



## **Spring Membership Meeting**

**MAY 20, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.**

**Introduction of officers, directors, community leaders & new members**

**President's Remarks – Jay Pagano**

**Treasurer's Report – Henry Robin**

**Stonewall – Jarrett Lucas**

**The FIMI Project – Tad Paul**

**Membership – Gary Clinton**

**Pines Party – Ed Schulhafer & Alan Baum**

**Open forum for members – comments and questions may be directed to all community leaders and committee chairmen**



### **Fire Island Inlet to Moriches Inlet (FIMI)**

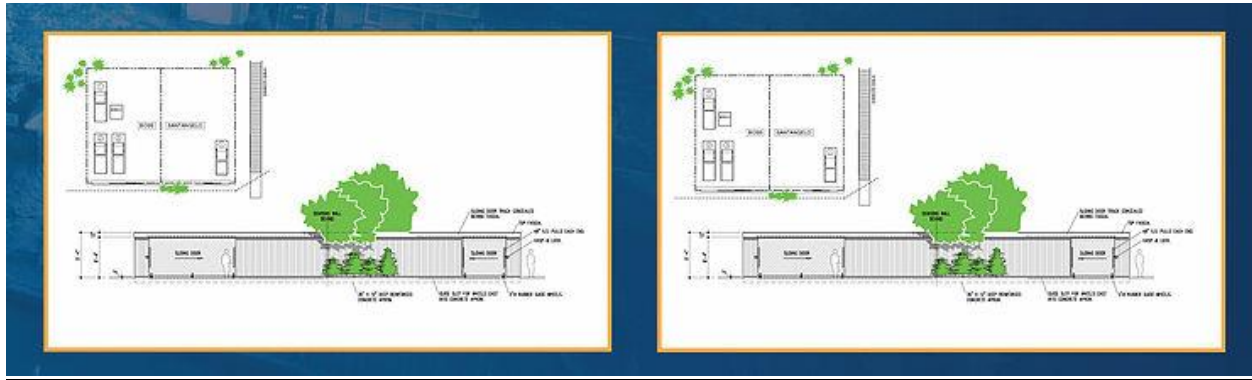
The Pines went through a rough patch with regard to FIMI last month. Apologies in advance for the acronyms: the Brookhaven Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), which administers the New York State Coastal Erosion Hazard Area (CEHA) denied most of the FIMI applications when they were sent to Brookhaven. This was in marked contrast to the same kind of applications in Islip which were all approved by the CEHA administrator there. The only remedy was for Suffolk County, our local partners, to appeal to the Brookhaven Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). In a surprising turn of events, the BZA then upheld the Pines CEHA denials, which stopped the FIMI project in the Pines entirely. No one had expected that outcome, least of all our lead attorney at Suffolk County, Gail Lolis.

Fortunately, after a few weeks of uproar, the BZA agreed to reconsider the applications, and a week ago reversed course and granted the County most of what had been requested:

1. All the applications for moving and/or raising houses, decks, and pools were approved.
2. Applications for replacing dune walkovers where they currently already exist were by and large approved.
3. Applications for new dune walkovers, particularly where lot coverage is already over the 35% maximum, were by and large disapproved.

This very good news means that despite the delay of several months, the FIMI project is moving ahead again. Suffolk County is in the process of getting payment offers to Pines ocean front owners to reimburse them for the easements, and the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) is moving ahead with contracts. Our contract is called "3B", and the work in contract 3B stretches from Ocean Bay Park to Davis Park. There will be two phases of work, the first being "civil" work to prepare and move houses, decks, etc. and then the actual work of sand placement on the beach. We have been told that the "civil" work will commence in September this year, and the sand placement should be moving by February 2018. At this time, we have not been told whether the work will be moving east to west, or vice versa, but either way it does not look like the Pines would be first on the list. Due to the delays thus far, the ACE is now also looking at working continuously from the start date in 2018 until all work is completed, with no hiatus during the summer of 2018.

- Tad Paul



## **The Boulevard Project**

FIPPOA has put a great deal of time and money into trying to clean up the Boulevard. This long-term project, started by Chris Lovito and myself more than 8 years ago, is finally on view for all to see.

On the East side of the harbor, you will see that both contractor enclosures are now complete (Walter Boss and Bill Santangelo).

Then between Harbor and Atlantic Walks the parking corrals are being refurbished (and, I should add, are fully rented).

