

NORMANOCH NEWS

of Culver Lake



A Private Lake Community

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THE NEWS IS BACK!!!

In print that is. After reviewing the recent decision to go to an all electronic format, the Board of Directors of the Normanoch Association has decided to go back to the original *Normanoch News* format of home delivery. On your Normanoch Association annual renewal form, you must indicate where you would like the News delivered to. Your choice will be your Lake Address or your Primary Mailing Address. The news will be delivered to your choice of address via first class mail every Friday morning during the summer months. If you want your news delivered to an additional address there will be a \$15.00 charge. As in the past, a few copies of the News will be available at the Clubhouse. You can also view the *Normanoch News* at WWW.Normanoch.org.

On behalf of the Normanoch News and the Culver Lake community thank you Mary Ann St. John for all of your dedicated years as Editor of the Normanoch News. You will be missed.

DUES AND ASSESSMENT

The Finance Committee of the Board of Directors is pleased to announce that there will be no increase in dues or assessments for 2012. This will be the third year with no increase. We anticipate being able to continue to pay down debt even without an increase.

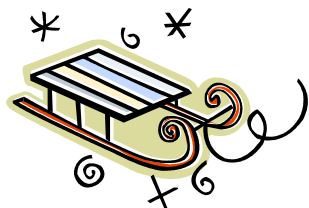
The Brick Patio is Finished!

Come on down to the Clubhouse and see the beautiful brick patio.

Thanks to an Old Friend and Welcome to a New One

The Normanoch Board of Directors would like to express their appreciation to Rosalind Warmuth for her years of dedicated service to the Board of Directors and the Culver Lake Community. We all wish her well, and can't wait to see her again at the Lake!

The Board would also like to welcome Greg Szpunar to the Board of Directors. Greg will be completing Rosalind's term. Welcome Greg!



Notes from the Office

Renew Normanoch Membership Now

Please review, complete and sign on the back of your 2012 application where necessary. Please read the renewal instructions completely. Renewing your membership on time produces the following good results:

1. Members save money avoiding the late fees.
2. Association achieves positive cash flow.
3. Badges and Stickers are returned promptly.

Please follow these simple guidelines to help us process your application as efficiently as possible.

1. Sign the back page only of the renewal form. The renewal cannot be processed until the member signs the application
2. Be sure to check for correct addresses new phone numbers, including cell phone numbers. Please make sure we have your e-mail address.
3. Include **COPIES** of required current Boat Registrations.
4. Enclose check or money order

Membership Badges

All persons at the clubhouse, on the ice in winter and at right-of-ways must wear current Normanoch Association badges. Please review the Blue Book for the policy on membership and guest badges.

Upon renewal, badges will be issued for immediately residing family having the same permanent address. Any other badges will be issued when the member visits the office and requests the additional badges.

(no business checks) in the correct amount payable to: Normanoch Association.

5. Mail your renewal form to the Association by February 29, 2012 to avoid late fees.

Include copy of receipt for septic pumping during 2011 to deduct wastewater-pumping discount of \$50.00.

Updates Needed

The Association is working to become as “green” as possible.

Please take time to review your invoice and make changes accordingly. The office would like to send as much information as possible through email. Please update your email address and phone numbers including cell phone numbers. It may be necessary to contact members during off season for a variety of reasons and the more contact info we have on you the better..

Office Hours

Months of January, February, March, April and May—Mondays 10am to 12 noon, or by appointment. Please call the office

Late Fees for 2012

Dues paid after February 29, 2012 must be accompanied by a \$50 late fee. (Month of March = \$50) On the first of April and each succeeding month the late fee increases by \$15. Avoid the late fee and post-mark your renewal on or before February 29th.

Charge for Replacement Badges and Stickers

There will be a \$25.00 charge for members who request replacement badges and stickers effective the 2012 membership year.

General Hold Harmless

A general hold harmless for all members is now included in all member contracts.

DIRECTORS NEEDED

Directors are needed to fill upcoming vacancies on the Board of Directors. If you are interested, please send a letter or an email to office.



WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year!

Our last Women's Club event of 2011 was the September visit to Westfall Winery, in Montague. About 50 people enjoyed a beautiful day, delicious wines, a tasty lunch, and tours of the historic barn. During the unseasonably warm afternoon, we enjoyed live music by our own Matt McCloskey. Lori and I were thinking it would be nice to do this again in 2012. We could even make our own wine if enough of us are interested. Our friend and neighbor, Stacey Keller, works at the winery and is very enthusiastic.

