

Lake Hayward 2025 Spring Packet

President's Message



Dear Lake Hayward Community,

Welcome back to our snowbirds and a warm hello to our year-round residents! It was a joy to see the lake frozen this winter, offering ice fishing, skating—even ice bowling! Now, it's time to trade in skates for sandals and enjoy our beaches once again.

Over the winter, your Board of Governors and Property Manager have been busy

preparing for summer. We've taken steps to protect our shoreline from erosion, and with success, we plan to make this an annual effort. A spring work party is planned to remove hay bales and sandbags—details are in the Properties section, and volunteers are always appreciated!

The Playground Committee has been researching new equipment and organizing fundraisers for the summer—stay tuned! We've also made strides in Asset Management Planning, identifying key POALH assets to help the Budget Committee plan effectively.

Look for updates at our June Meeting, including progress on Short-Term Rentals (STRs). We're also thrilled to launch our new POALH Website, offering improved usability and interactive features.

Thanks to Lynn Butler, our Events Calendar is packed with fun—live bands, food trucks, trivia nights, bunco, and more! We're also excited to introduce our Public Safety Committee, working to improve signage and security around the lake.

Finally, we'll have Board of Governors openings this August. If you're passionate about the community, consider getting involved!

Here's to another season of sunshine, friendship, and unforgettable memories at Lake Hayward.

Warm regards,

Laurie Dworak

Welcome to Lake Hayward Events 2025!

I'm excited to offer new and recurring favorite events. A few people have reached out to ask if they can be on the Social Committee. Please email me, Lynn Butler, at events@lakehaywardct.com if you are interested.

If you have an event you would like to sponsor; please contact me. There are requests for a Perennial Swap, Poker Paddle, Beach Chair Yoga, Musical Bingo, Sip and Paint, and an Auction. Let's put these events on the calendar!

SUNDAY - afternoons: Acoustic music (3 during the summer)

MONDAY - evenings: open

TUESDAY - 5:00-7:30 PM, Pickleball

TUESDAY - 6:30 PM, Kids Crafts with Lynn Macri and Karen Van Zetten

WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM, Kiddie Bingo with Linda Abel and Shannon McKane

THURSDAY - 5:00-7:30 PM, Pickleball

THURSDAY - 7:30-8:30 PM, Happy Hour, Pavilion, everyone is welcome

FRIDAY - evenings: - TBD

SATURDAY - evenings: Bands and food trucks when available

This is your lake community; what would you like to see?

BANDS: Looking for individuals who will host a band one or more times during the season. Our first band is currently scheduled for June 21st with String of Pearls. We are bringing back a couple of favorites, as well as "new to us" bands.

SPORTS: There will be newly resurfaced and upgraded tennis/pickleball courts.

Opening day for the cottages is upon us. Can't wait to begin this season at the lake.

I look forward to meeting more members of our wonderful lake community.

Happy Spring!

Lynn Butler

Events Chair

Events@lakehaywardct.com

Treasurer's Report

A Note from the Treasurer – Lisa Hober

Each year, during June and July, the Budget Committee requests a wide range of financial reports from me to compare spending and budget requests from both the current and previous years. Using this data—and a strong dose of frugality—a proposed budget is crafted. Once the membership votes and approves it, that budget becomes the official, legal document that authorizes the Board of Governors to operate P.O.A.L.H.

Our fiscal year begins on July 1st, and throughout the year I prepare monthly financial reports to keep the Board informed and ensure transparency for all members.

Committee Chairs and others responsible for specific revenue or expense categories are asked to report on the use of their allocated funds. I also provide the Board with detailed comparisons of actual revenue and expenses versus the approved budget, helping ensure all funds are collected, spent, and saved in alignment with what you—the members—voted on.

Quarterly financial reports are posted on the POALH website (www.lakehaywardct.com) following Board review and approval. If you'd like an interim report at any time, feel free to request one by emailing treasurer@lakehaywardct.com.

