

# BOFFO

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BOFFO is celebrating their 10th summer in Pines in 2021! BOFFO is a nonprofit organization that presents innovative and experimental art and design. BOFFO has two programs on Fire Island, their BOFFO Artist Residency and BOFFO Performance Festival. BOFFO created these programs with two objectives: to nurture the creative spirit of artists, and positively impact the Fire Island Pines community through the arts. BOFFO has supported hundreds of artists and produced hundreds of free arts programs that have enticed and enriched the community in countless ways. BOFFO has made the Pines more diverse, inclusive, and interesting. Maybe you read about BOFFO in the NY Times a few weeks ago? BOFFO's arts programming is smart, fun, and sexy! This summer you're invited to enjoy 60+ free cultural events. Join BOFFO to feel intellectually and visually stimulated, make new friends, and engage with people in meaningful ways.

Regards,

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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 welcome you back to the Pines and let you know about our 2021 Summer Season:

**Saturday June 26    SETH SYKES**

Seth's YouTube music videos have become a huge hit – many feature the landscape of the Pines. Seth is one of the most popular nightclub singers, credited as "a savior of the great American songbook", and is a Pines resident.

**Saturday, July 10    STORM LARGE**

As a cabaret performer, Storm has attracted national attention as a contestant on the CBS reality television show, Rock Star: Supernova.

**Saturday July 31    MOVIE NIGHT**

For patrons of FIPAP, we are hosting a special, free Movie Night on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Saturday, August 7    BIENNIAL ART SHOW**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Biennial Art Show will be held, featuring works by local artists.

**Saturday August 14    UNPLUGGED OPERA**

Our always popular, Unplugged Opera, returns on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> featuring artists from the Met Opera.

**September 4 and 5    JERRY'S GIRLS**

To end our season, we will present the Broadway musical revue, Jerry's Girls, featuring the music and lyrics of Jerry Herman. As a Pines resident for many years and a long-time supporter of FIPAP, we are dedicating the production in his memory.

All events will be held at Whyte Hall - please visit [fipap.org](http://fipap.org) for more details.

To become a Patron or Underwriter for our 2021 season, please visit [fipap.org/membership](http://fipap.org/membership).

FIPAP is always looking for volunteers to help with our many projects. There are many behind-the-scenes tasks like assisting with ticket sales, offering to house a cast member for the weekend, 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 [fipap.org/be-a-part-of-fipap](http://fipap.org/be-a-part-of-fipap).

Fire Island Pines Arts Project (FIPAP) is a non-profit organization founded in 1981 – it was founded in the Pines, by Pines residents and is 100% devoted to the Pines. FIPAP aspires to produce accessible quality performing and fine arts events to reflect and encourage the cultural vitality of our community. Each summer season, FIPAP produces 6 – 9 arts-related events at Whyte Hall, and over our 40-year history, has produced more than 300 performances for the Pines Community. FIPAP has donated over \$350,000 to help support Whyte Hall and other Pines organizations including outfitting the theatre when the building opened in 2007. FIPAP exists to bring art and music to the Pines.

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

Best wishes,

Steven Alan Black, President

**2021 FIPAP BOARD**

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## Fire Island Pines Historical Preservation Society Report

We are excited to be back in every way this season. We have used our covid time wisely. Like many we celebrated Anniversaries quietly yet letting as many know as possible as these are our history. Pavilion's 40<sup>th</sup>, Ice Palace in Cherry Grove its 50<sup>th</sup>, and lastly our own 10 year. 10 years of preserving your legacies is something we are extremely proud of. In May we were spreading the word of "Beach Fire Island's 1<sup>st</sup> beach party" the book at Sayville Library ZOOM event. This month with the support of Fire Island National Seashore we created a new wayside sign of Pines history set in the harbor for all visitors to learn about our magical community. Our "A Walk through History" walking tour Memorial Day Weekend is SOLD OUT! Lastly, we are launching our new updated website [pineshistory.org](http://pineshistory.org) in June that I have personally been mentored to learn and create. We again will be selling our vintage merchandise so please own a piece of history and follow us as we post daily on social media Facebook and Instagram. As always thank you for all your continued support.

