



REMINDER: Property Taxes are due by Aug. 3; golf tourney Aug. 8

Message from the President: Time and effort pay off

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Upcoming Events

- 8/1 **SECOND BEACH POTLUCK**, 6 p.m.
- 8/1 **MOVIE ON THE BEACH**, 113 Lake Shore Dr., at dusk.
- 8/4 **DANCE AEROBICS WITH CAROL**, 9 a.m. at the Pavilion.
- 8/8 **GOLF TOURNAMENT AT BANNER COUNTRY CLUB**, 8 a.m.

Today's message is a brief stewardship report. Before that, I would like to thank those members who devote so much time and energy to our social events. Without you, we would not be who we are today – a fantastic waterfront association that offers more to our members and especially our children than most associations and campgrounds with which I am familiar.

There are simply too many names to list, but I do need to recognize Don Smith as the keeper of our calendar and coordinator of our social events. Without Don's efforts, we would not be as organized nor would our events run as smoothly as they do. Please thank Don and the other active Association members who organize the events, especially the weekly Craft Night and Children's Bingo. Don't forget our newsletter editor Mike Trocchi, who remains in the background but without whom you

would not be reading this.

For details on Board activities, please visit our website and review the materials posted, including Board meeting minutes. The Board has been active addressing items from both Town Hall meetings as well as individual member concerns. These include:

- Developing guidelines and creating a business management system including both written and email correspondence to remain in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.
- Creation of two subcommittees within the Board to identify specific homeowner issues and concerns and to propose solutions regarding Pilgrim Way and Glimmer Glen.
- Identifying and managing 21 Association properties including rights of way. This includes reclaiming rights of way, expanding access

to the water for association members, management of the beach areas, expanding seasonal boat storage areas and routine maintenance projects.

- Managing goose poop issues – a concern for all and an issue difficult to address as anyone who has been here for more than a few years can attest. Some years are worse than others and there are no simple solutions. This is an annual concern and receives the most complaints. Many homeowners have researched this issue and shared with the Board. This will continue to be an issue for years to come and we will do our best to realistically address it.
- Managing insurance coverage: Bouvier Insurance continues to be our agent and coverage has been secured for another year.
- Refining and updating beach

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Property taxes due this week; deadline to avoid interest is Aug. 3

Don't be late! The final date to pay your Lake Hayward property taxes is Aug. 3 in order to avoid an interest charge of 1.5% per month on payments made after that date. If you are mailing your tax payment, it needs to be post-marked on or before Aug. 3. If the postmark is not clear, then the date received is the determining date. Mail your payments now to avoid confusion and interest payments later.

If you have not received your 2015-16 property tax bill or you misplaced it somewhere, please call or e-mail Ed Bader (860-295-8769 or edbader@aol.com) for a duplicate copy. He can fax, e-mail or mail a copy to you so you can mail it in on time. Or he can give you the amount of the bill and you can write a check immediately and put the check in the mail immediately with your Lake Hayward address

on the check so the payment will reach us by Aug. 3.

For the 16 property owners who still owe 2014-15 property taxes, payment on those delinquent accounts is due by Aug. 3, too. Any of these accounts not paid by Aug. 3 will be turned over to our attorneys for collection and that process is expensive because the delinquent property owner pays all the costs of collection.

Contact POALH:

POALH
P.O. Box 230
Colchester, CT 06415
lakehaywardct@gmail.com

Walk-up mailbox:

83 Wildwood Rd.

Public Safety Update: Prevent drownings by watching your children closely

Did you know that, on average, 27 people die as a result of drowning in Connecticut each year? Here are some myths associated with drownings:

- Myth: Drowning victims call for help.

Fact: Drowning is suffocation in water, it's a silent death.

- Myth: Drowning victims are alone when they go under.

Fact: Drownings occur in the middle of crowds. Drownings are often mistaken for play, as victims try to push themselves out of the water.

- Myth: Drownings don't occur quickly.

Fact: Drownings can occur in as little as 20 seconds.

- Myth: Victims are usually swimmers who went too far.

Fact: Drowning victims are usually poor swimmers or non-swimmers who never intended to enter the water.

- Myth: Children are safe if they know how to

swim and wear a personal floatation device.