Thank you for your continued support.



Beach Water Testing: How It Works

We're happy to report that once again, **none of our beaches required closure last summer!**

But how does water testing at our three beaches actually work?

POALH follows the **State of Connecticut's guidelines** for water quality monitoring and closure protocols. From **Memorial Day through Labor Day**, weekly water samples are collected at **First, Second, and Third Beach**. Each sample is taken at a depth of 3 feet and transported to a certified lab in Manchester, where it's tested for **E. coli levels**.

A reading of **more than 235 E. coli organisms per 100 ml** exceeds the acceptable limit for safe swimming. If a sample surpasses this threshold, POALH will post **"No Swimming" signs** at the affected beach and collect a **follow-up sample the next day**.

- If the second test comes back below the threshold, the beach is **reopened** and signs are removed.
- If the second test is still above the limit, the area remains **closed until the next scheduled weekly test**.

One common contributor to elevated bacteria levels is the presence of **large waterfowl populations** in the watershed. While POALH employs several strategies to discourage birds from congregating on our beaches, keeping them—and the waste they leave behind—off the shores continues to be a challenge.

We remain committed to maintaining clean and safe swimming areas for all to enjoy throughout the summer season!

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE SPRING UPDATE

The playground committee has been hard at work this winter researching playground options.

We have narrowed down our desires in what our playground would generally include. For example, slide(s), monkey bars, and a climbing apparatus. With a small footprint and changes in safety requirements our options seem limited under certain prices.

We are keeping focus for on-sale playground options that may present themselves before the August vote.

General updates-

- The town has approved us to extend the footprint a few feet larger.
- We think wood mulch may be the best ground cover option; safe, biodegradable, less expensive and the geese steer clear of it.
- Installation must be done professionally by the company to mitigate legal risk.
- The timeline could have a playground installed this fall.
- Fundraising efforts will be continued. We had a successful basket raffle on New Year's Day that raised about \$1,000. Thank you to all who participated and donated. Donations to the fund can be sent to the Treasurer, Lisa and mailed to P.O. Box 230 Colchester, CT 06415.

Thank you,

Playground Committee

Cassie Jacoby Co-Chair

Robert Sudell Co-Chair

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Lake Hayward Dam Repair Update

2025 will be a busy season for the POALH membership, the Board, the Finance Committee, and the Dam Committee regarding the dam repair project.

While it has taken longer than anticipated for DEEP to issue a permit to make repairs to the Lake Hayward dam, DEEP stopped asking 'just one more question' this March. Based on the experience of our dam design engineer Karl Acimovic, it is now anticipated that the construction permit will be issued by DEEP in the next 60 days. Therefore, it is now time to begin the 'heavy lifting' of the dam project.

Plan the work, work the plan.

Preliminary Dam Project Goals and Objectives:

- Targeted construction window is September 2026 - March 2027.
- Identify four qualified dam construction firms in April 2025.
- Solicit construction bids and projected cost projections May - July 2025.
- Meet with applicable Town entities (Inland Wetlands, P&Z, Public Works, Town Council, Fire Dept.) to review the project in detail, June - August 2025.
- Plan an informational POALH and east side meeting with dam project status updates and information gathered thus far in July 2025.
- The proposed funding model entails a one-time and equal property special assessment applied to all homes on both the east and west side of Lake Hayward.
- Provide a dam project status and update at the 2025 POALH Annual Meeting.
- Upon comprehensive evaluation of all the collected information, the POALH Board and Finance Committee will issue the construction bid award for work to commence in September 2026, to be awarded September-October 2025.
- In conjunction with the POALH Board and Finance Committee, a referendum will be issued for all POALH home owners and request for payment from all east side residents for a one-time fee to underwrite the funding to repair the dam, to be issued in December 2025.

Is the project timeline aggressive...you bet.

Is the project timeline do-able...absolutely!