To the West of the Post Office begins a series of new enclosures of different sizes for PJ McAteer, Brendan Egan, Rich Coyne, Mike Jaggi, Doug Teague at LaFontaine, and Jamie Blumenthal. The one last part that still needs to be constructed is a set of fences and gates to house the LaFontaine trucks, and we hope that work will start in June. Our goal is to conceal all the contractor vehicles, equipment, and supplies that have previously been so unattractive on the Boulevard, and I think we are well on our way. Many thanks to Scott Bromley, who supplied the plans and designs.

Scott Ahlborn, president of PCS, volunteered to design landscaping around the enclosures, and it is in the process of being installed now by Mike Jaggi. With bayberry, river birches, pines and cherry trees we hope the plantings will soften the enclosures.

And last, but certainly not least, Damian Todaro and Chris Lovito took on the task of getting rid of the abandoned vehicles that were scattered along the Boulevard. Between the vehicles having been removed, the fences built, and extraordinary care put into the plantings, we hope you will agree that the appearance of the Boulevard in the harbor area has been dramatically improved!

- Tad Paul for the Boulevard Project Committee

Chris Lovito  
 Russell Saray  
 Greg Henniger  
 Damian Todaro

# DAMMINIX and Rodent Control in Fire Island Pines

There was a time when we only worried about finding a deer tick (Blacklegged Tick or Ixodes Scapularis) on ourselves that could transmit Lyme Disease. Now there are nine different ticks that transmit disease to humans. Blacklegged Tick, Lone Star Tick, American Dog Tick, Brown Dog Tick, Groundhog Tick, Gulf Coast Tick, Rocky Mountain Wood Tick, Soft Tick and Western Blacklegged Tick.

They can transmit any of the following diseases: Lyme Disease, anaplasmosis, Babesiosis, Powassan disease, (All by the Deer Tick), Ehrlichiosis, Tularemia, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Rickettsiosis, and Tick borne relapsing Fever. These are all found in the North East US except for Tularemia.

Damminix reduces the risk of the first four listed. A bite by the Lone Star Tick can cause red meat allergy which is otherwise rare. This has happened to residents of the Pines.

Most doctors do not test for all of these possibilities following a tick bite but they should.

The [CDC Reference Manual on Tickborne Diseases](#) has well-presented information with great pictures and detailed information on treatment. STAY OUT OF HEAVY GRASSES, VEGETATION AND DEER PATHS

The Rodent Control Program is also vital to our community. Suffolk County endorses it without reservation. There are a number of diseases transmitted by rodents: Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome, Lassa Fever, Lymphocytic Chorio-meningitis, Omsk Hemorrhagic Fever, Plague, Rat-Bite Fever, salmonellosis, Tularemia and Leptospirosis. The last has been found in Fire Island Pines. [The CDC website](#) is a good reference point on rodents as well. KEEP YOUR PETS away from the Ground Water! They can get Leptospirosis and transmit it to humans.

The [2017 Fundraising Drive](#) is kicking off this upcoming week.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ed Schulhafer

FIPPOA Vice President

Pines Care Center Director



## Fire Island Pines **SEASHORE DEFENSE FUND**

### **The Home Stretch**

Mother Nature fired her first, very powerful warning shot on August 26, 2011—Hurricane Irene. Very soon thereafter, FIPPOA relaunched the Seashore Defense Fund (SDF) in recognition that our dunes and beaches—our most precious resource—were at serious risk. No beaches, no dunes, no Fire Island Pines. We rallied. We responded with a massive beach scraping. We installed thousands of feet of sand fencing and planted thousands of grass seedlings. We continued the work to fill SDF's coffers knowing that Mother Nature has a mind of her own.

October 29, 2012—Superstorm Sandy—the second-costliest hurricane in United States history. The Pines was devastated but we fought back. While homeowners rebuilt, SDF and FIPPOA focused on the dune and our beaches. Working with local government we once again installed sand fencing, planted grass, cleaned the beaches of tons of debris and found yet another temporary solution—our now famous TrapBags! To this day, TrapBags remain our temporary but most effective barrier between the ocean and the dune. They have taken a beating but they keep on ticking.

For five years, FIPPOA and SDF have worked tirelessly; pushing for the FIMI (Fire Island to Moriches Inlet) dunes reclamation project to be completed. Financed with \$60 million in federal funding; once completed the Pines and all our sister Fire Island communities will be sitting behind a new dune built on a scale that dwarfs any beach reclamation project in the past.

The good news—we are in the home stretch! The modifications of our beachfront owners' property have been approved. Work on them will begin after Labor Day making way for the sand replenishment that will begin in the new year. The Pines will have the largest manmade barrier between it and the Atlantic since its founding in the early 1950s.

