



# Lordship Fathers Club

21½ Prospect Drive – Lordship

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**Celebrating 66 Years!!! 1947-2013**



## Fall 2013 Newsletter

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### CLUB MEETINGS

1st Wednesday of the  
month – Sept - June  
LFC Clubhouse  
**8:00 PM**  
Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>/Nov 6<sup>th</sup>/Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>

#### FISHING DERBY

Sat. September 21<sup>st</sup>  
7:00 AM TO 10 AM,  
On the bluffs across  
from Ivy street

#### HALLOWEEN PARADE

Sat. October 27<sup>th</sup>,  
3:00 TO 4:30 Lordship  
School baseball field

#### SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Flower bulb sale  
begins October 1<sup>st</sup>

#### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

December 14<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am at  
Our Lady of Peace



### LORDSHIP FATHERS CLUB ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

*LFC arrives in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Join using PayPal this year*

The Lordship Fathers Club is currently holding its annual membership drive and requesting your support. Formed in 1947 to support the children of Lordship either directly or through the schools, membership is open to anyone interested in our programs or becoming more involved in the Lordship community. By becoming a member, you're ensuring the 65+ years of traditions and commitment to the community continue.

As a member, you are welcome to attend any of our monthly meetings which are open to members and non-members alike, or sign-up to volunteer at one of our events, but you are never under any obligation to do either. You may simply enjoy attending LFC events throughout the year having the sense of pride knowing your donation is supporting a local organization which for decades has truly been an important part of the fabric of our community.

As stewards of your donations, the LFC promises to work diligently using the funds in the most cost effective manner possible. Enclosed with this newsletter please find the LFC 2013-2014 membership enrollment. You can even make your donation via [PayPal this year on the LFC website](#), or send us a check along with the blue Membership Card enclosed. Your tax deductible contribution allows the Club to continue to enrich the social welfare and support the education of our youth and community.

This year, at the Breakfast with Santa, a **drawing** will be held using the names of those people who have signed up to be 2013-14 members. The lucky winner will receive a **\$100 gift certificate** to Stop and Shop grocery! As always, the volunteers at the LFC appreciate your continued support.

*Your  
generosity  
makes the  
Lordship  
Fathers  
Club  
possible!*

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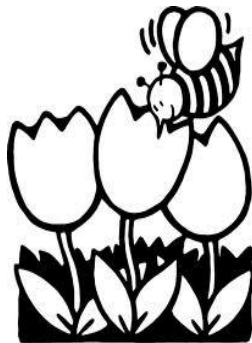
## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CORNER



The ladies of the LFC Sunshine Committee have had another busy year dedicating themselves to establishing a network of friendly volunteers in our community, extending cheer on special family occasions, and encouragement during times of need. The Committee recognizes the significance of bringing neighbors and generations together within our community by reaching out and reminding Lordship residents that they are cared for. Over the past few years, many 'Rays of Sunshine' have been delivered, including Committee-made baby quilts for the smallest Lordship residents, as well as welcome baskets to new neighbors who have recently joined our community. The Committee has also visited residents recovering from illness and reached out to those in need. If you would like to participate in the Sunshine Committee, or alert the Committee of the need for a ['Ray of Sunshine'](#), [visit the LFC website and take a moment to make a request.](#) The Committee typically meets informally every other month coordinating community outreach and planning an assortment of events, including family outings and occasional Girls Night Out.

### BULB SALE IN TIME FOR FALL PLANTING

To advance the Sunshine Committee's outreach, the group is hosting its annual Fall Flower Bulb fundraiser selling Dutch bulbs imported from Holland in time for fall planting. A limited supply of bulbs will be available for purchase starting **October 1<sup>st</sup>** through the first frost or until the supply runs out. The Committee has already received pre-order requests and is confident about reaching its goal of delivering 750+ bulbs to the homeowners of Lordship. If you anticipate a need for brightly colored tulips, elegantly tall bright yellow daffodil, or fragrant hyacinth bulbs, please consider purchasing a bag from our Sunshine Committee at the price of \$1 per bulb. When the flowers bloom next spring, you'll be the envy of your block, proudly displaying support of the LFC Sunshine Committee! For more info contact Jennifer Silberger at 203-526-6428 or [MosaicJenn@optonline.net](mailto:MosaicJenn@optonline.net)



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LORDSHIP?

What's going on in Lordship? With many events and important dates dotting the upcoming months, the online calendar found on the Lordship Fathers Club website displays happenings from a variety of groups making it easy to spot what's going on in our community. The calendar includes the Lordship School calendar and additional events which may be of interest to Lordship residents. If you know of an event open to the public which Lordship residents should be aware of, and would like to have it added to the calendar, contact [MJS1995@optonline.net](mailto:MJS1995@optonline.net)



The [UNOFFICIAL LORDSHIP CALENDAR](#) can be found on the LFC website by clicking the calendar tab. Bookmark the link to stay connected as new events in our community are added.