There are a number of highly skilled and talented people that have waited patiently for this project to get underway. Now it is time to get to work.

Respectfully,



Tim Pelton

Dam Committee Chair

POALH Asset Management

As part of the ongoing asset management program, the Board of Governors (BOG) has developed a process to manage the needs of major POALH assets from both a physical and financial standpoint. We have identified eight major assets which will be managed using this process. Major assets include items such as the 1st Beach pavilion and the tennis/basketball courts.

Our goal is to provide the POALH community and the Finance Committee with greater insight and understanding related to asset needs.

The tools associated with the asset management process will allow designated asset managers to share projected needs over an extended period of time. We anticipate using the shared information to better understand the needs and timing, enhancing the decision making process and funding allocation.

As we continue to hone the asset management process, it is the intent of the BOG to share updates with the community and solicit feedback.

**Dave Giroux
Asset Management**



The Merchandise Store

We're Going In-Person and Rolling Out New Designs!

This summer, we are thrilled to announce that we will be back hosting our in-person store at all our social events!

After a period of virtual interactions, there's nothing like the energy of seeing you face-to-face again, and we can't wait to reconnect in person.

But that's not all—we've got some fresh, exciting updates for you! Our team has been working hard behind the scenes, and we're proud to reveal our brand-new logo, designed by the talented Jonathan Abel. This new look reflects the energy and spirit of what we do, and we're excited to share it with you.

Along with the fresh logo, we're introducing two new designs that will be part of our in-person store experience. First up, our Pickleball logo, which captures the fun, fast-paced nature of the game that has become a favorite for many of you. And, of course, we're also rolling out the Lake Hayward logo, a tribute to the natural beauty of the area that we know you love.

Whether you're coming for the social scene or looking to grab some new merchandise, our social events this summer will be the perfect opportunity to do both. See you there!

**Michelle Grenier
merchandise@lakeyhaywardct.com**

LAKE WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE LQIC

As most of you know, this committee is a collaborative effort by residents on both sides of our lake and we cannot thank them enough for the volunteer hours they give to our efforts. Our yearly treatment for invasive aquatic weeds will continue this year and is scheduled to take place on July 8, 2025. This treatment is once again being done a little later this year so that there is more growth to target. This date is noted on our POALH calendar, and reminders will go out via email blasts and the usual signage placed around the lake. Do not use lake water for drinking, cooking, or watering livestock during the days immediately following the treatment. Specific dates for

resuming swimming and these other activities will be communicated to you through email and signage around the lake. A pretreatment survey will be conducted on June 24th of this year and a post treatment survey on July 22nd. Solitude does use gas powered boats for both surveys and the actual treatment.

As our board, along with LQIC, look for ways to curb unwanted nutrients from entering the lake, we as individual homeowners must do our part. Please have your septic systems inspected, cleaned, and if necessary repaired. We cannot stress the importance of doing this enough. Do not fertilize your lawns and clean up responsibly after pets and other animals you may be housing on your properties. Redirect downspouts into your landscaping and off your driveways. Do not remove trees that are not imposing any danger and allow your grass to grow a little taller to help curb runoff. As a committee, we feel that curbing runoff is imperative and there needs to be a more focused attempt to do so. This needs to be a collaboration with both the town and our residents.

As we do every year, a member of your LQIC along with representatives from the other two lakes in town presented a request for funds to the Board of Selectman for the 25/26 budgeting process. We have asked for funds to help reimburse expenses related to water quality issues. Lake Hayward has also asked for an additional \$15,000 under capital improvement requests to help offset our dam repair costs. We have already been awarded a total of \$60,000 over the past four years for that repair. We are very grateful for the funds we have received so far from the town of East Haddam.

