

**"If hard work is
the key to success,
most people
would rather pick
the lock."**
CLAUDE McDONALD

The Weekly News

Property Owners Association

Lake Hayward



This newsletter is published for POALH members every weekend 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. If you've got photos of POALH events that you would like to share, I would appreciate receiving them for inclusion in the newsletter. 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.



PARKING PASS AND DECAL PICK UP

— INSTRUCTIONS —

Thank you for helping keep
Lake Hayward safe and enjoyable for all!





THERE WERE FOUR AVAILABLE PICK-UP DATES:

	AT THE JUNE ASSOCIATION MEETING (ALREADY PASSED)	 PASSED	 If you cannot attend these dates, kindly ask a neighbor and provide written permission to pick up your passes. THESE PASSES ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP ANY OTHER TIME.
	FRIDAY, JULY 3 (ALREADY PASSED)	 PASSED	
THE REMAINING PICK-UP OPPORTUNITIES ARE:			
	SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 8:30 – 10:00 AM		
	SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 8:30 – 10:00 AM (August Association Meeting)		

IF YOU CANNOT PICK THEM UP ON THOSE DATES



please send a **self-addressed, stamped #9 (or larger)** envelope to:

**POALH
Parking Passes**
 P.O. Box 230
 Colchester, CT 06415




YOUR PASSES WILL BE MAILED TO YOU AFTER THE AUGUST ANNUAL MEETING.



THANK YOU FOR HELPING KEEP LAKE HAYWARD SAFE & ENJOYABLE FOR ALL!



Help Shape the Future of **LAKE HAYWARD**

• A COMMUNITY WE CARE ABOUT •



To all Lake Hayward Members
in Good Standing...



The nominating committee is seeking candidates who are interested in learning about the position we have coming up to fill one of the two **2nd District (beach) Representative** roles on the **Board of Governors** beginning next year.



We have many new residents and I hope to hear from some of you to discuss this important role to our Lake Hayward community.



Please reach out to me at

kinkeadge@gmail.com

— or text me at —

(860) 966-3451

and we can set up a few minutes to chat.



I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Thank you! ♥



Regards,
Gail Kinkead
NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR



LET'S KEEP
LAKE HAYWARD
STRONG TOGETHER!



OUR LAKE. OUR COMMUNITY. OUR FUTURE. ♥



The Artists of Lake Hayward

Lake Lore: Things My Grandfather Told Me

Why Does Our Mail Come from Colchester If We Don't Actually Live There?

When we were kids and Grandfather drove us to Colchester, we'd reach a certain place on Lake Hayward Road -- always the same place -- and he'd say, "There! Did you see it? Did you see the line across the road?"

Sometimes we saw the line, sometimes we didn't. Sometimes the grey asphalt was a slightly different color on either side of the line. Sometimes the painted lines were slightly different shades of yellow. Sometimes we thought Grandfather was just kidding us.

This is the exact official line, Grandfather explained, between Colchester and East Haddam.

We'd ask, "But wait... isn't Lake Hayward in Colchester?"

No, he explained, Lake Hayward isn't in Colchester, it's in East Haddam. As kids, we'd heard about East Haddam, but we seldom went there. It was far, far away, down a winding, twisty road. We didn't live there... did we?

As kids, it didn't make much sense, because the Lake is so close to Colchester. Later, as grownups, it made even less sense, because now we're paying taxes in East Haddam? But getting our mail from Colchester? Why? Since when?

Colchester has been delivering our mail since -- well, since always. Here's why.

If you look at a map showing the town limits, you'll see that Lake Hayward is nestled into the northeastern corner of East Haddam.

In 1698, Colchester was incorporated as a town; East Haddam was incorporated in 1734. The boundary between the two towns was gradually adjusted by early colonial surveys and agricultural deeds, until it was formalized in the mid-1700's.

Mail delivery took a while to catch up. When the US Post Office was created in 1775, most people went to the nearest Post Office to get their mail. If you lived here in 1775, would you rather travel to Colchester, or would you prefer to hitch up your horse and wagon and slog your way down the eleven miles of heavily forested, unpaved, muddy and unmarked path to East Haddam?

In 1898, the US Post Office created Rural Free Delivery, which delivered mail directly to rural households. The RFD transformed rural life by bringing news, letters, catalogs and agricultural parcels directly to farmhouse doors. To qualify for RFD delivery, a community had to meet specific standards: the route had to be 20-25 miles long, serve at least 100 households, and traverse roads passable year-round. Lake Hayward was virtually unpopulated, and any road from East Haddam was hardly passable in the winter. Nobody protested when the post offices in East Haddam and Colchester wisely ignored town lines and instead continued the long-established mail delivery system, which was (and continues to be) based on the most practical and efficient routes.

