

# LACKA - NEWS

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**WELCOME** to the Summer Edition of the LACKA-NEWS. The purpose of this paper is to inform residents of activities and concerns in the Lake Lackawanna community. Please read and enjoy. Feel free to write with any comments to: LLIC, Attn: Lacka-News, PO Box 89, Stanhope, NJ.

## YOUR LAKE AND YOU !

What you do in your house and yard directly affects your Lake. You can make a difference by learning exactly what your Lake needs to be healthy and by taking simple concrete steps to protect that health:

- Don't Feed Your Lake: Reduce or eliminate lawn fertilizer. Don't fertilize unless a soil test says so and then use only special fertilizer with low phosphorous content.
- Maintain your Septic System: Check Sludge levels annually - pump when half full (usually every two years for year-round residents).
- Don't Dump lawn clippings or leaves in or near the lake. Take to the compost station at C.O. Johnson Field.
- Washing - Clothes, Dishes, Car: Use non-phosphate type detergents. Avoid pouring bleach, paint, grease and chemicals down the drain. Avoid washing your cars or boat near the lake.
- Control Shoreline Erosion: Natural stone walls are the best for protecting the shoreline.
- Conserve Water: The less water you use, the less that reaches the Lake carrying with it harmful materials and chemicals. Reduce or eliminate lawn watering - dormancy is a natural process of grass during drought.

***ALL OF THE ABOVE STEPS WILL BENEFIT THE LAKE BY REDUCING WEED AND ALGAE GROWTH, BACTERIA and POLLUTION.***

*You can make a difference.* Take care of your Lake and surrounding watershed. As Aldo Leopold observed, **"We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."**

## SWIM LESSONS

Swim lessons will be held at the LLIC Beach for six Mondays, beginning July 8th. Registration will be held at the beach on Tuesday & Thursday June 25th and June 27th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Lessons are FREE for children of LLIC members. Please contact Gary Smith at 347-6373 for more details.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Lee Yeager is once again planning recreation activities for LLIC members. There will be Arts and Crafts activities for children on Fridays and Beach Volleyball on Wednesday nights. If you have any questions or wish to sign up, contact Lee at 347-9506 or Janine Casanova at 347-5514.

## SEWERS

A committee has been formed in the Lake Lackawanna area to address the installation of sewers to cover the Lake Lackawanna Watershed. As most of you are aware, the township is in the process of installing a sewer line to service the businesses along Rt. 206, the new shopping center, the schools and municipal building. A large number of residents are in favor of having the sewers extended to protect the Lake. The proximity of the Lake Lackawanna Watershed to the new sewer line would facilitate installation to cover this area. The present situation is a ticking time bomb that is killing the lake with pollution. We all face the possibility of a failing septic system, which can be quite costly to repair or replace. City sewers will benefit us all. The immediate/temporary solution is to have your septic tank pumped at least every two years. We are researching the possibility of a *group rate* to provide lower cost septic pumping. **WE WILL PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION IN THE FUTURE.**



## LAKE LOWERING

The LLIC Lake Committee plans to lower Lake Lackawanna in the Fall of 1996 to allow homeowners to build and/or repair docks and seawalls. The drawdown will start on October 5th and end on November 15th. Depending on weather conditions, the Lake should take 2-3 weeks to drop. This should allow for a short time to work on projects. Lake lowering is dependent on State permit approval and weather conditions, but the Lake Committee expects to have a successful drawdown. Remember that *any new docks being built are subject to LLIC approval and any required township permits.* Please refer any questions to Brian Conklin (691-8833) or Ed Klingener (347-1281). To inquire about township permits, please contact the Byram Township Building Inspector at 347-2502.

## CLUBHOUSE FOR RENT

The Mark O. Thelin Memorial Clubhouse has been redecorated and is available for rental. To make reservations or obtain further information, please contact Art Hoffman at 347-4128.

## BOATING COURTESY and SAFETY

All motorboat operators should be mindful of other boats and skiers/tubers. Boats which are towing skiers or tubers must fly an orange ski-flag, to alert other boats of the presence of skiers or tubers.

Drinking alcoholic beverages while operating a motor boat is subject to the same laws as driving a motor vehicle on the highways.

Please avoid excessive speeds and wake, and observe the posted 25 mph speed limit in the channel by the little island.

*IF EVERYONE OBSERVES COMMON SENSE,  
WE CAN ALL HAVE SAFE, ENJOYABLE  
BOATING.*

## LAKE LACKAWANNA INVESTMENT CO. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

All residents are invited to attend the first half hour of the monthly meetings which are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM at the Clubhouse. The Board welcomes your suggestions or complaints and encourages members or non-members to attend.

## BEACH RECYCLING

We are trying to help the Cub Scouts recycle aluminum soda cans. Please help us by only putting soda cans in the recycling container at the beach. Do not put glass bottles in the soda can container. Also, please do not put soda cans containing cigarette butts in the soda can recycling container.

Help protect the environment - Be sure to recycle at home: batteries, cans/bottles, cardboard, newspapers, etc. Contact the Township for recycling information.

***PLEASE WEAR YOUR BEACH TAGS SO  
THAT THEY ARE VISIBLE WHENEVER YOU  
GO TO THE BEACH. IF THE LIFEGUARD  
OR AN LLIC BOARD MEMBER ASKS TO SEE  
YOUR BADGE, DON'T BE OFFENDED. WE  
ARE TRYING TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF  
ALL DUES-PAYING MEMBERS.***

## ZOO TRIP

Ed Klingener is planning a zoo trip for families and children. Look for signs with further details at the beach, or call Ed at 347-1281.

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