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REMEMBER TO TIP YOUR CARRIER



Lake Hayward

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Town Hall meeting raises issues of budget, dam, roads

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Upcoming Events

- 7/25 **DRAGONFLY BAND,**
7:30-10:30 p.m. at First Beach Pavilion
- 8/1 **MOVIE NIGHT,**
7:30-10 p.m. at First Beach Pavilion
- 8/7 **ADULT CRAFTS,**
7:30-9 p.m. at First Beach Pavilion
- 8/8 **CHICKEN BBQ,**
3-6 p.m. at First Beach

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Thank you to all who braved the heat and humidity to share your thoughts with the board at last Saturday morning's Town Hall.

We are sorry that Karl Acimovic, the consulting engineer hired to perform the dam inspection, was unable to attend as there were many questions regarding the inspection and spillway reconstruction costs. We are hoping that he can join us at another time before our August Annual Meeting.

The entire budget committee was present at the Town Hall to explain their proposal and answer questions. Other topics

WHAT: Dragonfly Band

**WHEN: 7:30-10:30 p.m.,
Saturday, July 25**

WHERE: First Beach

raised Saturday morning included parking permit enforcement, progress with the town towards getting a speed limit on the lake, the state of Glimmer Glen and the results of the recent surveys of our properties at the north end.

Through all of our efforts, the rate of Covid-19 cases in Connecticut remains low even as cases rise in nearly 40 states. However, to sustain this level,

we must all do our part. As more members of our community return from other states, practice social distancing, space your blankets out on the beach, avoid close contact with those who are not your family, wear your mask, wash your hands frequently, use hand sanitizer when unable to wash your hands and disinfect frequently touched hard surfaces. Remember that the Porta Potties and the playscape are not being disinfected so you are using them at your own risk. Stay safe and stay healthy.

- Bonnie Sudell

LQIC seeks cause of recent algae blooms, but steps can be taken

By this time, most of you have noticed an algae bloom appearing in spots off and on again over the last few weeks. The Lake Quality Improvement Committee (LQIC) has taken a sample to a lab for testing.

There are no quick fixes for algae blooms. Our continued deepwater sampling program is ongoing and will help us understand the causes and long-term fix options.

As you all know by now, these efforts are being guided by limnologists at Northeast Aquatic. Their initial report

LAKE QUALITY

and recommendations that led us to do this testing can be found on the POALH website under "Lake Quality".

In the meantime, we all have a part to play and it's important that we all start now. We must maintain efficient septic systems, retain natural vegetation and avoid chemical fertilizers.

Plant shrubs, trees and grasses downhill from your septic system to act as a sponge tying up excess nutri-

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ents and water and preventing soil erosion.

Please take the time to do your own research on the care of lakes and the causes of algae. Educate yourselves on the potential toxins algae can cause and their effects on humans and animals. Recommendations include rinsing off any exposure with clean water and avoiding swimming where large numbers of algae are present.

How'd we get here?: A history of Lake Hayward

Lake Hayward, a crystal clear and pure natural spring-fed lake, is bordered by wooded shores and sunny seasonal cottages nestled among a few year-round homes.

Lake Hayward, once known as Long Pond (by the Indian tribes who inhabited its shores) and then Shaw Lake, is situated just north of Devil's Hopyard State Park in the northeastern corner of East Haddam and is bordered by the towns of Colchester and Salem. In 1838, Charles Goodyear, of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, and Nathaniel Hayward were partners in a rubber mill which operated in Massachusetts. In 1847, after breaking away from Goodyear's company, Hayward established a factory in Colchester to manufacture shoes. Hayward remained in Colchester until his death in the 1860s. During the time he was residing in Colchester, he purchased land for hunting along Shaw's pond on the north east edge of East Haddam, where a grist mill was operating. After Hayward's death, Shaw's Pond was renamed Lake Hayward in his honor, as well as Hayward Avenue in Colchester.