Lastly, please take care to clean your boats when using them in various bodies of water. Aquatic invasive species plants and animals have larval forms that are difficult to see with the human eye. They can be transported when caught in propellers, intakes, attached to boat hauls, entangled in boat trailers or when live bait from another area is released into a water body. This information along with tips on cleaning your boats can be found on the CT. DEEP website. Some of them include drying out your boat for at least two days though five is best, wash down hull with tap water on land, removing any vegetation that you can see, and please do not throw purchased bait or its vegetative packing material into the water. We all have our part to play in keeping our lake healthy.

Help Protect Lake Hayward's Watershed: Every Action Counts

A healthy watershed is vital to preserving the beauty and safety of Lake Hayward. Whether you live directly on the water or not, every homeowner plays a role in protecting our lake from pollution and erosion.

Your lawn and landscaping choices matter.

Maintaining healthy lawns and natural shorelines is one of the best defenses against water quality issues. Native plants, in particular, are excellent at absorbing excess nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen—both of which contribute to harmful algal blooms and degraded water quality.

Simple steps like letting your grass grow a little longer in the summer and avoiding fertilizer use can go a long way. Deep-rooted vegetation also helps stabilize the soil, reducing shoreline erosion and keeping sediment out of the lake.

Shoreline care matters, too.

Even if your property isn't directly on the water, erosion control is essential. Vegetation along the lake's edge helps protect against erosion and deters nuisance wildlife like geese.

Please remember:

*** Do not remove or modify vegetation on POALH property without permission from the Board of Governors.**

Septic system maintenance is critical.

Lake Hayward's watershed includes many homes—and with them, many septic systems. If not properly maintained, failing systems can leak harmful nutrients into the lake. Be sure your system is inspected and serviced regularly to do your part in preserving water quality.

Together, we can protect the health and beauty of Lake Hayward for generations to come.

— Lake Quality & Improvement Committee (LQIC)

COURT COMMITTEE:

Our committee has grown to encompass all the Courts—tennis, pickleball, and basketball. We're excited to share updates on several projects aimed at enhancing these important community spaces.

As you may have noticed, our Tennis/Pickleball Court Refurbishment Project was delayed last year due to an unusually rainy season, which impacted our contractor's schedule. This year, however, we're at the top of their list, and work is scheduled to begin between late May and mid-June, weather permitting. Temperatures must remain above 70°F for the crack repair materials to properly cure. Once started, the courts will be closed for approximately two weeks.

This refurbishment is a major investment in maintaining one of our most-used amenities. We're working with Vermont Recreational, who has also lined our basketball courts. Additionally, we plan to add children's games to the basketball court. These are being selected with input from POALH members to ensure they're both fun and age-appropriate.

With the resurfacing comes a few important reminders. To protect our investment, the following are not permitted on the courts:

- **Pets**
- **Bicycles**
- **Skateboards**
- **Rollerblades**
- **Scooters**
- **Razors**
- **Hard-sole shoes**

These rules are posted at each gate and must be followed to preserve the court surfaces.

To help manage usage, the Courts Committee has launched Team Reach apps for both tennis and pickleball players. Instructions for accessing the apps will be shared soon—watch the website and email blasts for updates, or reach out to a committee member.

We're looking forward to a fun and active summer on our courts!

Courts Committee Members:

Chris Popolizio (Chair)

Pete Rutledge

Phil Sabo

Tom Lander

Chris & Tom Tyrell

Keith Marvin (Budget Advisory)

1st Beach

Spring is in the Air at First Beach!

We're excited to welcome the warmer weather and can't wait for summer fun at First Beach and the Pavilion! A fantastic lineup of events has been scheduled, so be sure to visit the Events Calendar at lakehaywardct.com to save the dates for your favorite activities.

A huge thank you to everyone who pitched in to clean up goose droppings at First Beach last season—it made a big difference! To further reduce the presence of geese this year, a fence has been installed along the water's edge. This barrier is designed to discourage geese from roosting on the beach and should help keep the area cleaner for everyone.

Here's the plan for the fence:

- **Through the end of May:** The fence will remain up 24/7.
- **In June, July and August:** The fence will be taken down each morning and reinstalled each evening.

