

LAKE CHAFFEE NEWSLETTER - Summer 2026

Hello Members!

What a long and snowy winter we had, so glad to see that signs of spring and summer weather are coming our way. So here is some news about what's new at Lake Chaffee. Our Board of Directors has been hard at work the past few months updating our Lake Ordinances, a draft is enclosed with this newsletter. There will be a vote taken at the first Annual Meeting in June on this. Your attendance to vote would be appreciated.



The Need for Volunteers Continues:

LCIA runs on the backs of the volunteers that dedicate time of any length, in doing projects in and around the Lake. We are in great need of new people to help in the process of keeping LCIA running smoothly. As an LCIA member you owe it to your self to stop by a monthly meeting and for sure the three Annual Member meetings to see what is going on, and what is needed. PLEASE, come to a meeting (6:30pm – second Wednesday of every month) and find out how you can help, or just stay informed.

Canadian Geese Management:

We are ready to implement the midigation strategy again this year after seeing the population increase last year. We will be monitoring and evaluating this spring armed with the funds to proceed with the plan if needed. It will continue to be our goal to find a way to balance humaneness with effectiveness in discouraging the geese from residing here at Lake Chaffee. You can help by spreading the word: **DO NOT FEED THE GEESE**. Feeding encourages them to return with their friends to breed. We all know that our lake cannot sustain such a proliferation without serious impacts.

Our Hall:

Now that our hall has the new septic system it is available for rental for events, such as baby showers, parties, wedding showers, etc. The fee is nominal, and the kitchen is available for food prep.

Please direct inquires to our Hall Chairperson, Lynn Fontaine, jplynnfontaine@gmail.com

Email List Update:

In an effort to keep ALL lake residents updated on happenings during the year we are attempting to collect email addresses for all residents (one per household) and will be adding a line to the upcoming Tax Bill asking for a good email address for you. LCIA, will not be sending emails often and would never sell your info, so no worries that we will be bombarding you emails with SPAM, or daily emails. But since not everyone can attend meetings, or reads the minutes online to stay informed, email has become a solid way to keep you all updated on important happenings and events. We encourage you to add your address to the tax bill receipt when you send it in.

Have a wonderful and safe summer at Lake Chaffee! Looking forward to seeing you at a meeting or event this year!

Mike Panek, President LCIA

FROM THE TREASURER

During the June Meeting the Board will recommend that the Annual LCIA tax for the 2026-27 year should be in the amount of **\$250** due in October 2026. These taxes pay for critical services, the costs of which are continuously growing. They cannot be deferred or ignored. Each of us paying our tax within a reasonable time allows our community to meet obligations and serve the needs of our members. If you have not paid your previous LCIA taxes, please know that there is accruing interest on your unpaid balance. If you are unable to pay your bill due to hardship, please contact the Treasurer to make payment arrangements.

Mail your payments to: Lake Chaffee Improvement Association, P.O. Box 231, Ashford, CT 06278
The Treasurer can be reached at: treasurer@lakechaffee.net

2026 SUMMER EVENTS



July 4th Boat Parade: Everyone is invited to participate. It is not necessary to decorate your boat to participate. Those participating will meet at the Boat Launch across from Circle Drive. **The parade will start at noon.** Bad weather date is July 5.



Poker Run: The annual Poker Run will be **Saturday July 18, 2026**, from 10:00am to 1 pm and cost is \$10 per hand. We will also be having a 50/50 raffle. Please contact Mary Griffin (401 389 2509) if you can help or if you are willing to be a poker stop.

***What is a Poker Run?** Starting at Chaffee Hall each \$10 gets you a play sheet, play as many as you like. Travel by boat, foot, car, etc. to each of the 'poker stops' around the lake. Pick a card from the deck and it gets recorded on your play sheet. After visiting each stop return to Chaffee Hall and turn in your play sheet. The person with the best hand takes home ½ of the money that was collected.*

We will need people to host a 'Poker Stop'.... Your property does not need to be on the lakefront to participate. And if you don't want to use your own property, we can still use your help at one of our public locations (Hall, Boat Dock, Beach). Hosting a stop can be as simple as recording the "card pick" on the play sheets or have some fun with it by decorating your spot, playing fun music, sharing snacks, beverages, etc. with the participants.

Summer Kick Off Party: Sunday June 28th at the conclusion of our Annual Meeting (approx. Noon). All are welcome Hamburger and Hot Dogs and Soda will be provided. Bring a beverage for yourself, and a side dish to share with the party!!

Summer Close Out Cook Out Sunday Aug 16th at the conclusion of our last Annual Meeting (approx. Noon) All are welcome Hamburger and Hot Dogs and Soda will be provided. Bring a beverage for yourself, and a side dish to share with the party!!

LCIA will be hosting other activities throughout the summer and fall; watch our website for more details. If you have ideas or events you would like to see, please contact Mary Griffin (401 389 2509).

**LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
2026 ANNUAL SUMMER MEETINGS**

BUDGET MEETING Lake Chaffee Hall Sunday June 28, 2026 @ 11:00 am	ELECTION OF OFFICERS Lake Chaffee Hall Sunday July 19, 2026 @ 11:00 am	GENERAL MEETING Lake Chaffee Hall Sunday August 16, 2026 @ 11:00 am
Call to Order Acceptance of Secretary's Minutes for August 2025 General Meeting Acceptance of Treasurer's Report President's Recap of the Past Year Presentation of 2026/2027 Budget Discussion of proposed Budget Vote on 2026/2027 proposed Budget Vote on the New Ordinances Draft Old Business Public Comments New Business Correspondence Adjournment	Call to Order Acceptance of Secretary's Minutes for June 2026 Budget Meeting Acceptance of Treasurer's Report Chairmen's reports Old Business Public Comments New Business Election of Officers President (One yr term) Vice President (One yr term) Secretary (One yr term) Treasurer (One yr term) Board Member Positions 2 @ (Three yr term) exp 2027 Alternate Board Positions 3 @ (One yr term) Adjournment	Call to Order Acceptance of Secretary's Minutes for July 2026 Election of Officers Meeting Acceptance of Treasurer's Report Chairmen's reports Old Business Public Comments New Business Vote on Lowering the Lake Correspondence Adjournment