

MEMORANDUM

TO: Town Council
FROM: David E. Cox, Town Manager
DATE: July 23, 2021
SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report



The following information includes follow up from general items that were discussed at previous Council meetings as well as updates of a general nature from the departments. The items are organized by department and are intended to provide information on activities currently being undertaken by the Town's departments and those matters that are upcoming. Not all departments will be represented in each Report.

Council Meeting Follow Up

- At its last meeting, the Council requested information on the current standing and special Council sub-committees including membership. The following are the current sub-committees and their members. All sub-committees meet as needed.
 - Appointments (standing): Moore, Markham, Philhower
 - Personnel (standing): Reich, Johnson, Feegel
 - Budget Policy (special): Markham, Reich, Feegel
 - By-Laws (special): Markham, Reich, Feegel
 - Water System (special): Brown, Johnson, Feegel
 - American Recovery Plan Funds (special): Moore, Johnson, Feegel

Land Use

- The Land Use Department is in the early stages of a planning effort that is expected to identify improvements that will encourage walkability in the Village Center, create pedestrian and bike friendly connectivity, and enhance the overall attractiveness of the space where residents and visitors alike will want to stop and spend time. Some preliminary concepts being evaluated include streetscape improvements, wayfinding, additional public gathering spaces, and the incorporation of cultural and historical elements to add to the aesthetic of the Village Center.

As of now preliminary research has taken place, as well as meetings with the business owners from the Village Center to gain valuable insight. An inventory of existing conditions has been started focusing on current infrastructure, such as crosswalks, sidewalks, bike racks, trash, and recycling receptacles, parking, open space, and signage. Staff expects to finalize the plan by early September for presentation to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Town Council. A public meeting to gather input from residents will be held Tuesday, August 3 beginning at 6:00 pm at East Hampton Town Hall Community Room 108.

This project is being led by the Towns' intern, Chris Roberts, a recent CCSU Planning program graduate, and is funded through a grant from the Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association.

- Work has begun on the "Salt Pond Apartments," the latest phase of the Edgewater Hills project. This will create 40 market rate apartments in 5 buildings adjacent to the Town Hall. Site work has begun and it is anticipated that construction permits for the first three buildings will be issued in early August.
- With funds approved in the Town Budget and grant funds from the State, the Department is embarking on a project to scan all of the historic property files. It is expected that approximately half of the Building Department property files will be digitized this year and permanently preserved in the digital permit system making them more easily available to residents as well as staff.
- Cheryl Guiliano has joined the Department as a permanent part-time Office Technician and is the face of the Department at the front counter. Cheryl comes to us with a long history of customer service experience and we are excited to have her on-board. Welcome Cheryl!

Library

- Town Management Staff, with support from the Library staff, is developing an East Hampton Academy, which is a multi-week program through which citizens and interested parties can learn about many facets of Town government in a fun and interactive way. The goal is to provide a way for people to learn about the Town and to encourage citizen participation in municipal government. The first Academy session is targeted for spring 2022.
- The Monthly Director's Report to the Library Advisory Board is included in this Town Manager's Report.

Parks and Recreation

- In June, the Department saw the largest number of program participants (748 registrations) and revenue (\$60,356) ever posted. The average number of registrations for June dating back to 2016 is 601 and revenue has averaged \$38,243. This increase is directly associated with the increase in program staff, which allows the Department to establish more programs and run them at a high level. The Department has seen ongoing increases in participation over the last three months.
- The Request for Proposals for the High School Athletic fields has been extended by one week due to the request from contractors for an extension. This extension is expected to delay the project start date to early September. The High School Athletic Fields Committee expects to present its contractor recommendation to the Town Council at the Council's August 10 meeting.

- With the addition of the Community Garden to the eastern portion of the Cranberry Bog site, the Parks Maintenance Crew is providing additional mowing at the location to improve appearance, aesthetic and safety in the area.
- The Town has received several calls and other contacts regarding the process of Lake clean up and management since the Blue Green algae bloom occurred and the Sears Park swimming area was closed. To help residents understand the Town's activities, a release was sent out from the Parks and Recreation Department describing the three factor approach to success of lake management over the next several years. A copy of the release is attached to this Report.
- The Chatham Health Department will continue its monitoring of the swim area at Sears Park and will lift the swimming restriction when it observes improvement in conditions in two consecutive visual inspections. Despite ongoing efforts to manage the situation, the lake could continue to see periodic Blue Green Algae blooms, which may cause closure of the swimming area at Sears Park. Notification of any closure is published on the Town website in a red band near the top of the page and on the Town's various social media sites including the [Lake Commission's Facebook](#) page.

