

The bad news is'... time flies. The good news is... you're the pilot." –

Michael Altshuler,

The Weekly News
 Property Owners Association
 Lake Hayward



This newsletter is published for POALH members every Saturday from June 13 to Sept. 5th. This year, besides advertising our impressive schedule of events, I've added two sections of events occurring outside of the POALH confines. For those interested in professional sports I've posted schedules of local teams. I hope some of you have found this useful and informative. Edited by Gary Cohen.

Sunday, June 28th
10:AM POALH
Association Meeting In the pavilion

**Upcoming POALH
 Important Events**



June 28, 2026	Sunday	10:00 AM	First Beach Pavilion	June Association Meeting
July - TBD	Sunday	10:00 AM	First Beach Pavilion	Budget/Town Hall Meeting
July 20, 2026	Tuesday	7:00 PM		Board of Governors
August 4, 2026	Tuesday	7:00 PM		Board of Governors
August 16, 2026	Sunday	10:00 AM	First Beach Pavilion	Annual Association Meeting

Saturday, June 27th 7:00 PM

The Locomotives

Anthony Valentino, Ray White and Paul Zemienieski joined together in 2011 to form The Locomotives. We are a fun, professional rock n roll band from Moodus

CAUTION

LAKE HAYWARD

TO BE/WAS TREATED WITH PESTICIDE ON:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026

Pesticide Name(s): Flumigard SC
CT DEEP PERMIT # AQUA-2026-184

DO NOT USE THE WATER FOR THE FOLLOWING
PURPOSE(S) UNTIL THE DATE NOTED BELOW:

DRINKING AND COOKING	07/09/2026
BOATING	07/09/2026
FISHING AND SWIMMING	07/09/2026
WATERING OF LIVESTOCK	07/09/2026
IRRIGATION	07/13/2026

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:



590 Lake Street Shrewsbury, MA 01545
508-865-1000

THIS SIGN MUST REMAIN POSTED 7 DAYS AFTER TREATMENT OR UNTIL THE LATEST DATE LISTED ABOVE

Tristan's Law

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN WHEN BUYING ICE CREAM FROM A FROZEN DESSERT TRUCK.

Did you know that the operator of a vehicle shall stop such vehicle not less than ten feet from the front when approaching and not less than ten feet from the rear when overtaking any frozen dessert truck on a highway when the frozen dessert truck is displaying flashing red Substitute Senate Bill No. 608 Public Act No. 21-20 2 of 9 signal lights and extending the stop signal arm and the front crossing arm. The operator may then proceed past the frozen dessert truck at a reasonable and prudent speed, not exceeding five miles per hour, and shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian who crosses the highway to or from the frozen dessert truck?

IT'S THE LAW.

Substitute Senate Bill No. 608 Public Act No. 21-20

Pavilion Housekeeping:

A friendly reminder that we are all responsible for the pavilion's cleanliness. If you or your child spills something, please immediately pour water on it to prevent it from drying into a sticky mess that collects sand.

Our beach rakers work five days a week. When the 1st Beach Raker rakes the beach, he removes the trash from the beachside cans to the parking lot. He is not responsible for continually monitoring the trash throughout the day. If you see that the black garbage can is full, please remove the bag and take it to the large green cans located in the parking lot. Spare garbage bags are in the bottom of the black can.

This is OUR community and everyone's contribution is needed and greatly appreciated to keep it running.



WATERCRAFT STORED ON ASSOCIATION PROPERTY

→ STATE LAW AND POALH RULES & REGULATIONS →

Watercraft stored on Association property and according to **State Law, Public Act 26-60**, must be identified with owner contact information, including the street address displayed on the vessel or the vessel may be **subject to removal**.



BE IDENTIFIED. BE RESPONSIBLE.
*Help Keep Our Community Safe,
Clean & Compliant!* ♥



THIS IS ALSO A POALH RULE & REGULATION
Section 7.15 – Boats, Trailers & Watercraft Storage

Visit LakeHaywardCT.com for complete Rules & Regulations.