This system worked fine for Lake Hayward, because almost nobody lived here. It was only during the 1920s, during the boom in summer cottage developments, after the invention of cars (and eventually zip codes) that this arrangement became confusing for Lake residents. Do we live in Colchester or East Haddam?

We live in East Haddam. But let's return to that line across Lake Shore Drive. Why is it there?

Each town is responsible for paving and maintaining its own roads. This is why, when you're driving into Colchester, just before Briarwood Road intersects Lake Shore Drive, you can see the line across the pavement where the Colchester road-crew stopped working and the East Haddam road-crew started. You can even sometimes see the change in the yellow lines -- one side painted by the Colchester crew, the other by the East Haddam crew. Officially, this is where Lake Hayward Road magically becomes Lake Shore Drive.

That's why, on that unmarked (and unremarkable) bit of road, you can actually see the official town line.

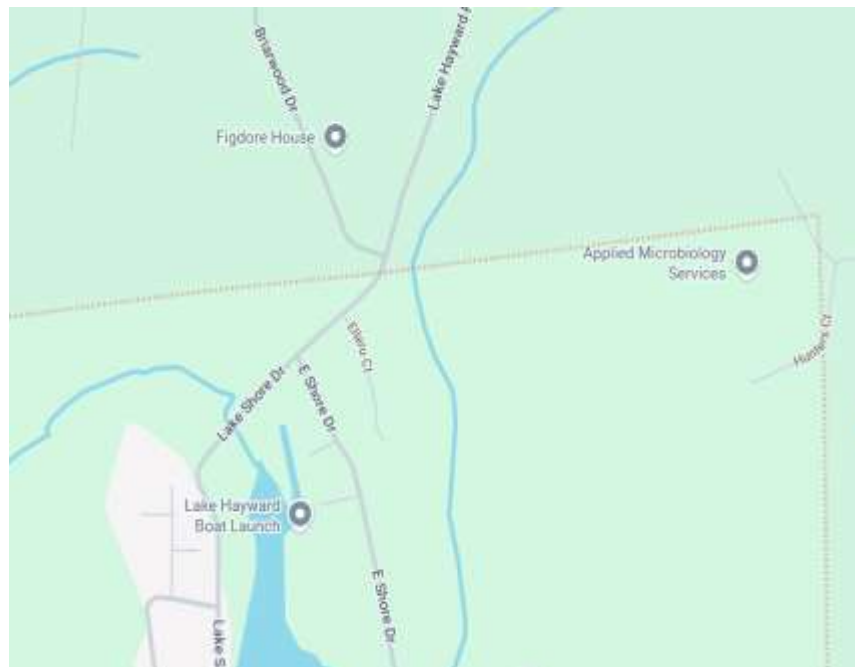
Grandfather always thought there should be a sign saying, "Welcome to Colchester!" but for some reason, he didn't think there should be a sign facing the other way, saying, "Welcome to East Haddam!" We'd argue that you'd then need two additional signs, telling you that you were leaving one town or the other ("Come Back Soon!"). Right about then, Grandfather would stop talking about signs and start telling us to watch out for deer.

The line in the pavement is still there. It's always been there. Check it out.

By Maureen Clarke

Summer Resident since 1952

"Lake Lore" is a new feature of the Lake Hayward Newsletter which hopes to chronicle the Lake's interwoven past and present.





THREE LAKE HAYWARD FACEBOOK PAGES



Know Which One to Use!



Each page has a different purpose.
Use the right one so our community stays **CONNECTED**, **INFORMED** and **RESPECTFUL**!

1 LAKE HAYWARD

Lakewide Community Page
EAST & WEST SHORE



Administered by
TWO residents
at the lake.



This is a lakewide site for
EAST and **WEST** shore
residents.



Any POALH events or
items that don't concern
the East shore should
NOT be posted here.



BEST FOR:
General lake updates,
news, local businesses,
helpful tips and topics
relevant to everyone
on the lake.

2 PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF LAKE HAYWARD

OFFICIAL POALH PAGE



Administered by the
Board of Governors.



This is the official page of
POALH. Only Board of
Governors (BOG) members
can post.



Members may comment
on the posts.



Used for official
announcements, news
and updates.



BEST FOR:
Official announcements,
important reminders and
updates from the Board.

3 LAKE HAYWARD CT – MEMBERS FORUM

West Shore Focused
For consideration of
East Shore Residents



Administered by the
President of POALH.



For members of POALH to
communicate happenings
on the **WEST** shore.