Public Works

- After several weather delays, chip seal has been applied to all of the roads on the chip seal list. The loose stone will remain on the road surface for the next few weeks to allow bonding between the newly-applied asphalt emulsion and the existing road surface. After this has had time to occur, the contractor will return to sweep up the remaining loose stone to leave a clean and sealed wearing surface on the road.
- The Public Works Department has spent significant time since tropical storm Elsa repairing various washouts and areas of drainage system and road damage. As of this writing, the immediate issues have largely been addressed. Staff anticipates returning at a later date to some locations to perform some additional hardening of the infrastructure to mitigate these reoccurring issues in the future.
- Work has recommenced on Edgerton Street and continues to go well notwithstanding the weather events and related clean-up work that have required staff attention at other locations. As a reminder, the project will continue through the Fall, weather permitting, until complete. The project timeline remains on schedule to have Edgerton Street fully ready for reconstruction in spring 2022.
- Crews are also working on other smaller drainage projects including drainage improvements installation on Navajo Trail, armoring a Town-owned drainage easement on Colchester Ave, Forest Street drainage repair, and underdrain installation on Shipyard Rd.

- Staff has been working with the property owners at 11 Lake View Street to formulate an acceptable plan for the stone wall along the property frontage near the sidewalk. The wall has outlived its service life and is badly in need of replacement or major repair. The property owners have agreed to the removal of the stone wall and sloping of the yard at maintainable slope, which will eliminate Town expense in the future. Removal of the wall and grading work will be performed by the Department.
- Staff has engaged the Town's on-call Engineer to assist in developing the specification and plans for the permanent replacement of the memorial brick sidewalks in the Village Center, which will provide for a longer-life installation. The bricks that were temporarily removed as a result of flooding damage are in storage and will be returned with the first project. Future projects are expected to include removal and replacement of the memorial bricks in other areas with the upgraded installation method.

Senior Center

- The Senior Center is running well since increased programming returned as of June 1. The Center had 103 visitor sign-ins so far in July. As activity continues to grow at the Center, the Town will be seeking to fill the Activity Specialist and Driver positions to facilitate more programming.
- Community Renewal Team's (CRT) Community Café, which is the congregate meal program at the Senior Center, plans to resume serving meals three days per week (Tuesday through Thursday) beginning August 3. The plan to which CRT agreed expands service to five days per week by September 1.
- The tour company that provides many of the Center's trips has increase the number of people it will allow on the trips scheduled this fall due to the overwhelming response of participants. This will allow more older adults in the community to register while maintaining appropriate safety levels.
- September is National Senior Center month and staff is working to develop programming. Plans include a Food Truck picnic at Sears Park on September 8 with music at the gazebo, another special event day with local music, nature programs and iPad instructional classes.
- Yoga sessions to be held at the Town Hall Community Room beginning August 18 to avoid a timing conflict with the lunch program.

Youth and Family Services

- Social Services has the materials and work on the Department-wide art installation is beginning. As a reminder, the project will be completed entirely by East Hampton youth with Epoch Arts

providing creative assistance and hosting the paint nights. Each area of the Department's suite will have a theme. Embracing diversity and creating a safe space for youth will be the theme of the Department's main lobby area. Each therapy rooms will have its own theme and will embrace key concepts such as mindfulness, perseverance, self-care, and resilience. Staff is excited about this project and will invite the community in to see the final products when they are ready.

Town Manager/Other

- The Town's COVID rates have been increasing and, as of yesterday's reporting, the Town has returned to the Yellow level under the State's COVID Response Framework. The data shows a rate of 6.7 cases per 100,000 population, which equates to just under one actual case per day in the two week report period. Fortunately, no additional deaths have been reported in East Hampton for several months. In order to be more fully protected, residents continue to be encouraged to get vaccinated and to practice safety protocols if they are not.