The eastern shore of Lake Hayward boasts beautiful sunsets and a dirt road that is now a designated scenic route. East side residents are not part of an association since all the residents have either waterfront properties or a right-of-way for lake access. A state owned boat launch is located at the northern section of the east side. Facilities include a small paved ramp, parking for approximately 5 cars and chemical toilets (seasonal). This ramp is used for launching of small boats. Public access is restricted to the launch area.

The west side of the lake, which enjoys wonderful sunrises, has four beaches all covered with clean abundant sand to entice the summer residents. The Property Owners Association of Lake Hayward (POALH) is a chartered body democratically governed by the property owners. Dues are approved each year at the annual association meeting and the town assess-

LAKE ORIGINS

A blue mountain lake, Lake Hayward is:

- approximately 1 1/2 miles long and 1/2 mile wide
- 174 acres at 348 feet above sea level
- 37 feet deep with an average depth of 11 feet
- a tributary of the Eight Mile River
- stocked each Spring with brown and rainbow trout
- a beautiful place to hike, bike, jog or drive 4+ miles around the lake

ment is used as a base. Through mandatory membership, owners enjoy the benefits of well-kept beaches, tennis courts, volleyball, basketball and baseball fields, areas to keep boats, a children's playground, garbage pickup, Porta Potties at the beaches and a pavilion which houses many activities. Most of these fun events are made possible through the support of members of POALH, who voluntarily devote their time and energy. Among other programs, members enjoy potluck suppers, bingo, dances, arts and crafts and Lake Hayward Days.

Lake Hayward Days started in 1930 when Mr. Bassett, an agent for Jas J. Smith Company (the company that developed Lake Hayward as a seasonal community), along with Mr. Grant, Thomas Phillips, Chick Anderson, Ev Johnson and Bob White came up with an idea, and the first "Lake Hayward Days" became an annual tradition. Swimming races were held early in the morning and continued for a good part of the day before the decorated boat contest, kiddy parade, canoe tipping/racing and watermelon fights were held. Our well-known Little Miss Lake Hayward contest, beach carnival and kid/adult games didn't start until much later.

To Be Continued Next Week

Classifieds

PART-TIME PROPERTY

MANAGER: The POALH is seeking candidates for the part-time position of Property Manager. The ideal applicant will be available year-round, with most time spent between May 1 and Oct. 31. Responsibilities include: maintaining association property through routine maintenance as directed by the POALH Properties Committee; investigating association member concerns and advising the Properties Committee of corrective actions required; working with the Properties Committee to develop the annual operating budget and capital expenditures budget for submission to the Budget Committee; managing the budget set forth by the Board of Governors; overseeing multiple projects, developing and maintaining a list of qualified contractors by trade; accomplishing Association goals as set by the Properties Committee, including assistance in developing RFPs for larger projects and reporting progress to the Board of Governors. Candidates should have at least three years' experience performing light maintenance activities including carpentry, painting and electrical and be able to create documents in Word and Excel. For more information and to submit your resume, including references, email president@lakehaywardct.com.

BEDS: One double bed, wooden head and footboards, painted cream; very sturdy, metal sides, slats. Taken apart and ready to go to grateful home. \$35. One queen or double white iron headboard with wooden posts. Wayfair. Unused, ready to assemble (easy to do). Cost \$120; will let go for \$50 or best offer. Eager to sell. Call Linda at 860-537-2052.

LAWN MOWING: Small front/back lawn area that needs mowing every two to three weeks at Lake Hayward cottage property now through October, and may be extended. Great for high school or college student. Must bring your own lawn mower. \$25-\$30 for lawn area. Payment via Paypal or check. Please contact Susie at 917-297-9968 for information.

DRAGONFLY

At LAKE HAYWARD



SATURDAY
July 25th

7:30-10:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening of music that will make you want to sing and move! Dragonfly plays an eclectic set of rock, folk, country, funk and bluegrass..with rich vocals, complex harmonies, deep grooves, and gorgeous guitar!

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