FIPAP

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of FIPAP (Fire Island Pines Arts Project), I want to extend our sincere thanks for making the 2023 summer season so successful. The generous support of our patrons and underwriters allows us to bring arts and music performances to the Pines.

FIPAP expanded on its many years of success in the community with new and diverse programing this season, including:

- Our second annual writers' residency program/performance, Barn on Fire in association with Dalip Girdhar + Paul Austin (The P. Austin Foundation) and New York Theatre Barn
- A collaboration with FIPPOA's Committee on Black Equality (CoBE) on our Juneteenth Celebration Event featuring Broadway Inspirational Voices
- Our continued Unplugged Series featuring *Three Men and a Baby Grand* and Sam Morrison
- Welcoming Sasha Velour's *INTERMISSION* to the Island
- Our new collaboration with the Fire Island Dance Festival (DRA)
- The Labor Day Weekend Musical, *Urinetown*.

FIPAP loves volunteers! There are many behind-the-scenes tasks like ticket selling, helping out at Whyte Hall with the show, or even just tidying up after one of our events. If you would like to get involved, please visit our website at fipap.org for more information.

FIPAP is proud to be a supporter of Whyte Hall and the Pines Care Center! Besides our annual cash donation to Whyte Hall, FIPAP purchased, installed and donated a new Light Board for use at Whyte Hall.

Hats off to Karen McCutcheon, Gabriela Casella Nicosia, Joe Micheels, and Jensuh McCormack at Whyte Hall for all their help and support of FIPAP.

Enjoy your winter. Stay safe, and we will see you for our 2024 season!!

Best wishes,
Steven Alan Black, President

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Catholic Mass in the Pines

A warm hearted thank you to the Fire Island Communities for supporting the Catholic Mass Association for so many years !

Your support and involvement has helped our Catholic Association continue to celebrate Catholic Mass in the Pines

We are planning and looking forward to another successful Tag Sale next Spring 2024, with more fun activities & treasures, including our raffle with many amazing prizes !

We also want to express our great thanks to the Whyte Hall Team -

~ Karen, Gabby, and Joe ~

With their care and dedication we are able to continue with our fifth decade of Catholic Mass in the Pines !

Catholic Mass will be every Sunday at 12:30pm

starting Sunday June 9th, > September 8th, 2024

at Whyte Hall Community Center

All are welcome !

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Fall 2023

Dear Fire Island Pines Neighbors:

The Greater Fire Island Pines Chamber of Commerce was incorporated in 2002. It currently consists of over 50 local businesses, all duly licensed and insured at time of membership if applicable. All members of the Greater Fire Island Pines Chamber of Commerce are dedicated to serving the needs of the community by providing essential professional services and supporting the community's infrastructure.

In addition to each individual member so serving the community through their vocations, the Greater Fire Island Pines Chamber of Commerce seeks to provide the community with advocacy and a liaison with local officials, to help the community realize important goals and to enhance the environment within which we work.

In 2023, we have hosted a community meet and greet Kentucky Derby party.

The Greater Fire Island Pines Chamber is a group of select business's supporting the growth of the Pines Community.

Sincerely,
PJ McAteer
President

FIRE ISLAND PINES FIRE DISTRICT
P.O. Box 193
Sayville, New York 11782
631-597-6860

September 18, 2023

Dear Homeowners,

It was a wonderful and busy season. Thank you to Chief Joe Geiman, the volunteer firefighters, auxiliary members and the District staff (Chief Mechanic Chris Furchert, the team of Assistant Mechanics, and the District Secretary/Treasurer, Patrick Forrett) who all work tirelessly in all areas of fire safety, prevention and suppression. We appreciate all they do.

The Board will put out two requests for proposals in the coming months; one for legal services, and the other for auditing services. In both cases, interested firms must have prior experience working with Fire Districts. Thank you to Chief Joe Geiman who will be stepping down as Chief at the end of the year. The District is grateful to Chief Geiman's for his many years of service and expertise, his partnership with the District and leadership and emphasis on training and recruitment. On January 1, 2024, 1st Assistant Chief Kyle Merker will step into the role of Department Chief. We look forward to working with Chief Merker to continue to build on the foundation of work set in motion by Chief Geiman.