Fact: Children can easily panic and forget what they've learned. No one is ever "drown-proof," not you nor your kids.

- Myth: If my boat sinks I can always swim to shore.

Fact: Many people, including strong swimmers, can be overcome by hypothermia in cold water and drown.

Cold water is dangerous, and the shoreline may be farther than it looks.

To prevent drownings in our lake, you should:

- Always supervise your children in and around water. Don't leave them alone, even for an instant!
- Always wear a life jacket! Connecticut law requires anyone under 12 must wear a life jacket while on a boat.
- Make sure the whole family learns to swim.
- Never swim alone.

- Learn CPR.
- Look before you leap.
- Drinking and swimming is just as dangerous as drinking and driving.

Keep these tips in mind when fitting yourself or your child in a life jacket:

- Life jackets are not like clothes - you DON'T grow into them.
- Life jackets should be Coast Guard-approved and the correct size for your weight.
- Life jackets should fit snugly. The shoulders of the life jacket should not come up above the nose or ears when pulled up or it will not stay on in the water.
- If your child's weight exceeds the children's sizes, you must purchase an adult-sized life jacket for them.
- Life jackets are important, but they are never a substitute for adult supervision.

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and property rules.

- Promoting public safety through hiring private duty police patrols in our neighborhoods, posting signage and notes in our newsletters.
- Reviewing and updating a policy on the "One Foot Reserve" boundary line surrounding the Association, including current legal interpretations and validity of this once commonly accepted practice.
- Working with standing committees to assure

they are properly funded and events are organized.

- Working with the Lake Quality Improvement Committee to improve our quality of life and protecting our most valuable asset, Lake Hayward. This includes weekly testing of the lake water.
- Conducting normal business affairs required of any organization.

This is just a rough summary of Board and committee activities and is not all-inclusive. See the

committee reports in the newsletters and social events in the calendar.

It's safe to say we are quite an active volunteer Board with several volunteer committees working to meet your needs while maintaining our full-time jobs and responsibilities to our families.

Next time you see a Board or committee member, thank them for the countless hours they volunteer to our community.

- Bob Sudell

Guidelines updated for newsletter submissions; deadline is Monday at 6 p.m.

Send the submission to newsletter editor Mike Trocchi at miketrocchi@yahoo.com and lakehaywardct@gmail.com. Deadline for submissions is Monday 6 p.m.

Present your submission using the following formatting:

- Word document
- Garamond 10pt type
- 1/2 page = maximum of 420 words
- 1 page = maximum of 840 words

Deadline is 6 p.m. Monday

- Graphics and photos in .jpg format only

Classifieds:

- Will only run once a week but can be resubmitted until sold;
- Teenage/youth services submitted once with beginning and end date of when they would be available;
- Community interest events or local fund-

raiser for charity, local fire dept., etc. submitted once with dates.

- No advertising of professional businesses or services will be allowed.
- The newsletter editor and board reserves the right to modify format, graphics or text, as necessary to meet publishing requirements.
- Submissions received after the deadline will be included in the following newsletter, unless voided due to time-sensitive content.

Lake Quality Improvement Committee: Discharge drawing runs until Aug. 16

A Permit to Discharge Drawing will be held at POALH's Annual Meeting on Sunday, Aug. 16 with the winner walking away with \$200.

The drawing is open to all East & West side Lake Hayward residents and you need not be present at the Annual Meeting to win.

To enter:

- 1) Bring a copy of your permit to the annual meeting or
- 2) Submit a copy of your permit in advance (ok to leave in mailbox) to: Felicia Tencza at 22 Forest Way.

If you need a copy of your permit, call Chatham Health District: 860-365-0884

* Limit one permit per address. Drawing is sponsored by the Lake Quality Improvement Committee.

Monday garbage pickup continues until Sept. 8

All-Waste Control will collect trash and recyclables twice a week (Monday and Friday) through Sept. 8. The Town of East Haddam has implemented "single stream recycling" so it is no longer necessary to separate the various recyclables into separate containers and/or put them out on separate days. All recyclables can be combined and placed into a single container and put out with your regular trash. We must recycle:

1. Glass and metal food and beverage containers (rinsed); lids go in trash

(No broken glass, mugs, windowpanes, ceramics, light bulbs, mirrors, dishes or tempered glass)

2. Plastic containers Nos. 1 through 7 (rinsed); lids go in trash
3. Newspaper, magazines, cereal/pasta boxes, milk and juice cartons, junk mail (No phone books, wax- or plastic-coated cardboard, soiled newspaper or magazines, books, plastic (Tyvek) envelopes)

4. Cardboard (broken down) (No wax coated boxes, soiled boxes, pizza boxes)

Please place your trash in a covered container if it will be outside at night.

