

LAKE HAYWARD

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CONSIDERATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT

Over the last few weeks, I have had the opportunity to talk to various groups in our community. I have enjoyed the stories of the past and discussions about how things worked “back then”. I chat with the neighbors and new owners and people who have stopped by just to say hello. Thank you for all the great feedback on the newsletter and general communications. It fuels the fire! The messages are clear and expectations run the gamut from “don’t change anything that we are used to” to “we have to find different ways and resources to accommodate the interests and needs of our community”.

Even though we are a tax district and our tax dollars are used to create a budget for the management and maintenance of our public properties, lake, and activities, we rely heavily on community spirit and volunteerism to execute many of our traditions and activities. There are always the same few who come to the aid of the board, and many others who express willingness to help and get involved. But there is always the “but”. Our challenge is your challenge. Our time is limited, both parents are working, our stay at our cottages short, family obligations are long, and our network of volunteers is difficult to organize. With our budget committee meeting this

weekend and the push to find people to help make Lake Hayward Days a week full of successful events, we are questioning and searching for new ways to bring in activities and find the resources to pay for them with minimum cost to families. Is it time to recruit sponsors or local businesses to help subsidize some events? Like hiring resources to help out with food concessions for Carnival days? What about Ladies night? A popular and well-attended event that may be cancelled – an event that takes place mid week amid the challenges of finding available people to shop, prepare and manage this event? How many bands are enough for a season? Do we book bands or take our social budget and help make Lake Hayward Days a week that everyone can enjoy without the burden on just a few backs? These are community decisions and should not necessarily be the decision of a few. But without your input, we are left to use our best judgment and hope for your support. Please share your thoughts with us – whatever works for you – a phone call, email, or a general post.

- Gail Grzegorzczak



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **July 27th**
- Garden Club 5pm
- Live band 7pm
- **July 28th**
2nd Beach Potluck
- **July 30th**
Kiddie BINGO 7pm
- **August 1st**
Arts & Crafts 7pm
- **August 8th**
Lego Building Night

NEWSLETTER & WEB

Newsletter Submissions: Deadline is on Wednesday at noon. Please email mfboone@optimum.net.

Newsletter Delivery: Please note that our carriers do not get paid. They give up their Saturday mornings to get the newsletters out to you. Please remember them with a tip.

Visit www.lakehaywardct.com for archived newsletters, by-laws, contact numbers and a calendar of events.

SOCIAL AND RECREATION

We start off the weekend with a live band, Otis and the Boomers, Friday night from 7-10pm. Second Beach Pot luck is on Saturday—come on down. Don't forget your chairs or blankets, serving utensil for your dish and your beverage, utensils and plate!

Arts and Crafts will be on Wednesday (August 1st) this coming week instead of the usual Tuesday due to a vacationing Colleen. Laura Cohen has volunteered to do the class—many thanks to Laura since she and husband Dave also do BINGO on Monday—you get my applause. The craft this week will be crystal suncatchers. (Parents may need to help younger children.)

Swim and tennis lessons have had a hard go of it with the weather this week. Please know that we cannot call everyone if we have to cancel at the last minute so keep your eyes to the sky and please be patient if you get to the Pavilion and lessons are cancelled—it is for your child's safety. If it's a long drive to lessons for you, you can call me, Diane Nelson at 860-305-7305, and I may know if the lesson is cancelled (but please note that I do work and may not be able to answer your call.) Lessons will be made up on a Friday; your instructors will inform you which Friday.

This year we did not do any prorating of Swim and Tennis fees. Lessons for swimming are given four days a week. This is twice as many lessons as provided before last year. Therefore in seven weeks a child can swim 28 days if they go every day as opposed to only two times a week or 14 days in years past. The program is supplemented by board money because even with the maximum enrolment, the fees do not cover the costs of the fine instructors that we have. I am sorry for any inconvenience or confusion about this.

Save Wednesday, August 8th for Lego Night for children 5 years and over. Matt Cohen, one of our young people, will be bringing his Legos to show some of his ideas for building. Bring your Legos too—we will have tables covered so you can share your building ideas and get new ones.

- Diane Nelson



MEMORIAL FUND

Every now and then we receive a gift which is so special and so generous it amazes me. This happened recently when Joyce Bettencourt and Jane Begin approached Lee Griffin and I about purchasing something for the association in memory of their dear friend Mary Francis Brahaney. After some discussion it was decided that two large message boards would be purchased and placed on either side of the door at the Pavilion. They will both have locking glass sliding doors and one will hold official POALH documents and the other social, recreation and miscellaneous information. What a great gift and one of the most generous we have received. On behalf of all our members, I thank Joyce and Jane for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

While on the subject of the message boards, I would like to address the subject of vandalism at the Pavilion. It has really gotten out of hand and I want to take this opportunity to ask those responsible to please leave the Pavilion and the message boards alone. They are very expensive and are something we have wanted and needed for many years. Parents, please talk to your kids and impress on them that this was a gift in memory of a very special lady. They deserve to be respected.