Bobby Bonanno

President



FIRE ISLAND PINES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



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TO: The FIPPOA Membership  
FROM: Chief Joe Geiman  
DATE: May 22, 2021  
RE: Spring Meeting

I would like to welcome everyone back to another season in Fire Island Pines. As the Fire Island Pines Fire Department celebrates its 62<sup>nd</sup> year of service to this community, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated men and women of the Fire Department. Their dedication, commitment and service to our community should be an exemplary example of the best of volunteerism that exists in all of us.

In 2020 there were 49 alarms reported for Fire Island Pines: 5 – Structure Fires; 1 – Electrical Hazards; 11 – Hazardous Conditions (Gas Leaks); 4 – Water Rescue / Medical Emergency; 1 - Brush Fire; 8 – Residential Automatic Alarms; 4 – Commercial Automatic Alarms; 6 – Outside Fires; and 9 – Mutual Aid calls to Neighboring Fire Departments.

I again remind everyone that Hurricane Season starts June 1<sup>st</sup>. And Hurricane Season does not end until November 30<sup>th</sup>. It is important, especially with our current beach conditions, 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](http://www.fipfd.org) and click on **Hurricane Prep** to download a copy.

Our 14 Water Rescue Bags in the Pines will be in place before Memorial Day. They will stay in place until the second week of October, weather permitting. In the event of a water emergency, please follow the instructions on the Water Rescue Boxes. It is important that you do not swim alone and never at night. If you find a Water Rescue Bag has been tampered with or damaged, please notify the firehouse at **(631) 597-6860** or e-mail **deptchief@fipfd.org**. We will take care of any problems at our earliest convenience.

This year the fire department will continue its intensive training program for all our Firefighters and Fire Auxiliary members. Training's will be conducted throughout the community. So, we apologize in advance for any inconvenience we may cause residents during our training sessions. Again, there will be a total of twenty-three (23) drills in Fire Island Pines, our neighboring communities and at the Suffolk County Fire Academy in Yaphank. Drills will continue throughout the remainder of the 2021 season ending in the first week of October.

Your fire department continues looking for new members to serve as Firefighters or Fire Auxiliary members. Our recruitment drive is always looking for more good men and women. One new member was added to the fire department roster last year, and two more already this season. Remember, we are an **all volunteer** fire department. So, if you think that you have what it takes to be a member of the Fire Island Pines Fire Department call us at **(631) 597-6860** and leave a message or visit us at our website at [www.fipfd.org](http://www.fipfd.org) and click on **Join the Department**.

A quick reminder to all those Residents that have Boardwalk Vehicles and/or Roadway Vehicles. Fire Vehicle access is always an issue here in the Pines. So, whenever possible please keep the boardwalks and Burma Road clear for fire department vehicle access.

Thank you

Be careful and stay safe,

Joe Geiman

Chief of Department



## HAPPY SPRING

After a relatively mild winter the harbor sustained very little damage. There was no damage to the poles and except for a few boards that needed to be nailed back down, the harbor is in good shape to start our season. We are in the process of replacing the East hook with new decking as it has been 15 plus years that that this was last completed. We are also staring to replace the electrical towers as they are also 15 plus years.

Dredging may take place if we can get all the agencies to approve as soon as possible.

In the past we always dredge the last two weeks in May however this has changed and our window is now later in the year. There was much shoaling on the inside of the harbor this winter therefore we have requested a special permit in order to proceed with dredging within the next two weeks.

The 2021 season is looking to be a very good season. All our seasonal are taken, with waiting lists if availability should occur. We have left 4 transients slip open on the West Hook for reservations. Unfortunately, as in the past, we have to turn away many boaters due to the size of the boat that we are able to accommodate. We have size limitations both on the inside of the harbor(across from the freight dock) as well as on the West Hook due to the width at the mouth of the harbor.

We are extremely fortunate to have Capt. Dennis Murphy starting his 21<sup>st</sup> season with us as Harbor Master.

Jim Vandernoth

Harbor Chair.

Capt. Dennis Murphy

Harbor Master



# PINES CONSERVATION SOCIETY

## Keeping the Pines in the Pines

As we welcome Spring 2021 and getting back to our beloved beach houses, PCS has been busy. Here is a snapshot of what we have been up to and have in store for 2021 ...

