



January 2019

What's New at Ashford Lake?

Greetings to all Ashford Lake property owners! This is the annual update of lake activities and information.

Upcoming Events

Chili Cook-Off: February 16, 2019

Spring Clean Up: May 18, 2019

Boat Parade: July 4th

Join Us For a Winter Gathering!

Come to East Beach on February 16th at 12:00 for a Chili Cook-Off! Bring your favorite chili dish or just your appetite. There will be winter activities on the ice if conditions are safe.

Annual Meeting Highlights

- It was unanimously agreed that the assessment fee for 2019 will remain at \$500 per parcel.
- The annual water testing at the two beaches completed in July and August for E-Coli were well within the recommended safe level.
- ALPOA continues to renew the permit to destroy Canada Geese eggs and dealt with a nest this year. After the eggs were treated, the pair abandoned the nest and left the lake.

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Please check the website frequently for updates. You will find the 2019 budget, ALPOA meeting minutes, bylaws, covenants and links to town websites and resources.

To All Our Volunteers

We would like to thank all those who volunteer to help out with projects around the lake! The more work done by volunteers means our assessment dollars go further!

Road Work Update

Perhaps, you are wondering why limited road work was completed this year. That's because ALPOA was cited for non-compliance of proper storm water management.

On March 6, ALPOA received a letter from the Ashford Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission about a complaint and site visit regarding storm water issues. Members of the Board met with Ashford IWWC at their April 3rd meeting and received the Commission's report and recommendations. The Board hired Wentworth Civil Engineering who devised a plan with corrective actions that included Sunset Beach, Sunset Dr. swale, Westview Dr. swale, and Farm Dr./Campert Lane intersection. The plan was submitted at the May 8 Ashford IWWC meeting. The Commission approved the plan and required ALPOA to apply for a permit at the June Ashford IWWC meeting. The application was approved at the July meeting and the permit was not issued until August 8th. Corrective measures could not start at that time due to extremely wet conditions in the target areas. The quote for the mandated drainage items alone was \$54,000. The permit is good for five years and the work can be spread out over the five years.

In late fall, work was completed on the dirt roads, the intersection of Ashford Lake and Birchwood Drives, and the intersection of Westview and Ashford Lake Drives. Unused money allotted for the 2018 budget for road work will be carried over to 2019.



Please adhere to the 15MPH SPEED LIMIT. Our community includes many families with young children.



Community Reminders

Culverts and Drains

Please do what you can to keep all culverts and drains near your home clear of leaves and debris. Water needs to be able to drain freely and evenly to avoid blockages, damming and road washouts.

ALPOA Boat Stickers

Owners need to attach ALPOA stickers to all their boats to properly identify their boats. Contact Denise Pillion for stickers.

Beach Use

ALPOA property owners need to accompany guests when using Sunset and East Beaches.

Boat Information

If you or your guests use your boats in another waterway, please be sure to wash off your boats with soap and water before putting them back in the lake. This is to prevent invasive plants from being brought into Ashford Lake.

Ice Safety Information

The winter season offers many opportunities for sports and recreation at Ashford lake. Should your activities include venturing out onto the frozen surface of the lake, please be aware of the danger and take precautions to ensure your safety.

Please go to the Property Owners menu at alpoa.org and review the Ice Safety Information in the Community Watch & Safety section.

IF YOU SEE IT-REPORT IT

Please report any suspicious activity or use of beaches by non-ALPOA residents to the Connecticut State Police Troup C.

(800) 318-7633 or (860) 896-3200

Thank You!

Through 12/1/18, ALPOA received over \$68,000 from 122 of 132 property owners, or approximately 93% of the total 2018 assessment. Thank you for paying on time! Prompt payment provides the funds needed to maintain our roads, dam, and beaches and for the liability insurance premium. In 2018, ALPOA has also received over \$6,500 in back assessments from previous years. In total, over \$74,000 has been collected this year, allowing ALPOA to continue to contribute to our capital account and maintain sound fiscal footing for the future.

Email List

Please include your email address in the space provided on the assessment bill. The email list will be used ONLY to contact ALPOA members regarding alerts and any changes to events or meetings. Your email address will not be used for any other purpose.

ALPOA Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month. Look for the signs on the bulletin boards or on the website for the locations. All property owners are welcome to attend.

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