BOFFO

Dear Fire Island community,

BOFFO is thrilled to **announce the 2024 BOFFO Residency Fire Island artists and summer schedule.** From **May 14 - September 27,** BOFFO returns to **Fire Island Pines** for its **thirteenth season**, welcoming **five new artists** and their expanded communities into the residency**: Carlos Martiel, Cecilia Gentili, Aya Brown, terence koh** and **JEB.** These artists will each spend a three-week residency in the Fire Island Pines developing new and ongoing projects to be shared with the public at the completion of their residency period. The BOFFO Residency Fire Island is being awarded to **Cecilia Gentili** posthumously. Artists from the organization she founded, **Trans Equity Consulting**, have accepted the residency on Cecilia's behalf to nurture the artistic spirit of their team and Cecilia's extended community. Those participating on her behalf will be **stefa marin alarcon**, **Oscar Diaz, viento izquierdo ugaz, ari jauregui, Joseph Liatela, Victoria Von Blaque**, and others.

The **BOFFO Performance Festival Fire Island** will return **Saturday, July 27, 2024** as a multi-location festival spanning sunset to sunrise, with an exciting array of performers, artists and DJs presenting new commissions that activate the beach at Fishermans Path and residential space on island. The festival artists will be awarded time in the BOFFO artist residency house to live, rehearse, and develop work in response to the Fire Island landscape and community. **Artists confirmed for the festival so far are TYGAPAW, Jesus Hilario-Reyes, H. Sinno and Papi Juice. A formal announcement of this year's festival performers is forthcoming.**



Continuing its work rooted in the practice of creative placemaking, BOFFO is excited to once again host a distinguished group of artists to build on the island's rich artistic legacy. Artmaking is a vital practice that continues to shape the creative landscape of Fire Island as diverse voices generate alternative perspectives. Each artist's practice will invigorate various aspects of the island, and directly speak to their experiences of the community. Cultural landmarks, like the historic Carrington House, will serve as way points for further public engagement. **BOFFO will host a series of public programs** for the Fire Island community **every Sunday** with artist talks, film screenings and curated sounds on the beach that center BOFFO residents and our extended community.

BOFFO Public Programs 2024

Sunday, June 2: SNEAK PEAK OF FANTASMAS WITH JULIO TORRES
Saturday, Jun 8: NEW HOMEOWNERS: SUNSET COCKTAILS
Sunday, June 23: @The Naughty Pine: QUEER ART BOOK LAUNCH + SIGNING
Sunday, July 14: FUCK YOU DAD ITS MAGIC - QUEER FILM SHORTS
Saturday, July 20: POOL PARTY: FEATURING OCCUPY THE DISCO
Sunday, Aug 25: EL DORADO: A PLAY BY JACOB WASSON
Sunday, September 15: THE DYKE SHOW: SCREENING + TALK BACK
Saturday, September 21: END OF SEASON PARTY

BOFFO SUNDAY SOUNDS
DJ Beach Party, 3-6pm on The Beach at Susan Walk

Sunday May 26: DJ Alexis De La Rosa
Sunday June 16: JUNETEENTH WEEKEND, MEMPHY, hosted by NYSOCIALBEE
Sunday, July 7: CURATED BY AYA BROWN
Sunday, August 18: DJ set by Makadsi
Sunday, September 1: TBA

BOFFO Residency Fire Island

May 14 - June 3, 2024, Carlos Martiel
ARTIST TALK, Sunday, May 19
ARTIST PRESENTATION, Sunday, June 1

June 4 - June 24, 2024, CECILIA GENTILI LEGACY
ARTIST TALK: Sunday, June 9
ARTIST PRESENTATION, Sunday, June 22

June 25 - July 16, 2024, AYA BROWN
ARTIST TALK: Sunday, June 30
ARTIST PRESENTATION: Saturday, July 13

BOFFO PERFORMANCE FESTIVAL FIRE ISLAND 2024
Saturday, July 27, 2024

August 6 - August 25, 2024, TERENCE KOH
ARTIST TALK: Monday, August 12
ARTIST PRESENTATION: Sunday, August 24

