

# Lake Chaffee Gazette

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*by Kay Warren, (860) 487-3744*

I would like to begin by thanking the Board members and the chairmans for working diligently.

Road work has been one of our priorities since taking office.

At our first meeting the road chairman handed us a five page report with recommendations. The road work has begun but because the Board got elected later this year not all the road work will be finished before spring.

Our recreation chairman has been doing a wonderful job decorating the hall for the different holidays.

Our beach chairman came on board later this year but he has wonderful ideas to be put in place for the spring.

Spring is on the rise. We need volunteers to help in the kitchen and also on the floor. Workers would not have to work very often if many hands became involved and the list grew longer.

A new gas heating and air conditioning unit is presently being installed at Chaffee Hall. The present electrical heaters have worn their welcome out. The funds for this were given by the Bazaar Committee.

The lot across from the Main Beach was given to the Lake Association by Mrs. Ruth McQueeney. We thank her for her generosity.

We appreciate your input. If you would like to speak to the Board we meet the second Wednesday night of each month at 7:00 p.m. The first 15 minutes of the meeting is devoted to "Persons to be Heard." Please come and give us your input.

## ROAD CHAIRMAN REPORT

*by Barry W. Doyle - (860) 487-3506*

I was appointed to the road chairman's position by the Board at the end of September, and had a five-page report to the Board at the next meeting with recommendations on what work needed to be done. The Board generally agreed that work was needed to repair the dirt roads, and to do some

repaving on Circle Drive, Ashford Drive, and Amidon Drive. Along with this is the annual need for snow plowing, which is already upon us.

Between the need to contact contractors to get bids and the entire Board being necessary to approve work over \$1,000, it was not until an emergency meeting was held on Oct. 25th that we hired a contractor to do our work. I would like to thank the Board for calling that meeting and for voting for the extra money needed to do the work.

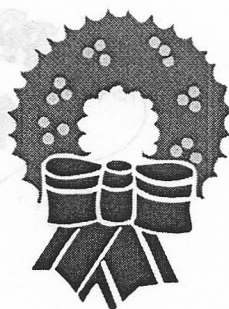
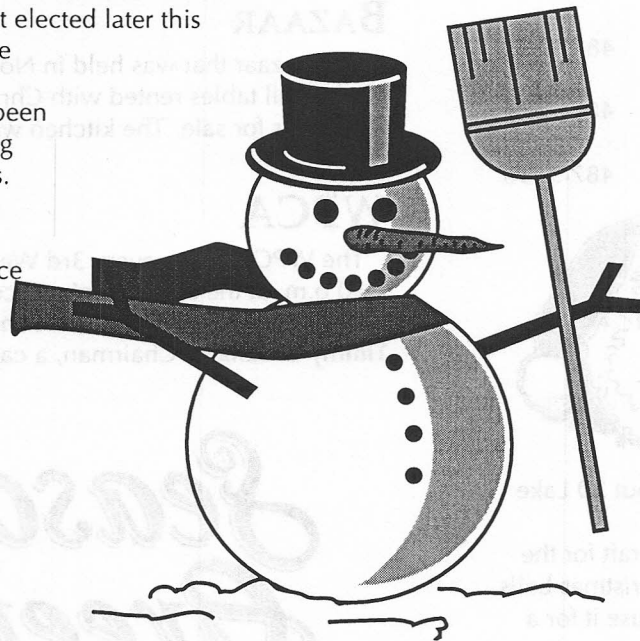
Unfortunately, we have a couple of feet of snow on the ground and the paving has not been done. If it melts clean before Christmas and the weather is with us, it will be done this year. Otherwise, it will be done first thing in the spring. Either way, it will be the most ambitious road work campaign in years, but also the most overdue. Some of the areas being repaired

have been "in the works" since at least 1993, so I know the people driving on them will be glad to see them done.

The Board and I have also talked about making a couple of changes to the procedures of being the road chairman. Each year, you are asked to vote on a budget, including road maintenance. The following are my suggestions:

- There should be a report made prior to the budget meeting that recommends what work is needed, along with the cost, so you can make an informed vote.
- The road chairman should be appointed at the very first meeting of the newest Board so more work can be accomplished in good weather.

If there are road-related concerns you would like to discuss, call me at the above number from 9 am-9 pm. If there are emergencies, call me anytime.



## EXECUTIVE BOARD, 1996-1997

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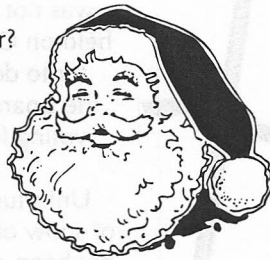
Linda Crowley 487-3534

### Bingo Chairman

Jack Pirzl 487-3736

### Environmental Chairman

Vacant. Would you like to volunteer?



## RECREATION REPORT

by Linda Crowley, 487-3534

I had pumpkin painting at Halloween with about 20 Lake Chaffee children attending.

**December 21st** I will be holding a Christmas craft for the Lake Chaffee children. We will be decorating Christmas balls for them to take home for their tree or they may use it for a gift for their Mom or Dad.

Christmas carols will be played and refreshments will be given to them. Any donations will be gladly accepted from Lake Chaffee residents to help curtail expenses.

Lake Chaffee children have expressed an interest in:

- Crafts
- Movies
- Dances
- Street Hockey (summer)
- Basketball
- Water balloon tossing (summer)
- Fishing derby (1st day of fishing)

Watch for flyers at Potter's General Store, Corner Package Store and at Chaffee Hall.

If you have any suggestions for any type of recreation, please let us know.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

The Board meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Attendance this year has been wonderful. If you would like to attend the meetings or would like to be put on the agenda to talk about a specific item, please call the president or secretary.

## WINTER PARKING BAN

With Mother Nature making that white stuff we know as snow, all roads at Lake Chaffee should be kept clear for the snow plows to do their jobs.

## FIRE HYDRANT

The Lake was lowered this year by request of the Ashford Fire Dept. They are putting in a dry hydrant on Shorefront Drive. This will prevent the closing of Rte. 89 in case of a fire. More work on this will be done in the spring.

## BAZAAR

Our bazaar that was held in November was a success again. We had all tables rented with Christmas Crafts and/or brand new items for sale. The kitchen was open with a full menu this year.

## WPCA

The WPCA meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Selectmen's office. If you have any questions about the "septic situation" around Lake Chaffee, please give Timmy Backhaus, Chairman, a call at (860) 487-3618.

# Season's Greetings

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# CHILDREN'S COLORING PAGE

