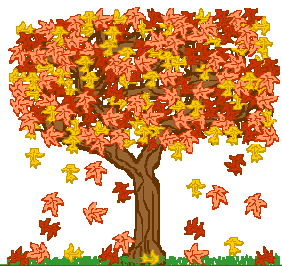


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THIS IS THE FINAL 2020 NEWSLETTER. THANKS FOR A GREAT SEASON!

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Upcoming Events

- 8/28 **ADULT CRAFTS,**
7:30-9 p.m. at First Beach Pavilion
- 8/29 **SAVAGE BROTHERS BAND,**
7:30 p.m. at First Beach Pavilion
- 8/30 **BARBERSHOP QUARTET FUSION,**
2-5 p.m. at First Beach Pavilion
- 9/1 **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL,**
East Haddam School District



Lake subcommittee meets on how to deal with influx of geese

The Lake Hayward subcommittee for geese control met on Aug. 23 and started to discuss both short-term and long-term strategies to eliminate the geese from the lake. The issues with the geese population presents a lakewide problem as the geese contribute the to the increasing phosphorus and nitrogen levels and the contamination of pathogenic protozoa and bacteria for example E-coli. As a community, it is important that we understand the impact and work and pre-

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serve the quality of the lake and work to eliminate potential health risks.

The trouble with geese

• Geese, swans and other water fowl certainly add tremendous amounts of nutrients that help fuel excessive algae and weed growth.

•The scoop on goose poop: The average Canada goose dropping has a dry weight of 1.2 g (~ 0.04 ounces) Average droppings per day ~ 82 g/ day

(dry weight), that's 2.6 ounces/day (about 1/3 cup)

• Each dropping contains 76 percent carbon, 4.4 percent nitrogen, and 1.3 percent phosphorus Geese can defecate as many as 92 times a day (numbers reported range from 28-92)

(From Sherer, N.M. et al 1995. Phosphorus loadings of an urban lake by bird droppings. Lake and Reservoir Mgmt. 11 (4): 317-327.)

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Summer events wrap up for the season with adult crafts and two musical acts

A host of fun events continue this weekend.

On Friday, Aug. 28 is **Adult Crafts** with Lisa Rogers, starting at 7:30 p.m.

The **Savage Brothers Band** performs on Saturday, Aug. 29 at 7:30 p.m. This

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band is fantastic and everyone will have an awesome time. The last event of the summer season is Fusion Barbershop Quartet at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 30 at the pavilion.

Fusion Barbershop Quartet is the season finale at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Pavilion.

Enjoy your weekend in a safe and responsible manner. We need volunteers to help. Please email Jeffc@lakehaywardct.com

Lake Quality committee cites Humane Society plan for dealing with the geese

By the time this article is published, we will have suffered through a beach closure due to an abundance of geese at the site and now have reopened it.

The geese population at our lake is an ongoing problem with no quick fix, but there are things to be done. First, we need to organize a committee to address the problem and to implement an action plan. The Humane Society has a great template for such a plan that speaks to three key components. The first is the curtailing of reproduction. The second and third deal

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with site aversion and habitat modification. Their plan also lays out a calendar for when certain activities should be performed such as identifying nesting sites and adding eggs. Please take the time to look at this article at www.humanesociety.org/sites/default/files/.docs/canada-geese-guide.pdf.

It is time for our association to get organized in order to deal with our geese population. If there are residents out there interested in putting a committee together,

please let a board member know. It would be a great way to get involved in our community and The Humane Society already has laid out a plan for this committee. The work to find nesting sites would have to begin in late March through April.

We are not advocating the killing of geese, but certainly the curtailing of reproduction.

In the meantime, do your best to keep the geese off your property and please do not feed them.

GEESE: Subcommittee looks into many options for dealing with beach fallout

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Multiply this by the number of geese you see on Lake Hayward each day and the numbers are staggering.

Lake Hayward property owners can help by:

1. Do not feed the geese or other birds on the lake. When you feed the other birds, it keeps the geese coming back as a free source of food.

2. Do not cut your grass along the shore. Geese love nothing more than mowed open lawn.

They can graze all day in comfort and safety because they can see any predators or person approaching.

3. Do not sweep the geese droppings from the docks and shore into the lake. Removal of geese droppings is recommended for elimination of the population, and reduction of harmful bacteria, nitrogen and phosphorus in the lake.

While these simple strategies alone will not eliminate the geese population the com-

mittee is working on additional short term strategies to harass the geese:

1. A controlled dog harassment program is being developed. If you have a trained dog, please contact Evelyn Passan at epas-san74@comcast.net. Please do not bring your dogs down to the beach. The committee is creating an organized dog patrol, which will be identified by the committee and wear articles that identify them as patrol.

2. A controlled motorized boat patrol. We are still evaluating the long-term strategies and will be contacting the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and professionals for the best and humane practices to our situation.

Please watch the "Sebastian the Goose Encourages Natural Shorelines" to learn more at <https://youtu.be/uhKIGxXgrLg>

Ever wonder why geese seem to gather on your favorite picnic spot, lake front shoreline or backyard? We sat down and

had a one-on-one interview with this free-loading fowl. To watch the video of the interview, do a search on Google or YouTube for "Sebastian the Goose."

Sebastian the talking Goose was created and released on YouTube to raise awareness on the importance of preserving and restoring environmental shorelines of lakes.

Classifieds

LAWN MOWING JOB: Easy cash. 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. \$30-\$35 for lawn area. Payment via Paypal or check. Please contact Susie at 917-297-9968 for information.

Plans sought on new strategic plan for the lake

As many of you know, the association strategic plan was last revised in January 2017. The Board of Governors is attempting to update and is seeking your input.

Please send your thoughts and suggestions for inclusion to Hema deSilva at hemad@lakehaywardct.com or by mail to 24 Glimmer Glen, Colchester, CT 06415.



E-mail hemad@lakehaywardct.com with your suggestions.

Best wishes for the seasons ahead

Happy Saturday morning to you all. Hard to believe that this is our final newsletter of the summer. I hope you enjoyed your time here at the lake. With so much going on in the world we truly are blessed to have our lake and POALH community. Have a happy, healthy winter. See you on the beach.

- Cindy Biancamano

Second Beach Representative

Savage Brothers Band returns Saturday, Aug. 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pavilion

The Savage Brothers, a Hartford-based band established in 1984, is a six piece funk'n', rock'n', and rhythm group featuring a two-piece horn section. The band has performed all over New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and as far as Cancun, Mexico. The Savage Brothers have shared the stage with acts such as Tower of Power, Joan Osborne, James Cotton, Southside Johnny, NRBQ, The Guess Who, Marshall Tucker, Jimmy Vaughn, Dickey Betts of the Allman Brothers, John Cafferty, Los Lonely Boys, and more.

The group's current line-up is comprised of Michael Savage, drums and vocals; Frank Cook, lead guitar; Keith Kruser, lead vocals, guitar, and keyboard; Scott Lawson Pomeroy, lead vocals and bass guitar; Steve Marien, sax; Scott Haber, trumpet. They have released two full albums including "Population 6" which has been critically acclaimed and sold over 5,000 copies. The Savage Brothers Band has won numerous awards including the "Best of Hartford" by Hartford Magazine. They've given over 6,000 performances and with total professionalism and consistent sound and stage presence, you won't want to miss this band!



Fusion Barbershop Quartet returns Sunday, Aug. 30, at 2 p.m. at the Pavilion



Summer smiles all around



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