This season, instead of collecting and hauling buckets of droppings, we're asking for volunteers to assist with removing and replacing the fence—an easier and quicker task. Whether you can commit to a day, a week, or just one morning or evening, your help is greatly appreciated!

If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding First Beach, we'd love to hear from you.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the beach!

Evelyn Passan

First Beach Representative

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Craig Montanari

First Beach Representative

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2nd Beach

Second Beach 2025 – Looking Forward to a Great Summer!

Happy Spring! After a long winter, we're all eager to make new memories with family and friends at the lake. We look forward to seeing everyone at Second Beach and welcome any suggestions or requests to make it even better. Let's have a fantastic summer!

We have exciting updates for the upcoming season:

- The former playscape has been removed, and the Playscape Committee is actively researching a replacement. The community will have the opportunity to vote on this in August.
- The 2nd Beach Campout made a great comeback last summer and is returning on July 12th—so get your tents ready!
- Our parking lot was used for equipment storage during the water system upgrades this past winter. Connecticut Water Company has assured us that repairs will be completed soon, restoring it to its prior condition or better.
- Last fall, a small group gathered at Second Beach to enjoy the Northern Lights, as it's an ideal location close to home. With more geomagnetic storms expected this year, bring your chairs down when they are forecasted! If you drive, please turn off your vehicle lights as soon as you arrive so everyone can fully enjoy the show.

Looking forward to an amazing summer at Second Beach!

See you at the beach!

Nancy Kavanaugh – 2nd Beach Rep (NancyK@lakehaywardct.com)

Chris Popolizio – 2nd Beach Rep (ChrisP@lakehaywardct.com)

3rd Beach

Welcome back to another fun summer season at Lake Hayward. Your Board of Governors have been busy this winter working to help make your experience more enjoyable.

Some things to note:

A new information kiosk will be installed at 3rd Beach, along with the other POALH beaches. We hope to have the kiosk installed within the next couple of months.

The hay bales and silt fence on 3rd Beach have helped to reduce beach erosion over the winter and early spring. The current plan is to remove them on Friday, May 9th. Please considering volunteering for this work party by contacting Propertiess@lakehaywardct.com.

Per the requests of our 3rd Beach residents, we are looking into increasing the kayak/canoe storage at 3rd Beach. We will keep you updated as we assess the area for appropriate placement and schedule a work party to achieve your ask. Please remember that the boat racks located throughout our Lake Hayward properties are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Feel free to contact Dave Giroux or Julia Schiavi, your 3rd Beach Representatives, with any concerns/questions you may want to share.

Thank you

ThirdBeachRep1@lakehaywardct.com Dave Giroux

ThirdBeachRep2@lakehaywardct.com Julia Schiavi

EAST SIDE, WEST SIDE
Lake Hayward
Tag & Yard Sale

Memorial Day Weekend
Saturday, May 24, 2025
9 a.m. - 2 p.m .

Clear out the Cottage!

Set up a Yard Sale at Your Cottage or Rent a Space at the Pavilion. Here's an opportunity to drive, bike, walk around this Great Lake of ours and find what treasures await.

PLANTS

Indoor/Outdoor/Perennial plants homegrown here at the Lake will be available for a donation to the Playground fund. **

REGISTRATION

To register for a space and for more information, **TEXT ONLY**
860-287-3982, or email
evergreen42094@gmail.com

*Table fees will be donated to the Playground fund.

** If you have plants you wish to donate, b ring them to the pavilion.



PAVILION SPACES
AVAILABLE on
FIRST COME-FIRST
SERVED BASIS

Small 4' Space \$5
donation *

Large 8' Space \$10
donation *

Overflow spaces on the beach with pop-up tents will also be available

NEED A HAND?

A volunteer will donate his time

& trailer for Door-to-Door delivery service at the Lake for larger items.



Exciting News: Our New Website Is Live!