August 26 - September 17, 2024, JEB
ARTIST TALK: Sunday, September 8, 2024
ARTIST PRESENTATION: Sunday, September 13

BOFFO is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that presents innovative and experimental art. Major support for BOFFO is provided by The Charles & Lucille King Family Foundation, Between Bridges, The Warhol Foundation, and BOFFO's Board of Directors and Advisors: Justin Blake, Abdullah Dahman, Tariq Dixon, Michael Giordano, Lyle Ashton Harris, Harry Hayes, Latoya Kamdang, Noel Kirnon, Sophie Morner, Seneca Mudd, Hari Nef, Tavia Nyong'o, Elizabeth Owens, Luned Palmer, Bill Van Parys, Daniel Schaeffer, Terrence Schroeder, and Kendall Werts. Visit the BOFFO website or Instagram for more information.

Catholic Mass in the Pines

A warm hearted thank you to the Fire Island Communities for attending Catholic Mass in the Pines for over four decades

We are sad to announce the passing of Monsignor John Rowan, who has been our parish's guiding light for decades, helping to arrange our Summer season schedule and presiding over Mass

Catholic Mass will continue every Sunday
starting Sunday June 9th, > September 8th, 2024

~ a detailed schedule will be announced soon ~

All are welcome !

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Spring 2024

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.

So far in 2024, we have hosted a community meet and greet Kentucky Derby party, and we are planning a few more fun events.

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

Sincerely,
PJ McAteer
President

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 2024 Summer Season:

Saturday June 1 SETH SYKES & NICOLAS KING – The New Belters Sing MGM – 8:00PM

Seth Sikes and Nicolas King in a brand-new show celebrating music from the golden age of MGM! This vast and iconic catalog includes songs from *Singing in the Rain, The Bandwagon, Meet Me In St. Louis, The Wizard Of Oz*, and many more.

Saturday, June 22 BARN ON FIRE PERFORMANCES – 6:00PM

The third annual Barn on Fire Writers' Residency Performances featuring three new musicals – *Andy, Keith & Jean-Michel*, *Ghost In The Machine*, and *Spectrum.*

Saturday June 29 MARGA GOMEZ – PRIDE COMEDY – 6:00PM

Marga Gomez is known for her work in solo performance, stand-up comedy and for being one of the first openly lesbian performers in the nation. She has appeared on LOGO's "One Night Stand Up," Showtime's "Latino Laugh Festival," Comedy Central's "Out There" and HBO's "Comic Relief" at the invitation of Robin Williams who called her "Amazing… a lesbian Lenny Bruce."

Saturday, August 3 ANDREW SEAN GREER – PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING AUTHOR – 6:00PM

Come meet Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author Andrew Sean Greer, the author of seven works of fiction, including the bestsellers *The Confessions of Max Tivoli, Less,* and *Less is Lost*.

Saturday August 17 BROADWAY NAMES WITH JULIE JAMES – 6:00PM

Sirius XM's Julie James (with special guests) brings her *Broadway Names With Julie James* to the Pines for songs, talk and always something Broadway!

August 31 and September 1 YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN – THE MUSICAL – 6:00PM

Welcome Charlie Brown and the entire *Peanuts* gang to the Pines to explore life's great questions as they play baseball, struggle with homework, sing songs, swoon over their crushes, and celebrate the joy of friendship Pines' style.

Please visit fipap.org for more details. To become a Patron or Underwriter for our 2024 season, please visit https://fipap.org/product/fipap-membership/.

FIPAP is always looking for volunteers. 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 https://fipap.org/volunteer-housing-form/.

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. FIPAP has donated over $400,000 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

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

May 6, 2024

Dear Homeowners,

Welcome to the 2024 Season. The District welcomes the new Pines Fire Department Chief, Kyle Merker, the volunteer firefighters, auxiliary members, and the District staff - Chief Mechanic Chris Furchert and the team of Assistant Mechanics.