Commissioner Frank Corradino will be stepping down from the Board on October 22, 2023. The Board will need to appoint a replacement to serve through the next election in July 2024, at which point the appointee must run for office and be elected by the voters to finish Commissioner Corradino's term. If you want to learn more, please email districtsecretary@fipfd.org. Thank you to Commissioner Corradino for his many years of service on this Board as well as a founding member of the Fire Island Pines Fire Corps, which is now known as the Fire Department Auxiliary.

The Board of Commissioner meetings for the rest of 2023 are as follows:

10/7	12:30pm	2024 Draft Budget Discussion
10/21	10am	2024 Budget Approval
12/9	10am	West Sayville Fire House

All the meetings listed above take place at the Pines Firehouse except for the 12/10 meeting. These meetings are open to the taxpayers, and we welcome your attendance. Please remember that everything you need to know about the Pines Fire District and Fire Department can be found at www.fipfd.org.

Sincerely,
Fire Island Pines Fire District Board of Commissioners

Frank Corradino, *Outgoing Chair*
Walter Boss, *Commissioner*
Rosemary Coluccio, *Commissioner*
Eugene Cook, *Commissioner*
Doug Teague, *Commissioner*

FIRE ISLAND PINES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
P.O. BOX 193 **SAYVILLE, NY 11782**

TO: The FIPPOA Membership

FROM: Chief Joe Geiman

DATE: September 23, 2023

RE: Fall Meeting

There were 42 alarms reported for Fire Island Pines between January 1, 2023 and September 14, 2023: 1 – Structure Fires; 5 – Mutual Aid Calls to other Fire Departments; 4 – Hazardous Condition; 18 – Automatic Fire / CO Alarms; 1 – Elevator Rescue; 3 – Water Rescues / Service Calls / Assist SCPD; 3 – Electrical Hazards; 7 – Outside Fires / Good Intent Calls.

We are currently in the height of Hurricane Season. Hurricane Season does not end until October 31st. It is important that everyone make themselves familiar with our communities Hurricane Preparedness Plan. If you would like to obtain a copy of the Plan, please go to our website at **www.fipfd.org** and click on **Hurricane Prep** to download a copy.

Our 17 Water Rescue Bags will remain in place until October 15th depending on the condition of the beach. With the warm water and increased late occupancy again this year we have decided not to remove the Rescue Bags early. Remember, with these late season storms, rough surf and dangerous rip tides, it is important that you do not swim alone and never at night.

This year the fire department continued its rigorous training program for all our Firefighters and Fire Auxiliary members. All Line Officers with the assistance of all department Ex-Chief's held twenty (20) drills in Fire Island Pines. Drills will continue throughout the remainder of the 2023 season until October 14th.

Your fire department continues looking for new members to serve as Firefighters or Fire Auxiliary members. Our Recruitment Committee continues to work hard on our behalf. One (1) new Firefighter and two (2) new Auxiliary Members was added to the fire department roster this year. Remember we are an **all volunteer** fire department. So, if you are interested, visit us at our website at **www.fipfd.org** and click on **Recruitment**.

I would like to again thank the Board of Fire Commissioners, my fellow Officers and the incredible Men and Women of the Fire Island Pines Volunteer Fire Department for all their support. All the alarms, the countless hours of training, the missed meals, and interrupted sleep. These dedicated professionals put their lives on hold to keep this community and our neighboring communities safe. They should be applauded by all of us for their efforts.

As this is my last report as Chief of the Fire Island Pines Fire Department, I would like to thank FIPPOA for all their support during my six years as Chief. Henry, Karen, Leland and Joe, you have always worked to resolve any issues that the fire department has had, and our community is safer for it.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate incoming Chief of Department Kyle Merker and all the newly elected 2024 Officer's. I wish them well in the coming year and hope they continue to keep Fire Island Pines the safe community it is today. I would also like to thank our outgoing Department Secretary Mark Ski and outgoing Captain, Ex Chief Matt Cashman for all their hard work during their time in office. You have truly made the Fire Island Pines Fire Department a better department for your efforts.

Thanks to all of you for another great season in the Pines. Be careful, stay healthy and stay safe.

Joe Geiman
Chief of Department

PinesMarina

Another wonderful season is over. Where does the time go? Hope everyone had a wonderful summer and looking forward to the fall.

The 2023 boating season was able to get off to a great start which continued throughout the summer because Mother Nature was very kind to us this summer. The weather was ideal for boating with no really strong winds and mostly rain-free weekends. Our transient income to date is $40,535, which is over our budget. We are very pleased with this considering we only have 4 out of 51 slips designated for transient use. Hopefully the next few weeks will remain with good weather, and we will be able to bring in more income.