However, it is not yet time to celebrate. We need to remain vigilant and commit ourselves to doing everything in our power to prepare, preserve and protect our new dune once it is installed. How will we do that? We will continue our fencing and grass planting programs. We will continue to raise community awareness of the fragility of our dune. We will work with homeowners interested in taking additional steps like adding more sand fencing and grasses.

There is one thing above all that each of us can do. We must commit ourselves, our friends, renters, and visitors to our community to the one action that will do more than any other step to preserve the dune: **WE MUST KEEP OFF THE DUNES**. Nothing is more damaging to the health of the dune than your foot. Each footstep destroys the vegetation and weakens the dune.



Mother Nature remains fickle. The 2017 hurricane season will soon be upon us. Support the Seashore Defense Fund with your dollars and by pledging to be personally responsible for keeping the dune healthy—now and in the future. Check out our website and consider a donation, too. <http://seashoredefensefund.org>. Or, purchase a SDF tote bag at The Pantry or some wine at The Pines Liquor Shop. Both have partnered with us and championed our cause since the beginning. Thank you!

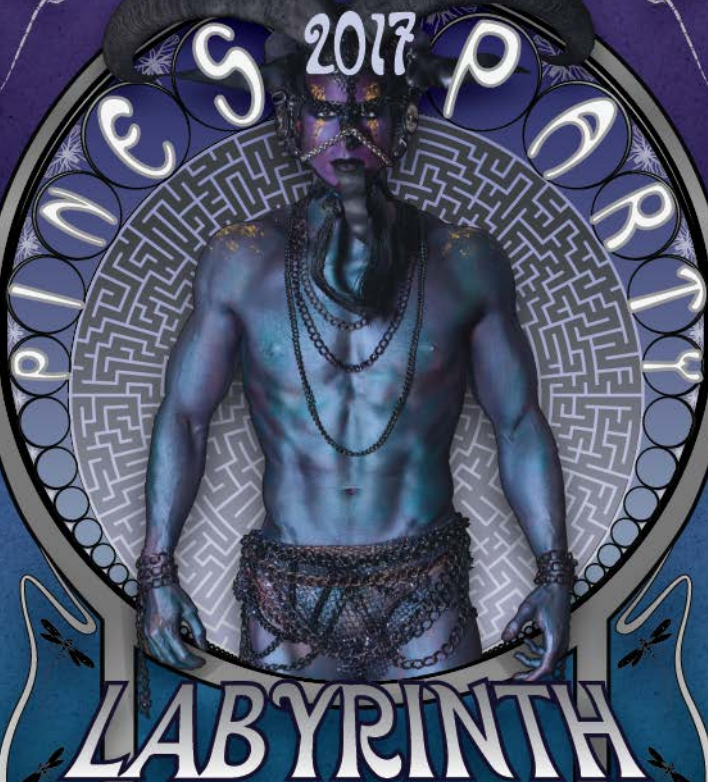
Every time you take a few extra steps to reach the beach by a public access stairway take pride that you are supporting the Seashore Defense Fund. You are an active soldier in the ongoing battle to save our dune and community.

Happy summer!

Russell Saray  
SDF, Chair



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May 13, 2017

Dear members of the Pines Community;

The Fire Island Pines Fire Department is here to protect both you and your property. We are an all-volunteer Department with 26 active state-accredited firefighters augmented by an auxiliary Fire Corps of 18 individuals.

In 2016 we responded to 45 alarms and it was the quietest season in the past five years with no major fires taking place.

We had a "blow-out" Community BBQ last year and plan to top it with this year's event on Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> from noon until 2:30pm. Please come to this free event.

We are volunteers – and we are always looking for those who might be interested in becoming a firefighter to join the Department. If you have the willingness to help then please reach out to us via our website [www.fipfd.org](http://www.fipfd.org) where there is more information.

Our Fire Department maintains its Insurance Services Office ("ISO") Public Protection Classification 3 rating. ISO is an industry standard setter and this accreditation benefits property owners in the Pines and Water Island as it lowers insurance premiums paid by homeowners. What is even more noteworthy is the fact that only 8% of all fire districts in New York State evaluated by ISO have a Public Protection Classification score of 3 or better.

For 58 years we have enjoyed the backing of the Community here in the Pines and hope to retain your trust and support. Thank you and let me know if you have any questions. You may reach me at [DeptChief@fipfd.org](mailto:DeptChief@fipfd.org) or mobile (917) 297-2066.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Greenberg".

