

THE WEEKLY NEWS

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF LAKE HAYWARD

"The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts." – Marcus Aurelius

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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



LAKE HAYWARD DAM RESTORATION UPDATE



The lake level will not be lowered as they will use coffer dams to work on only one spillway at a time.



PROJECT SCOPE: Both spillways will be repaired and the earthen dam will be reinforced with concrete.



TARGETED START DATE:

9/15



TARGETED FINISH DATE:

11/30 – 12/15
depending on weather.



DAILY WORK HOURS:

7 AM – 4 PM



WORK ON SATURDAY?

Not anticipated, but possible if conditions warrant.



HAYWARDVILLE ROAD TRAFFIC IMPACT:

Periodically reduced to one lane during construction hours, mostly during concrete pours.



STAGING & EQUIPMENT:

Heavy equipment may be stored overnight and materials staged at the ball field.
Any property damage will be repaired by our contractor.



STORM PREPAREDNESS:

While no hurricanes are on the radar short term, if one develops, we will adjust project preparation and water outflow configuration as needed.



If you have any questions, you may respond to this email.

This Weekend!

FRIDAY NIGHT

7 PM

BOOZY BINGO



**DRINKS, DABS &
GREAT PRIZES!**

*Grab a drink, mark your card
and let the good times roll!*

SATURDAY NIGHT

7 PM

MIXED TAPE BINGO



GOOD FRIENDS ★ GREAT MUSIC ★ AWESOME PRIZES

SEE YOU THERE!

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



Upcoming EVENTS

at the Lake!



Friday, August 28th: Boozy Bingo, 7:00 PM at the Pavilion

Please bring an alcoholic item valued between \$10 and \$20 for the prize table.



Saturday, August 29th: Mixtape Music Bingo, 7:00 PM at the Pavilion, \$5 to play

A DJ will play songs listed on the Bingo cards, and prizes will be awarded to the winners of each round. Join the fun and sing along to your favorite songs from the past!



Sunday, August 30th: Book Club, 11:30 AM at the Pavilion



Friday, September 4th: Oz and Bones, 5:00-8:00 PM at the First Beach Parking Lot



6:00-9:00 PM, Pavilion



Saturday, September 5th: Cake Walk, 5:30-7:00 PM, Pavilion

(please bring the equivalent of 6 cupcakes, a cake, a plate of brownies, a box of muffins, etc., per player). Each round costs 25 cents for this game, which is like musical chairs, and the desserts are the prizes.



Night at the Races, 7:15-10:00 PM, Pavilion
(\$1 per bet, many races, wear your fancy hat, decorate your table for a prize).



Fun, Friends & Great Times at the Lake!



★ TONIGHT! ★
A NIGHT
AT THE
RACES
POSTPONED
TO
SEPT 5 - 7:15



★ 7:00 PM ★
in the
PAVILION



*Bet your favorite horse
or your favorite number!*

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

WE NEED YOU!



LOOKING FOR MEMBERS
TO HELP MEMBERS.

♥ WE NEED VOLUNTEERS. ♥



Next year we will need help with

≡ **Kiddie Crafts** ≡
on Tuesday Evenings.

Cassie Jacoby is taking this on
and we are looking for
a partner in crime for her! ♥



♥ A heartfelt thank you to ♥
Lynn Macri and Karen VanZetten
as they retire from Kiddie Crafts.

Thank you both for the countless hours, creativity,
and love you have shared through the wonderful
crafts you've made for the kids of Lake Hayward.



Please respond to this email if you can
volunteer a couple of hours each week.
We'd love to have you join Cassie in creating
fun, memorable Tuesday evenings for our
youngest members!





Help Continue a

BELOVED TRADITION!



☆ Beach Games at Carnival ☆

WE NEED YOU!

After many wonderful years of bringing laughter and excitement to our Carnival, Diane Nelson is passing the torch. We are looking for someone to carry on this cherished Lake Hayward tradition that generations of children have loved.

♥ Diane is happy to help with guidance and tips to make the transition easy.

✉ If you'd like to help create lasting memories for our kids, please reply to this email.



FUN. 
LAUGHTER. 
MEMORIES 
THAT LAST A LIFETIME.

♥ Thank you, Diane, ♥
for the countless smiles you've brought
to the children of Lake Hayward.
Your dedication has made
Carnival even more special!



Attention:

SECOND BEACH

Garden

BEAUTIFUL BY NATURE. THOUGHTFUL BY DESIGN.

Our garden is carefully planned
to support a thriving

Rain Garden 

and the health of our lake.


Healthy
PLANTS
'Healthy
LAKE

TWO SCHEDULED PROJECTS:



FALL SHRUB TRIMMING & INVASIVE CLEARING

After the leaves
come down



SPRING TRIMMING AROUND THE COVE/BEACH

In May/June

These projects are carried out by our Garden Committee
and follow the *best practices* for Rain Garden care.



PLEASE *Let's Keep It* THRIVING!

For the health of the garden and our lake,

PLEASE DO NOT PRUNE, TRIM, OR REMOVE PLANTS.

These gardens may look "wild," but they are working hard
beneath the surface!

Questions?
Ideas? Let's
Chat First!

Thank you for helping our garden – and our lake – flourish!

GARDEN COMMITTEE • BOARD OF GOVERNORS

≡ **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!



EARLY REMINDER NOTICE



ALL BOATS WILL BE
REQUIRED TO BE **OFF**
THE BOAT RACKS
AT ALL BEACHES BY



**FRIDAY MIDNIGHT
NOVEMBER 13TH**

This is an early reminder so you have
time to *plan* and *prepare* to remove your boats.



CONNECTICUT STATE LAW REMINDER

Connecticut Public Act 26-60 now requires all unregistered vessels,
including kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, and similar watercraft,
to display *current and valid owner contact information*.

**YOUR VESSEL
MUST DISPLAY
THE FOLLOWING:**



YOUR NAME

The owner's full name



YOUR LAKE ADDRESS

Your Lake Hayward address



TWO PHONE NUMBERS

(recommended in case your
phone is on board)

MAKE SURE YOUR
INFORMATION IS
**CURRENT
AND EASY
TO READ!**



The Connecticut DEEP recommends
including your name, lake address,
and two phone numbers using
an official **"If Found"** sticker or
another permanent, waterproof method.



*Thank you for your cooperation in keeping
Lake Hayward safe, accessible, and enjoyable for all!*



Although this is not a POALH sponsored event, the Third Beach Community warmly extends an invitation to all members of the POALH to join us for an evening of great food, good company, and celebrating another wonderful summer at Lake Hayward!

 **You're Invited to a Third Beach Tradition!** 

3rd Beach Annual Potluck Supper

Where: 3rd Beach

Date: Saturday September 5, 2026

Time: 5:00pm

Bring a dish to share and your own personal drinks. This is a wonderful tradition with an amazing variety of dishes and the perfect way to wrap up your summer at Lake Hayward.



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!**
 - Thank you to Shannon McKane for Game Nights, all around volunteering and co-hosting Kiddie Bingo with Linda Abel. Each week had a full house!

Diane and Steve Nelson will be stepping down from running Beach Games during Carnival. We are looking for someone to be the new "owner" of this activity. Diane has lots of info to pass on to her successor. Thank you both for the dedication and contagious enthusiasm you brought to this Carnival Event for many years!!

Lynn Macri and Karen vanZetten are stepping down from hosting Kids' Crafts. Their creativity and enthusiasm have given our kids the opportunity to create their own works of art. Thank you for your efforts over the years!

If you would like to host either of these activities next season or have a skill you would like to share with our community, please email Lynn at events@lakehaywardct.com.

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