As the summer season comes to an end and fall begins, we will be saying goodbye to our seasonal boaters and welcoming in our winter boaters. The harbor staff will start to close for the season and prepare the de-icers in preparation for the coming cold weather, as well as wrapping of all the electrical stanchions. The de-icers help the pilings from popping out of the water, which could be a large expense if it occurs. Karen McCutcheon (Community Manager) and Joe Micheels (Facilities Manager) will oversee the harbor during the winter months as weather permits, and we will once again have hired help for the off-season this winter providing 24/7 video monitoring of the harbor.

For all our boaters, whether seasonal or transient, who came to visit the Pines, our wonderful staff (Capt. Dennis, Anne, Adam, Justin, & Kate) were ready to provide all possible services to make the boater's stay a great experience. We will, as usual, send out a thank you to all the boaters (transient and seasonal) that visited us this season with a note thanking them for their stay, and hoping their experience here in the Pines was all they expected. If they find that we did not meet their expectations, we ask "why", and how they would like to see us improve to make a future stay a pleasure.

All our seasonal boaters are expected to return for the 2024 season, and we will continue to have 4 transient slips available. Our waiting list continues with homeowners given first preference if a slip that will accommodate their boat becomes available.

We are on a maintenance plan to replace all the aging electrical stanchions over the next few seasons, we have already replaced 1/3 of the total amount. Each winter we have also been replacing a section of the aging decking, we are left with only the east side of the harbor. Thank you, Karen, and team. We will continue with our marketing plans as we have in the past as we still want our presence to be known even if slip availability is limited.

I would like to ask that each of us extend thanks to our Harbor Master Capt. Dennis Murphy for 23 years of dedicated service and his wonderful staff for their dedication and hard work to make our harbor the best.

A wonderful and safe winter to our wonderful community.

Jim Vandernoth	Karen McCutcheon	Capt. Dennis Murphy
Harbor Chair	Community Manager	Harbormaster

FIRE ISLAND PINES
Historical Preservation Society

Happy 70th anniversary Fire Island Pines! Yes, we are still celebrating as we now add this seasons history to our historical archive. Some of which was featured in the Pines 70th souvenir booklet created by a team including our board member John Dempsey. We also celebrate 13 years of collecting and curating your history. Stories, photographs, memorabilia, and memories make up our vast archive. We are proud of that. As we all know a summer season flies by in a flash, however the events and work that goes into them is long hard work. Our second series of walking tours called "The Shaw/ Shore Walk was a huge success. We are grateful to bring this information to our multi generational audience . A huge thank you to the many owners on Shore Walk who invited us in behind the gates! Thank you to NEWSDAY for letting us bring some of our home history to your Long Island readers. We continue to grow our social media presence as we bring new volunteers into the mix. Like Gianfranco Lentini who help us to navigate and learn this everchanging landscape. Thank you PJ McAteer for allowing us to bring home our annual event "Souvenirs" to the Blue Whale where we began over 10 years ago with our legendary DJ Robbie Leslie. We realize the importance of history as a new generation has arrived in the Pines, and we take it very seriously as part of our mission to mentor and teach about what has come before that allows the freedoms that take place on our island. We also consider it a privilege to hear your stories, and remember with you. We embrace change as the Pines and the world evolves, and look forward to being part of it in the years to come.

Thank you,

Bobby Bonanno FIPHPS President

Treasurer Bo Fridsberg, John Dempsey, Wayne Heyser, Bill Hildebrandt.

PINES CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Serving the Fire Island Pines Community Since 1966

INFO@PINESCONSERVATIONSOCIETY.ORG

It's been another exciting year for the Pines Conservation Society celebrating 57 years of service in Fire Island Pines.

November of last season (2022) the Conservation Society with Collaboration from Seashore Defense Fund underwrote the organic sea kelp fertilization of the ocean front beach grass the length of the entire community. Only to have December's storm wreak havoc. The benefit should still be there in helping the grass recovery.

We completed our annual Right of Way dead pine tree removal in March with FIPPOA's partnership in having, Bartlett Tree Service Remove some 40 plus trees after surveying every walk in the Pines.

Our annual spring tree delivery resulted in over 180 trees being delivered to the Freight Dock here in the Pines. Thanks for your continued support of keeping Pines in The Pines.