**Michael Greenberg**  
Chief  
**Fire Island Pines Fire Department**





Fire Island Pines Fire District  
34 Fire Island Boulevard  
Fire Island Pines, New York 11782

May 16, 2017

To FIPPOA Members:

The Fire Island Pines Fire District would like to thank the Fire Island Pines community for the approval to purchase 32 Lone Hill Walk. We closed on the property in October of 2016. The property currently will be used by the District, Department and Fire Corps for its membership. It was also purchased by the Fire District for the long term needs of the community.

The District and Department will be holding their annual installation dinner on June 10, 2017 at the Snapper Inn.

This year on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, NY State registered voters of the community will be able to vote for a Commissioner. It is for a five-year term of office beginning in January 2018. If any member of the voting public has an interest in serving, please contact one of the current Commissioners to discuss the basic requirements of being a Commissioner and what the job entails. You can contact the Commissioners at : [commissioners@fipfd.org](mailto:commissioners@fipfd.org).

Please mark your calendars for the annual picnic, that will be held this year on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard W. Barry, Chair  
Douglas Teague, Co-Chair  
Mark Basta  
Rosemary Colluccio  
Frank Corradino



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May 20, 2017

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As the Pines Care Center (PCC) starts its 36<sup>th</sup> season, we want to thank the community for its generous support, which enables the continued provision of routine medical services in the Pines.

Like previous years, this year we have commitments from doctors to offer their services almost continually from today and through the end of September. We continue to offer services and many medications at the PCC free-of-charge, a direct result of your request and generosity. In 2016, 16 paid doctors saw approximately 500 patients in the clinic, while they also attended to many out-of-office calls.

This year the PCC is aiming to raise \$130,000, which will cover our increasing expenses. We rely on the Pines community for financial support. We ask that you make a contribution to the PCC by stopping by the Doctor's Office or by visiting [pinescarecenter.org](http://pinescarecenter.org).

If you have not contributed in the past, we encourage you to join your neighbors and service providers who help ensure that we are able to enjoy our time in the Pines with the peace of mind in knowing that medical services are nearby if needed.

Remember, if you have **an emergency, please remember to call 911 first, and then the doctor at PCC at (631) 597-6160**. Our doctors will be available for routine office visits most days in the summer season from 11 a.m. to noon, and from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Lastly, please attend our PCC Opening Party on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, between 5-7PM at Whyte Hall! It is free, and all are welcome.

We thank you for your generous support, and best wishes for a healthy 2017 summer!

The Pines Care Center Board of Directors

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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Fire Island Pines Arts Project (FIPAP), I want to extend my sincere thanks for making our 2016 summer season so successful.

We begin our 2017 season with our joint venture with Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, Broadway Bares Fire Island on June 3. Always a special event, those scantily clad boys and girls return for a show created especially for the Pines. Shows times are 7PM and 9PM.

Back again is our extremely popular Unplugged Series. There will be three events this season. A collaboration with Harry Inglis, of music for string quartet by Philip Glass, Leonard Bernstein, Dvorak, Cole Porter, and more entitled "Maria by the Sea" on Sunday, June 11 at 2pm; Bryan Wagorn, a Met conductor/rehearsal pianist, along with a special guest singer from the Met on Sunday, August 12 at 5pm; and a return of the singer Juahn Cabrera on Saturday, August 19.

On Saturday, August 5, we are proud to host our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Biennial Art Show at Whyte Hall. This is a chance to view and purchase fine art pieces created by Pines artists.

On Saturday, August 26, we present the author and chef, Paul Freedman, discussing his book "10 Restaurants that Changed America". This special lecture will include hors d'oeuvres and wine.

And finally, on Labor Day Weekend, FIPAP presents SONDHEIM ON SONDHEIM. Hailed as a revelatory review full of wonderful moments and a "funny, affectionate and revealing tribute to musical theater's greatest living composer and lyricist", Sondheim on Sondheim is an intimate portrait of the famed song writer in his own words .... and music. Through the use exclusive interview footage, audiences get an inside look at the personal life and artistic process of Steven Sondheim. Performances are on September 1, 2 & 3.

FIPAP is always looking for volunteers to help with our many projects. There are many behind-the-scenes tasks like assisting with ticket sales, helping out at Whyte Hall with the show, or just cleaning up after one of our events. If you would like to get involved, please visit our website at [fipap.org](http://fipap.org). There is also information on our website on how to become a sponsor or underwriter of FIPAP.