- The Town received five responses to its Request for Qualifications related to Water System Engineering. The Council's Water System sub-committee met and prioritized three firms for interviewing, which will take place in the upcoming week. It is expected that a recommendation will be made to the full Council at an upcoming meeting.

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cc: Management Staff

June 2021 Monthly Report

At a glance:

This section contains a brief summary of the most important information.

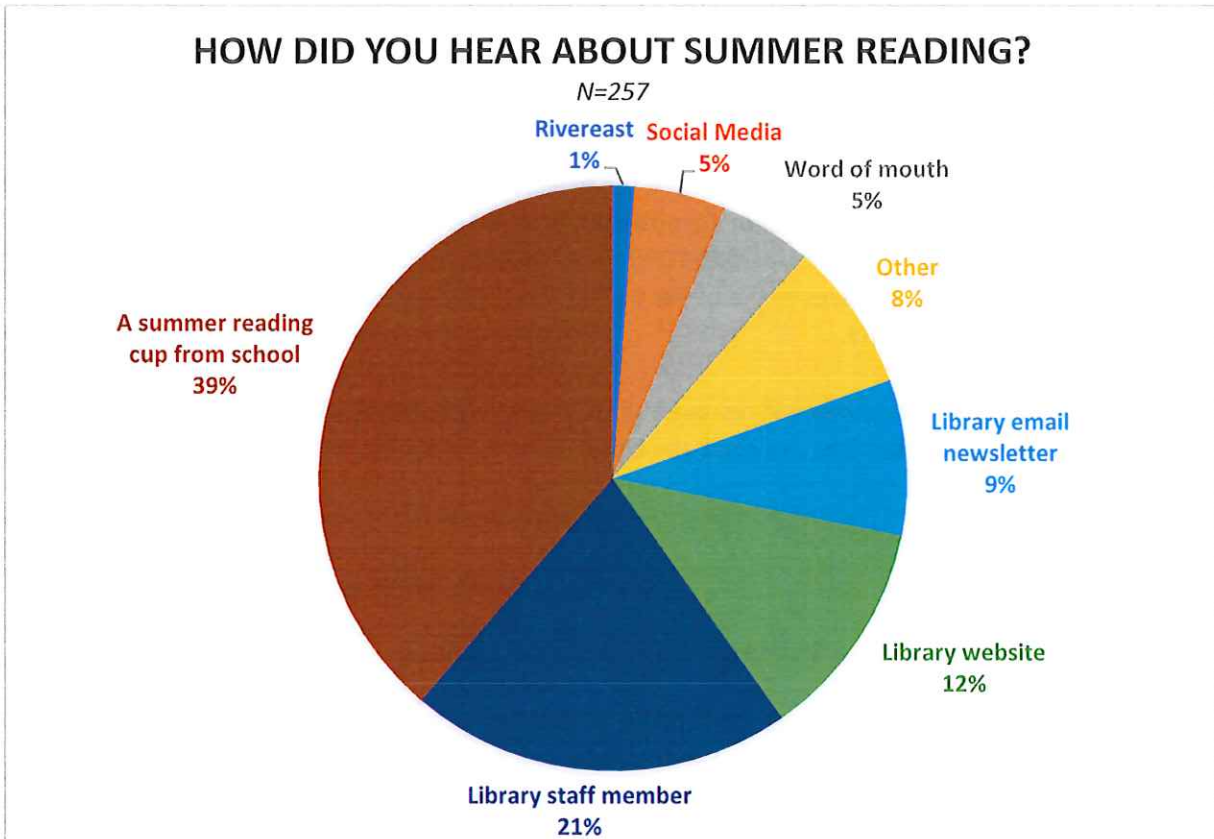
- Over 400 community members attended the Library's Summer Reading Kick Off Event held on Friday, June 25th. Over 700 community members have signed up to participate in the Library's Summer Reading Program, nearly double the number who participated in 2019.
- For the first time, the Library has reached the milestone of 100,000 borrows in a single year, a 51% increase from four years ago. Comparatively, in 2017/2018 borrowing was 66,000, in 2018/2019 it was 77,000 and in 2019/2020 it was 82,000. To celebrate, the Library will be handing out free sunglasses to the public on Old Home Day weekend, paid for through donations to the Library.
- As is traditional, the Library will resume Summer Saturday hours in July. From Independence Day weekend to Labor Day weekend, the Library will be open from 10:00am to 1:00pm on Saturdays.

