



June 24, 2023

Quote of the week

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."

Benjamin Franklin

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Upcoming Events: All at the pavilion.

Artisan Fair

.Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup> – 10am – 2 PM

Hosted by Kathy Sabo. Come and shop beautiful handmade items by local artists.

Important: June 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM meeting of POALH

At the Pavilion Followed by

Nutmeg Farms Goose Q and A

Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> – 12 pm - 1 pm

Trivia Night

Saturday July 1, 6 pm to 8 PM

Hosted by Shannon McKane

90's Hip Hop

Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> 7 pm – 10 pm

### President's Message

It's summer time at the Lake. Welcome back!  
As most have received our e-mail news blasts you know that Cindy Biancamano has stepped down from the Board of Governors. She was an integral part of our community and will be greatly missed on the board. She spent many hours volunteering to be your president. Thank you, Cindy!! Cindy would always say "see you on the beach". Make sure to look for her there, I will!!

We have been preparing for a terrific summer season. The beaches have all new sand and the Pavilion has had a well needed, power wash and new staining. We have lots of fun events that are scheduled for this season please keep your eye on the events calendar located on our website @ [lakehaywardct.com](http://lakehaywardct.com).

Although dogs are not allowed on our beaches (we do have a doggie beach for this) for geese purposes Evelyn Passen has been allowing dogs that register and are approved by her to chase the geese. These dogs can be identified by a red handkerchief. For questions or to register your dog please reach out to [evelynp@lakehaywardct.com](mailto:evelynp@lakehaywardct.com).

Carolyn Kress provides our beach passes and will NOT be at the June meeting, but if you still have not picked up your orange parking passes please reach out to Carolyn @ [CRKRESS@comcast.net](mailto:CRKRESS@comcast.net) or her cell phone @ 860-908-4716. We are looking and in desperate need for an Events Coordinator. Your Board of Governors all pulled together to prepare for your events this summer, however if we can't get a coordinator for next summer our events will sadly go away. Please please volunteer for your community!

Laurie Dworak – President [President@lakehaywardct.com](mailto:President@lakehaywardct.com)

### Volunteers Needed

This year, the volunteers on the Nominating Committee will be seeking and inviting members to consider volunteering on the Board of Governors. This is a great way to contribute to our municipality as we go forward with recreational events, normal operational functions, as well as upcoming capital projects. Look for email blasts and newsletters for information to express your interest for one of the following positions:

First Beach Representative – 2 years

Second Beach Representative – 2 years

Third Beach Representative – 2 years

Representative at Large – 3 years

[Nomination Submissions – Property Owners' Association at Lake Hayward \(lakehaywardct.com\)](#)

**Lake Hayward**  
**June Meeting – Sunday, June 25, 2023**  
**First Beach Pavilion**

**Agenda**

**Call to Order: 10:00 a.m.**

**Roll Call of the Board of Governors**

**Opening Remarks**

**Reading and Acceptance of POALH August 21, 2022 Association  
Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Financial Reports**

- **Tax Collector**
- **Treasurer**

**Reports of the Board of Governors**

- **President**
- **Secretary**

**Reports of Committees**

- **Budget**
- **Dam**
- **Events**
- **Geese**
- **Lake Quality**
- **Merchandise**
- **Nominating**
- **Properties**
- **Water Testing**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Announcements**

- **Geese - please stay after our annual meeting for an introduction to Lynnette from Nutmeg Farms and learn about the geese here at Lake Hayward**

**Adjournment**

## **Tax Collector's Corner Lynn Crisci**

### **What is a Special Taxing District?**

**There is a common misconception that the Property Owners' Association of Lake Hayward (POALH) is not a municipal entity, and that the taxes paid to POALH are not the same as the taxes paid East Haddam.**

