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Newport Beach Property Owners Association

SUMMER 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Beach and Marina are in great shape and as I get older, the summers seem to fly by way too fast.

Unfortunately, we are still having issues with the Town of Brookhaven. Many of you already know that in the fall of 2017, someone in our community wrote a complaint letter to the town about us working on the dock walkway. Although this was considered general maintenance the town investigator wrote us summons tickets for the floating docks and fishing pier. We were told after Hurricane Sandy that we could repair or replace any structures that were destroyed or lost due to the storm, and that the Army Corp, DEC and the towns issued an open permit for this work. The town now says that they never issued an open permit. Wetlands Department is also saying they own the land the fishing pier is on, and the last few slips in the marina. This issue was settled in 1995 with Mr. Ed Hennessy, councilman and the Town. It was resolved! I have now been to court four times with our attorney. It seems that they do not have any of the paperwork from 1995, and each time they ask us for more paperwork. The next court date is 9/20/18.

Next is the frivolous law suit by Eric Messmann and Mei Cobb against the Board of Directors and our Property Owners Association. Our attorney is actively addressing all issues that have been addressed, and has submitted paperwork for dismissal to the courts, along with documented paperwork and pictures to back up our position against their claims.

This complaint on the marina and lawsuit have a potential to cost our Association thousands of dollars (as in ten or more) in attorney fees, general fees for permits, and fees for professionals to complete the paperwork that needs to be done. I am basically tired of dealing with all of this. There's an old expression that goes, you can't fight town hall. Give us a break, all we want is to have our Beach and Marina to remain as is, without all this aggravation! A special thanks goes out to whomever wrote the letter. We will eventually find out who and it will be made public!

Sorry for all the negative news, but all need to be

aware of what has been happening and we need you to get involved.

Watch for special event dates in the Beachcomber and with the signs we place around the neighborhood. The next General Meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2018 @ 8:00 pm in the East Moriches Fire House.

Dave Hablenko, President
631-878-8948

MARINA REPORT

We have had a good year at the marina. There were 14 slips that were new for a number of our members. Five boats were moved from the upgrade list to new slips. We also had an additional nine boats that were placed as permanent from the waiting list.

The bulk of the remaining boats on the waiting list are between 22ft and 27ft. Currently, there are 2 permanents pending and 3 temp slips that are open. There are no boats on the waiting list that will fit in the temp slips, so they are available if any members have smaller boats.

The marina is in good shape. We fixed a number of leaks in the water system so all of 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!!!!

Johnny Varanelli, Marina Chairman
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2018 NBPOA EVENT CALENDAR

September 7, 2018 ~ 7:00 pm
Camp Out/Movie Night

November 2, 2018 ~ 8:00 pm
General Meeting
(Subject to change)

September 9, 2018 ~ 10:00 am
Snapper Derby

November 4, 2018 ~ 9:00 am
Fall Cleanup

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IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Dear Property Owners,

Please be advised that the Association, the Board of Directors and several past and present board members were recently sued by Eric Messmann and Mei Cobb, in Suffolk County Supreme Court. Among other things, the complaint alleges that the Defendants have improperly denied plaintiffs their beach access by welding their private gate closed (not the main gate) because plaintiffs allow their dog to run off-leash on the beach. Plaintiffs seek damages based on these claims, as well as a determination that their dog be permitted to run on the beach unleashed. The Association, Board, and individual Board members are being represented by counsel appointed by the Association's insurance company, and the matter is being vigorously defended. We will provide further updates as appropriate.

The Board of Directors

2018 SUMMER BEACH PARTY



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BEACH ACCESS UPDATE

The gate to the beach is now locked when there is no guard on duty. In order to access the beach you will need a key. The keys are \$10.00 and can be obtained by calling (631) 878-8948.

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