THANK YOU FOR HELPING KEEP LAKE HAYWARD BEAUTIFUL FOR EVERYONE! ♥

JULY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6-27-26	SATURDAY	Lake Hayward Book Club	11:30 am-1:00 pm		
6-27-26	Saturday	Birthday party (private)		Pavilion	
6-27-26	Saturday	Oz and Bones	5:00 pm- 8:00 pm	First Beach parking lot	self pay
6-27-26	Saturday	The Locomotives	7:00 pm-10:00 pm 10:00 am-12:00	Pavilion	
6-28-26	Sunday	June Association Meeting	pm	Pavilion	
6-29-26	Monday	Mahjong	1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Pavilion	
6-29-26	Monday	Bunco	7:00 pm-9:00 pm	Pavilion	\$6 per player
6-30-26	Tuesday	Pickleball	4:30 pm-8:00 pm	Pavilion	
7-1-26	Wednesday	Kiddie Bingo	7:00 pm-8:00 pm	Pavilion	
7-2-26	Thursday	Mahjong	1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Pavilion	
7-2-26	Thursday	Pickleball	4:30 pm- 8:00 pm	Courts	
7-2-26	Thursday	Happy Hour	7:30 pm -8:30 pm	Pavilion	
7-3-26	Friday	Trivia	6:00 pm-9:00 pm	Pavilion	\$5 per player
7-4-26	Saturday	Shake the Lake bingo	6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Pavilion	10 singles \$10 per player
7-5-26	Sunday	Corn hole	10:00 am- 1:00 pm	First beach	
7-5-26	Sunday	birthday party (private)	2:30 pm-6:00 pm	Pavilion	
7-6-26	Monday	Mahjong	1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Pavilion	
7-7-26	Tuesday	Teen Dungeons and Dragons	4:00 pm-5:30 pm	Pavilion	
7-7-26	Tuesday	Pickleball	4:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Courts	
7-7-26	Tuesday	Kiddie Craft	6:30 PM-7:30 PM	Pavilion	
7-8-26	Wednesday	Kiddie Bingo	7:00 pm- 8:00 pm	Pavilion	
7-9-26	Thursday	Mahjong	1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Pavilion	
7-9-26	Thursday	Pickleball	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Courts	
7-9-26	Thursday	Happy Hour	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Pavilion	
7-10-26	Friday	(private luncheon)		Pavilion	
7-10-26	Friday	Karaoke with Royal Beats DJ	7:00 pm-10:00 pm	Pavilion	
7-11-26	Saturday	Craft Fair	10:00 am-2:00 pm	Pavilion	
7-11-26	Saturday	Shark themed bingo	4:00 pm-5:30 pm	Pavilion	
7-11-26	Saturday	JAWS the movie	7:30 pm-9:30 pm	First beach	
7-12-26	Sunday	Paul Tyler aka Walnutz	1:00 pm-3:00 pm	Pavilion	
7-13-26	Monday	Mahjong	1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Pavilion	
7-14-26	Tuesday	Teen Dungeons and Dragons	4:00 pm-5:30 pm	Pavilion	
7-14-26	Tuesday	Pickleball	5:00 pm-8:00 pm	Courts	
7-14-26	Tuesday	Kiddie Crafts	6:30 pm-7:30 pm	Pavilion	
7-15-26	Wednesday	Kiddie bingo	7:00 pm-8:00 pm	Pavilion	