Strategic Plan Actions Update

This section contains information about new programs, services, collections or initiatives directly relating to the Strategic Plan.

- For the first time, the Library has created a paper calendar of events for July and August. Calendars are at public desks for patrons to take home. The Library is evaluating the efficacy of this promotional effort. *(Welcoming and Vibrant)*
- The Library is offering two outdoor, in-person early literacy story times this summer: Baby Rhyme Time (birth to 18 months) and Stories and Songs (19 months to 5 years). 93 people attended the first session of Stories and Songs at Seamster Park. While in attendance, families received Early Literacy Kits generously donated by the Family and Friends of Marie Strong. Each kit contains an East Hampton Public Library tote bag, shakers, scarves, and other fun learning tools to use at every story time event. *(Accessible and Inclusive)*
- Summer Reading Registration *(Informative and Collaborative)*

	Summer Reading Pre-Registration (as of June 24, 2021)	After Summer Reading Kick Off Event (as of June 26, 2021)	Current (As of July 8, 2021)
Children	186	306	413
Teen	51	86	123
Adults	93	179	213
TOTAL	330	571	749



Department Reports

Administration:

This section contains general updates and news about library administration.

- The Library's American Recovery Plan Act Grant from the CT State Library and the Institute of Museum and Library Services has been approved. The Library will spend their \$17,145 appropriation on upgrading the public wireless internet, a charging station to improve access to electrical outlets and mobile shelving to allow for socially distanced furniture arrangement and traffic flow. Additionally, the Library will be purchasing new furniture for the public computer desks. Improvements are expected to be completed by mid-autumn.

- The Library has been approved to benefit from Governor Lamont's Everyone Learns WiFi Initiative, a program that offers a subsidized WiFi service for increased Internet access for our community. The program provides a Cisco Meraki access point to be installed on the exterior of the Library for convenient public access. The program subsidy covers the hardware, installation, licensing, and CEN bandwidth for one year. After one year, the hardware and remaining 4 years of licensing is donated to the town.
- The Friends of the Library held a pop-up book sale on Townwide Tag Sale Day. The Library sincerely thanks all the volunteers who organized and staffed this successful fundraising event.

Summer Reading:

This section contains an explanation of the three summer reading programs.

Children's Summer Reading: Children set a weekly reading goal with their parents: 20 minutes each day or 10 books a week, it's up to each family to decide. Once children have met their reading goal, they can check in at the Library to earn raffle tickets towards great prizes.

In addition to weekly summer check-ins, children can play a daily board game in the children's room. Children can roll the giant dice once daily and move their animal game piece on a never-ending paw print path to different animal habitats. Once they land on their spots, children receive a raffle ticket, prize, or word search/coloring activity.

Teen Summer Reading: Teens complete challenges each week. Every week they are asked to read for an hour (whatever they want) but other challenges encourages them to get active or get involved in their community. Once they have completed the challenges they want to (and skipped the ones they don't!) the teen can check in at the Library and receive one raffle ticket towards prizes for every challenge they complete.

In addition to weekly summer check-ins, teens can receive a scratch card every time they visit the library. Teens scratch off their card and can win an additional raffle ticket or small prizes.

Adult Summer Reading: Adults complete challenges each week. Every week they are asked to read for an hour (whatever they want) but other challenges encourages them to get active or get involved in their community. Once they have completed the challenges they want to (and skipped the ones they don't!) the adult can check in at the Library and receive one raffle ticket towards prizes for every challenge they complete.

Children's Department:

This section contains general updates and news about the Children's Department.

- Children's Librarian April Hannon and Public Service Associate Jondahl Koonankeil visited each classroom at Memorial School over the course of two weeks for a joint presentation with the School Library Media Specialist. The school librarian presented the school's summer requirements, while library staff presented the Public Library's summer program. Students received promotional summer reading cups, generously donated by the Friends of the Library.