PCS test "Project Blush" regarding the planting of Rosa Virginiana at four test homes in 2022, On Ocean Walk. Three groupings of five were planted, deer fenced, and got soaker hoses. Installed to help in their establishment amongst the dune grass. What we have learned is regular irrigation and fencing are paramount to the success of establishing the Rosa Virginiana. Our Next phase has a spring 2024 launch with plantings from the Katen's on Ocean Walk to Ozone Walk. Homeowners and sponsors are contributing to the plantings (30 plants instead of 15 planted for the test) a heartfelt thanks for their support. This expanse promises to be more of an example of the planned "ribbon effect "that will extend the entire length of the Pines.

Our Labor Day Sunday Brunch 2023 honored The Pines Fire Department and was a sold-out event. Thank you all who helped us celebrate, bought Art, and enjoyed Brunch. This is our big fundraiser 'and your support is appreciated.

Our GO NATIVE Series continues with "Bringing Nature Home" with a lecture by Doug Tallamy, Larry's brother, at Whyte Hall followed by guided walking tours of several examples of Native residential properties in The Pines. Book Signing by Doug will also be available.

Enjoy a happy and healthy winter and we'll see you next Spring!

Scott Ahlborn, President & the PCS Board

P.O. Box 5339
Fire Island Pines, NY 11782

The Pines Foundation

Fire Island Pines SEASHORE DEFENSE FUND

September 23, 2023

We Take Care of the Beach So the Beach Can Take Care of You

It has been a great summer celebrating the Pines 70th Anniversary. As a reminder, the first action FIPPOA took in 1953 was to install sand fencing on the dune. Today our works continues.



New Harbor Stanchion

For those of you who are new to The Pines, Mother Nature fired a 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 were at serious risk and in need of immediate, rapid support. And then the unimaginable happened, in October 2012, just one year later, Super Storm Sandy's wrath devastated our community.

Eleven years later, the SDF continues to be the emergency funding mechanism that allows for immediate action when catastrophe faces Fire Island Pines' most valuable asset – its incomparable beaches. It took eight years for the Feds to restore our beach and dune. As part of The Pines Foundation, the SDF uses funds when needed to lend support for preservation and maintenance measures and to augment the larger beach reclamation work. Maintaining a healthy reserve that ensures the community can respond in a timely way to any threat to our magnificent natural asset is critically important.

The 2023 season is upon us. The "Christmas" storm of 2022 wreaked havoc on the west end and center of the Pines, eroding sand and destroying our recently installed sand fencing. Beach grass was lost, too. Mother Nature is fickle as the east end of the beach amassed much more sand. There our fencing has aggregated tons of sand and the grass is rapidly propagating. The width of our beaches continues to expand and contract. While FIPPOA works diligently with government agencies to restore our damaged beach, this did not slow down the SDF. Another row of serpentine fencing has been added and a second row will be added in May 2024.



Looking east



Looking west

It is an endless battle, but our efforts are paying off. We are excited to announce that through your very generous donations we are keeping our coffers healthy. These donations serve only one purpose; they

assure that our beaches remain healthy, ready and clean for you to play, explore and enjoy.

We need to remain vigilant and commit ourselves to doing everything in our power to prepare, preserve and protect our dune. One thing is certain - bigger and stronger storms are inevitable. There are no guarantees about the dune's maintenance. Keeping the SDF coffers filled remains key. We will also continue to raise community awareness of the fragility of our dune and what each of us can do to protect it.

There are three things above all that we can do:

1. We must commit ourselves, our friends, renters, and visitors to our community to preserving the dunes by not walking on them. 24 new signs were added – especially in our most vulnerable areas.



2. We must do our best to keep our beach clean. Use the Bins, purchased with SDF donations, for trash and recyclables. They are at the base of each access walk.



3. Support the SDF with your dollars and by pledging your personal responsibility for keeping the dune healthy—now and in the future. Check out our website and consider a donation, too. http://seashoredefensefund.org. You can continue to purchase SDF tote bags (over 1,000 purchased so far) at The Pines Pantry or wines and spirits at The Pines Liquor Shop until the end of the season. We are grateful to the Pines Party for making SDF a beneficiary again and to our Beach Defenders who, partnered with the Pines Liquor Shop, did a great job in completing the final sweep post-party to ensure no trace was left behind.



Our Beach Defenders. Thank you!

Every time you think about this remarkable sandbar that we call home, remember the Seashore Defense Fund takes care of the beach so the beach can take care of you.

Let’s play, explore and enjoy!

Russell Saray

SDF / Chair