Contact All-Waste Control at 860-873-9005 with any questions.

POALH LEGAL NOTICE PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

All persons liable to pay real estate taxes to the Property Owners' Association of Lake Hayward as levied on the October 1, 2014 Grand List are hereby notified that the taxes are due and payable on July 1, 2015 at the mill rate of 3.50. The taxes will become delinquent on August 3, 2015 if not paid by this date. Delinquent tax bills shall be subject to interest of 1.5 percent per month reverting to the due date, July 1, 2015. The minimum interest charge is \$2. All persons in the Tax District who do not receive a tax bill should call the Tax Collector at 860-295-8769 to obtain their bill before the end of the grace period, August 3, 2015. Failure to receive a property tax bill does not invalidate the payment of the tax or related delinquent interest charge if not paid by August 3, 2015. Tax payments shall be made by mail to Tax Collector, Property Owners' Association of Lake Hayward, Post Office Box 230, Colchester, CT 06415.

Edward F. Bader

Goodspeed summer music series continues Mondays in East Haddam village

All free concerts are held on Monday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the green of the Goodspeed Opera House. If it rains, the concerts will be moved to the Hale-Ray High School Auditorium (please call the Recreation Office 860-873-5058, check www.easthaddamrec.com or their Facebook page if weather is questionable).

Great food and drinks will be available to purchase at the Gelston House or bring a picnic dinner.

Free parking is available in the Goodspeed Opera House parking lot, behind the Gelston House with additional parking and a shuttle bus from Eagle Landing in Had-

dam if needed.

Aug. 3: River City Slim and the Zydeco Hogs

River City Slim & The Zydeco Hogs bring the exuberant sounds of the steamy bayous of southwestern Louisiana to the hills of New England.

Classified announcements

FOR SALE: Minn Kota electric trolling motor. 40 lb. thrust, seldom used, excellent condition.

For bow mounting only. \$175.00. Call 860 537 4708

FOR SALE: 12' x 12' square water trampoline with log roll, excellent condition never been patched, \$800 or best offer. Ask for Norm or Dee 860-537-1671. 180 pd anchor included.

Two teenage boys available for yardwork, dog walking and various other household help. Flexible

schedules. Available weekdays as well as weekends now through Oct. 1. Call Kyle at 860-391-5893.

Free basketball hoop; regulation height, portable, good condition. We give, you take. Call Fred/Mary at 860-537-3609. Check it out at 273 Lake Shore Dr.

Boat parade once again brings out the creative and the colorful from community

Large crowds on our beaches got to see some creative boat decorations as the annual boat parade made its way from Dog Beach to Second Beach and back.

And the winners represented their respective beaches well as first place went to Laura Cohen from First Beach with her entry “Stars & Stripes.”

Second place went to Alex Henry

from Third Beach with his entry “Paradise Found” and Third place went to Daphne Smith from Second Beach with her entry “Camping at the Beach.”



Boat Parade winner: First place Laura Cohen (center), Second place Alex Henry (left), Third place Daphne Smith (right).



