

THE LARSMONT LINE

Save
the
Date

Larsmont Community Club • Early Summer 2023

Free Fun Day & Picnic Set for Aug. 5



Home of the
Little Red Schoolhouse
Established 1914

If you are a resident
of Larsmont,
full time or visit part time,
we invite you to get more
involved in the
community and meet
your neighbors.
Join the Larsmont
Community Club for
only \$15 per year.
Paid members get
one free use of the
Little Red Schoolhouse
during the year.



The annual Larsmont Community Fun Day celebration and picnic will be held this year on Saturday, August 5 at the Larsmont Little Red Schoolhouse. Organizers are hoping that this year's gathering will continue to be a celebration of new life for the community.

"This year we will continue to celebrate with a picnic of fun, games and fellowship," says Marlys Wisch, secretary/treasurer of the Larsmont Community Club. "After a couple of years of hardship and sadness for everyone, this will continue to be a celebration of renewal." A complimentary sandwich and salad lunch will be served, catered by the Larsmont Trading Post. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dessert to share.

There will also be the popular Silent Auction again with items donated by local and Twin Cities merchants. Rumor has it that a 3.5 lb. Hershey candy bar will be part of the auction items (maybe as many as three).

The Fun Day is open to the entire neighborhood. It's a fun chance to meet your neighbors. Official times are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Specific events, such as the final menu and games, are being decided by the planning committee.



Visit the
Community
Website at:
www.Larsmont.org

- Community News
- Calendar of Events
- Links to Resources
- Story Contributions

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Color versions of this and past newsletters are located on the Larsmont Website

LCC Annual Meeting held in May



Larsmont Community Club Annual Meeting notes, May 2, 2023. Pres. Bill Tranah opened meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Introduction of Attendees: Marlys Wisch, Bill & Helen Tranah, Cindy & Paul Hayden, Jon & Kay Anderson, Lana Ashford, Bill & Karen Hermanson, Neil & Barb Normandin, LeeAnn Olson, Dave & Kathy Falk, Margaret Larson, David & JoAnn Rossetter, David & Margaret Glass, Mark Kreutter.

Secretary's report: M/S/C to approve minutes of 5-17-2022 as written. Treasurer's report: M/S/C to approve as presented.

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2023 LCC Annual Meeting Notes

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New Business:

Discussed new projects that still need to be completed: skirting around the whole building; inside of girls' side of toilet. Mark Kreutter will check inside of toilet and let us know what must be done. Helen will check with Christy Rounds about getting an estimate and work done on the skirting.

Items that were completed last year: completed by Bill Hermanson – brushing between garage and toilet area; fixed small door on west side of schoolhouse; repaired the flag pole.

There will be no Projects Day this year, no small projects to do.

M/S/C to approve hiring DAC to mow our lawn. If not available, as they were not in 2022, approved hiring Christy Rounds to mow lawn.

M/S/C to hire two cleaning ladies to do a thorough cleaning of the inside of the schoolhouse at \$150.00 each for one day. Past cleaners – Alana Cahoon and Sarah Bunn. Marlys will contact them.

We will be planning a community wide rummage sale, July 8, 2023, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., same instructions as last year.

More Activities, More Togetherness

by Bill Tranah
President, Larsmont Community Club

Greetings from the LCC President! This past year the Larsmont Schoolhouse was well-used with nice turnouts for the picnic, auction, rummage sale and annual meetings



along with uses by individuals. We are hoping to add activities of interest to our community with educational programs, more craft activities and other activities that would bring us together. In this day and age, people often don't know their neighbors. It might be fun to have a games night where you can bring a beverage and play indoor games or puzzles; play outdoor games such as corn toss, or just visit. My wife would be interested in having

someone from the County Extension office talk about care and pruning of fruit trees or wintering over plants such as geraniums and begonias.

If you are getting this newsletter, you are part of the Larsmont Community Center and we welcome your ideas on uses and activities that might make next year even better.

As a side note, I have been involved with the LCC since I moved here in 1970. Back then it was the Larsmont Volunteer Fire Department. We had an old truck that had been an oil delivery truck. We had a gasoline water pump which we could use to fill the truck from a river or lake, if we needed to, and it would also pump water through our hose to spray on a fire. We could only keep water in the truck during the warm months, because we had no heat in the garage and the water would freeze. The last time the truck was drained was by Bill Hermanson in 1978, as is still noted on the blackboard in the garage. Thank goodness we were never called to put out a fire, but it did help to keep our homeowner's insurance a little cheaper since we all lived within a certain distance from a fire department.

