

July LPA Events

Typically LPA events wind down in July as this is when many families are taking advantage of the summer to take family vacations. Due to the rainy weather in June, we do have a re-scheduled play-date event, in addition to the event already scheduled in July.

On **July 10th**, join other LPA families for a trip to Southwick's Zoo! On **July 24th**, LPA families venture to Davis Farmland—here's hoping there's sun by then so that we can take full advantage of their terrific splash park!

And the Scrapbooking Club is growing in popularity, and always open to new members. The next scrapbooking event is to be held on **July 14th**.

For more information about these and other events happening in June, please see the [LPA Events Calendar](#) online!



FIREWORKS!!

- July 6th: **Groton**, Town field behind the library, Monday, music starts at 7pm, fireworks at 8pm
- July 4th: **Acton**, Nara Park, 10pm
- July 3rd: **Lowell**, Sampas Pavillion, activities for kids start at 4pm, fireworks at dusk
- July 3rd: **Harvard**, Fruitlands Museum, all day activities and events starting at 11am with fireworks at dusk

2009: LPA Membership Fee to Increase

Please note that as of September 1, 2009, the LPA membership fee will be \$20 a year per family. The LPA has not increased dues since 2007. The increase will help offset increasing event costs.

In addition to an impressive schedule of LPA-wide events (the annual Egg Hunt and Halloween Party, and this year's Snow Ball, for example), don't forget that the LPA offers Littleton families a wealth of other resources: an online networking forum, discounts to local vendors, the opportunity to connect with playgroups and special interest groups, and much much more.

Membership renewals are due on September 1st and are valid for one year. Anyone who applies/renews membership June-August will have their dues pro-rated for the following year. If you have any questions, please contact LPAmembership@gmail.com

Restaurant Review: The Summer Shack in Cambridge



The Summer Shack is located at:
149 Alewife Brook Parkway
Cambridge, MA 02140
(617) 520-9500

If you're craving seafood but don't have the time (or the patience) to pack up the kids and head into the city or to the North Shore just take a short thirty minute ride down route 2 to the Summer Shack in Cambridge. The Summer Shack is a bit pricey but worth every penny for its amazing food and family friendly atmosphere. The menu has a wide variety of seafood items and the creamy clam chowder and fresh lobster rolls are some of the best in New England.

The Summer Shack has a funky décor that is eclectic and casual which allows both parents and kids to feel comfortable and at ease. The tables are lined with brown paper so children can scribble while munching on homemade corn bread as they wait for their meals to arrive. If your kids tire of crayons easily they can check out the huge lobster tank located at the center of the

restaurant. If it isn't too busy one of the kitchen staff will rescue a lobster from the tank so that children can take a closer look. The staff is friendly and efficient and meals are prepared and delivered timely. The Summer Shack is located at 149 Alewife Brook Parkway on Route 2 next to the Alewife T station in Cambridge.

Thanks to LPA member and volunteer Liz Schocklin for providing this review! The LPA Newsletter is always thrilled to receive contributions from LPA members, whether it's a recommendation for a topic or an entire article. Please send ideas to LPAnewsletter@gmail.com!

Fun Had by All at Train Ride Event

A special thanks to all the families who participated in our special train ride event to Concord Center.

My family and I had a wonderful time. We especially enjoyed the pizza picnic at the park. It was great to be able to enjoy lunch while our son Jack played with the kids in the sandbox and climbing structures and learned the special pleasures of the bumpy slide they have there. Not even lunch could get him off it. It was also a nice opportunity for us to get to



know some of the other families in the LPA. It was a relaxing couple of hours. I asked Jack what he enjoyed the most? His response was "the train...uhm, no, ice cream". He couldn't make up his mind -- just like most 3 year olds on sensory overload. We'd love to do this again soon and hope more of you will join us next time.

~ Nina Liu, Class Socials Coordinator, class of 2011