**Third place:
Camping at the Beach**



First place: Stars & Stripes



Second place: Paradise Found



Vicky Russo serving hamburgers and hot dogs

Lake Hayward Events Calendar

Go to www.lakehaywardct.com for updates

AUGUST 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 2nd Beach Pot Luck Dinner, 6 p.m. Movie on the Beach, 113 Lake Shore Dr.
2 Marvin Private Party 3-7 p.m.	3	4 Dance Aerobics w/Carol, 9 a.m. at the Pavilion; Kids Arts & Crafts 7-8 p.m.	5 Kid's Bingo, 7-8 p.m.	6	7	8 Kids Fishing Derby 7:30-9:30 a.m.; Golf Tournament, Banner CC, 8 a.m.; Popolizio Private Party, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Redhead Band; The Brick & Basil Pizza Truck, 6-11 p.m.; Adult Fishing Derby 6:30-9 p.m.
9 Smith Private Party 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	10	11 Dance Aerobics w/Carol, 9 a.m. at the Pavilion Kids Arts & Crafts 7-8 p.m.	12 Kid's Bingo, 7-8 p.m.	13	14 Cribbage Tournament, 7 p.m., Pavilion	15 POALH board meeting 2-5 p.m.; Campout on Second Beach, 5 p.m.
16 POALH Annual Meeting, 10 a.m., Pavilion	17 Chocolate Bingo, 7 p.m., Pavilion	18 Dance Aerobics w/Carol, 9 a.m. at the Pavilion ; Bike/Wagon Parade, 7 p.m. at the Pavilion	19 Cake Walk, 7 p.m., Pavilion	20 Ladies' Night, 5 p.m., Pavilion	21 Night at the Races, 7 p.m., Pavilion	22 Triathlon 8-11 a.m.; Beach Games Noon-2 p.m.; Carnival 3-6 p.m.; Karaoke w/Greg Cardova 7-11 p.m.
23	24	25 Dance Aerobics w/Carol, 9 a.m. at the Pavilion	26	27	28	29 Krauss Party 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Turkey Foot Band and Munchies Food Truck 6-11 p.m.
30	31	Sept. 1: Dance Aerobics, 9 a.m.				Sept. 5: Third Beach Pot Luck

Meet the POALH Board nominees: Introducing this year's slate of neighbors

Board Nominees

The POALH operates with a Board of nine members. Typically, the representation is two members from each beach district (with alternating two-year terms) and three at-large representatives with three-year terms (also alternating start and end dates). The goal is to have a mix of experienced and newer Board members, to allow for consistency and formulation of a succession plan.

Each year we have a number of Board openings that need to be filled. This year we have three and we are excited that three members of our community have already expressed a desire to join the Board. The Nominating Committee, consisting of Steve Nelson, Larry Lusardi and Scott Miers, is pleased to present the following profiles:

Adam Thompson

Hello I am Adam Thompson. For those of you who do not know me here is a glance at who I am, and why I want to join the Board. After spending a lifetime of summers here I believe I have a great deal to offer in historic knowledge and life experience.

My family has been coming here since the 20's; my mother Betty Thompson since the 40's; My Aunt Sue Chartly since the 50's; my sister Kim and me since the 70's. I have been in love with Lake Hayward since I was old enough to know what I was looking at. Growing up here in the summers was nothing short of spectacular.

Most of my day was spent fishing, swimming, and riding my bike. The cottage was passed down to us after my grandparents Donald and Mary O'Connell passed in 1980.

This place has a lot of memories for me. I hope to help keep it great for us, and future generations.

Don Smith

My wife Debbie and I grew up in New Britain and raised a daughter and 3 sons before moving to Colchester over 19 years

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ago. We had owned lake front property on Martin's Pond in the small town of Peacham, Vermont before purchasing our cottage on Wildwood Rd. Being 4 1/2 hours away, we didn't get to spend much time there nor did our children.

So when Debbie found out that her boss, Dr. Lewis, (also my orthopedic surgeon) was selling his cottage on Lake Hayward we had to pursue a purchase. Hey, it was only 12 minutes from home. This was just over 6 years ago.

Once at the lake, I started volunteering for just about everything, ball field & beach cleanups, boat removals, staining the pavilion beams and ceiling, picking up goose poop and whatever else the Properties Committee needed. Now I'm on the Properties Committee, I'm the person to see for Pavilion Reservations, maintain the POALH Calendar and recently took on the role of Chairman of the Social Committee.

I'm retired now after 41 years at Aetna Life Insurance Co. where I held the position of Sr. Computer Operations Manager. The knowledge, leadership and organizational skills gained from that position have

prepared me for a role on the Board of Governors. I want to help the Board achieve its goals, represent the Association Members and make Lake Hayward a permanent place in my grandchildren's memory bank.

