

THE WEEKLY NEWS

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF LAKE HAYWARD

"Being on a boat that's moving through the water, it's so clear. Everything falls into place in terms of what's important and what's not." — James Taylor

Aug.22
2026



This newsletter is published for POALH members every weekend from June 13 to Sept. 5th. If you've got news and/or photos of POALH events that you would like to share, I would appreciate receiving them for inclusion in the newsletter. Send them to newsletter@lakehaywardet.com Thank You, Gary Cohen, Editor. Enhanced by Phil Cohen

★ TONIGHT! ★

A NIGHT
AT THE
RACES

POSTPONED
TO
SEPT 5 - 7:15

BET YOUR FAVORITE HORSE ★★★★★

★ **7:00 PM** ★
in the
PAVILION

7
OR YOUR FAVORITE NUMBER ★★★★★

*Bet your favorite horse
or your favorite number!*

★ **ALL MONIES BET WILL BE PAID OUT TO THE WINNERS!** ★

WEATHER

HAS FORCED THE

FOLLOWING CHANGES



“STILL KICKIN WITH THE
BIG CITY HORNS”

will be performing

**FRIDAY,
SEPT. 4TH**

★ 6:00 TO 9:00 PM ★



THE
“OZ AND BONES”
food truck

WILL BE HERE

SEPT. 4TH

★ 5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM ★

Great Music. Great Food. Great Times!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FLEXIBILITY AND SUPPORT!

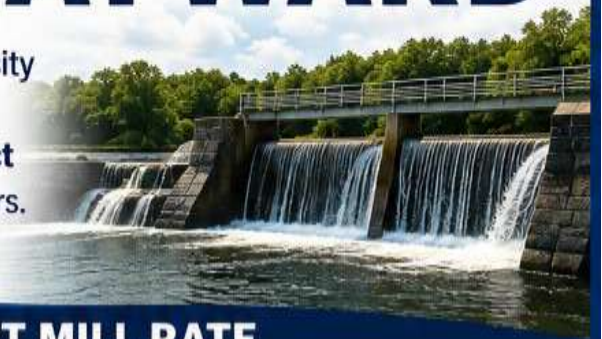
LAKE HAYWARD





INVESTING TO PROTECT LAKE HAYWARD

Thanks to the continued generosity
of our **East Shore** residents,
we are able to **reduce the impact**
on all West Shore property owners.



DAM REPAIR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT MILL RATE

WITHOUT
East Shore Contributions

0.6808
MILL RATE



WITH
East Shore Contributions

0.6309
MILL RATE



Because of your contributions of \$32,296.37
(and a few more still coming in...),

our new mill rate will be 0.6309.



IN TOTAL, OVER THE LAST 5 YEARS,
EAST SHORE
HAS CONTRIBUTED

\$57,296.37

TOWARDS THE LAKE HAYWARD DAM REPAIR.

Thank You!



SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
WILL BE MAILED
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026
PLEASE WATCH YOUR MAIL.



SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP
AFTER THE ANNUAL MEETING ON
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026
AT THE FIRST BEACH PAVILION

*Together, we protect
our lake for generations to come.*



More Exciting
**AUGUST &
SEPTEMBER**
EVENTS!

AUGUST

21



Ladies Night

HOSTED BY
DAVE AVERY

AUGUST

22

NIGHT
AT THE RAC

Postponed to
Sept 5 7:15 PM

AUGUST

28

Boozy
BINGO



AUGUST

29



MIXTAPE
MUSIC BINGO

SEPTEMBER

4

Still Kickin'

WITH THE
**BIG CITY
HORNS**



★ - GREAT EVENTS • GREAT PEOPLE • GREAT TIMES! - ★

See you at the lake!



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.

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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.

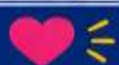


NEED ASSISTANCE OR HAVE QUESTIONS?

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**!



FENCING WORKS

LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY!



Thank you to those that have volunteered to help with the fencing at First and Second Beach as well as the community who is getting more consistent with putting the fence back up when the beach is empty.



We have had to be more diligent at Second Beach as the geese were getting resourceful and found a way to knock the fence down so they are now reinforced with poles at the point.



The geese have finished their molting season and hopefully decide to fly to other more hospitable locations 🙏

Well done Lake Hayward 🙌



Thank you for helping keep
our beaches enjoyable
and poop free!



***BOAT LAUNCH AREAS:**
please return the fencing
when using the kayak
and boat launch areas.

These are easy access
to highly sought
grassy areas.

Holly Landers
GEESE COMMITTEE CHAIR

≡ **GET INVOLVED!** ≡

Make a Difference in Our Community

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR THE

BYLAWS COMMITTEE 2027



COMMITTEE WORK JANUARY 1 – APRIL 1

Focused time to review, update and strengthen our governing documents.



VIRTUAL MEETINGS AVAILABLE

Can't be at the lake during that time?
You can still participate!



YOUR VOICE. OUR FUTURE.

Help ensure our bylaws reflect the needs and values of our community.



FINANCIAL COMPONENTS WILL BE ADDED

We will be incorporating financial components into the bylaws during this iteration as well.



INTERESTED?

Please respond to this email if you are interested in keeping our governing documents updated.



You may also email me directly at

president@lakehaywardct.com



Together, we keep Lake Hayward strong ♥

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME & COMMITMENT!





GREAT NEWS!

ON OUR SECOND TRIP TO THE RECYCLING CENTER

≡ WE GOT **\$216.50!** ≡ ♡



OUR TOTAL SO FAR IS

≡ **\$354.60!** ≡



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE
ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE.



KEEP DROPPING CANS & PLASTIC

(NO GLASS)

AT THE BIN ON FIRST BEACH.



OUR NEXT RUN WILL BE IN ABOUT 2 WEEKS,
SO PLEASE DROP OFF BY

≡ **SUNDAY AUGUST 30.** ≡



Thanks for participating! ♡

♡ Thank you Mari (The Can Lady) ♡



Sadly

POSTPONED

Cake Walk

is postponed due to
weather conditions.



It is postponed until

Saturday
September 5

from 5:30 - 7:00pm.



Musical Chairs!



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.

Many Thanks to Many Great People

- 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 returnables 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**
- 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.
- Thank you to Michelle and Larry Lusardi for donating a portable screen for video presentations. We appreciate you!
- Thank you to Lisa Hober for replacing the motion sensor light on the back side of the pavilion. We now have light when using the facilities after dark. Greatly appreciated!
- Thank you, Jeff Flynn and John Jacoby, for your time and effort spent replacing our worn-out kiosks at the beaches. The new ones look great and are working well! Also, thank you for your initiative to reorganize the signage at 1st Beach, this will dramatically improve the aesthetics.
- A big thank you to George and Deb Le May who donated the hot dogs for Carnival.
- A huge shout out to John Maasz for hauling our worn-out kiosks to the What Not Pile at the transfer station. Thank you!
- Thank you to Keith Marvin for donating a hot water heater for use at events to wash dishes. Carnival volunteers are especially thrilled!