Finally, I am sorry to tell you that this will be my last article on behalf of the Memorial Fund. After over 20 years and

due to health reasons, I find it necessary to relinquish my duties to a very able volunteer, Janet Soboleski. I do thank Janet for offering to take over running the fund and know she will do a wonderful job. I also want to thank everyone who has supported the fund over the years. We have accomplished so much—memorial benches, a handicapped dock, our beautiful granite table and benches, flags, flagpoles, floral plantings etc. Most important, we have sent memorial donations to many charities and organizations in memory of our members who have passed on. I am so grateful for all your support over the years and encourage you to continue your contributions to this wonderful program. Remember that checks should be made payable to POALH Memorial Fund and mailed to P.O. Box 230. Colchester or dropped off to Janet at 30 Cragmere. Again, thank you all and I hope to see you at the Pavilion in the near future.

- Alice Miles

CORRECTION: Thanks again to the Fantozzi family, Mike and Lily (not Lisa) for donating their Pavilion deposit to the Memorial Fund.



REMEMBRANCE

WATER QUALITY

With all the activities that take place on Lake Hayward during the weekdays and enjoying the sandy beaches on the weekends we want to be able to go in the water knowing that it is safe from harmful organisms. Testing the water in a consistent and professional manner is a prudent thing for the association to do. It keeps us informed of the quality of the water we swim and boat in. It allows the opportunity to warn our members with signage when needed that there is too much pollution in the water to safely swim. And with the logging of beach and weather conditions when the samples are taken we can get some long-term insight as to why and when it may not be safe to swim without the strong possibility of illness because of bacteria present in the swim water.

Three samples are taken each Tuesday and sent to the Chatham Health District which then transports them to the State of Connecticut lab which does the testing. We will receive notification if there is a positive reading on the samples. Only one time since 2011 have we come back with a positive result. That was after a heavy rain event that may have washed pollutants into the lake from the road, dry creek beds, and shore. Following bad storms and

when the Canada geese congregate in large numbers seem to be when there is greatest potential for harmful organisms to be present in the lake water. As parents of young children you may wish to hold off on letting them in the water soon after a strong rain storm or signs (you know what they are) of many geese around.

We have requested and hope to have—as soon as possible—signs for the beaches notifying swimmers of possible poor swimming conditions or worse, a positive result from our water testing.

Please take your trash home with you since there are not trash bins at the beaches and every bit of litter is more pollution in our lake which eventually affects the water quality.

Thanks.

Bill and Debi Taylor



LAKE HAYWARD DAYS UPDATE

The Lake Hayward Days Committee continues to meet and develop plans for a fun-filled week of events. A decorated boat parade, cake walk, chocolate bingo, swim races, beach games and carnival games / food are events that we know will be taking place. There are still two open nights. We are considering a music jam session or karaoke night. We do not have a chairperson yet for a ladies night meal. This is a last call for someone to step up to organize this popular event. Otherwise we may have to find a less labor intensive event or have an open night. Stay tuned for a complete listing of events / dates and times in the first August newsletter and posted at each beach. For the following two events we are soliciting interest ahead of time.

Boat Parade

One new event that is taking shape is a boat parade which will take place on Sunday August 19th starting at 2pm. Decorate your boat and enter the parade which will begin on the lake outside the dog beach area and end at 2nd beach. Prizes will be awarded to the best decorated boats. All state of Connecticut boating regulations must be followed. Electric motor and people-powered boats are wel-

comed. Let's see how many boats we can get onto the lake at one time! To register for this event contact Gary Peterson at 860-324-9029 or send him an e-mail at iceman346@comcast.net.



Music Jam Session or Karaoke Night

This is another new event we are considering if there is enough interest. We have set aside Monday August 20th from 7-9pm. Bring your voice, guitar or other instrument. Contact Jeff Walter at jeffjudyw@gmail.com or at 860-531-9194 by Saturday August 4th if you would be interested in a jam session or karaoke night.

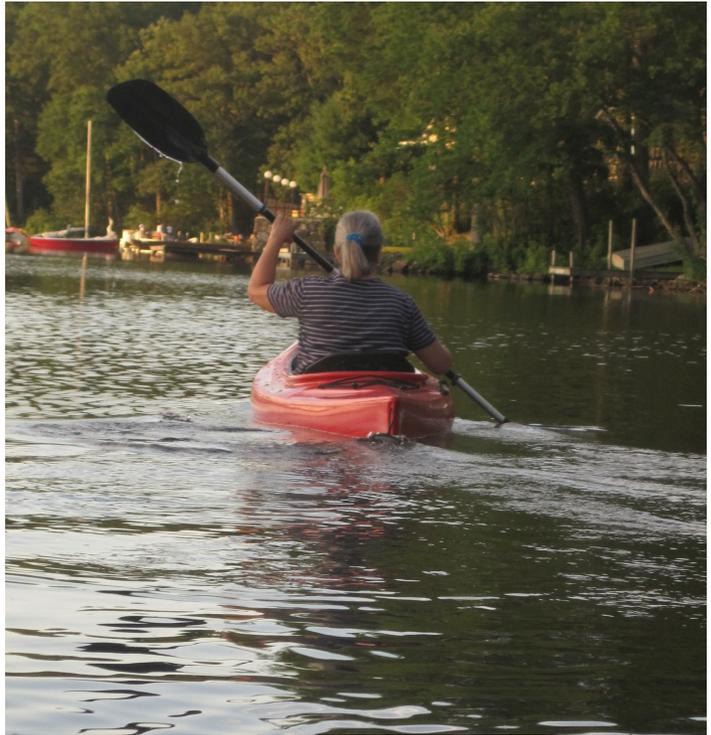
We continue to seek out volunteers for the various Lake Hayward Days events. Contact Larry Lusardi at larrylusardi@comcast.net or at 860-466-9379 if you see an event mentioned in this article that you would like to support by lending a helping hand.

