

Success is not final; Failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts.

Winston Churchill

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.

LAKE HAYWARD

UPCOMING EVENTS

July Fun for Everyone!

KARAOKE	FRIDAY, 7/10 7:00-10:00 PM	ROYAL BEATS DJ KARAOKE AND GROUP SINGALONG at the Pavilion	
CRAFT FAIR	SATURDAY, 7/11 10:00 AM-2:00 PM	CRAFT FAIR at the Pavilion	
BINGO	SATURDAY, 7/11 4:00-5:00 PM	KID'S SHARK BINGO at the Pavilion PLEASE PRE-REGISTER with Karen by texting 413-519-4519 so she can provide prizes and snacks. Parents must attend.	
JAWS	SATURDAY, 7/11 7:30 PM	JAWS THE MOVIE First Beach Bring your floats and beach chairs. FREE POPCORN AND SODA!	
	SUNDAY, 7/12 1:00-3:00 PM	PAUL TYLER, AKA WALNUTZ acoustic music on the beach at the Pavilion	

★ EVENTS REQUIRING PRE-REGISTRATION: ★

PRE-REGISTER! 7/11 • KIDS SHARK BINGO 4:00-5:00 PM Text 413-519-4519	PRE-REGISTER! 7/17 • FAMILY FEUD 6:00-9:00 PM Teams must pre-register to shanmack118@gmail.com	PRE-REGISTER! 7/18 • TWISTED TEES TIE DYE 2:00-3:00 OR 3:00-4:00 Shirts are \$20, covering sizes small to XXL. Larger sizes require pre-order. Email events@lakehaywardct.com to register your name, the number of shirts and sizes.
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⚓ Fun ★ Community ★ Memories ⚓

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

kinkead@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. ♥

RUTLEDGE FAMILY EVENT

★ FEDERATION OF STATE CONTEST ★

★ 9 BRIARCLIFF ROAD ★



WELCOME

to the Rutledge Family
"250" Year
Anniversary of America display.
Feel free to step in (careful, terrain is uneven)
Read, Peruse, Reflect, and Celebrate!

For the kids...

Fill out your entry for the
"State Challenge"

Oh, and don't forget
to let freedom ring.

Ring the Liberty Bell.



A STATE CHALLENGE *for Children!*

Kids, fill out an entry form
and participate in fun
challenges for a chance
to win a prize!

STATE CHALLENGE

There are 50 States—There are 50 Plates

One is not a state.

One state is a duplicate.

Two states are missing.

Kids, fill out an entry form.

Drop in the BOX by 7/18

We'll draw **ONE WINNER**

from the highest score
entries for a prize.

Adults are allowed to assist.

Entries due Saturday July 18th.



READ THE
DISPLAYS.



TAKE THE
CHALLENGE.



CELEBRATE
AMERICA!

In Memory of

Francis J. Rutledge, U.S. Army, WWII
and Margaret K. Rutledge

For their love of..

Country, History, & the Law



"May you have a strong foundation
when the winds of change shift"

Bob Dylan



OPEN TO ALL
CHILDREN!



PRIZES AWARDED
TO THE HIGHEST
SCORE ENTRIES.

JOIN US. PARTICIPATE. HAVE FUN. WIN A PRIZE!



Not a POALH Event

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

ATTENTION POALH MEMBERS

Happy **250th** Birthday,
★ *America!* ★

Dear POALH Members,

I hope you had an enjoyable Fourth of July and a very happy 250th Birthday to America!

As you all have been made aware, the Security Guard we hired to keep our community safe and our members amongst us (not non-members) has been making his rounds this weekend, learning the beat and lay of our beaches.

On Saturday, our Security Guard was instructed to issue warnings to help our members and guests remember that we are now fully enforcing our towing abilities. Sadly, he gave out approximately 40 warnings.

On Sunday, there were fewer violations, but the tow truck was called as several members or guests were not properly permitted.

Our members asked the Board of Governors to strengthen security, and we listened. Thank you for your continued cooperation in helping keep our private community safe.

Thank you all so much for your efforts to help keep our private community safe.



**TOWING IS NOW
FULLY ENFORCED.**



Vehicles without a proper permit
will be towed at the owner's expense.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY THREE ACCEPTABLE PASSES:



WINDOW DECAL

For ALL members
(except New York residents).
Place in the lower right
passenger side of the
windshield so it is
clearly visible.



New York Residents:

Please place your window decal
on the rear passenger-side window
so it is clearly visible from outside
the vehicle.
All decals must be clearly visible
at all times.



BLUE HANG TAG

For Members and
Their Guests.

Hang tag must be displayed
from the rearview mirror
with the printed side facing
forward and clearly visible.



EXPIRED ORANGE HANG TAG

Valid through **AUGUST 17, 2026.**

After that date,
it will no longer be accepted.



**PICK UP YOUR
NEW 2026-2027
PERMITS:**



**Saturday,
July 25, 2026**
Town Meeting
First Beach Pavilion



**Sunday,
August 16, 2026**
Annual Meeting
First Beach Pavilion

Our members took security seriously, and your Board of Governors was listening. Thank you all so much for your continued efforts to help keep our private community safe.

*Sincerely,
Your POALH Board of Governors*



**PROPERTY OWNERS'
ASSOCIATION OF
LAKE HAYWARD**

Thank you for your cooperation!

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

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



2026 Cornhole Tournament

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.

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



◆ 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



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! ♥*



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

BIG DADDY'S TWISTED TEES

RETURNS TO THE LAKE!

SATURDAY, JULY 18TH

ALL SHIRTS
\$20
EACH

ALL SHIRTS ARE PRETREATED
TO HOLD THEIR COLOR FOR YEARS.



PLEASE EMAIL THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO
events@lakehaywardct.com

- ✓ SHIRT SIZE
- ✓ QUANTITY
- ✓ YOUR NAME
- ✓ NUMBER OF ATTENDEES



INCLUDE
YOUR
PHONE NUMBER



AND YOUR
PREFERRED
TIME SLOT:
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!

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.**



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



★ THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT. ★

POALH Rules and Regulations

Rev 6.8.2026 -- These are revised from the 2014 edition.

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.

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 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

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.

- 7/16/26 **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**

Good things happening

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