The Board of Commissioner meetings for the rest of 2024 are as follows:

5/18	12:30pm	
6/22	12:30pm	
7/9	5:30pm	Annual Commissioner Elections
8/3	12:30pm	
8/24	12:30pm	
9/28	12:30pm	2025 Draft Budget Discussion
10/26	10am	2025 Budget Approval
12/14	**10am**	**West Sayville Fire House**

All meetings listed above take place at the Pines Firehouse (34 Fire Island Boulevard) except for the 12/14 meeting which takes place at the West Sayville Fire House (80 Main Street, West Sayville). All meetings are open to taxpayers, and we welcome your attendance.

Job Opportunities

The Fire District is looking to immediately fill the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. Both are part-time paid positions and can be combined into one role. Candidates must be able to attend all meetings in person. To find out more about the roles, please send an email to commissioners@fipfd.org.

Commissioner Elections

Residents of the Fire Island Pines and Water Island may run for a Commissioner seat. Terms are 5 years and begin on January 1 following the election. This year we have three (3) positions up for election. For more information about the responsibilities of a Commissioner and the election process, please send an email to commissioners@fipfd.org prior to June 15, 2024. Residents interested in running for office must submit their intent in writing prior to the election date of July 9, 2024. More information on the exact deadline will become available from the town of Brookhaven by the end of May 2024.

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

Walter Boss, *Chair*
Rosemary Coluccio, *Commissioner*
Eugene Cook, *Commissioner*
Joe Geiman, *Commissioner*
Holly Rhodes Teague, *Commissioner*

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

TO: FIPPOA Members

FROM: Chief Kyle Merker

DATE: May 18, 2024

RE: The 2024 Season

Welcome back to Fire Island and the 2024 Season. After a 6-Year stint as Chief, Joe Geiman has decided to continue his service to the community as Fire Commissioner and I am the new Chief of the Department. He was an amazing Chief and I'm sure he will continue his dedication to excellence as Commissioner. Please join me in thanking him and wishing him well.

I'd also like to thank my brothers and sisters in the department. These hard working men and women dedicate much of their free time to train, respond and provide service to the community.

This year, the Fire Island Pines Fire Department celebrates our 65th year of Firefighting covering Fire Island Pines and Water Island, and we hope you will join us to celebrate this milestone at our BBQ on July 29th.

Last year we responded to a total of 54 alarms, and this year is shaping up to be a busy season. Last year from January through April we had responded to 5 alarms. In the same period this year we've answered 15 alarms. It is shaping up to be a very busy season.

Most of our rescue bag boxes were either damaged over the winter or were washed out to sea. The replacement equipment has been ordered. As soon as FIPPOA's sand replenishment program is settled we will be able to coordinate the installation of the boxes. After they are installed, please continue to monitor and report to us any damaged or missing equipment.

Our training program has begun and you will again be seeing us around town participating in Drills and Driver Education. We will continue to make every effort to be as unobtrusive as possible, but please be patient if we inconvenience you during our drills. And please follow directions of our Fire Police. They are there for both your--and our--safety.

A few annual reminders:

- Lithium Ion batteries are becoming more prevalent and they pose a higher risk of fire. Never use off-brand chargers or equipment, follow all the manufacturer's instructions,

keep the batteries dry, and keep in mind your fire-exit strategy when storing your lithium-ion equipment or vehicle.

- Please keep the roadways as clear as possible. This includes vehicles, debris and yard waste. And please remind your contractors and service personnel that vehicles need to be parked in such a way as to not impede first responders.
- Hurricane season starts June 1st and ends November 30th. As you are aware, storms around the world have become more intense, and East Coast storms are proving to follow that trend. Please familiarize yourself with the Hurricane Preplan on our website, www.fipfd.org.

Firefighting and the Fire Service is hard, demanding work. It is time consuming and challenging. But it is also rewarding. You are able to challenge yourself and you'll find you can do things you didn't think you could, you bond with an amazing group of people, and you get to help people who need you while they are experiencing one of the worst days of their lives. Please consider joining us. We need more dedicated women and men in order for this organization to continue to thrive. And we depend on people just like you—so *why not* you?