7-16-26	Thursday	Mahjong	1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Pavilion	
7-16-26	Thursday	Pickleball	5:00 pm-8:00 pm	Courts	
7-16-26	Thursday	Happy Hour	7:30 pm-8:30 pm	Pavilion	
7-17-26	Friday	Family Feud	6:00 pm-9:00 pm	Pavilion	fee
7-18-26	Saturday	Twisted Tees Tie Dye	2:00 pm-4:00 pm	Pavilion	\$20 per shirt
7-18-26	Saturday	Oz and Bones	5:00 pm- 8:00 pm	First Beach parking lot	
7-18-26	Saturday	Still Kickin w the Big City Horns	7:00 pm-10:00 pm	Pavilion	
7-18-26	Saturday	Second Beach Campout	TBA		
7-19-26	Sunday	Guided painting with Jan Depratti	3:00 pm-6:00 pm	Pavilion	fee
7-20-26	Monday	Mahjong	1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Pavilion	
7-21-26	Tuesday	Pickleball	5:00 pm-8:00 pm	Courts	
7-21-26	Tuesday	Kiddie Crafts	6:30 pm-7:30 pm	Pavilion	
7-22-26	Wednesday	Kiddie bingo	7:00 pm-8:00 pm	Pavilion	
7-23-26	Thursday	Mahjong	1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Pavilion	
7-23-26	Thursday	Pickleball	5:00 pm-8:00 pm	Courts	
7-23-26	Thursday	Happy Hour	7:30 pm-8:30 pm	Pavilion	
7-24-26	Friday	Adult craft	tba	Pavilion	fee
7-25-26	Saturday	Birthday party (private)	11:30 am-4:00 pm	Pavilion	
7-25-26	Saturday	Tie Dye Four Band	7:00 pm-9:30 pm	Pavilion	
7-26-26	Sunday	Lake Hayward Book Club	11:30 am-1:00 pm	Pavilion	
7-27-26	Monday	Mahjong	1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Pavilion	
7-28-26	Tuesday	Teen: Dungeons and Dragons	4:00 pm-5:30 pm	Pavilion	
7-28-26	Tuesday	Pickleball	5:00 pm-8:00 pm	Courts	
7-28-26	Tuesday	Kiddie Crafts	6:30 pm-7:30 pm	Pavilion	
7-29-26	Wednesday	Kiddie bingo	7:00 pm-8:00 pm	Pavilion	
7-30-26	Thursday	Mahjong	1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Pavilion	
7-30-26	Thursday	Pickleball	5:00 pm-8:00 pm	Courts	
7-30-26	Thursday	Happy Hour	7:30 pm-8:30 pm	Pavilion	
7-31-26	Friday	Left Right Center	7:00 pm-9:00	Pavilion	fee

HOT SUMMER FUN EVENTS

MONDAY, JUNE 29 – 7:00PM – BUNCO

FRIDAY, JULY 3 – 6PM – TRIVIA (REGISTRATION SUGGESTED)

SATURDAY, JULY 4 – 6PM – SHAKE THE LAKE

**SUNDAY, JULY 5 – 10AM – CORNHOLE
TOURNAMENT** (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

FRIDAY, JULY 17 – 6PM – FAMILY FEUD (REGISTRATION
REQUIRED)

FRIDAY, JULY 31 – 7PM – LEFT RIGHT CENTER

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 – 6PM – LH PYRAMID
(REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 – 7PM – BOOZY BINGO

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 – 6PM – TRIVIA (REGISTRATION
SUGGESTED)

**EVERY WEDNESDAY STARTING JULY 1 THRU
AUGUST 12 – KIDDIE BINGO – 7PM**

ALL EVENTS AT THE PAVILION

Fourth of July Events

**Friday, July 3 – Trivia – 6pm check in - \$5.00
per player**

**Saturday, July 4 – Shake The Lake – 6pm –
you will need \$1.00 bills – 10 rounds will be
played**

**Sunday, July 5 – Cornhole Tournament – 10am
at 1st Beach - \$5.00 entry fee – double
elimination/blind draw**

**Registration is required for Cornhole – please
register by Friday, July 3. Call/text 203-815-
2585 or email shanmack118@gmail.com**

If you are interested in joining the Garden Committee, please attend our kickoff meeting on Thursday evening, July 2nd, at 6:00 PM at the First Beach Pavilion.

The Events Committee is looking for members willing to use their artistic or painting skills to paint our three newly constructed sets of cornhole boards. The Cornhole Tournament is July 5th and we'd rather not simply stain and polyurethane the plywood.

Big Daddy's Twisted Tees returns to the lake on Saturday, July 18th. All shirts are \$20 each and are pretreated to hold their color for years. Please email your shirt size, quantity, your name, and the number of attendees to events@lakehaywardct.com. Include your phone number and your preferred time slot: either 2:00-3:00 or 3:00-4:00.

The Tie-Dye Four Band will perform on 7/25. Be sure to have your own tie-dye shirt to join in the fun!

Dungeons and Dragons

Calling All Tweens and Teens - Tuesdays at 4:00

Dates July 7th, July 14th, July 28th, Aug. 4th, Aug 18th

1st Beach Pavillion

Welcoming novice and experienced players to join the campaign

Security Enforcement: What Members Should Know

As many members are aware, POALH has engaged a security company to assist with the enforcement of our Rules and Regulations and Bylaws. We would like to provide additional context regarding this decision and what members can expect moving forward.