**That would be incorrect.**

**POALH is a Special Taxing District.**

**Special Taxing Districts are independent, special purpose governmental units, formed and existing independently from local governments, such as towns or counties. The most famous special taxing unit is the Reedy Creek Improvement District, which was formed by Walt Disney World Co. in Florida.**

**Special Taxing Districts are found in most states and can be defined by services provided or by geography. In Connecticut, there are four groups allowed: 1) fire districts, 2) utility districts (water, sewer, lighting), 3) improvement association districts (condominiums and private developments) and 4) beach and lake association districts. POALH is the fourth type of District and is a fully filed and approved taxing entity under the auspices of the State of Connecticut.**

**As a Special Taxing District, POALH may acquire and sell private property, provide any service a municipality can (except education), impose and collect taxes on property within its District, borrow money, and own, operate and maintain public improvements.**

**Your tax dollars paid to POALH support beach maintenance, garbage collection, the pavilion, the ballpark and everything in between. There are a number of articles about Special Taxing Districts on-line, and the Office of Policy and Management, State of Connecticut, is another good source of information about Districts like ours.**

### **Invasive Weed Treatment May Be Delayed**

**In a meeting on June 13, 2023 with Solitude, our treatment contractor, we learned the CT DEEP has not yet approved our three year treatment permit. We are not aware of any problem with it, but apparently the delay is being caused by staffing issues. The good news is that when we do receive it we will be able to treat further north by the boat launch. The treatment date will likely change from June 27<sup>th</sup> to July 10, 2023. As always, there will be restrictions on certain uses of the lake on the treatment date and the following few days. Signs will be posted throughout our lake community with this information and treatment date as usual. Please follow the instructions. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.**

**The East Shore Gazette, dated May 2023, has been posted on the POALH website. It's a newsletter produced by our neighbors on the east side. Please do us a favor and read it with a focus on the article entitled "So, Where's The Algae?". Please take the need for all of us to properly care for our septic systems seriously and the other tips contained in this article to reduce unwanted runoff into our lake. In the meantime, your Lake Quality Improvement Committee is working on a program to further study the nutrient loading from our outflows in our watershed with the help of Northeast Aquatics. Further news to come soon as to what that will entail.**

**We are a committee made up of residents from both sides of our beautiful lake and I cannot thank them enough for all their hard work.**

**Corinne Halliday, Chair**

# POALH FINANCIALS

I took on the role of treasurer in October 2022. I have been a year round member of POALH for 19 years, on Wildwood Road. The 2022-2023 budget year is coming to an end. We are current with all payments and expect a few remaining invoices before the end of June. Please remember to visit our website at [www.lakehaywardct.com](http://www.lakehaywardct.com) to review posted Board of Governor meeting minutes, budget, other financial information and important developments regarding your POALH membership financial interests. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out. I look forward to working with full transparency for my community.

2023 POALH Treasurer, Lisa Hober

## CHANGE TO TAX BILL PICK-UP SUNDAY – JUNE 25

East Haddam has hit a delay in their budget process. There are a number of factors, but bottom line, East Haddam has delayed releasing their tax file. That means that the tax bills for Property Owners' Association at Lake Hayward (POALH), as well as all the other Special Taxing Districts, are likewise delayed.

Tax Bills will NOT be available for pick-up (rather than mail it when it's released), please email me your name and lake address before June 29th to: [taxcollector@lakehaywardct.com](mailto:taxcollector@lakehaywardct.com)

As soon as the bills are released, I will contact everyone who emails me and let you know when I'll be at the Pavilion with your tax bills.

If I don't hear from you, your bill will be placed in the mail as soon as taxes are released (on or before June 30, 2023).

Sorry about this — sometimes things are just beyond our control.