Annual Picnic/Fun Day: August 5, 2023
Silent auction, food catered by the Larsmont Trading Post.

Election of Officers:

Nominations:

President: Bill Tranah
Vice President: Margaret Glass
Secretary/Treasurer: Marlys Wisch
Grounds Keeper: Bill Hermanson
Flag Tender: Bill Hermanson
Editor-in-Chief: Paul Hayden

M/S/C to approve the slate of nominations as presented.

Other: Discussed having educational events, speakers, presentations. Lana Ashford will coordinate. Games nights – bingo, card games, horse shoes, corn hole toss and more. Bill Tranah will build two cornhole boards. Discussion of working with Paul von Goertz, Knife River, and expand the Pioneer School Day to include the scenic train, also stop in Knife River so children could visit the historical sites. Lana will check on this further.

M/S/C to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlys Wisch, Secretary/Treasurer

A Jacobson Adventure Story

submitted by Ralph Jacobson

Isak Sverre Jacobson left Norway in 1923 arriving at Ellis Island, New York. He traveled by train to Detroit and worked in a car factory for awhile before meeting his brother Ingvald Jacobson who was building new Lake Front Cabins (Bob's Cabins) in Larsmont.

Before leaving Norway he hired the County Nurse to care for his aging parents and would send a letter with money each month.

Eventually he fell in love through letters and asked for marriage. This process took from 1923 to 1928 for her to say yes. He then went to Alta, Norway, for the wedding bringing Hannah Kristina to Larsmont. Gladys was born May 1933 and Ralph on Sept. 1, 1938.

Dad did commercial and sport fishing and also worked at the US Steel plant in Morgan Park (Duluth). During the herring run Dad (Isak) and brother Ingvald would harvest several ton, prepare, clean and ship to brokers in Chicago. Payment occasionally never arrived.

On one of the trips to the Larsmont Depot, Ingvald was driving a 1½-ton Chevrolet flat bed truck while Mr. Evanson was securing the fish boxes in the back of the truck. Ingvald, who was always in a hurry, drove across the railroad tracks and was hit by a train and Mr. Evanson was killed. Ingvald survived after several months.



Larsmont was a quiet place to grow up and live while life was busy living on a one-cow, one-pig and several-chicken farm.

I remember bringing a small pail of cream over to Mrs. Hendrickson, which my Mother had separated on the separator after a milking. (No ATVs or bikes – walked!)

I recall cutting grass at Gilbert Anderson's cabins and coming home to play baseball on the field below our house with many of the neighbor kids.

Larsmont was known to outsiders as the Holy City for several reasons: no liquor sold and when the schoolhouse ceased being a school it was used once a month as a worship place. Rev. E.C. Erickson of Duluth would take several young men learning to preach on Saturday evenings. It was there at age 9 that I decided to accept forgiveness from Jesus Christ! Several people walked from Knife River and Larsmont and I remember 40-50 people attending with homemade goodies following the meeting.

Dad taught me to drive by taking the gravel road to the Larsmont Post Office. Oliver Isackson (the postmaster) had the same birthday as myself and would call me on the day and invite me to his store for a treat.

People of Larsmont are patriots and cared about their neighbors. I am grateful to have grown up in Larsmont.

Finn Fest Fun

FinnFest 2023 will be held on the Minnesota North Shore this year from July 26-30. It's a chance for folks to "speak the language, eat the food," as described in the program literature. FinnFest celebrates the Nordic ethnic experience through special programs on health and wellness, art and culture, sustainability, environment and nature, architecture and design, renewable energy and more.

One July 26, the program includes a bus tour of the Nordic Riviera. The tour north along the Lake Superior lakeshore will include Two Harbors, stops at Gooseberry Falls Visitors Center (designed by David Salmela),



up the shoreline to Grand Marais and the Grand Marais Sauna. They'll also stop at Finland, Minnesota, including the Heritage Museum and the Cooperative Store, Minnesota's oldest continuing functioning Co-op store. Highlight of the trip will be a stop at the Larsmont Little Red Schoolhouse for coffee and rolls.

Other events include exhibits, workshops, seminars, concerts and family programs. Sponsored by FinnFest USA®, complete information about how to participate in FinnFest 2023 can be found at their website: <https://2023.finnfest.us>.



Have you stopped by our Little Free Library® yet?

Crafted and built by our president, Bill Tranah, it looks just like our famous Schoolhouse, but contains books that have been left by area residents, free for the taking. Of course, you should also think about leaving a book of your choosing behind.

You'll find that there are books for children and adults, some magazines, games and even an occasional puzzle. What fun!

