

**"Nothing is impossible.  
The word itself says  
'I'm possible'." -  
Audrey Hepburn**

# 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.*

## This Week's EVENTS



|                              |                                                                                     |                                                                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>MONDAY<br/>JULY 20</b>    |    | <b>1:00 PM</b> Mahjong                                                        |
| <b>TUESDAY<br/>JULY 21</b>   |   | <b>4:00 PM</b> Pickleball                                                     |
|                              |  | <b>6:30 PM</b> Kiddie Crafts                                                  |
|                              |  | <b>7:00 PM</b> Board of Governors Meeting                                     |
| <b>WEDNESDAY<br/>JULY 22</b> |  | <b>7:00 PM</b> Kiddie Bingo                                                   |
| <b>THURSDAY<br/>JULY 23</b>  |  | <b>1:00 PM</b> Mahjong                                                        |
|                              |  | <b>4:00 PM</b> Pickleball                                                     |
|                              |  | <b>6:30 PM</b> Happy Hour                                                     |
| <b>FRIDAY<br/>JULY 24</b>    |  | <b>5:30-8:30 PM</b> Guided Painting with Jan DePratti<br><i>Small fee TBD</i> |
| <b>SATURDAY<br/>JULY 25</b>  |  | <b>7:00 PM</b> Tie Dye four Band                                              |
| <b>SUNDAY<br/>JULY 26</b>    |  | <b>11:30 AM</b> Lake Hayward Book Club                                        |

*See you at the lake!* 



## PARKING PASS DATE CHANGE!

**IMPORTANT UPDATE!**

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
The July 25 pick-up date has been **RESCHEDULED**.

**ORIGINAL DATE**  
~~**JULY 25**~~

**NEW DATE**  
**AUGUST 2**

**HANG TAG**  
Parking Permit  
0001

**WINDOW DECAL**  
2026-2027  
0001

**NEW PICK-UP DATE**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 2**  
8:30 AM to 10:00 AM

**AND**

**SECOND PICK-UP DATE (UNCHANGED)**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16**  
ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

★ Thank you for your understanding! ★

# 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. ♥

# RUTLEDGE FAMILY EVENT

★ FEDERATION OF STATE CONTEST ★

★ 9 BRIARCLIFF ROAD ★



## WELCOME

to the Rutledge Family  
"250" Year  
Anniversary of America's 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 18<sup>th</sup>.



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](mailto: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 8<sup>TH</sup>**



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 14<sup>TH</sup>
- JULY 28<sup>TH</sup>
- AUG. 4<sup>TH</sup>
- AUG 18<sup>TH</sup>



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***

|                  |                |                      |
|------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Jul 28-31</b> | <b>Tue-Fri</b> | <b>New Hampshire</b> |
| <b>Aug 1-2</b>   | <b>Sat-Sun</b> | <b>New Hampshire</b> |
| <b>Aug 11-16</b> | <b>Tue-Sun</b> | <b>Erie</b>          |
| <b>Aug 18-23</b> | <b>Tue-Sun</b> | <b>Somerset</b>      |

## **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.**

- **7/23/26 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!!**

**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!!**

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