- Our Fall 2020 inventory of dead and diseased trees along every boardwalk identified trees for removal in March. These efforts help reduce the community's susceptibility to the deadly pine beetle. Thank's to FIPPOA's Pines Foundation for its continuing support in this project.
- Our Annual Tree Sale in April offered bulk pricing on Pines, Amelanchier and Bayberry. Sales exceeded our expectations and past sales...over 250 were ordered. It is great to see so many new trees enhancing the Pines. The trees are expected to arrive before Memorial Day.
- Our popular "Go Native" tours and talk will return this season. Stay tuned.
- We're planning an intriguing new program for the Pines and hope to launch "Science Saturday" for kids and parents alike.
- Mark your calendars for Labor Day weekend. On Sunday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, we will gather again for our Fall Brunch and Silent Art Auction with a catered brunch, open bar and curated art auction.

Visit our website and Facebook pages for updates and to support our mission. Thank you!

[www.PinesConservationSociety.org](http://www.PinesConservationSociety.org)

[www.facebook.com/groups/pinesconservationsociety](https://www.facebook.com/groups/pinesconservationsociety)

Be well and stay safe,

## PINES CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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

**May 22, 2021**

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

For those of you who are new to The Pines, 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 were at serious risk and in need of immediate, quick response support.

The SDF is an emergency funding mechanism that allows for immediate action when catastrophe faces Fire Island Pines' most valuable asset - its incomparable beaches. The fund is used when needed to lend support for preservation and maintenance measures and to augment larger initiatives like beach reclamation. 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.

As we look forward to the 2021 season on the beach, we are excited to announce that through your very generous donations, the Seashore Defense Fund has raised well over \$150,000. These donations serve only one purpose; they assure that our beaches are healthy, ready and clean for you to play, explore and enjoy.

We now have a dune line 15 feet high and over 100 yards deep built with 850,000 cubic yards of sand in front of the Pines. Beach grass and sand fencing have been restored – with SDF funding adding even more zig-zag fencing. Public access walks have been fortified and enlarged. Coast Guard Walk and Fisherman Walk are now ADA accessible.

The Pines now is protected by the largest manmade barrier between it and the Atlantic since its founding in the early 1950s. It is hard to wrap your arms around the scale of the replenishment.

We need to remain vigilant and commit ourselves to doing everything in our power to prepare, preserve and protect our newly installed 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.

here are three things above all that we can do:

1. We must commit ourselves, our friends, renters, and visitors to our community to preserve the dunes by not walking on them. These signs will be back up soon.



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



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 at The Pines Pantry or “Rum Row” at The Pines Liquor Shop. Each item sold includes a contribution to our cause. Or, take a Beach Bodyweight Blast Change With Chad fitness class on the beach. Our thanks go to The Pantry, The Liquor Shop and The Naughty Pine for their support.

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

# TRAILBLAZERS PARK

FIPPOA has renamed its green spaces on the east and south sides of the Harbor “Trailblazers Park” to celebrate the achievements of people who through advocacy, action, example, and personal sacrifice have brought about positive changes in the rights and recognition of the LGBTQIA+ community and who have been true “trailblazers.”

The Honoring Trailblazers Task Force has received scores of nominations. The nominees are from a wide range of the LGBTQIA+ community and include people whose impacts were local, regional and national. The nominees are diverse in age, gender, gender expression, race and region. They include people who are well-known, and others who, though not famous, have had substantial impacts. The Pines will celebrate these LGBTQIA+ catalysts for change in their depth and diversity.

Starting this fall and continuing annually for the next three years, we will be installing commemorative markers at the Harbor, celebrating the lives and accomplishments of these brave people.

Our artist-selection process will remain open until early June, with our request-for-proposals found here:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/83945462201/15c8c5cc-7edb-499c-beee-fc5b3bf6f1e5.pdf>

The Honoring Trailblazers Task Force

Doug Harris and Gary Clinton (Co-Chairs), Omar Gonzalez-Pagan, Crayton Robey, Matt Tague, Cathy Tanelli

May 2021