- The Children's Room hosted all seven third grade classes in a series of field trips. Students and teachers walked down from Memorial School, got a library tour, cards, and checked out a book. Additionally, students painted "Book Rocks," which each feature a book character painted by a student. The rocks, generously donated by the Public Works Department, are now displayed under the tree in front of the building. Grade 3 students received their promotional cups at the event, and each teacher was given a tote bag.
- The Children's Room is hosting a Community Craft Pantry for the summer, created by Local group Kindness with Kids, and financially supported by Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Children are invited to take a free craft home each time they visit the Library.

Adult / Young Adult Department:

This section contains general updates and news about the Adult / Young Adult Department.

- Adult / Young Adult Librarian Stephanie Smith visited each classroom at the middle school (grades 6 –7) and high school (grades 9 – 11) over the course of two weeks for a joint presentation with the School Library Media Specialist. The school librarians presented the school's summer requirements, while Stephanie presented the Public Library's summer program. Students received promotional summer reading cups, generously donated by the Friends of the Library.
- The June Take and Make program asked patrons of all ages to paint a small canvas inspired by this year's summer reading theme "Tales and Tails" for a mini art exhibition. 43 canvases were returned to the library and are on display.
- Borrowing of Young Adult materials in June increased 58% over last month. Contributing factors to the increase in YA material checkouts could be due to the creation of the "New" YA book section, summer reading, and/or the classroom visits made by staff.
- The East Hampton Prevention Partnership has asked Adult and Young Adult Librarian Stephanie Smith to be a sector representative for youth serving organizations. Stephanie has accepted this role.

Circulation and Technical Services Department:

This section contains general updates and news about the Circulation and Technical Services Department.

- Several summer residents have requested temporary library cards. These cards allow out-of-state residents, with proof of summer residency, to borrow up to ten items at a time for the summer months.
- All staff have been cross trained on all summer reading programs to facilitate a smooth and enjoyable experience for all patrons participating in summer reading.

Strategic Plan Indicators of Success

Circulation

Cardholders *(Accessible and Inclusive)*

Evaluated twice per year on January 1st and July 1st

	+/- Last Month	Current* Cardholders as of 7/1/21	Current* Cardholders as of 1/1/21	+/- Last Time	Total** Cardholders As of 7/1/21	Total Cardholders As of 1/1/21
Adults	+56	3,720	3,664	-338	5,736	6,074
Children	+238	1,503	1,265	+170	2,155	1,985
Organizations	-1	28	29	-206	31	237
Staff	-2	28	30	-4	28	32
TOTAL	+291	5,279	4,988	-378	7,950	8,328

**Current cardholders are defined as cardholders whose account is current or has expired in the last three months.*

*** Total cardholders are defined as cardholders whose account is current or has expired in the last three years.*

Expired records are purged after three years.

Borrowers *(Accessible and Inclusive)*

	+/- Last Month	June Borrowers	May Borrowers	April Borrowers
Adults (borrowing physical items)	+132	1,113	981	796
Children (borrowing physical items)	+154	321	167	158
Corporate (borrowing physical items)	-3	14	17	18
Staff (borrowing physical items)	+1	18	17	9
TOTAL	+284	1,466	1,182	981
Digital Borrowers	-2	400	402	399

Borrowing (*Welcoming and Vibrant, Informative and Collaborative*)

	2021			2020	2019	2018
	June	May	April	June	June	June
Adult Collection	3,762	3,537	3,648	1,079	4,562	3,720
Children's Collection	3,558	2,658	3,212	973	2,341	2,145
Young Adult	384	243	258	87	245	251
SUBTOTAL	7,704	6,438	7,118	2,139	7,148	6,116
eBooks – RB Digital	0*	0*	0*	183	219	270
eBooks – Overdrive	1,000	992	1,036	751	522	341
eBooks - Hoopla	528	542	554	568	304	n/a
SUBTOTAL	1,528	1,534	1,590	1,502	1,045	611
TOTAL	9,232	7,972	8,708	3,641**	8,193	6,727

*RB Digital has been discontinued.

