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TAX COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Payment of POALH tax bills is due on or before Aug. 2

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First Beach Pavilion
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4:30-8 p.m.,
Second Beach
- 7/21 **KIDS BINGO,**
7-8 p.m., First Beach Pavilion

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By Ed Bader Tax Collector

Every property owner should have received their association property tax bill(s) by now. They were mailed from June 28 to July 1 to the address on file with the Town of East Haddam Assessor's office.

If you have not received your bill(s) by now, please call or e-mail at 860-295-8769 or taxcollector@lakehaywardct.com. It is the property owner's responsibility to get a tax bill and pay it on time.

All property tax payments are due July 1, with a 30-day grace period and that period ends on Aug. 2. The association must receive your payment(s) on or before Aug. 2. If you mail your payment, the envelope must clearly state the postmark date. If you are mailing your payment close to

WHAT: TOWN HALL MEETING

WHEN: 10 a.m., Saturday, July 17

WHERE: First Beach



the Aug. 2 due date, we suggest you take your payment envelope to the post office and have them hand-stamp the mailing date with a U. S. Post Office date stamp on the face of the payment envelope. If we can't read the stamped cancellation date on the envelope and we receive your payment after Aug. 2, the payment will be deemed late and a late fee of 1.5 percent per month from July 1 will be charged.

The association has discontinued the use of the walk-up POALH mailbox at 83 Wildwood. All tax payments must be made through the U.S. Mail system.

Returned mail continues to be an issue for us. We spend a great deal of time trying to keep your permanent mailing address up to date. In the Spring Packet, we enclosed a form to notify us of any change in your mailing address.

Your permanent address for tax billing purposes is controlled by the East Haddam Assessor's office. You must report any change of address to the Assessor's office (860-873-5026), and they will change your permanent address for both town and association tax billing purposes.

Volunteers needed for always-popular Ladies Night in August

Calling all male cooks and female eaters: Ladies Night is fast approaching on Aug. 27. It's time for our males to pamper us females. Show us your culinary expertise (or non-expertise) by volunteering to help make dinner.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Please email me at cindyb@lakehaywardct.com if you can help out. Ladies, this event will have a maximum, so

please email me to get your name on the list. It's always a lot of fun.

Have a great weekend. See you on the beach.

- Cindy Biancamano

Beware of blue-green algae blooms in warm weather

As our summer progresses and our lake water becomes warmer, blue-green algae may appear. Below, please find excerpts from a fact sheet provided on the Chatham Health website. For the complete version, please go to www.chathamhealth.org.

What are blue-green algae?

Blue-green algae are simple organisms that exist naturally in marine waters, rivers, lakes and ponds. Despite their name, blue-green algae are actually types of bacteria known as cyanobacteria. These organisms can reproduce rapidly and a dense growth of these organisms is called a bloom.

What causes these organisms to form "blooms"?

In Connecticut, blooms occur in summer and early fall because the abundant light, high water temperature and nutrient content increase the chance for bloom formation. Under the right conditions, a large bloom can form overnight.

For more information on preserving the quality of the lake, go to www.lakehaywardct.com/lake-quality

What does a bloom look like?

Blue-green algae blooms can appear (or disappear) rapidly. Blooms can also disappear underwater or move to different parts of a pond or lake. Be mindful of any unusual look to the lake including a bright green color, abundant pea soup-like scum, or spilled paint-like appearance. Sometimes thick mats of algae are washed onshore.

Why should I be aware of blue-green algae blooms?

Some blue-green algae produce toxins that could pose a health risk to people and animals when they are exposed to them in large enough quantities. Exposure occurs when surface scums or water containing

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blue-green algae are ingested, contact the skin, or when airborne droplets containing toxins are inhaled while swimming, boating, and skiing. Symptoms of low-level exposure are short-lived and include; "allergic" type reactions, acute intestinal or respiratory problems, and skin irritations. However, swallowing relatively large amounts of the tainted water can cause serious illness such as liver damage and nervous system effects.

How can I prevent exposure to these toxins?

When you see an algae bloom, the safest course of action to take is to stay away from the water. Pay attention to posted advisories that limit recreational activities in and around a bloom. It is most important that pets and children are kept away from blue-green algae blooms as they may be less inclined to avoid contact with the tainted water.

POALH seeks nominees for openings on Board of Governors

Anyone wishing to be considered for a position on the POALH Board of Governors should make their interest known by submitting an email to secretary @lakehaywardct.com, who will then forward it to the Nominating Committee for review. The deadline is July 20. The nominating committee will consider candidates based on the following criteria:

- The ability and willingness to serve a two or three year term;
- The ability and willingness of a member to commit to attending at least 75 percent or more of the board meetings (FYI: State of Connecticut law requires board members of a municipality to attend in person to vote on topics that are discussed.
- The ability and willingness of the candi-

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date to participate on one or more board positions, committees, or activities throughout their term of office.

- Validation that they are an existing property owner or are a registered voter in the town of East Haddam and live within the boundaries of the district. This should be done by providing a copy of their tax bill..
- Each candidate must have computer capability to install Office 365 on the candidate's computer to participate in POALH's computer system to meet the State of Connecticut's Freedom of Information requirements. Also, the candidate must be able to receive e-mails and other computer gener-

ated correspondence on a regular basis and answer in a timely fashion (within 72 hours).