## HALLOWEEN PARADE

Hurricane Sandy disrupted Halloween last year for hundreds of children and families up-and-down the East Coast including many here in Connecticut. Close to home, The Lordship Fathers Club traditionally holds its Halloween Parade festivities the Saturday before Halloween. The LFC was fortunate to avoid cancelling the parade last year as it took place one day prior to Hurricane Sandy making landfall on the Connecticut coastline. The many trick-or-treaters must have known the storm was coming as attendance at the event was terrific, and they were not disappointed as the LFC Sunshine Committee ran a tremendous afternoon of entertainment. Children of Lordship lined up for Face Painting, Spooky Boxes, Fortune Tellers and more, capped off by a Halloween Parade which doled out plenty of loot. The Lordship Fathers Club Halloween Parade is frighteningly approaching, and the festivities will commence at **3:00pm on Saturday October 26th** at the Lordship School baseball field (directly behind the Fathers Clubhouse). Last year's Halloween Parade was creepy, kooky and all together spooky; there were witches, fairies, ghosts, ghouls and adorably dressed toddlers. Kids big and small had a blast showing off their costumes to all their friends. The much anticipated costume contest categories will include: scariest, funniest, most original, cutest, and best group. Expect the competition to be fierce – werewolf fierce. The afternoon's fun will be topped off with the candy parade, where each child collects enough sweets to keep Stratford dentists in business for years to come. Bring your cameras and witness Lordship invaded by monsters, super heroes, princesses and kitty cats. It promises to be a screamingly good time.



## LORDSHIP AMUSEMENT PARK

Opened on June 23, 1955 Ahern's Playland on Stratford Road was always a special treat for the children in Lordship for about 20 years. The park was built on former farmland owned by Cornelius Ahern. The original owners of Playland, Inc. were Raymond Ganim, President; Louis Prussian, Secretary; and Neil Ahern, Treasurer. The park opened with eight rides. Six were from the Allan Herschell Company and included Boats, a Roller Coaster, Sky Fighters, Tanks, Jolly Caterpillar and a 36 foot Merry-Go-Round. Two other rides from Standard Kiddie Rides were a Ferris Wheel and a Choo-Choo. The park covered 3-1/2 acres of land adjacent to Bridgeport Airport. In the late 1950's, the amusement park featured visiting animal acts including elephants, ponies, monkeys, llamas and lions. In 1973, the park was purchased and renamed Britt's Playland. Unfortunately the park closed shortly thereafter and finally on November 8, 1978 the three acre commercially zoned parcel was sold to Jade Aircraft Sales for \$160,000. Today the former amusement park is the home of a car rental company. All that remains of the old park is the arcade building which has been converted into a garage. For pictures of Ahern's Playland, visit [lordshiphistory.com](http://lordshiphistory.com). Anyone with additional photos or stories on the park should contact Tom Halverson at 377-1028.

## LIA NEWS

The Lordship Improvement Association will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace hall. All Lordship residents are invited as we kick off our 2014 membership drive. In early October, information packets will be mailed to each Lordship household outlining recent accomplishments, current plans, membership levels, and the need for your support. It has been a productive summer for LIA, and volunteers have made all the difference! We added new plantings and mulch at Ackley Park, repaired the fence along Park Blvd. and the steps at Margherita Lawn, painted the flagpole and added an attractive garden around it. At Beach Drive, 20 volunteers trimmed trees, planted beach roses, and added mulch. In addition, we continue to expand our website and pursue grant money for our projects. But there have also been improvements that you may not have noticed: we no longer have to pay town taxes on The Bluffs and Russian Beach. This means that instead of budgeting \$5200 for taxes every year, we can direct your fully deductible donations to our improvement projects. Please see our website, [LordshipCT.org](http://LordshipCT.org), for more information, come to our annual meeting, and bring a neighbor!

## LORDSHIP SUMMER PICNIC / RAFFLE

The Lordship Fathers Club held its annual Bash at the Beach picnic and raffle June 29th on the bluffs. Warm sunny skies prevailed, as Lordship families attended the event throughout the day. There was plenty of good summer BBQ food, beverages, and games for the children to enjoy. The Lordship Fathers Club Sunshine Committee held its annual raffle, giving away prizes for ten lucky winners including the 1st Place prize of four tickets to a NY Yankees game. Coincidentally, this game was a sell-out against the Detroit Tigers which saw the return of Alex Rodriguez to Yankee stadium after his 211 game suspension.

*All winners were from Lordship are as follows:*

- 1st: Joe - Pat B.** Four Yankees Tickets (\$600 value)
- 2nd: Lynda W.** Kindle Fire Tablet (\$150 value)
- 3rd: Noel H.** \$75 Cert. to Luigi's Italian Restaurant
- 4th: Sandra T.** \$75 Cert. Vazzy's Restaurant
- 5th: P. E.** \$75 Cert. to Acapulco's Restaurant
- 6th: Lynda W.** \$50 Cert. to Kama Sushi Asian Cuisine
- 7th: Tom K.** \$50 Cert. to Lordship Pizza
- 8th: John L.** \$50 Cert. to Sitting Duck Tavern
- 9th: Paul K.** \$50 Cert. to Marnick's Restaurant
- 10th: Bob P.** \$50 Cert. Knapp's Landing Restaurant

Thanks to the many businesses who contributed to our annual raffle. Residents may show their appreciation to these businesses by frequenting their establishments and mentioning the Fathers Club.