The implementation of security patrols was approved by the community at the August Annual Meeting. During discussions leading up to that vote, members expressed ongoing concerns regarding unauthorized use of POALH facilities, parking violations, and the lack of consistent enforcement of our governing documents. The Board of Governors has a responsibility to listen to the community and respond to concerns that are repeatedly brought forward by members.

While parking enforcement may appear to be the most visible aspect of the security program, the security officers have been retained to assist with the enforcement of all POALH Rules and Regulations and applicable Bylaws. Parking is simply one area that has generated a significant number of complaints over the years.

The Board has also faced challenges involving nonmembers utilizing POALH facilities and amenities without authorization. In some instances, attempts by volunteers and Board members to address these situations directly have resulted in confrontational and potentially unsafe interactions. The addition of trained security personnel will help ensure that these situations are handled professionally, consistently, and safely.

The Board also recognizes that speeding on roads throughout the Lake Hayward community remains an important safety concern. However, the roads surrounding the lake are owned and maintained by the Town of East Haddam and are therefore outside the jurisdiction of POALH.

Additionally, the security company does not possess police powers or authority to enforce motor vehicle laws. That said, speeding concerns have not been ignored. POALH has been in communication with local law enforcement regarding the concerns expressed by our community.

Efforts are also underway to address inconsistencies in posted speed limit signage around the lake, as conflicting signs currently exist at different entrances to the community, creating confusion for residents and visitors alike.

It is important to note that towing has been identified as a potential enforcement mechanism within POALH's governing documents for many years. What is changing is not the existence of the rule, but rather the consistent enforcement of the rules that our members have asked the Board to uphold.

The Board of Governors remains committed to preserving the safety, enjoyment, and quality of life at Lake Hayward. While opinions may differ regarding priorities and approaches, our goal is to enforce the governing documents fairly and consistently while continuing to address community concerns wherever we have the authority to do so and working with the appropriate agencies when matters fall outside our jurisdiction.

We appreciate the continued engagement and support of our members and look forward to a safe and enjoyable season for everyone.



POALH
PROPERTY OWNERS'
ASSOCIATION
OF LAKE HAYWARD

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Association Meeting

at the First Beach Pavilion



TAX BILL PICK-UP

At the Association Meeting you will be able to **PICK UP YOUR 2026 TAX BILLS.**



Can't attend?
Your tax bill will be mailed on **July 1.**

(This notice applies to tax bills only.)



PARKING DECALS & HANG TAGS

Pick up your new **2026-2027** Parking Decals and Hang Tags at the Association Meeting.



FUTURE HANG TAG PICK-UP DATES (HANG TAGS ONLY)



JULY 25

Budget Meeting

9:30 AM



AUGUST 16

Annual Meeting

10:00 AM

All meetings are held at the First Beach Pavilion.



PLEASE BRING YOUR EXPIRED ORANGE HANG TAG

If you are picking up your new 2026-2027 Hang Tag, please bring your expired orange hang tag.

Once your new hang tag is issued, your orange hang tag will no longer be valid.



PLEASE BRING:



DRIVER'S LICENSE

Required for tax bill and parking pass pickup.



CHECK

For payment of your 2026 taxes.



EXPIRED ORANGE HANG TAG

Required to receive your new 2026-2027 hang tag.

Thank you! We look forward to seeing you!





IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!



YOUR BOARD OF GOVERNORS IS DELIVERING

★ **BASED ON THE MEMBERSHIP VOTE** ★

Your Board of Governors has worked diligently to vet and hire a professional security company, **Off Duty Officers**, to patrol our parking lots and beaches.



We have also contracted with a **towing company** that Off Duty Officers will utilize for those that violate our parking regulations.



This is what the **community wanted**. The Board is committed to upholding our rules and ensuring a safe, fair, and enjoyable environment for all.

SECURITY PATROL BEGINS

★ JULY 4TH ★ ★ WEEKEND! ★



OFF DUTY OFFICERS

PROFESSIONAL. COURTEOUS. COMMITTED TO SAFETY.



PLEASE UNDERSTAND:

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A HANG TAG, THE SECURITY COMPANY WILL BE INITIATING A TOW.