**The Library was closed to the public because of COVID-19

Visits
COVID Re-Opening Statistics* (*Welcoming and Vibrant*)

	Average Number of People entering Library per day	Number of People entering without masks	Number of conflicts over mask policy	Number of Curbside Pickups
Week of 5/31	93	15	0	13
Week of 6/7	77	26	0	12
Week of 6/14	94	58	0	9
Week of 6/21	130	80	0	4
Week of 6/28*	63	45	0	7

*As of July 1st, the Library will no longer collect COVID re-opening statistics.

Door Counter (*Welcoming and Vibrant*)

July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
1,579	2,535	2,768	2,984	2,568	3,013	2,786	2,733	4,218	*	* 2086	5,548

*Door counter broken.

Programs and Partners

Events, Workshops, Programs and Outreach *(Accessible and Inclusive)*

	Programs			Attendance		
	June	May	April	June	May	April
Adult Events	4	4	4	51	58	93
Children's Events	32	14	24	760	204	448
Young Adult Events	36	7	7	677	34	96
Intergenerational	4	0	0	517	0	0
TOTAL	76	24	35	2,005	294	637

Promotion

Website *(Welcoming and Vibrant)*

	+/- last month	June	May	April
Users	+731	2,238	1,507	1,654
New Users	+705	1,998	1,293	1,440
Sessions	+1,556	4,198	2,642	2,819
Page Views	+8,163	16,906	8,743	9,168

Popular Pages: Sign up for summer reading, Summer, Hours and Contact Info, Museum Passes, Storytime.

Facebook *(Welcoming and Vibrant)*

	+/- last month	June	May	April
Likes	+16	1,959	1,943	1,941
Post Reach	-1,480	7,147	8,627	7,944
Post Engagement	n/a	2,576		1,464

Donations and Fundraising

Donations

Organization	Donation	Restrictions
Stop and Shop Community Bag Program	\$215	Unrestricted



July 16, 2021

The Town of East Hampton is providing the following information to help interested parties understand the process by which storm water management plans are being implemented for Lake Pocotopaug. Town staff is concerned that there may be misinformation circulating about the most recent cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) blooms, which resulted in a closure of the Sears Park Swim area. This information is intended to provide an accurate description of the process of returning Lake Pocotopaug to a healthier state.

Categorizing a healthy lake is determined by the success of three main factors that all need to be implemented over the course of many years before positive changes can be observed, it is important that we as a town focus on these three main factors:

1. **Watershed BMP (Best Management Practice):** The plan to improve the watershed around Lake Pocotopaug has been in the works for many years. The Town invested in North East Aquatic Research to design a 9 Point Watershed Plan that focused on cleaning up the watershed to help reduce or eliminate nutrient loading into Lake Poctopaug (see the 9 point plan here: <https://www.easthamptonct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3066/f/uploads/lakepoco9pointplanfinal.pdf>). This plan has been instrumental for the town to secure grant funding to help develop and implement BMP's throughout our watershed. The Watershed Plan was also an important resource for the Planning and Zoning Commission, which recently amended the Town's zoning regulations to help maximize water pollution prevention. The new regulations may be viewed at the link shown below. Section 3.1 of the regulations begins on page 23 of the document. These plans were developed in several open forum meetings that were attended by members of the Lake Commission, Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency, the Town's LID engineer and Limnologist as well as the public. www.easthamptonct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3066/f/uploads/01-15-2020_regulation.pdf.

Last year the town was awarded two grants in the amount of \$99,025 and \$137,675 to complete Low Impact Development (LID) projects in medium to high priority areas based on the 9 Point Watershed Plan. The funding allowed us to complete 14 LID projects at 9 locations last year (see the full projects by clicking here for the \$99,025 grant https://www.easthamptonct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3066/f/uploads/phase_1_grant_projects.pdf and here for the \$137,675 grant https://www.easthamptonct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3066/f/uploads/final_report_for_319_grant_funding_phase_two_137675.pdf. 2021 projects slated to be completed in the fall of 2021 from the 9 point plan are listed here: <https://www.easthamptonct.gov/conservation-lake->

[commission/pages/319-grant-projects-completed-and-scheduled-work](#).

