



Lakefield Farms

South Sandwich MA 02563

Newsletter, May 2024

Sonnet 18:

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date:

Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;
And every fair from fair sometime declines,
By chance, or nature's changing course, untrimm'd;

But thy eternal summer shall not fade
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st;
Nor shall Death brag thou wander'st in his shade,
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st;

So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

William Shakespeare



It's That Time Again:

This is the May edition of your Newsletter, which means it's sent to you in hardcopy. It also means that the Annual Assessment invoices are out.

As you are probably aware by now, we have been diligently working to recover overdue assessments. Some of our neighbors simply don't pay their mandatory assessment fees. This means the burden of

operating this wonderful asset we all have falls on the shoulders of those who do. That is not fair. Two years ago, our neighbors who hadn't paid numbered around 50. As of writing this Newsletter, we are down to less than twenty. It hasn't been easy. The most common 'reason' that folks don't pay is *"Well, we never use the facilities"*. This is an inaccurate statement. You may have noticed that in the past months, a good number of our neighbors have sold their property at an extremely high price. And, the realtor's ads have all been focused



on the availability of our clubhouse, beach and tennis courts, etc. They will tell you that even if you don't use the facilities directly, you still benefit from them by increasing the value of your property and making it easier to sell.

An example of a realtor's ad for a LF home for sale

Description

Beautifully situated on 0.46 acres of gorgeous woods at the end of the road in desirable [Lakefield Farms](#), this 3 bed 1.5 bath serene ranch home will surprise you with its many amenities. ***The community boasts a deeded fresh water beach where a clubhouse with a deck view sits right next to the tennis court and boat ramps!*** The home is a fresh-faced beauty that inside bounces the natural light off glowing hardwood floors and neutral-colored walls. Fall in love with the maple cabinets and stunning gray quartz in the kitchen with commanding views of the gorgeous outdoor fire-pit, shed, and comforting privacy fencing. Three open airy bedrooms and lovely 1.5 bathrooms are only part of the space as the finished basement w/ a brick fireplace becomes the ultimate hangout spot or guest space! Peace of mind is simple with a new roof (2020), interior/exterior paint, flooring, electrical, plumbing, hot water heater, faucets, insulation, light fixtures, & dishwasher. Come view this charming home

Annual General Meeting (AGM):

Our AGM this year will be held at the Clubhouse on June 20 at 7:00pm. At the meeting you will:

- Meet your Trustees and LFT staff
- Meet some of your neighbors over light refreshments
- Hear about what has been done in the last 12 months
- Hear what we'd like to do in the next 12 months
- Review the budget
- Review the new seasonal renters' policy
- Review the new watercraft policy
- Pick up your 2024 Beach Pass
- Give us your feedback
- Elect a Trustee
- Maybe win one of the door prizes

Please mark your calendars and do try to come.



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