YOU WILL BE TOWED!

WE DO NOT WANT THAT TO HAPPEN.



OFF DUTY OFFICERS WILL BE FOLLOWING ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- ✓ All parking rules will be strictly enforced.
- ✓ No overnight parking in unauthorized areas.
- ✓ No parking in fire lanes, sidewalks, or restricted zones.
- ✓ All vehicles must display a valid hang tag when parked on community property.
- ✓ Guest passes must be displayed at all times.

THANK YOU FOR DOING YOUR PART TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE, ORGANIZED, AND ENJOYABLE FOR ALL!

NEW PARKING DECALS & GUEST PASSES

WILL BE ENFORCED AFTER THE AUGUST ANNUAL MEETING.

UNTIL THEN, THE ORANGE HANG TAGS WILL STILL BE ACCEPTABLE.

NEW PARKING DECALS
(Window Decal)



2 PARKING DECALS
(Per Household)

NEW GUEST PASSES
(Hang Tag - Light Blue)



2 GUEST PASSES
(Per Household)

Please note: These are **NOT** per owner, but per **household** as it has always been done to follow in all past practices.



THIS IS WHAT THE COMMUNITY WANTED.

PARK LEGALLY. AVOID THE TOW. **WE DON'T WANT TO TOW YOU!**



★ THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT. ★

Authority and Enforcement • These Rules are adopted pursuant to the POALH Charter and Bylaws. • Violations may result in warnings, fines, suspension of privileges, towing, reimbursement of costs, or other remedies authorized by the governing documents. • Each day a continuing violation exists may be considered a separate violation. • The Board of Governors may adopt enforcement, hearing, and appeal procedures.

Property Standards • Owners are responsible for informing renters, guests, and occupants of all POALH rules. • Signs are prohibited except for safety, sale/rental, or Board of Governors-approved purposes. • Commercial activities require approval as provided by the Charter and Bylaws. • Solicitation on Association property requires prior Board of Governors approval. • No vehicle, trailer, camper, tent, or temporary structure may be used as a dwelling. • No fence may completely enclose a lot boundary unless otherwise authorized. • The space between foundation piers and exterior walls shall be enclosed with lattice or other material extending from the sill to a point not more than three inches above finished grade.

Environmental Protection • Drainage systems and drainage ditches shall not be altered without Board of Governors authorization. • No trimming, cutting, or altering vegetation on POALH property without Board of Governors approval. • All wells and septic systems shall comply with applicable laws and regulations. • Gray-water discharge into dry wells, waterways, or the lake watershed is prohibited. • Dumping leaves, grass, brush, or other materials on beaches, wetlands, shorelines, or any Association property is prohibited. • Feeding geese, ducks, or other waterfowl is prohibited. • Fireworks of any kind are prohibited on Association property. • The use of whistles, horns, bells, or similar devices in a manner that disturbs neighboring residents is prohibited, except in emergencies. The use of air guns, air rifles, slingshots, or similar projectile devices is prohibited on Association property. • Open fires on Association property are prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Board of Governors and all applicable governmental rules and/or permits have been obtained.

Animals • Animals must be under control, leashed, and may not roam at large. • Owners must immediately remove animal waste. • Animals are prohibited on beaches except in designated areas, service-animal exceptions, and Board of Governors-approved geese abatement activities. • Animals shall not create repeated noise disturbances, including barking, howling, or similar sounds, that result in complaints from neighboring property owners.

Vehicles and Parking • Vehicles parked on Association property must display required permits or guest passes. • Parking permit decals shall be affixed to the lower passenger-side corner of the windshield and must be clearly visible from outside the vehicle. • Unauthorized vehicles may be ticketed or towed at the owner's expense. • No overnight parking in Association parking lots from April 1 through October 31 unless authorized by the Board of Governors. • Vehicles must be parked only in designated areas.