- Candidates must complete the nominee submission form either in writing (preferred) or verbally with the nominating committee.

Other Considerations

Ideally a board member should live in the state of Connecticut so that they can attend board meetings in person.

We cannot have most board members leaving the state in October not returning until spring as this could compromise the attendance policy for board meetings.

This is not a steadfast rule, but is something to be considered.

For more, see form on Page 6.

Newsletter editor needed for 2022

We are looking for an editorially-minded individual with a flair for design to produce the weekly Lake Hayward newsletter, starting in June 2022. Please e-mail webmaster@lakehaywardct.com if you are interested.

LAKE HAYWARD GOLF OPEN

Black Birch Country Club
10 Banner Road
Moodus, CT

Saturday July 31st
Shotgun start 8:30
Scramble format
Lunch at Corvos (at the
course) 1 o'clock



*Green fees, lunch, cart, driving
range and prizes. \$65.00*

*Sign up as a foursome, solo,
twosome. We will pair you up*

Call to reserve

Don (860)537-3577 (860)604-4216

Dave (203) 314-1096

This week in lakeside summer events

July 14, 7-8 p.m.

Kids Bingo

July 15, 7-8 p.m.

Kids Arts & Crafts

July 16, 7:30-9 p.m.

Dad Band at the First Beach Pavilion. The Dad Band is a local neighborhood band that plays upbeat 1980s and classic-rock tunes. Dancing and gang vocals are encouraged. This band was generously donated by a POALH member.

July 17, 7-10 p.m.

Setback Tournament at the First Beach Pavilion. Calling all setback players: come down to the pavilion for a fun night of cards. Snacks will be provided. BYOB and a deck of cards.

July 18, 4:30-8 p.m.

Fishing Tournament from Second Beach. Please note this is the only fishing tournament that is not in the morning.

Looking Ahead

Please check out [the calendar](#) for all our upcoming events. We have highlighted a few of the upcoming events in July, but there is a lot more happening.

July 24, 9-9:30 a.m.

Kathy Sabo will lead a meditation on Second Beach.

July 24

[Lake Hayward Words on Wood Party.](#)

The link is open now. Members can design their own masterpiece to make the evening of the party or you can simply have it made for you. Monies raised will go to the social events budget. If members have any questions about products or design questions they can email jackievalentine@wordsonwoodparty.com.

For a full season list of events, go to the POALH online calendar at www.lakehaywardct.com/events



Becky from Big Daddy's Twisted Tees helped these teens create tie dye shirts at the Pavilion on Sunday. A few adults joined in on the fun, too.

Lake Hayward Beach Games and Carnival

Mark your calendar for Lake Hayward Days Beach Games & Carnival, which will be held on Aug. 28. We are looking for volunteers. If you can give us a few hours of your time, please fill out this [Google form](#). We cannot do this without your help.

Summer so far

Even with the rainy start to our summer, the first few weeks have been packed with successful events. The silent auction on June 26 raised more than \$2,000 and the



Volunteers making popcorn for the first movie night of the season.

fried dough fundraiser raised more than \$300 for our events budget.

On July 3, the pavilion was packed for the program on birds of prey from A Place Called Hope. Children and adults alike were mesmerized by these beautiful creatures. The presenters had so much knowledge to share.

We also had Jake Kulak and Lowdown on July 3. This has to be one of the most talented musical groups to visit the lake.

Last weekend we had our first Movie Night of the season on the new inflatable screen. The night was made complete with fresh popped popcorn. Several families enjoyed one of the newest Disney-Pixar films "Luca."

On Sunday, we had a teen event that would not have been possible without the generosity of our friends at Big Daddy's Twisted Tees. They provided the dye and the tools for more than a dozen teens to create a shirt that they will enjoy for years to come.



SETBACK TOURNAMENT

SNACKS PROVIDED, BYOB & A DECK OF CARDS

17TH OF JULY AT 7PM ♦ SATURDAY
THE PAVILION AT FIRST BEACH



POALH EVENTS JULY 14TH-18TH

July 14th - Kids Bingo 7PM

July 15th - Kids Craft 7PM

July 16th - Dad Band 7:30-9PM

July 17th - Setback Tournament 7PM

July 18th - Fishing Tournament 4:30-8 PM
(Second Beach)

POALH Board Candidate Nominee Submission Form

Name _____ Email _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Lake Address _____ Year-round? (Y / N) Circle one

Tell us about yourself. Please write about your relevant business or volunteer experience that can be helpful to the committee.

Tell us about past and existing involvement in POALH activities and how long you have been a member of the POALH.

What special skills can you bring to the board and the Association to assist in carrying out the mission of our Association?

Why do you feel you would be a good candidate for the Board of Governors? Feel free to comment on areas of interest or concerns you have relative to the management of our community.

Important Notes

All submissions will receive an email confirmation of receipt. Candidates will be invited to meet or speak with nominating committee members. Board responsibilities and requirements of the position will be reviewed during this meeting.

Please email your submission to secretary@lakehaywardct.com who will forward it to the nominating committee chairperson.

If you would like to learn more about what is involved in serving as a board member of POALH before submitting an application, please contact any member of the nominating committee or speak to a current or past board member.