## LORDSHIP SMARTS

Last February, the Lordship Fathers Club embarked on a new journey by launching LORDSHIP SMARTS, an all science and math exposition in which every student from Lordship (grade K-12) was invited to participate. By promoting creativity, ingenuity and communication in science, each child learned how 'science can be fun' and was given the opportunity to express their sense of pride and accomplishment derived from participation. The community enjoyed an evening to gather and appreciate science. Students who participated in LORDSHIP SMARTS received a certificate, with prizes awarded to the top three exhibits in each of the following categories: **Invention, Science through Art, Scientific Experiment, and Scientific Display.** A panel of local judges evaluated projects on complexity, creative ability, thoroughness, skill, clarity, originality, innovation, practicality, neatness, craftsmanship, and degree of difficulty (based on grade level). It is never too early to start thinking about this year's upcoming science expo, which will be conducted at Lordship School on Friday February 7th, 2014. [An informational packet and guidelines can be found on the LFC website.](#)



## KID'S CORNER

As summer comes to a close, we invited a few Lordship children to share their insights on a variety of questions; Here's what they had to say...

### 1. If you were going to spend one year in outer space and could only take three things with you, what would they be?

- ✓ "Tooth brush, tooth paste, astronaut suit" - **M.S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**
- ✓ "Food that doesn't float away, spacesuit, helmet" - **C.H. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**
- ✓ "Snacks, pretty clothes, my Kindle"- **I.P. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**
- ✓ "A Barbie doll, my dog, and a bunny" -**M.B. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**
- ✓ "Freeze Dried Food, iPad, and sunglasses" -**B.H 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

### 2. What would be the ideal weekly allowance and how would you spend it?

- ✓ "\$2,000 and I'd buy animals including a Yorkie puppy"- **M.B. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**
- ✓ "\$5 and I'd save money for books"- **C.R. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- ✓ "\$8 million dollars so I can save up to buy a pink convertible"- **C.R. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**
- ✓ "\$200 and I'd give it those in need" -**C.H. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**
- ✓ "\$100 so I could save it up to travel"- **K.M. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- ✓ "\$6 so I could buy more Barbie Dolls" - **I.P. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

### 3. What advice would you give to your parents?

- ✓ "Never say NO to your kids"- **K.M. 5<sup>th</sup> grade**
- ✓ "Always stay safe when you are driving" -**C.H. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**
- ✓ "My Mom should go out and get a job" -**M.S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

### 4. What is the most amazing thing about you?

- ✓ "I'm great with animals, especially dogs"- **B.H. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- ✓ "I can hold my breath underwater for a really long time" -**M.B. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**
- ✓ "I am brave - I am not afraid of scary things including roller coasters" -**K.M. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

## FRIEND US ON FACEBOOK!



The Lordship Fathers Club has established a Facebook page. Friend us today to stay connected with upcoming LFC events.

## LORDSHIP FATHERS CLUB THANKS LONG TIME VOLUNTEERS

Every June, half of the six member LFC executive board members are up for election. After two terms in the role of LFC President, long time supporter and chairperson of the Breakfast with Santa for more than a decade, Andrew Roselli has retired from his post. Drew brought great enthusiasm and energy to the Club during his tenure and certainly made an impact in ensuring the Club's durability. Stumbling into the President's position is Matt Silberger, most recently Sergeant at Arms and LFC volunteer for several years. Another veteran retiring this year and no stranger to the Club, is long time Lordship resident Tom Halverson. Following the footsteps of his father, Henry Halverson, Tom has served as a Club President and a variety of other posts, Most recently the Club Secretary, Tom has not missed a meeting and very few events in the last 9 years. Tom leaves a legacy of commitment and dedication to the Club only a few could match. Tom is the caretaker and founder of lordshiphistory.com and has been a wealth of information over the many years he has served the Club. Filling his shoes at the Secretary position is former Vice-President Christina Blais. Three members of the Lordship community joined the LFC Board this past June including, John Roberts Sergeant at Arms, Christopher Hewitt Vice-President, and Matt Ralabate Vice-president. Each of these board members has been active with the Club the last couple of years, volunteering at events and attending meetings from time to time. The LFC and the Lordship community all appreciate their willingness and commitment in carrying the torch left behind by decades of individuals serving before them.

## FISHING CONTEST !!

Some would agree the best fishing of the season is between late summer through early fall. With the temperatures and mosquitoes tapering off, the Lordship Fathers Club will host its annual Fishing Derby on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 21st. Participants should plan to meet at Russian Beach, with the official contest conducted from 7:00-11:00am; a variety of baits will be supplied. Check in early at the LFC table, on the beach near Ivy Street, and be the first to pick up some complimentary coffee and donuts. First, second, and third place prizes distributed to those participants who catch the longest fish. Bring your lucky lure and we'll see you on the beach!