Watercraft and Boat Storage • Watercraft stored on Association property and according to the State Law, Public Act 26-60, must be identified with owner contact information, including the street address displayed on the vessel or the vessel may be subject to removal. • Boats and watercraft may be stored, docked, or moored only in locations approved by the Board of Governors. • All boat rack spaces and moorings shall be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis unless otherwise designated by the Board of Governors. • Combustion-engine-powered vessels are prohibited. • No vessel may operate within 100 feet of an Association swim raft or swim area. • Boats may be placed on racks no sooner than March 15. • Lighter watercraft shall be stored on upper rack levels unless otherwise authorized by the Board of Governors. • All boats and watercraft shall be removed from the rack no later than 12:00 a.m. on the second Friday of November. • Any vessel remaining on Association property after the second Friday in November will be considered abandoned and moved to Second Beach. POALH will issue an email notice to members identifying the vessel as 'free for the taking' on a first-come, first-served basis. Any vessel remaining unclaimed 30 days after the email notice may be disposed of by the Board of Governors.

Beach and Recreation Rules • Personal property may not be left on Association beaches overnight. • Children must be always supervised. • Infants entering the water must wear approved swim diapers. • No fishing from beaches or within 25 feet of designated swim areas. • No vehicles on beaches. • No glass containers on beaches or in the pavilion. • Skateboarding, rollerblading, scootering, and bicycle riding are prohibited within the pavilion and pavilion access areas. • All trash must be removed and properly disposed of. • Association recreational facilities are for members, authorized renters, and their guests. • Beaches and recreational facilities are closed from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., with exception to POALH sponsored events. • Tennis/Pickleball courts are open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Court use is prohibited during weather conditions that could damage the courts or create unsafe conditions.

KIDS CAMPOUT AT SECOND BEACH

July 18, 2025 6:30pm to 8:30am July 19

Bring your tents and fire pit chairs to 2nd Beach for an overnight of camping and family fun! Children in 6th grade and under are welcome to participate and must be accompanied and supervised by an adult family member. Evening & morning snacks will be provided. Come on out and pitch a tent!

Families must register by July 10th for this event.

To do so, please contact Nancy at 860-949-2664.

Lake Lore: Things My Grandfather Told Me

Why isn't East Shore Drive paved? And why will it never be paved?

When we were little kids – way back in the 1950's – Grandfather would occasionally treat us to a ride around the lake. We lived on the “developed” side of the lake – the side with all the many cottages. To us kids, the other side was a distant, exotic land. It seemed wonderful. “Oh no,” Grandfather said, as we bumped slowly along the dirt road. “You wouldn't want to live on this side. See all those little shed things? Those are outhouses.”

“What does that mean, Grandfather? What are outhouses?”

Grandfather pulled over to the side of the narrow dirt road to let another car pass. They waved to us, and we waved back. “It means that the cottages over here don't even have indoor bathrooms! And look! The road isn't even paved!” Not paved? Oh, the horror!

As teens, we spent many long, hot, magical afternoons walking around the lake, kicking up the dust, laughing at nothing, just being young. We loved that narrow dirt road. If a car ever came along, we had to stand in a line at the edge of the road to let them slowly pass. We waved at them. They waved back. As we got older, the outhouses eventually disappeared, but that quiet, dusty road through the woods remained peacefully unpaved.

In the spring of 1988, a developer named Dobrowolski submitted a proposal to build a huge residential subdivision on the 292 acres of forest adjoining East Shore Drive. His plans included paving East Shore Drive to access the 130 houses he planned to build. Part of the project was located in Colchester, part in East Haddam. Meetings and hearings were scheduled, plans and applications were submitted to both towns. Amidst this confusing flurry of paperwork, applications and inspection reports, meetings were held, votes were counted, consultants were hired, lawyers got involved, voices were raised. More meetings were held.

Residents from both sides of Lake Hayward swung into action. In an unprecedented show of unity, both sides of the lake came together to stop Dobrowolski's project. A determined group of residents from both sides formed a committee calling itself, “Concerned Citizens of Lake Hayward”. They drew up petitions, attended meetings, closely monitored the actions of town committees, and kept residents on both sides of the lake informed.

Even as permits were drafted and environmental studies were submitted and denied and re-submitted, Dobrowolski was firing up his woodchippers. Cease-and-desist orders were issued and ignored. Emergency meetings were held in both towns. Large numbers of residents from both sides of the lake carpooled to attend the meetings, loudly voicing their outrage. Dobrowolski was charged with wetlands violations, but as we all know, bulldozers can move faster than governments. Dobrowolski's crews were already plotting out roads, mowing down trees and clogging streams with woodchips. Was there any way to stop this? Yes, there was.