Since January, your Board of Governors has been hard at work developing a new POALH website to improve functionality and user experience. While we had planned a later launch, a recent crash of the old site required us to bring the new site online ahead of schedule.

Please visit our new site at lakehaywardct.com and take a look! You'll notice some placeholders and missing content—we're actively working to transfer and update information as quickly as possible.

If you have questions, suggestions, or great lake photos you'd like to share on the site, please email our webmaster at webmaster@lakehaywardct.com.

Thank you for your patience and support as we finalize the new website!

Laurie Dworak

president@lakehaywardct.com



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HELP KEEP OUR BEACHES CLEAN—SUPPORT GOOSE MITIGATION EFFORTS!

Did you know that for the past **three summers**, we have not had to close our beaches due to high bacteria levels in the lake? This success is due in large part to the consistent and creative geese mitigation strategies we've implemented—making our lake far less appealing to visiting geese.

Here are a few more things you might not know:

- **Canada geese return to the same nesting grounds each year**, often where they themselves were hatched.
- A single nest can contain **10–15 eggs**, and in early May 2024, **three goose families—about 30 goslings—were born right here at Lake Hayward.**

As of now, geese sightings around the lake have been minimal. Typically, geese begin pairing and nesting between mid-March and early April. If you notice a lone goose near your property, it's a likely sign that a nest is nearby. **Please do not disturb the area, but do alert the Geese Committee** by emailing geese@lakehaywardct.com so we can respond appropriately.

Long-Term Goose Control: We Need Your Help!

Maintaining low goose activity requires **ongoing community involvement** and a multi-pronged strategy:

1. **Do Not Feed the Geese**

Feeding encourages them to settle and remain in the area.

2. **Modify the Landscape**

Geese prefer open, grassy areas. If you're a lakefront homeowner, consider letting your grass grow to **at least 12 inches** and planting less palatable greenery such as tall fescue, periwinkle, pachysandra, English ivy, plantain lily, or ground juniper.

3. **Harassment Protocols (When Permitted)**

Do not harass geese unless instructed to do so via an official email blast. Harassing protected wildlife outside of designated times is a federal offense.

Once the geese have molted and the goslings can fly, it becomes legal to use kayaks, boats, or even remote-controlled watercraft to discourage geese from settling. Dogs (not allowed on beaches but welcome on private property) are also very effective deterrents—provided the effort is consistent.

New This Year: Fencing Expansion

Last season, temporary fencing by the pavilion was highly effective in keeping geese off the grass. This year, we've extended that effort with fencing along the shoreline of **1st Beach, 2nd Beach, Little Beach, and most of 3rd Beach.**

Starting Memorial Day Weekend, we'll need **volunteers to help put the fence up in the**

evening and take it down in the morning. It's a small task that makes a big impact! If you'd like to volunteer with the Geese Committee or help with fencing, please email me for more information.

Thank you to everyone who has already reached out—we couldn't do this without you!

Evelyn Passan Co-Chair
Holly Landers Co-Chair
Geese@lakehaywardct.com

From the Webmaster!

Happy Spring neighbors! I'm so excited to see that spring is in the air and I'm very much looking forward to another great summer at the lake!

If you have not visited the website yet, I would encourage you to do so. You will see there have been some significant changes made and I'm happy to announce there are more coming! Based on the feedback we have received from some of you, we are looking to make things easier to find, more user friendly, faster, and an overall better web experience!

As webmaster, I will not take any of the credit for this as we have one of "our own" who has been working closely with the board to help us make these changes and for this we are so grateful! This project is a true testament to how our community (and extended community) are all working toward making POALH better!

If you have any thoughts to share or questions concerning the website, you can direct them to webmaster@lakehaywardct.com or to me at firstbeachrep2@lakehaywardct.com

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

All my best,

Craig Montanari

POALH Webmaster

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PROPERTIES WELCOMES YOU BACK TO THE LAKE!