For consideration of
East Shore residents so
they are not always
seeing events they
cannot attend.



BEST FOR:
West shore events,
recommendations, questions
and community discussions.



FRIENDLY REMINDER ABOUT COMMUNICATION

**THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS (BOG) DOES NOT COMMUNICATE
VIA FACEBOOK AND WILL NOT GO BACK AND FORTH
IN POSTS OR COMMENTS.**



This helps ensure accurate information,
keeps discussions productive and allows the Board to focus on serving our community.



NEED ASSISTANCE OR HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please contact a Board member directly by email.
You'll get a personal response and the right information.



*Thank you for helping keep our Lake Hayward community
INFORMED, **CONNECTED** and **RESPECTFUL**!*





TOWN HALL MEETING



DATE CHANGE!

SUNDAY • AUGUST 2 • 10:00 AM

DATE CHANGED FROM ~~JULY 25~~ TO **SUNDAY, AUGUST 2**

⇒ Please come for this ⇒
OPEN FORUM MEETING.



Here you may speak to the
Budget Committee and members
of the Board of Governors with
any questions, concerns or
suggestions.



Please come
on down to

**FIRST BEACH
PAVILION!**



⇒ We look forward to seeing you there! ⇒

FENCING WORKS

LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY!

I have heard from many of you how much you appreciate the effectiveness of the fencing.

To make sure the beaches remain that way, we need volunteers to ensure the fences are put back up at the end of the day.

The geese have learned that sometimes the fences are not protecting the beaches and you know what happens then. 😬

Open fence
= Open buffet!

COVERAGE NEEDED:



FIRST BEACH:

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays



SECOND BEACH:

EVERY day.



THIRD BEACH:

Seems to be self-sufficient.

Thank you Third Beach!! ❤️



*BOAT LAUNCH AREAS:

please return the fencing when using the kayak and boat launch areas.

These are easy access to highly sought grassy areas.



We are a committee of only 2 people who can help with coverage but we cannot continue to meet all these needs.

Please reach out to me at

➤ Geese@lakehaywardct.com ◀

so I can work on a schedule for July and August that keeps the beaches poop free and volunteers helping to make it so.

Many hands make
LIGHT
work!



Holly Landers

GEESE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Annual LAKE HAYWARD — Open —

SATURDAY AUGUST 8TH



Call Don or Dave for starting time
(9-10 am).



Chantclair Golf Course



Coffee, donuts, water provided



18 holes green fees with cart \$75.



Lunch at 1st beach pavilion
immediately after your group finishes.



No need for a foursome.
We can pair you up.



Call Don
(860)604-4216

Or

Call Dave
(203)314-1096

• NEWSLETTER •

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

CALLING ALL TWEENS AND TEENS!



TUESDAYS AT 4:00

DATES:

- JULY 14TH
- JULY 28TH
- AUG. 4TH
- AUG 18TH



1ST BEACH PAVILLION

WELCOMING NOVICE AND
EXPERIENCED PLAYERS
TO JOIN THE CAMPAIGN!



REACH OUT TO
BECCA DEAN
WITH QUESTIONS



860.916.5543

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.

Events happening “Close By”

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

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

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.

- **7/30/26 Colchester Continentals-Fife and Drum Muster**
 - **8/6/26 Blues Connection Band**

Good things happening

Thank you to Michelle and Larry Lusardi for donating a portable screen for video presentations. We appreciate you!!

A huge thank you to Lynn Macri and Karen VanZetten for not only organizing and running a very successful Craft Fair, but also for donating the proceeds to the Dam Project, helping to lessen the burden for all of us. THANK YOU!

Inspired by Lynn Macri and Karen VanZetten, Mari Popolizio has once again graciously volunteered to organize an effort to collect and cash in the returnable from 1st Beach. The proceeds will go to the Events Committee to help fund kids' and adult activities and to help offset the cost of a band. THANK YOU CAN CAN LADY!!

Thank you very much, Julia

Rob and Lori Popolizio generously donated two USCG approved life rings: one for 1st Beach and the other for 2nd Beach. Thank you for continuing to improve our lake community with your thoughtful donations.

Thank you to Craig and Christine Montanari for joining the Popolizios and generously donating a USCG approved life ring for 3rd Beach.

If you have any extra Cone Flowers growing in your garden, the Garden Committee would love a division or two to enhance 1st Beach Gardens.

Many, many thanks to Gary Petersen and Dave Edgington for repairing and installing two of our street signs that plows knocked down during our winter storms. It's the kindness and generosity of members like these two guys that keep our community functioning and looking its best.