Bill Taylor

My wife Debi and I moved to Lake Hayward from Cromwell in 2007. We lived in Cromwell for almost 30 years where we raised our family. We searched around central Connecticut for several years for a home by a lake that would both replace a summer cottage we recently sold and be our year round residence. Lake Hayward fit the bill. We eventually bought the Mitchell home at 22 Wildwood Rd. There was some renovation work to be done but with luck we finally moved in.

I have two children and four grandchildren. If you are at 3rd beach on most week-ends during the Summer you know who they are by the noise and their constant activities. Part of why we purchased a home at Lake Hayward was the opportunity for them to have an eventful memorable summer experience.

I enjoy all that nature has to offer in the area. From gardening, sailing, swimming, hiking, and biking or just walking around some of the beautifully kept homes around the lake.

I have always felt a need to participate in the upkeep and maintenance of my small part of the world.

When we moved to Lake Hayward both Debi and I found areas that we could help the Association and fill our need to volunteer our time for a good cause. I have been active in beach clean-up and properties work crews.

Debi has been active in bylaw changes and most recently a smoking ban on the beaches campaign.

If elected I will do my best to represent Third Beach on the Board and support the Association as a whole.

Social committee update: August starts with pot luck, movie night and more

The calendar located at <http://lakehaywardct.com/html/calendar.html> is your reference to the season's events. Please visit often as updates are made frequently. You will also see calendars included in the electronic and printed weekly newsletters. Other event information can be seen in the kiosks at each beach.

Events not on the calendar

Do you want to sponsor an event that is not yet on the calendar? If you don't see an event from the past on the calendar and would like to bring back and sponsor that event, please contact Don Smith (860-338-1659) or email at donsmith@donsmitty.com.

Upcoming

Aug. 1 at Second Beach, Pot Luck Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Bring your favorite dish and a side or dessert to share along with serving utensils. It's BYO tables and chairs or a blanket to eat at, dishes, utensils and drinks. As always, all Association members are welcome at this event.

Aug. 1 at 113 Lake Shore Drive (the Sudells) at dusk, Movie Night returns with the 1987 classic "Spaceballs." Starring Mel Brooks (who also directed and produced), John Candy and Rick Moranis among others, "Spaceballs" is an irreverent farce, lampooning everything from Star Wars to Star Trek. (Rated PG, length of 1 hour 36 minutes). Walk across the street after the Pot Luck to reserve your seat, then go home to make popcorn to enjoy at the movies.

Aug. 8 is the annual Lake Hayward golf tournament, which will take place at Banner Country Club with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. For

18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, trophies and prizes, the cost is \$65. Members and their guests are invited. Reserve a foursome or get paired up. Call Don Biancamano at 537-3577 or Fred O'Dell at 529-6064.

Aug. 8, Annual Kids and Adults fishing derbies. Kids: 7:30-9:30 a.m., Adults 6:30-9 p.m. Meet at Second Beach lagoon to participate.

Aug. 20, Cocktails, Conversation and Comfortable Cuisine

Ladies, join your friends and make new ones at the sixth annual Ladies Night on Thursday, Aug. 20 at the First Beach pavilion. Just \$15 gets you an Italian buffet catered by Illiano's, dessert from Angelo's Bakery, two raffle tickets and NO dishes to wash.

BYOB (and your Lake Hayward plastic wine or beer glasses) to this event, which will begin with a cocktail hour at 5 p.m. The buffet will be served at 6:30 p.m. The event sold out last year so don't wait. Registration by Tuesday, Aug. 18 is required. Contact Bob Sudell at robertsudell@aol.com or 860-678-1392 today. Raffle donations are welcome.

Aug. 21, Night at the Races

You don't have to go to Churchill Downs, Pimlico or even Belmont Park to enjoy horse racing this summer. Come to Hayward Downs (the pavilion) Friday, Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. to scream for your favorite filly or colt. Don your most outrageous hat, decorate your table and don't forget your singles. Tim Pelton "The Aquatic Weed Guy" will again call the races. Ten races in all will be held with payouts on every race. BYOB (and your Lake Hayward

plastic wine or beer glasses) to this adult event. Prizes will be awarded for the best hats and table decorations. Heeeere they come!!!

Lake Hayward Days Volunteers Needed

Diane & Linda are planning for our annual beach and carnival day being held on Aug. 22 from noon to 6 p.m.