We're so excited to welcome everyone back for another beautiful season at Lake Hayward! It's bittersweet news that Alex, our enthusiastic young Property Manager from 3rd Beach, has accepted a full-time position in the workforce—congratulations to him! While we'll certainly miss his energy and dedication around the lake, we wish him all the best in this new chapter.

In Alex's absence, many of the responsibilities traditionally handled by the Property Manager are now being shared among our dedicated committees. For now, property maintenance will continue through volunteer efforts under the direction of the Board of Governors. We've also created a POALH Property Team on TeamReach to help coordinate volunteer efforts. If you'd like to pitch in and aren't already on the list, please email us at properties@lakehaywardct.com to be added.

Over the winter, erosion control measures such as silt fencing, sandbags, and hay bales were installed to protect our beaches and prevent sand from washing into the lake. We'll need your help to remove these materials before the season begins! Please consider joining us for a work party on May 9 (and possibly May 10) to lend a hand.

After a lake freeze this past winter—perfect for ice fishing, skating, and family fun—we now have a few repairs to tackle. On the list: the Wildwood Road sign at Hayfield and the single-level boat rack at 2nd Beach. If you come across any other issues, feel free to email properties@lakehaywardct.com.

Also, if you have a green thumb, we'd love your help with the annual gardening at the pavilion! Please connect with Linda Abel on Wildwood Road (though let's be honest—she likely needs no introduction!).

Mark your calendars for May 17, when we'll need volunteers to help place swim lines at all three beaches. Watch your email for exact times and rain dates, and stay updated through TeamReach as well.

New kiosks will soon be installed at each beach to help better communicate important information to our members.

And a quick reminder: If you notice water pooling on roads during dry weather, it may indicate a water line break. Please report it directly to the CT Water Company.

Thank you all for your continued support, generosity, and love for our special community. Let's make it a fantastic season!

Your Board of Governors

BOAT RACKS AT ALL BEACHES

Boat racks are available on a first-come, first-served basis each year starting on **March 15th** (no earlier) through **November 15th**. Please refrain from moving or tipping boats/paddle boards currently on the rack when adding your vessel. It would be helpful and considerate to please leave the bottom level for bigger boats.

Please don't forget to put your address on your vessel before adding it to the boat rack. Unidentified vessels may be removed from the racks.

Thank you for your consideration!

ENJOYING OUR RECLAIMED WALK WAYS

We hope you're enjoying the reclaimed walk ways throughout our community! As we discovered last year, POALH owns seven (7) ten-foot walk ways that provide members with convenient access between the upper roads and our lakeside amenities. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of the Walk Way Committee and many generous volunteers, five of these walk ways were successfully re-established last summer.

This spring and summer, efforts will continue to complete the remaining two walk ways. Additionally, signage will be installed on the split rail fencing to clearly mark walk way entrances.

Looking ahead, the approved 2025–2026 Budget includes \$2,500 in Capital Reserve funds designated for walk way improvements. These funds will be used to repair the stairs at the entrance of the 255/257 Lake Shore walk way. The Walk Way Committee will also continue working with the Budget Committee to secure future funding for necessary repairs to the 99 Wildwood to 120 Longwood walkway.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making our walkways safer and more accessible!