These 5 projects will be funded from a grant received from the state in the amount of \$148,3000. Annual request for grants will continue to be a high priority for the town. Additionally, the town is investing \$50,000 a year to a capital reserve account to continue to support the grant projects and implement other non-grant BMP projects.

2. **In-lake Treatment:** This factor will focus on nutrients already in our lake that are suspended in the soils at the lake's bottom. Last year, the town partnered with EverBlue Lakes (<https://everbluelakes.com>) to aerate the lake through diffusers throughout the deepest portions of Lake Pocotopaug (Oakwood Bay and Markham Bay). These diffusers lay at the bottom of the lake and are connected by an air hose to a pump station, one located at Edgemere Beach and the other at Brookhaven Beach. Each diffuser is designed to release small bubbles that stir the lake to help incorporate oxygen in the water column from top to bottom. Historically, Lake Poctoopaug will start to lose oxygen at the bottom of the lake and extending several meters toward the surface in the early spring months. As the summer approaches, levels of oxygen at the bottom nearly disappear and the area is considered anoxic (without oxygen). Additional information on this may be found here https://www.canr.msu.edu/michiganlakes/lake_ecology/dissolved_oxygen_and_temperature. The aeration system helps keep the lake oxidized to prevent certain reactions that release phosphorous and other nutrients and in turn helps keep the nutrients, which are associated with cyanobacteria blooms, suspended in the soils at the lake bottom rather than in the water. This is important because if the nutrients in the soil are released into the water column the likely chances of producing Cyanobacteria in the water column become much greater.

A second aspect of the In-lake Treatments is the Bio Blast Treatment. When Phosphorus levels start to rise within the lake's water column, the Town works with EverBlue Lakes to initiate their BioBlast treatment to the lake. This organic product is mixed with lake water in a "brew tank" for 24 hours to allow the beneficial bacteria and other microorganisms to develop before being spread throughout the lake where the diffusers are located. The organisms in the Bio Blast will compete with blue-green algae and other undesirable organisms for phosphorus and nitrogen, thereby inhibiting undesirable growth, which in turn helps to eliminate significant Cyanobacteria Blooms. Prior to the most recent bloom, the Town had planned to conduct a two-week BioBlast treatment. This treatment will proceed on schedule beginning Tuesday, July 20.

3. **Educating the public:** What to do and not to do on one's own property to help eliminate nutrient loading in the lake is something all property owners should all know about. Last year, the Conservation Lake Commission started a program called Lake Smart. This program provides technical assistance and recognition for homeowners in the watershed that take steps on their property to protect the lake. Using guidelines for protecting the lake

(https://www.easthamptonct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3066/f/uploads/lake_cmsnbroch_3pstrweb.jpg), properties and property owners habits may be improved and the property owner may be designated as a Lake Smart Resident. Properties meeting the standards are presented with a Lake Smart sign to show the community the owner is doing their part to protect the lake from run off. This program has helped to educate numerous lake front owners about the impacts of buffer zones and rain gardens on their property. To date, the Conservation Lake Commission has awarded 12 residents with a Lake Smart award.

This year the Town will be making strides in educating the public by offering free seminars. The seminars will be run by North East Aquatics Research, the Town's contracted Limnologist, and Steven Trinkaus from Trinkaus engineering, the Town's contracted Low Impact Development engineer. Information on the seminars will be posted on the Town's Conservation Lake Commission Facebook page and will be send out via email. Like our Facebook page for more information [Town of East Hampton Lake Commission](#).

These three factors must continue to be implemented annually for the community to start seeing the necessary changes to our lake. The community has come a long way in the past several years and is just starting to implement these factors that are expected to remain in place for years to come. It is important to note that one of these factors alone will not do enough to return our lake to a healthy state. The Town must continue to pursue changes and improvements in all areas and we all must do our part for Lake Pocotopaug.

If you would like to receive important information pertaining to Lake Pocotopaug please subscribe to the e-alerts system on the Town website by clicking this link <https://www.easthamptonct.gov/subscribe> and by following the [Town of East Hampton Lake Commission](#) on Facebook.

Respectfully,

Jeremy Hall
Parks and Recreation Director