Carnival and Beach games Update: On Sunday a small group of dedicated adults met to plan for the upcoming Circus Beach Games and Carnival on Aug. 22. We still need people to help with the carnival at 3-6. The number of events are limited by the number of volunteers. Right now we have 22 general activities and five specific to the under 4 year olds. Call Diane Nelson (24 Ridgewood Rd.) at 860-305-7305 or flowersrdiane@gmail.com

Some things you need to be aware of that day are:

- Children participating in beach games 12-2 must have bathing suits, their own sunscreen and water bottle as well as life jacket, if they want to participate in one of the water events. There will be a crazy tube race for 6 years and under-they must bring their own tube of any kind. The Oar-less Boat race is for 6 and older, if they are swimmers. Write your kiddo's name on their items please. If they do not have a life jacket they will not be able to do the water event. More info to come.
- At least half of First Beach will be marked off so that the kids can have fun from 12-2. This is so observers or beach goers are not splashed or get sand in their faces. Please be patient, so that our children can have a fun time.

Social reflections: Kickin' Chicken and Fusion light a fire to finish off July

By Don Smith

Wow! What a fun-filled Saturday. Large crowds on our beaches got to see some creative boat decorations as the annual boat parade made it's way from Dog Beach to Second Beach and back. See more on the winners on Page 4. Much thanks goes to Vicky and Adam for sponsoring this event and serving up hamburgers and hot dogs to all participants and special thanks to the judges. See pictures at <http://www.donsmitty.com/2015%20Boat%20Parade%20Web/2015%20Boat%20Parade/index.html>

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Thanks to Ginger and John for bringing us the band Fusion. They really had the place rocking and the dance floor packed with young and old. And if you had any Kickin' Chicken you were probably surprised with the portions; I was. And there weren't any really really long waits in line. Kudo's go to Kicken' Chicken for a job well done. Special thanks to Deb, Jason, Lee, Gary, and Dan for their help with

the event. See pictures at <http://donsmitty.com/2015-07-25%20Fusion%20WEB/Fusion%20WEB/index.html>

Be sure to come out for our next food and band event on August 8th that will feature the Brick & Basil Wood Fired Pizza Truck beginning at 6 p.m. and the Band Redhead for the night's entertainment playing from 7-11 p.m. View this event's poster and food menu at <http://www.donsmitty.com/Redhead.htm>

LAKE HAYWARD GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, August 8, 2015; 8AM-12 Noon at Banner C.C.; Lunch to follow (TBA).

WHERE: Banner Country Club, 10 Banner Road, Moodus (East Haddam) CT 860-873-9075

WHEN: Saturday, August 8, 2015; shotgun start **PROMPTLY** at 8AM

FORMAT: Scramble, 4 person teams (sign up as a group or 1, 2, or 3 and we will pair you up with other POALH members)

PRICE: \$65. payable to POALH/Golf; payment of entry fee confirms your tee time; deliver to POALH mailbox at 83 Wildwood Road or to Chairmen Fred Odell (860)537-3609 or 860-529-6064 (273 Lake Shore Dr.) or Don Biancamano (860) 537-3577 (73 Lake Shore Drive)

Entry fee includes, practice range from 6:30 AM, golf, cart, snacks, knockout lunch, on course contests, and team(s) category prizes.

YES, please sign me up for the POALH Golf Tournament. I will be playing with the following and enclose payment for each: _____, _____, _____, _____

Name: _____ Phone/E-mail: _____

Send us your memories! E-mail your Lake Hayward memories to lakehaywardct@gmail.com and we'll print them in the newsletter each week.

2nd Annual Lake Hayward Triathlon
August 22, 2015
Second Beach Start, First Beach Finish!
Start Time: 8:00 AM
Entry Fee: \$30

It's back! The second annual Lake Hayward Sprint Triathlon! This end of summer, non-competitive event invites Lake Hayward residents, of all ability levels, to enjoy swimming, biking and running around our beautiful Lake. The event consists of an approximate 1/3-mile swim, 12 mile bike ride and 4 mile run around Lake Hayward.

*Participants assume all risk associated with this event. There will be no lifeguards on duty and roads will be open to traffic. All participants must wear helmets while riding.

Please mail/drop off entry form and fee to:

POALH
83 Wildwood Rd
Colchester, CT 06415

Registration Deadline: August 2nd. Event limited to the first 50 registrants.