This is a fun way to share with our friends in the community and provide fresh material on a regular basis. Hidden treasures. Dig in and see what you'll find.

**Take a Book
Leave a Book**

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Pioneer School at Larsmont's Little Red Schoolhouse

"Schools Immerse the Children in What Classes Would Have Been Like at a One-Room School"

Each year late in the spring, the Larsmont Little Red Schoolhouse plays host to elementary school classes who take on the guise of students from the early 1900s. They get a chance to see how they would have attended school when only a one-room schoolhouse was available for their education. A few years ago, Ruth Ringelstetter* wrote about the typical schedule for one of the Pioneer School Days.

"Over the years, several elementary schools have made an annual pilgrimage to the Larsmont Schoolhouse. The schools immerse the children in what classes would have been like at a one-room school.

"On the day of their field trip, the boys dress in knickers with button-up shirts and the girls wear dresses with aprons and bonnets. The parents who accompany the students must also dress in clothing appropriate for the period.

"Lunch also reflects the era with meats, dried fruits or jams and water or milk. The food must be in baskets or pails, or wrapped in a towel as it would have been in those days.

"The day starts with the pledge of allegiance and singing. Then throughout the day, the students move through stations where they do some old-time tasks including making fresh-squeezed lemonade, making rope from strands of twine, learning pioneer games and learning to sew a button onto a piece of cloth.

"At the end of the day, they get their picture taken in front of the school, which is printed in black and white. The students love it and begin asking questions about the field trip as soon as they reach the fourth grade."

*Shunpiking To Heaven Backroads Blog, shunpikingtoheaven.blogspot.com



This year the North Shore Community School 4th Grade Class of Ms. Emma Grace Felton attended their Pioneer School Day at the Schoolhouse on May 25. These pictures are from that day.

North Shore Community School's mission is to excel in connecting our students' academics and learning with their natural and social environments in a nurturing community setting.

The mission is driven by four core values:

Kids First: students' diversity and needs drive decisions and actions.

Partnership: together we achieve more than alone.

Knowledge: skilled in accessing, navigating and using a broad array of facts and viewpoints from a global perspective.

Stewardship: care and responsibility for our natural and social environments.



Larsmont - A Great Place to Live and Visit

The Larsmont Community Club supports the local business community by presenting this complimentary display of merchants within the traditional Larsmont boundaries. Our intent is to remind you of the opportunities that exist to

support the community year-round. We hope that visitors will visit and/or stay in the area and patronize our local businesses. After all, there's more to the Larsmont community than our historic Little Red Schoolhouse.

**Stonegate
on Superior**
stonegateonsuperior.com

**Burton's Forge
& Gallery**
burtonforgeblacksmith.com

**Larsmont
Trading Post**
larsmonttradingpost.com

**Larsmont Cottages
on Lake Superior**
odysseyresorts.com

**Lake County
Veterinary Clinics**
lakecountyvvet.com

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**Wagon Wheel
Campsites**
218-834-4901

**Penmarallter
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**Bob's Cabins
on Lake Superior**
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lakesuperior.com

**Earthwood Inn,
Restaurant & Bar**
theearthwood.com

**Sonju
Two Harbors**
www.sonju.com

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Scenic Railroad**
duluthtrains.com

Come Visit Larsmont

Donations to the Building Fund and Club

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The Larsmont Community Club established the Building Maintenance Fund in 2006 to accept donations from members to be used toward repairs and upkeep of the building and grounds. Donations to the Building Fund have always been one of the most important cash contributions to the club. These funds are always needed. Those who donate are recognized through small certificates displayed in the Schoolhouse.

In addition to the Building Fund, each year members of the club renew their memberships and donate time and materials for the upkeep of the structure and grounds. There is no cash value to these donated hours, however these, too, are some of the most valuable ways support can be given to the endeavors of the LCC.

The board of the Larsmont Community Club continually expresses thanks to all who give of their time and dollars to make sure that Larsmont has a figurehead worthy of praise and admiration.

Cash donations in 2023 to date received from:

Kevin & Cass Beardsley
Len & Judy Beardsley
Donald & Mary Anne Bennett
Sven & Pamela Bergerson
Renee Crassweller
Gaye DeBenedetti
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Bill & Helen Tranah
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Also, thanks to Lake County.

Anyone who lives in, visits or even thinks about Larsmont can be a member. You can send your \$15 dues or make donations specifically to the Building Fund through Secretary/Treasurer Marlys Wisch, 489 Swanson Rd., Larsmont, MN 55616.

Larsmont Fact

The Little Red Schoolhouse is the official Larsmont polling place for elections.

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Home of the Little Red Schoolhouse