Julia Schiavi

Walk Way Committee Chair

Appendix A

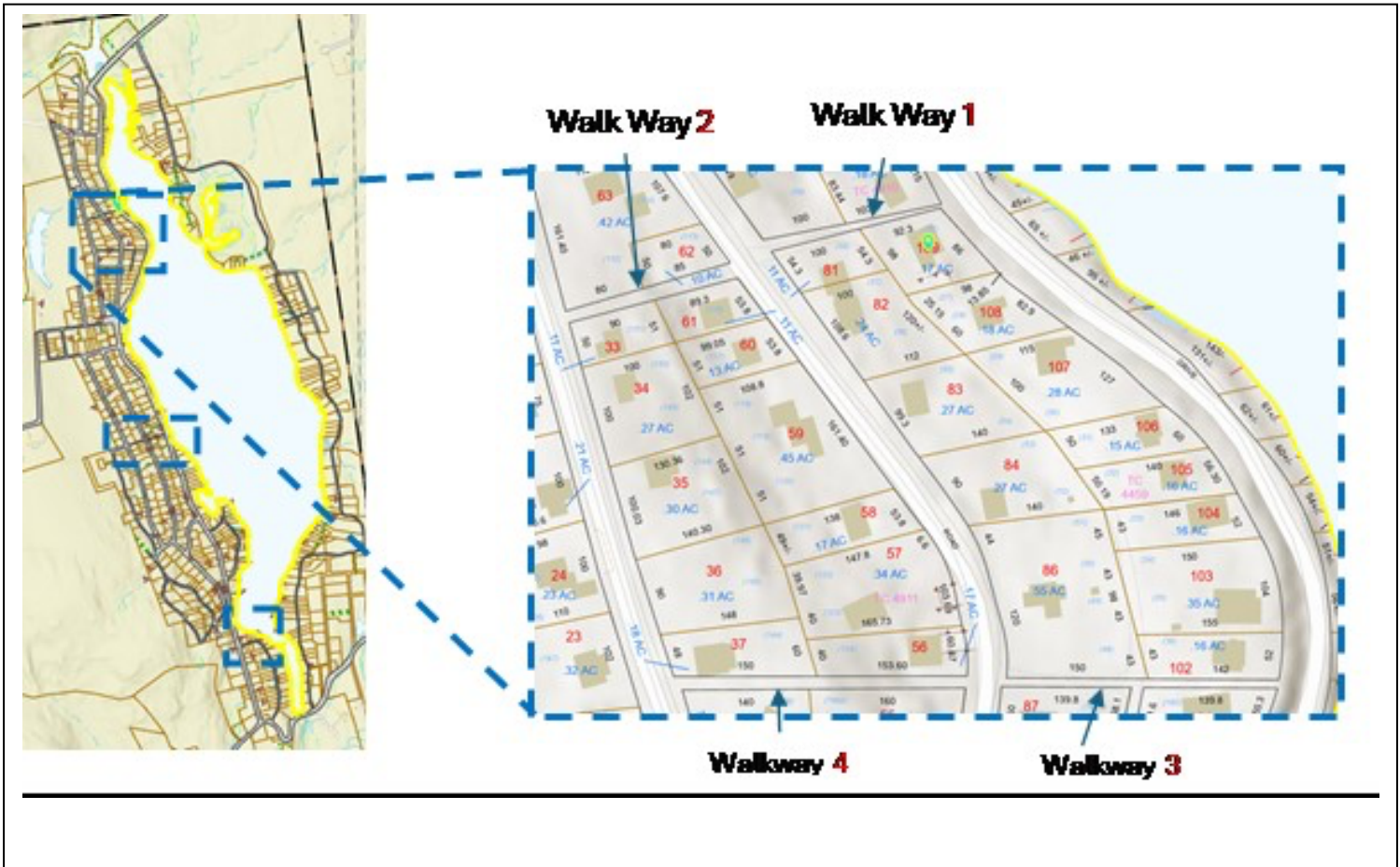


Figure 1 Showing walkways 1-4. Note that the map is approximate. Although it shows the walkways as variable width, they are in fact a constant 10' wide.



It's a Craft Fair

Hello Crafters, we are planning a craft fair at the pavilion on July 12, from 9-2 rain or shine.

The cost is \$10.00 per table, which will benefit the playscape.

Please let us know by June 12th.

Please contact Karen Van Zetten at 860-367-3867 or Lynn Macri at 860-304-0564 to let us know if you would like to participate.

We are looking forward to having a great fun day. Can't wait to hear from you!

Thank you,

Karen and Lynn