Please contact Heather Taylor at htay9996@gmail.com with any questions.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Lake Address _____ Phone _____ Email _____ T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL	<p>Relay Team (Optional): Each participant must register separately and complete the form below.</p> First and Last Name _____ Please circle your event: Swim Bike Run
<p>Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____</p>	First and Last Name _____ Please circle your event: Swim Bike Run

Help Wanted!!! We need volunteers to help make this event a success. Please complete the information below if you are able to volunteer at this event (7:30 AM-11 AM). You will be contacted via email with further details.

Volunteer Name _____ Email _____



SATURDAY AUGUST 8, 2015
6:00 PM - 11:00 PM
FOOD TRUCK 6:00 PM
REDHEAD BAND 7:00 PM

REDHEAD

It's a Food Truck Pizza Party with pizza from the Brick & Basil Wood Fired Pizza Truck featuring Gourmet pizza by the slice.

After dinner the Soulful Classic Rock & Blues Band 'REDHEAD' will get you on your feet dancing! Visit their Facebook pages to learn more.

Food tickets \$1 each...or buy 8 tickets for only \$5
POALH Bucks are only good until 9:00 PM.
Cash accepted after 9:00 PM.

We need a headcount to ensure enough Pizza for everyone so please send an email to Donsmith@donsmitty.com with the number of people purchasing food.



PIZZA BY THE SLICE \$4.00

MENU

Wild Buffalo Chicken

Buffalo Wood Fired Chicken, Gorgonzola, Mozz, Caramelized Red Onion,
Topped with Ranch

BBQ Chicken

Wood Fired Chicken, Caramelized Red Onion, Bacon, and Mozz, loaded with
Sweet Baby Ray's BBQ Sauce

The Classic Margherita

Mozz, Roma Tomato, Fresh Basil

Cheese

Pepperoni

Soda \$2.00

Water \$2.00

Scenes from Saturday night: Kickin' Chicken and Fusion



Thanks to all who attended!

P.O.A.L.H. Voting Registration

Please email this form to www.lakehaywardct@gmail.com
or mail to POALH, Box 230, Colchester, CT 06415

I hereby certify that (check one):

_____ I am an elector of the Town of East Haddam and reside within said limits of the Association

or

_____ I have attained the age of eighteen years and own any legal lot within said limits which has an assessed value equal to or in excess of one thousand dollars.

Printed Name: _____
Please print legibly

Signature: _____

Association Address: _____

Secretary-Clerk

Date Approved

Voter registration update: The how, why and origins of lake voting

During the dredging project discussion at the August 2014 POALH Annual Meeting, the subject of who was eligible to vote at POALH meetings came up. Then-president Gail Miers stated that those who were registered at the sign-in table and wearing nametags could vote. This question prompted the Board to look further into voting requirements, and we found that our Charter addresses the issue.

Section 1 of our Charter, Voting Rights, states “Any natural person who is an elector of the Town of East Haddam and resides within said limits of the Association or who has attained the age of eighteen years and owns any legal lot within said limits which has an assessed value equal to or in excess of one thousand dollars and has registered with the secretary-clerk of the Association shall, while he or she continues to be such elector and resident or an owner of such lot, be a member of the Property Owners’ Association of Lake Hayward, shall be entitled to vote at any meeting or referendum of said association and shall be eligible to hold any office in said association. No member shall be entitled to more than one vote.”

The 2015 POALH spring packet contained a Voting Registration Form and a message from Secretary-Clerk Bonnie Sudell, advising that, per our Charter, members of the POALH should be registered with the Secretary-Clerk to be able to vote at meetings and referendums. This form generated considerable discussion at our June meeting, including a motion to form a committee to review the Charter regarding the “registered voter” definition and voting rights of POALH members, not make any changes prior to the August meeting and to bring suggestions to the August meeting.

Gail Miers and Bonnie Sudell were asked to spearhead the committee and seek legal opinion from our attorney. Diane Camacho and Jo-Anne Gallant came forward to help interpret our attorney’s response. Here is the result of this committee’s work:

Why do we need to register to vote?

