

OFL REPORTER

UNITING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH SHARED INFORMATION

OLD FARM LAKE ELECTION 2001

COME ALL

The Annual Meeting of Old Farm Lake unit owners will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2001, promptly at 7:00 p.m., in the Chappaqua Public Library.

Four unit owners serving two-year terms will be elected to the Board of Directors by Phase unit owners. The seats presently occupied by Steve Feinman from Phase One, Larry Pauline and Jean Sheff from Phase Two, and Howard Sklar from Phase Three are up for election. Information will be mailed to all unit owners explaining how they can become members of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors should be comprised of unit owners who are willing and have the time to work long and hard for the benefit of our Community. Directors should have leadership qualities and the willingness to chair committees, head-up projects, provide hands-on initiatives, undertake research and development, and take on an active role in helping to solve Old Farm Lake community problems.

WHICH PHASE AM I IN?
 UNITS # 1-57 PHASE I
 UNITS # 58-137 PHASE II
 UNITS # 138-177 PHASE III

YOUR OLD FARM LAKE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- President Larry Pauline, 65 Pond View Lane, 238-9477, Phase 2
- Vice President Jean Sheff, 123 Stone Bridge Square, 238-6618, Phase 2
- Treasurer Ron Peters, 121 Stone Bridge Square, 238-9691, Phase 2
- Assistant Treasurer Deborah Weiss, 64 Pond View Lane, 238-2387, Phase 2
- Director Steve Feinman, 48 Brook Farm Close, 238-1606, Phase 1
- Director Mark Freyberg, 36 Rambling Brook Road, 238-9110, Phase 1
- Director Len Gersten, 3 Deer Run, 238-6852, Phase 1
- Director Steve Semolik, 166 Birchwood Close, 238-3425, Phase 3
- Director Howard Sklar, 145 Deer Run, 238-4624, Phase 3

* HALLOWEEN *

Three New Castle law enforcement officers have been retained to keep order at OFL on the evening of October 31 from 4-9 pm. Non-residents will not be allowed to drive their autos into OFL and must park them on Old Farm Road. Illuminate your front outdoor light if you welcome trick-or-treaters.

ECOLOGY

This past summer, at the invitation of Director Deborah Weiss, a small enthusiastic group of Old Farm Lake residents met in our clubhouse with Anne Swaim, the Educational Director for the Saw Mill Chapter of the Audubon Society. Anne treated everyone to a slide show of local flora and fauna while residents enjoyed juice, coffee and bagels. Anne shared her vast knowledge of the natural world while cooing and hooting her expert renditions of the mourning dove and screech owl. Walking the grounds of OFL, the group discovered areas where snapping turtles nests had been raided. The likely culprits were raccoons or skunks! The group learned that the beautiful purple loosestrife we see around our wetlands, originally brought to this country as an ornamental plant from Europe in the 1800's, is actually a "beautiful killer" with the potential to choke off the habitat of birds, mammals, reptiles and insects that depend on a healthy wetland environment for survival. The group also learned that dragonfly nymphs consider mosquito larvae a great delicacy; so all the summer mating dragonflies we see around OFL are beneficial to us. This meeting highlighted the fact that we live in a wonderful setting.

UPDATES

- Carpentry repair and refurbishing of Phase One is well under way, as is the priming and solid staining of units #1 to 57. The amount of needed repair exceeded expectations and an additional carpenter was hired to complete the renovation. Power washing, priming and solid staining Phase One units is also near completion. Daily on-site supervision of the project, creating "to-do" lists, and assuring quality workmanship is the responsibility of our OFL Super Tom DiCuirci who submits progress reports to your Board and Anker Management.
- Mr. Stephen Coleman, Environmental Coordinator and three members of the New Castle Environmental Review Board visited our lake and pond at the invitation of Directors Larry Pauline and Deborah Weiss. The plethora of aquatic weeds in our water bodies was noted and possible remedies discussed. As a result, your Board of Directors has retained Ecosystem Consulting Services, Inc. of Coventry, Connecticut to undertake a study of our lake and pond. The study began with the taking of water samples, depth readings, census of water life, and an investigation of aquatic plant growth. We are awaiting a report from ECS which will include possible non-chemical remedies.
- Our engineering consultants have completed the specifications for the repair of all OFL roads, driveways and curbs. The specs have been sent out for bids.
- *By popular demand, all OFL front doors will be painted Classic Burgundy.*

• *By popular demand, a new Elliptical Cross Trainer will be purchased for the gym.*

LOCAL EVENTS

- * Former Board member Hal Weiss of 89 Farm Lake Crescent has graciously volunteered his time to hold a session on "Stress Reduction Techniques" in our clubhouse on 10/18/01 at 7:00 p.m. for those residents who wish to attend. Hal is trained in this area. Mark the date.
- * Ten year-old OFL resident Samantha Laramée, took it upon herself to do something for the victims of the WTC disaster. With her mom's help she printed 11x17 images of our flag and added the words, "God Bless America We Shall Prevail." Accompanied by her friend Chloe Nolan, the girls went door-to-door in OFL and other neighborhoods, giving out the flag and collecting donations. "They were untiring," said her mom Amy, "they were out all day." Their efforts yielded \$300 which they donated to the Liberty Disaster Relief Fund sponsored by the Red Cross. Samantha's parents are very proud. Look around OFL, you'll see these flags adorning many windows. Go Samantha!
- * The following is an effort to provide Old Farm Lake residents with information regarding local happenings of interest.
Chappaqua Parents Pre-school Association (CPPA) is a non-profit organization which provides a variety of social, recreational, cultural and educational opportunities for families with young children living in New Castle and surrounding communities. Some events are age-based and include play groups, craft

workshops, group outings, concerts, magic shows, family picnics and Mom's Night Out. A sub-group under CPPA is Only Not Lonely Kids. This is a club for families with single children from newborn through elementary school age and was started by Melanie Gerber who lives at Old Farm Lake. Only Not Lonely Kids merged with CPPA in December 2000.

Ms. Gerber reminds us that there will be a CPPA Meet and Greet session at our Old Farm Lake clubhouse 11/15, 7:30-10:00 p.m. "Meet other moms with pre-school age children. We will be focusing on helping others by collecting non-perishable items to donate to Food Patch. Please bring a few items to donate. RSVP by phoning the CPPA hotline at 238-0809. Call the hotline to obtain a list of future events."

MOTHER GOOSE SAYS

Geese provide us with lessons in life. As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an "uplift" for the birds following it. By flying in a V formation, the whole flock adds 71% more flying range than if each bird flew alone.

Lesson: People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and more easily when they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

Lesson: We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging.

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