You see, Dobrowolski was legally required to include secondary access to his project. These access roads had to intersect East Shore Drive. To construct these roads, East Shore Drive would have to be widened from 15 feet to 50 feet – and would have to be paved.

Hmmm.... Someone had an interesting idea.

In August 1989, with the enthusiastic approval of the Concerned Citizens of Lake Hayward, the East Haddam Zoning Board designated East Shore Drive as an official “Scenic Road”. This one brilliant move stalled the entire project.

Here's why: According to East Haddam law, a Designated Scenic Road cannot ever be widened or paved. No road can ever be constructed to intersect it. Take that, Mr. D.

The designation of East Shore Drive as an official Scenic Road permanently prevents any developer from ever creating a road that connects to it, or uses it for access to a development. Moreover, it can't ever be paved, straightened, or widened.

Think about this the next time you take a long, peaceful walk around the lake. We love it here because it never seems to change. That's not an accident. Sometimes it takes a lot of noise to preserve the peace. The outhouses are gone, Grandfather, but on both sides of the lake, the peace remains.

In case you're interested: East Shore Drive is one of only seven designated Scenic Roads in East Haddam.

East Haddam "Scenic Road" Ordinance 274 decrees that a road may be designated a Scenic Road *"to preserve the natural beauty, character and condition of the Town of East Haddam's rural roads from the destruction of their scenic values caused by unnecessary alterations."*

To be eligible for designation as a Scenic Road, a road must be free of commercial development and intensive vehicle traffic and must meet at least two of the following : (1) offer scenic views; (2) is bordered by mature trees or stone walls; (3) blends naturally into the surrounding terrain; (4) parallels or crosses over brooks, streams, lakes or ponds; (5) is unpaved; (6) must be no more than 20 feet in width.

East Shore Drive meets every one of those requirements.

The law also requires that scenic roads will never be subject to: (1) widening; (2) paving; (3) changes of grade; (4) straightening; (5) removal of mature trees and/or stone walls



I hope to meet you there someday. When you wave, I'll wave back.

By Maureen Clarke

Summer Resident since 1952

Events happening “Close By”

Yard Goats Home Schedule - Box Office (Ticketing): (860) 240-5591

Jun 23-28	Tue-Sun	Portland
Jul 7-12	Tue-Sun	Binghamton
Jul 28-31	Tue-Fri	New Hampshire
Aug 1-2	Sat-Sun	New Hampshire
Aug 11-16	Tue-Sun	Erie
Aug 18-23	Tue-Sun	Somerset

Connecticut Sun Home Basketball Schedule

Thu, July 2: vs. Dallas Wings (Peoples Bank Arena, Hartford - 8:00 PM)
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Wed, July 8 vs. Minnesota Lynx – 7:30 PM
Fri, July 10 vs. Golden State Valkyries – 7:30 PM
Tue, July 14 vs. Portland Fire – 11:00 AM (Camp Day) [1, 2, 3]
Fri, Aug 7 vs. Phoenix Mercury – 7:30 PM
Thu, Aug 13 vs. Atlanta Dream – 7:00 PM
Sat, Aug 15 vs. New York Liberty – 1:00 PM
Tue, Aug 18 vs. Los Angeles Sparks – 7:00 PM (at TD Garden in Boston)
Tue, Aug 25 vs. Chicago Sky – 7:00 PM
Wed, Aug 26 vs. Golden State Valkyries – 7:00 PM [1, 2]

Free events in Colchester Town Green

Join us every Thursday, June 25-August 6, from 6-8pm.

- **7/2/26 Touch A Truck Event**
- **7/9/26 Glenn Hanson Orchestra**
- **7/16/26 Sister Funk**
- **7/23/26 United States Coast Guard Band (Editor’s Choice – Don’t Miss!)**
 - **7/30/26 Colchester Continentals-Fife and Drum Muster**
 - **8/6/26 Blues Connection Band**

Invitation to Crafters

JULY 11, 2026

from 10am to 2pm

Lake Hayward Pavilion

East Haddam, CT

Second Annual
Craft Fair



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\$20

To rent a booth, or for further information, please email karenavanz@yahoo.com or lynn1728@gmail.com or call 860-367-3867 or 860-304-0564

Reservation deadline June
30th

Good things happening

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