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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The first 6 months in this new position have been very exciting, educational and at times, quite frustrating. Dealing with all the different personalities, government agencies, and red tapewow!

Our litigation cases have, like most do, moved at a snails pace. We thought we had reached an agreement in the Messman case but that fell through. The case we have against Brookhaven Town for the dredging of Heil's Creek, replacement of the storm water drains that are filling the creek, and the maintenance of those drains in the future, has actually resulted in some positive activity. Brookhaven has agreed to install a new state of the art "Stormceptor" drainage system in the marina replacing the current antiquated one that empties directly into one of our boat slips without any filtration of the waste coming out of it. We learned from Congressman Lee Zeldin's office that the N.Y.S. legislature passed a law mandating that all municipalities must have filtration systems installed on all their stormwater drains that empty into any body of water. After we raised this issue, the town hired an engineering firm to send robotic cameras up from the creek through the existing drainage pipes to record which pipes and drains need to be repaired or replaced.

Our marina dredge permit application is being reviewed by the N.Y.S. DEC, and they have informed us that they will make a decision within 90 days. We have complied with all their requirements including the new dredge soil sampling laboratory tests. Thank you very much to the 60 families that turned out to hear the presentation explaining the process and the costs involved. Thank you also for voting unanimously to move forward with the project.

In some very positive news, we were able to convince Brookhaven Town to change the designation applied to Heil's Creek. It was previously labeled "Not For Public Benefit" by the Town Planning Board, limiting the possibility it could ever be dredged. It is now designated as "For Public Benefit" which allows the town to

add it to their list of recommended waterways for dredging that gets submitted to Suffolk County DPW. Each year's dredge projects are chosen from the lists submitted by all the townships across Suffolk County. Our legislator, Al Krupski, sits on the committee that chooses which waterways are dredged and we encourage our membership to contact him on our behalf.

Most of us in the southern part of Newport Beach are experiencing the concrete curb replacement that precedes the upcoming road resurfacing. The modest inconvenience will be well worth it when we have new roads. The milling process to remove all old asphalt should begin in September. This creates a very dusty atmosphere and will certainly test your patience. Please hang in there.

Since March, we have attended meetings with Councilman Dan Panico, Highway Superintendent Dan Losquadro, Brookhaven Stormwater Manager Veronica King, and Congressman Lee Zeldin's Director of Constituent Services, Bill Doyle. There is so much to share with you about all these experiences, as well as the dozens of correspondences between myself and representatives from Suffolk Dept of Public Works, the NYSDEC, our Legislator Al Krupski, Brookhaven DEP and various others. Lots of things are in the works and there's way too much to report in this newsletter, so please come to our next meeting and catch up. Hopefully I won't talk you to sleep.

Our new HD cameras of the marina, beach and park are now streaming online for your viewing. Lastly, I want to applaud and thank our board of directors who did a fantastic job organizing, shopping, setting up, cleaning up and volunteering for the 12 hour day to bring you our annual summer beach BBQ, which was a huge success other than some issues with the beer taps. Somehow we survived this hardship!

Hope to see you out and about. Please say Hi! In the meantime, be kind to each other and to Mother Earth.

Rich Berkhout, President NBPOA
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MARINA REPORT

We have had a good year in the marina. We were able to fill eleven slips with current slip holders from the upgrade list as well as new boats from the waiting list.

The bulk of the remaining boats on the waiting list are between 22 ft and 29 ft. Currently there are 5 permanent slips and 3 temp slips open. Due to slip width or location, there are no boats on the waiting list that can fill any of the permanent slips. Members with smaller boats with a thinner beam are encouraged to get on the waiting list. Depending on the size and width of the boat, members have a good chance of getting into the marina.

The marina is in good shape. All the dock facilities are at 100%.

I'm sure there will be some items to be fixed in the fall but for now have a great rest of the summer!!!!

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2019 NBPOA EVENT CALENDAR

November 1, 2019 ~ 8:00 pm
General Meeting
East Moriches Firehouse
(subject to change)

November 3, 2019 ~ 9:00 am
Fall Cleanup

SUMMER BEACH PARTY



THE BEACHCOMBER GETS PERSONAL

If there are any exciting events that you would like to share with all your neighbors, such as births, weddings, engagements, anniversaries, etc. please send an email to Louise Jacino at ljacino38@gmail.com with the information and look for it in the next edition of The Beachcomber. If you are emailing about Newport Beach please put **NBPOA** in the subject line so I don't think its spam.

BEACH ACCESS

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