Lynn Crisci, Tax Collector  
POALH

## Lake Hayward Artisan Fair

Saturday, June 24, 2023

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Lake Hayward Pavilion

Kathy Sabo

*Heartwood Happenings*

Book Folding Artwork, Ornaments & Crafts

Warren Blessing

*Connecticut Valley Woodcarving*

Wood Carving of Animals and People

Tina Good

Wood Carving of Lake Hayward Signs & More

Sarah Baskin

*Sarah Baskin Art*

Watercolor Paintings

& Postcards

# First Beach Facilities



**A beautiful, expansive sandy beach.**



**Our book sharing.**

**Our pavilion for meetings and events.**



**Tennis, pickle ball, and basketball courts - And, of course, great fishing.**

## Second Beach



**A sandy beach on a peninsula**



**A big boat rack.**



**A “much fun” Playscape**

# Third Beach

## A Sandy Beach



### Welcome Back to the Beach

The weather is finally cooperating, and Third Beach is ready to welcome you back.

You'll notice the Property crew has been hard at work. The wood bench has been repaired and is wearing a new coat of fresh white paint. The Property folks have the docks installed, and the beach is being raked.

A couple words about one of the traditions that make Third Beach unique: Umbrellas

Umbrellas are purchased by Third Beach for everyone's use and enjoyment. These aren't porch umbrellas, which are heavier, and so more dangerous when it's windy. These are true beach umbrellas.

Beach umbrellas are lighter, but they are also more susceptible to damage, and we have an unusual number of umbrellas that have already sustained damage in the early weeks of the season. We know we have a number of new families, so thought we'd share some tips to keep the umbrellas safe.

Here's the 101 on beach umbrella use:

1. If you bury the post! The post should be buried at least a foot into the sand. There's a technique (and you can find it on YouTube). Once you have the post buried, use your foot to fill in the sand around it, and keep an eye during the course of the day to make sure it doesn't work loose.
2. For metal Umbrella Stands: If you're using one of the metal stands, bury the stand at least 6 inches, and/or place heavy things on it to give it extra weight. If there's a breeze, consider using a second stand, setting it on the windward side (where the wind is coming from. If you can't tell, wet your finger and hold it up. The cold side is the windward side)
3. Never Walk Away From Your Umbrella: If you're leaving the beach to grab lunch at home, or going swimming, lower your umbrella. Your towel and chair won't mind, and it will save the umbrella from tipping and breaking

The umbrellas are a great tradition, but they are costly. If we all follow these guidelines, we'll have plenty available for everyone to enjoy for Summer 2023.

See you on the beach!

Lynn Crisci & Hema DeSilva – Third Beach Representatives

# And the State Run Public Boat Launch

On the northeast corner of the lake.





# Events Happening at Nearby Towns

## Farmer's Market Colchester

Every Sunday morning at 9:00 AM on the green'

## Hebron Lions Fireworks

Saturday, Jun 24, 2023 - 4:00 p.m.  
Hebron Lions Fairgrounds, Hebron, CT

## Connecticut Sun vs. Chicago Sky

Sunday, Jun 25, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.

## Connecticut Sun vs. New York Liberty

Tuesday, Jun 27, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.

## Connecticut Sun vs. Seattle Storm

Thursday, Jul 6, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.

## Connecticut Sun vs. Washington Mystics

Sunday, July 9 , 2023 - 3:00 p.m.  
All games at Mohegan Sun Arena, Uncasville, CT

## Rose Arts Festival

Saturday, Jul 1, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.  
Chelsea Parade, Norwich, CT

## Harbor Fireworks

Sunday, Jul 2, 2023 - 5:00 p.m.  
ET Howard T. Brown Memorial Park, Norwich, CT

## Barenaked Ladies: Last Summer On Earth 2023

Friday, Jul 7, 2023 - 7:30 p.m.  
Mohegan Sun Arena, Uncasville, CT

## Andover Farmer's Market

Wednesday, Jul 12, 2023 - 4:00 p.m.  
Andover, CT

## Wild and Wacky Wednesday Night Meet

Wednesday, Jul 12, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.  
New London Waterford Speedbowl, Waterford, CT

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