President’s Message

Happy summer! With the warm weather finally here many of us are super busy with food festivals, pool and beach openings, increased construction and renovation projects, and covering for our vacationing co-workers. Why not plan a day away from it all Friday, July 19th from 10 AM- 3:00 PM? This is the day of our CEHA Summer Meeting at Hammonasset State Park, a tradition that goes back as long as I can remember. 2019 is particularly important because we are celebrating CEHA’s 65th year. As usual, there will be an educational offering by the Food Protection Program followed by a brief business meeting of the CEHA Executive Board where the members present will vote on the updated By-laws and Policy Manual. Munchies Food Truck is returning with the best falafel wrap in Connecticut along with Ben and Jerry’s ice cream flavors chosen by your CEHA officers. Please join us for a beautiful day at the shore!

- Jessica Fletcher, CEHA President

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Summer Annual Meeting

Friday, July 19th 2019
9:30 am- 4 pm

Hammonasset State Park
Meig’s Point Pavilion
(Shelter #4)

The Connecticut Environmental Health Association would like to announce its Annual Summer Meeting!

VEHICLES WITH CT LICENSE PLATES PARK FREE! *

CEHA members: $15
Non-Members: $20
Children 12 and under: FREE

Food Contact credit will be given towards Food Inspector recertification to those who register and attend.

Training event will be from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Business meeting will be from 11:30 to 12:00 am. Lunch will follow the meeting.

Complete your registration on Wild Apricot Today!
Go to https://ceha.wildapricot.org/

Please register by July 6, 2019.

In order to receive your food contact training hour, you must be registered in Wild Apricot.

Payment will be accepted on the day of the event or in advance. All attendees will be given proof of payment, if applicable.

Questions about registration may be directed to Heather Oatis
Via Email: heather.oatis@southwindsor.org
Local Health Update!

2019HB-07424  (passed with the Budget on 06/05/19)

ESTHETICIANS, NAIL TECHNICIAN, AND EYELASH TECHNICIAN LICENSURE:

Requires estheticians, nail technicians, and eyelash technicians to be licensed; allows schools for them to be established; sets annual inspection standards; requires spas or salons to be under the management of a DPH-credentialed individual; and extends existing law’s human trafficking notice requirement to additional establishments.

Link to budget summary:


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The Personal Services and Body Art Ad-Hoc Committee has been forming partnerships, tracking and writing letters of support for statewide licensing and a standardized inspection approach. We have also started to discuss a training to be held this Fall (2019) for Sanitarians. As always, we welcome feedback and participation from membership on this topic, please contact Mindy Chambrelli, RS, REHS, at mchambrelli@darienct.gov or at 203-656-7322.
**Subsurface Sewage**

“Warm weather has finally arrived, the groundwater is starting to drop and we are becoming reacquainted with our favorite outdoor subsurface friends (mosquitoes, ticks and poison ivy, oh my!). The Subsurface Committee and Soils Training Planning Group have been busy with a May 16th meeting to discuss the Fall 2019 soils training, septic related legislation and upcoming trainings. CEHA and CT DPH are once again sponsoring a two day soils training workshop on October 23rd and 24th at Sessions Woods in Burlington, CT. This year we will offer the traditional introduction to soils track and a new track for individuals who have attended past trainings. The new track will delve into advanced topics such as site limitations, large systems/commercial systems/B104 systems, site evaluation, site hydraulics and groundwater monitoring. Registration will be though Wild Apricot with a cost of $90 for CEHA members and $135 for non-CEHA members. We are looking for approximately 80 people to attend the two day course which will be offered inside and outside, rain or shine.

In other news, the proposed legislation (1013) to require CT DPH to have unfunded jurisdiction over onsite septic systems up to 10,000 GPD (currently at 7,500 GPD) and alternative treatment systems is stalled and unlikely to become law. CT DEEP is also reviewing their general permit concerning B100a like activities (decks, sheds, pools, additions) on DEEP regulated properties. Our own Sonia Marino will also be a presenter in an EPA webinar on Natural Disaster Preparedness and Recovery for Communities Served by Decentralized Wastewater Systems on June 19th from 1-2. You can register at https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4199872033856646668.

The next DPH Code Advisory committee meeting will be on July 11, 2019 from 1-4pm (also at the Portland library). Have a great summer!”

-*Ryan McCammon, RS, REHS*

**Private Well Water Group**

Steve and I have been meeting quarterly with the Private Well Workgroup which consists of various stakeholders from state and local government, private industry such as builders, well drillers, water treatment companies, private labs, etc. The current topic of concern has been proposed changes to 19-13-b51 in concert with the proposed changes to DCP’s well drilling code. Steve and I also participate in the Sodium Chloride Stakeholder workgroup and will be attending the meeting in June. The topic of concern is road salt intrusion into wells.

-*Don Kendrick*
Best Wishes, Jeff!

On behalf of the entire CEHA Board, we’d like to wish Jeff well on his retirement and the next chapter as he returns to academia. We are very lucky that he will still be an active part of CEHA!
2019 Scholarship Opportunities

Are you looking to further your education? In the process of earning your undergrad or completing an Environmental certification program? CEHA has awesome scholarship opportunities for you!

Marvin L. Smith Scholarship, Current Award $1500.00

Joseph Hock Yankee Conference Scholarship, Current Award $1000.00

DUE DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: JUNE 30th, 2019.

How to Apply for CEHA Scholarships:

Go to our website: https://ceha.wildapricot.org/ScholarshipsandAwards

Download the application to become a member of the Connecticut Environmental Health Association. Once membership application is submitted you can then download the application packet and apply to the scholarships applicable to you. Please take a moment to view the listing of past recipients on the website, along with scholarship criteria. All applications will be reviewed and scored based solely on the information you provide. Now is your time to wow us! Do you deserve to be the next 2019 Scholarship recipient? Do not wait until the last minute, start working on your application today. Good Luck!
2019 Award Opportunities

Two awards are given for excellence and give the highest recognition to professionals in the environmental health field of public health. Individuals whom have received these awards have been recognized and nominated by their peers.

Raymond W. Brunelle Award -Download Nomination Form Here

This award, established in 1971 by the CEHA Board, is presented to a deserving member in recognition for outstanding service. This high honor is also referred to as the "Connecticut Sanitarian of the Year" award. Raymond Brunelle was a dedicated sanitarian, the first president of CEHA, and did a great deal to promote environmental health throughout Connecticut. It is a privilege to receive this high recognition for outstanding service and be honored by one's peers.

DUE DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: OCTOBER 1ST, 2019

Robert C. Perriello Award - Download Nomination Form Here

This award, established in 1970 by the Yankee Conference Board of Directors is presented in tribute to Robert C. Perriello for his many years in public health and academic service in Rhode Island and New England. This award recognizes the professional achievements made by a registered sanitarian and local affiliate (CEHA) member. This most prestigious award is given by the Yankee Conference Board of Directors to an individual who first must be chosen by their own affiliate's Board of Directors. This is a highly respected honor and is presented to a most outstanding member for their contributions to CEHA, the Yankee Conference, and environmental health.

DUE DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: AUGUST 1ST, 2019

Please send all completed applications and nominations to:

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Health Department Spotlight

Do you want to have your Health Department featured in the next issue of the CEHA newsletter? Contact Heather Oatiss for more information!