To simply say “because it is in the Charter” won’t combat the attitude that we have always voted without registering and there is no need to change the “past practice.” However, as soon as the Board had knowledge of the voter registration requirements and informed the members, any subsequent votes that we take without following the proper procedures can be called into question by any member. As a political subdivi-

sion of the State of Connecticut, we are subject to State laws that govern taxing districts and like it or not, voter registration is included. As long as the language is in the Charter, the association members need to abide by it for votes taken at meetings to be legal and binding.

Are we the only lake association in Connecticut to require voter registration?

Not all of the lakes in the state have lake associations. Some lakes, such as the nearby Lake Andover require memberships, and one need not be a lake resident to join, but membership was required to be able to vote. Two lakes, Cedar Lake (Bristol/Wolcott Conn.) and Lake Quassapaug (Middlebury, Conn.) did have their bylaws online. The bylaws indicated that to vote, one needed to live within the boundaries outlined and purchase a membership (\$500 and \$100 respectively) which provided one member of the household one vote at their annual meeting. Several of the lakes with associations had websites that were not as comprehensive as ours and basically listed rules, regulations and events. A visitor to the site had no access to the association’s charter or bylaws, so determining who could vote wasn’t possible. One even had a member login so non-members could not access it.

Who is eligible to register to vote?

In order to be eligible to register with the secretary-clerk to vote, you must meet one of two conditions. First, you must be a natural person who is an elector of the Town of East Haddam and live within the lake boundaries. Second, you may be eighteen or older and own a lot within the lake boundaries with a value in excess of one thousand dollars.

What does our Charter mean by “Any natural person?”

The Charter uses the term “Any natural person” which immediately eliminates companies such as the Connecticut Water Company, which owns land, from having a vote. Likewise, a corporation or LLC (limited liability corporation) which owns a cottage cannot vote because they are not a natural person. If an individual, tenant or member, from the corporation is a resident of the cottage and an elector of East Haddam, they satisfy the Charter and can register to vote.

What about trusts and estates?

If a property is listed as a trust with no co-owner listed, there is no natural person and therefore no vote. So if the language of the trust

reads ‘the living trust of John Doe’, John cannot vote unless John resides at the property and is an elector of East Haddam. However, listed co-owners may register with the secretary-clerk and vote even if they are not electors of the Town because they own property valued at least \$1,000. So if the trust reads John and Jane Doe and the living trust of John Doe, both are eligible to register and vote. If just John’s name is on the trust, his wife must live at the lake and be an elector of the Town to be eligible to register to vote.

If the property is held in a Life Estate Deed, the situation is similar to that of a trust. All of the owner(s) of the life estate may register to vote if they are specifically named on the life estate deed. Otherwise, they must reside at the lake and be electors of the Town.

What about deeded properties?

Anyone listed on the deed may register to vote with the secretary-clerk. If a spouse is not on the deed, or the property has other owners not listed, they cannot vote unless they are residents and are registered as an elector of the Town of East Haddam. Children of the owner may register to vote with the secretary-clerk if they are residents and are registered as an elector of the Town.

What if you own multiple properties?

If you own multiple properties and are listed on multiple deeds, you only have one vote. The number of properties doesn’t matter.

What about renters?

Renters may register with the secretary-clerk to vote if and only if they live within the lake boundaries and are registered as electors with the Town of East Haddam.

What can we do if we are dissatisfied with the voter registration process?

As the language regarding voter registration is in the Charter, and the Charter was accepted by the Connecticut state legislature, there is little we can do. Changing the Charter literally takes an ‘Act of Congress’ and the state legislators would rather not deal with what they consider a minor issue.

Even if we voted to change the Charter, it could take several years before changes could be made. In the meantime, it is in our best interests to abide by the voter registration process so that votes taken at our annual meeting are legal and binding.

Beach 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 diapers at all times.
4. No fishing from the beach and within 25 feet of swim area.
5. Dogs are never allowed on the beach.
6. Vehicles are not allowed on any beach at any time.
7. No glass on any beach or in the pavilion.
8. All trash and cigarette butts must be removed from the beach and beach area and disposed of properly.
9. Use of the beach and beach area is limited to Association members and their guests.
10. Cars parking in a beach parking area must display a current POALH parking permit.
11. Beaches and Association properties are closed from Midnight to 6 a.m. Police take notice.

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