We have a lot of plans for next year. The Fourth of July events are scheduled, and the Boat Parade will be held on July 4th. The theme will be "Proud to be an American". The 19th Street Parade will be held on Saturday, July 7th, and Music Under the Stars will be held that night. We are looking forward to a big turnout for the parade this year since there is plenty of time for planning!

Speaking of Music Under the Stars, we need a chairperson to run this event, and many others. It would be a shame to have to cancel any of our favorite activities. Some other events that need chairpersons are Vendor Day and Theatre Camp, and we could use assistance in lining up Koffee Klatch presenters. We would like everyone to get involved in just one event.

A few different Women's Club activities planned are a Culver Lake House Tour, chaired by Nancy Scocozza, in August, a Triathlon in July, and an evening of Belly Dancing. Between Koffee Klatches, stamping, zumba and yoga, dinners out and a few other surprises, there is a fun packed summer planned. I am looking forward to Summer already!

Peace on Earth,
Agnes Raffetto

17th Annual Walter Suhaka Memorial

Ice Fishing Derby

Sponsored by the Men's Club

February 18th & 19th, 2012

President's Day Weekend

\$20 Registration Fee

Open to all Normanoch Members and their
Registered Guests

Sign up 6:30-8AM both days

5 Categories

Prizes for 1st and 2nd in each category

You must enter to Win!

Judges decisions are finals.

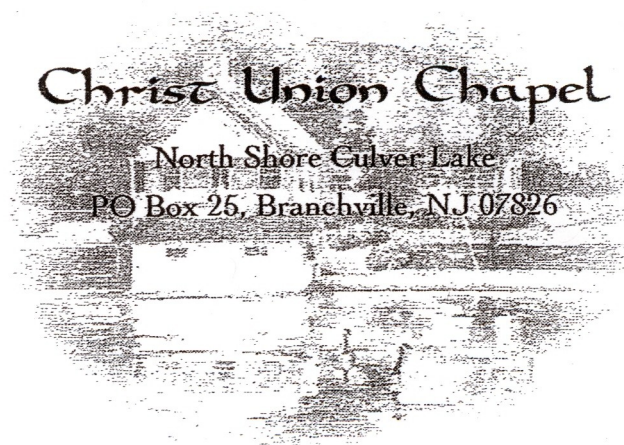


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Need information? The office phone number or fax number? Need clarification on a rule or regulation? Visit the Normanoch Website for the most up to date information regarding the Association.

ROW POLICY CHANGES

Effective January 2012, dock space on Right of Ways will be reserved for members who have registered water based boats only and are actively placing the boat in the water. If a dock has not been utilized for a period of two years or more the dock/boat space will be offered to a member waiting for that space. Not only does the boat have had to be registered to the Normanoch for the past two years, but also placed in the water. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please call the office during business hours, or you may see the web site for a more detailed description of this policy change.



This past summer the chapel began a Centennial Fund Campaign in celebration of our past one hundred years of service in the Culver Lake community. Despite the hard economic times we are all experiencing, we are hopeful of raising sufficient funds to upgrade both the Chapel and the manse across the street.

The Chapel acquired the manse or parsonage in 1957 and since then, it has become an integral part of the Chapel's ministry. On Sunday mornings in the summer, it serves as a center for nursery care as well as a Sunday School classroom. The building is very important to our annual Vacation Church School which has been so well attended in the past few years.

During the summer season, the Manse provides housing for our Pastor, and we are pleased to announce that the Rev. William Hess will be with us most weeks in the summer of 2012. On those weeks when Rev. Hess is away our guest pastors and their families get a much needed respite from their labors. We also in past years have given missionaries and pastors with very limited resources a place to find refreshment and rest at our beautiful lake. With the funds already given, we have put a new roof on the house, but other essential repair work is badly needed.

So as we come to the beginning of a new year, the Chapel Trustees are asking all of us who are able to continue supporting the Centennial Fund to Improve our Chapel. We believe that the Chapel has played a vital part in the Culver Lake community for many years, and we are anxious to continue that ministry and service for many years to come. Thank You in advance for your support.