beaches.

All trash and personal possessions must be removed from Club properties daily.

No sitting or hanging on the swim ropes or swim lanes.

When guards are on duty, swimmers are not permitted to go outside the designated swim area. The swim area shall be determined by the lifeguards.

No rough play, pushing or shoving.

No swimming under the rafts or docks.

One person at a time on any ladders.

Smoking of tobacco products including e-cigarettes is prohibited on Club properties as follows:

1) First Beach property inclusive of the beach, playground, picnic, and swim dock area,

2) Second Beach inclusive of the entire upper level playground/basketball area.



The authority of the lifeguards and security persons shall be respected. The lifeguards have the right to remove anyone from the property for not following the rules or acting in an unsafe or disrespectful manner.



Now that the weather is getting warmer and folks will be using dub properties more, it is a good time to check out the Qub's standing rules and policies in the members only section of our website – lakeshawneeclub. Good information about use of the beaches, parties at the beach, dogs on the beach, conducting business on club property, and much more. If you don't know the password for the members only section, contact the Qub Office by email at officemanager@lakeshawneeclub.org. Lake Shawnee Club -Newsletter 4 West Shawnee Trail Wharton, NJ 07885 Address service Requested

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