- Larry Lusardi

PHOTOS



Congratulations to Dave Edgington (left), winner of the cribbage tournament on Friday, July 20th!



Enjoying an evening paddle. Photo by Larry Lusardi



A view of the lake taken by Larry Lusardi



Fourth generation Lake Haywardians, Brian Smith, grandson of Brian Bagnati and Matthew Fantozzi, grandson of Don Fantozzi enjoy a play date at the beach. The 2-year-old boys thank their great grandparents for buying a cottage at Lake Hayward for them to enjoy--some 50 years later!

BEACH RULES - (PLEASE INFORM GUESTS AND RENTERS OF THESE RULES)

1. Parents or chaperones are responsible for their child's safety and their child's actions at all times.
2. Children cannot be left at the beach unattended.
3. Infants must be in leak-proof ("swimmie") diapers at all times.
4. Fishing within 100 feet of the swimming area is strictly prohibited.
5. Use of boats and watercraft within the swimming area or within 100 feet of rafts is prohibited.
6. When passing a beach area, dogs must be on a leash. Dogs are never allowed on the beach.
7. There is no swimming after 11pm.
8. All trash and cigarette butts must be removed from the beach and be properly disposed of. Glass containers are prohibited on Association property.
9. Use of the beach area is limited to Association members and their guests.

**BOARD MEMBERS & CONTACTS**

Gail Grzegorzczak – President	(860) 531-9008
Larry Lusardi – VP; Water Co. liaison; LH Days Chairman	(860) 466-9379
Bonnie Sudell – Secretary; 2nd Beach Rep	(860) 490-1350
Jeff Walter – Representative at large	(860) 531-9194
Dave Edgington – POALH Properties; 2nd Beach Rep	(203) 314-1096
Sue Kumro – Parking & Security	(860) 625-5114
Diane Nelson – Recreation & Social; 1st Beach Rep	(860) 305-7305
Lee Griffin – Treasurer	(860) 656-6938
Norm Kaplan – 3rd Beach Representative	(860) 537-1457
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East Haddam Police	(860) 873-1226
Connecticut Water	(800) 286-5700



CLASSIFIEDS

For sale

- Three-drawer dresser with hutch 30" x 78", perfect for child's room or guest room, excellent condition, \$75; Color TV, 21" \$25. Call 860-304-6348

For rent

- Five-room cottage with large deck and water views. Steps from 3rd Beach. \$650/week. Call owner at 860-377-5657

Services

- Petsitting and babysitting services available around the Lake. Call 860-886-3919 (Liana) or 860-705-1667 (Thalia)
- Lawn mowing, handyman services, power washing, painting, gutter cleaning, spring/fall cleanups & hedge trimming. Affordable rates. Call 860-537-1822

Wanted

- Anyone interested in getting together for a friendly game of Mah Jongg once or twice a week? Please call Joan at 531-9620

LOCAL NEWS

Colchester gift shop closing

Wild Geese is closing after more than 30 years of business. The gift shop, located in Colchester on Broadway next to the Troop K barracks, plans to close in the second week of August. Owner Debbie Leone has decided to retire. The shop started as an antique store in 1980. Leone bought the business in 1990 and added an assortment of gifts and knick-knacks.

Wild Geese's closure will affect another business, Bear's Produce Stand, also on the property. Produce stand owner Bill Loughery moved to the site a year ago, at Leone's invitation, almost a year after a local gas station forced him off his former spot on South Main Street.

DOT work to start August 1st

Construction work to extend water and sewer lines from South Main Street in Colchester down Route 85 to the Lake Hayward Road area is scheduled to start August 1st. The \$2.3 million utility extension is funded by the state. Any changes to the traffic pattern will be posted on the town's website, colchesterct.gov.

The work is a precursor to two new projects in the area—a new state Department of Transportation facility and a Tractor Supply retail store. The Tractor Supply store plans to open this winter. The construction of the DOT facility, which would be near Route 2, off Lake Hayward Road and adjacent to the commuter parking lot, is planned to be a two-year project.



TRASH & RECYCLING

All-Waste Control collects trash and recyclables twice a week (Monday and Friday) during the summer. Monday pickup began June 25th; the last Monday pickup is August 27th after which pickup will be on Fridays only. All recyclables can be combined and placed into a single container and put out with your regular trash. Please contact All-Waste Control at 860-873-9005 with any questions.