We look forward to seeing you at a FIPAP event this summer!!!

Best wishes,  
Steven Alan Black, President

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# PINES CONSERVATION SOCIETY



*Serving the Fire Island Pines Community Since 1966*

Welcome back!

The Pines Conservation Society has been busy over the winter. Here are a few of things we've been working on for our community:

- Continued our right-of-way tree take down program during mid March with Bartlett Tree Experts.
- Met to organize and plan our first **Native Plant Tour July 1<sup>st</sup>** weekend.
- Consulted with the Fire Island Blvd Project's enclosure landscaping team to design the plantings to better blend in with the natural landscape.
- Launched our annual pine tree replacement program with over 100 trees expected to arrive the week of June 5th
- Helped secure the new Harbor tree planter with bench surround.
- Will schedule and subsidize the replanting of the Harbor Pine tree into the new planter.
- Updated our initial 2016 Facebook Page.
- And yes ... planning our **Fall Fundraiser Brunch, Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**, generously hosted at the Pines Club, so we can continue to do all this for the Pines Community for its 51<sup>st</sup> year!

Let the summer begin,

Scott

Follow us on [Facebook](#).

Scott Ahlborn, President

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We have done much work over the winter months growing your historical website: [pineshistory.org](http://pineshistory.org).

As we add more content like historical homes, legendary parties, Pines People, Weekly columns from Fire Island newspapers (that were the social media of their time), incredible artists inspired by the beauty of the Pines, the soundtrack of our history by the iconic DJs that created it here. This site becomes the resource for the many who seek to find out about our magical Island. More important we are informing a new generation arriving in their own language, and at the same time creating remembrance for the many who made their own memories here. We have big ambitions for the coming season. All with the hope to inform, educate, and inspire. The weekend of July 7th we hold our annual event "Souvenirs" at the Blue Whale. This year we are focused on Fire Island Classics both in music and our choice of iconic DJs Robbie Leslie and Warren Gluck. This will be our benefit so we count on your support. We also have our Pop-Up store at the Pavilion selling our vintage merchandise so please check us out. Great gifts for family. Two in development events are our speaker series "Boardwalk Talks" with people of interest with Pines history. Lastly our end of season event "A walk through History" walking tour. Homes, Celebrity, Parties, gossip, all on a journey from east to west. It is our privilege to share the memories of the many who have joined us on this journey by donating their photo's and memorabilia. A responsibility we take very seriously. So please join us on social media on Facebook or Instagram or on our website [pineshistory.org](http://pineshistory.org)

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FIPHPS President





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1. BOFFO is excited to announce it's 6th summer in The Pines with an amazing roster of artists participating in their BOFFO Fire Island Art Camp from June 4 - September 18, 2017. Please join us throughout the summer as our artists engage with the community in unique and innovative ways.

#### 2017 BOFFO Fire Island Artist Residents

Boudry & Lorenz in collaboration with and with the support of the Goethe-Institut: June 4 - 11

Matt Wolf: June 11 - 25

Wardell Milan: June 25 - July 9

Rashaun & Silas: July 9 - 23

Math Bass & Lauren Davis Fisher: July 23 - August 6

Wu Tsang & Boychild: August 6 - 20

GCC: August 20 - September 4

Bidoun: September 4 - 18

BOFFO FIRE ISLAND ART CAMP is an annual summer artist residency program created to nurture the creative spirit of artists while adding to the cultural heritage of the Fire Island Pines community. Each summer six to twelve artists are invited to stay for one, two, or three week residencies to create a body of work that engages the community. At the end of each residency, the artists can share their work through a performance, exhibition, installation, screening, or other form of community engagement. BOFFO also organizes events throughout the summer for the community curated by its artists, including outdoor film screenings, artist talks, family programming, cocktail parties, dinners, and more. Since 2012, BOFFO has enriched The Pines community with over 150 free events. BOFFO provides artists with room, board, and work stipends for their stay at the art camp.

2. BOFFO is excited to announce its 3rd annual BOFFO Fire Island Performance Festival for May 18 - 20, 2017. Stay tuned for details.

BOFFO Fire Island Performance Festival is a weekend of performance, music, and dance made for the island's unique social and geographic context. In keeping with BOFFO's mission of supporting challenging art and fostering dynamic social environments, we have invited a stimulating constellation of artists to produce new and adapted works for the island's diverse public. Many of the participating artists are new to Fire Island. In commissioning them to present works in the festival, BOFFO affirms its commitment to engage and enrich the vibrant cultural scene of the island.