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Please feel free to introduce yourself and say hello, I look forward to meeting you. And follow us on Instagram.

Enjoy the summer and stay safe.

Respectfully,

Kyle Merker
Chief, FIPFD

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PINES CARE CENTER

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The Pines Care Center provides a doctor's office, equipment, and staff to serve the medical needs of Pines residents, workers, and visitors. We are open daily from May through October. Doctors will handle non-emergency issues and advise and diagnose emergent symptoms that require definitive care, such as respiratory infections, skin infections, rashes, tick bites, lacerations, wound care, sprains and strains, and many more. Last year the Care Center treated over 700 patients. We are supported through donations and all care provided is free.

Pines Care Center also offers STD/HIV testing (FCA), counseling. (THRIVE), and treatments. We offer free Narcan nasal spray kits that can be lifesaving in cases of opioid overdose and fentanyl test strips. We also sponsor community awareness days to educate residents on various health related and preventative medicine topics.

PCC has also arranged, with a mainland pharmacy, to have prescriptions, e-scribed by the doctor, delivered to the ferry for pick up in the harbor (service resumes later this month).

Our goal is to provide for your health care needs, here in the Pines, so you can enjoy your time here uninterrupted.

577 Coast Guard Walk, Fire Island Pines, NY 11782
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PINES CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Serving the Fire Island Pines Community Since 1966

INFO@PINESCONSERVATIONSOCIETY.ORG

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Welcome back to the Island everyone – The Pines Conservation Society is engaged in a strategic planning process as you read this, designed to re-focus our Mission and Vision Statements as we move forward after 58 years of serving The Pines Community.

You may have noticed that our standard program of removing dead pine trees from the right Of way of all walks was completed early April. We'd like to thank Bartlett Tree Service and FIPPOA for their support in this long time PCS initiative.

Get your shovels out … PCS spring plant offering will be arriving the week of May 13th. Please contact your designated delivery choice from freight dock to your homes to secure your orders. Thanks for keeping Pines in the Pines … we are excited to be offering two curated native plant pollinator pallets this year. "Sunny Honey" and "Shady Lady" to introduce and provide a food source for beneficial insects, Butterflies, and Bees in either your sunny or shady garden beds . PCS is donating a sun pallet that will be planted at the east end of the wagon rack , and a shady pallet that will be planted at Whyte Hall . Check them out … and yes there will be signage for information.

Our PCS "Project Blush" of planting native Rosa Virginiana amongst the beach grass is on hold Given the rejuvenation efforts in restoring our beach. Stay tuned for updates, at this point one of Our five test locations is thriving at Ocean & Sky at the home of Ward Auerbach & Andy Baker.

We ask that you join us at our annual Labor Day Sunday Brunch at Whyte Hall where we will be recognizing Elinor Gum of the Pines Care Center.

Standby for our extremely popular GO NATIVE series with dates and details to follow … one of PCS most anticipated and enjoyed events.

Enjoy the 2024 Season

Scott Ahlborn, President & the PCS Board

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

FIRE ISLAND PINES
Historical Preservation Society

Dear Pines Community,

Fourteen years and counting. Although not a milestone year, it is something we celebrate. So many accomplishments to be proud of. We begin our season again with our redefined original "A Walk through History' tours. This time divided into East & West for manageability. We are excited to share our history with a new generation of people discovering the Pines. In our fast moving, and heated political world I found myself called to advocacy. Why not use the symbol of Fire Island, the history, and the freedom that means, to inform and inspire others.? So next weekend I am taking Fire Island on the road to Florida, where they need it most! We are hosting a photo exhibit of vintage F.I. 1970 photographs by Meryl Meisler at the Werk Gallery followed by two "Fire Island Classic Tea Dance's' at The Cocktail Resort in St. Petersburg Florida.

Back home on our Island we are hosting Historic Movie nights at The Ice Palace in Cherry Grove throughout the summer introduced by prominent members of both the Pines & Grove communities. We will bring our newly branded "The Fire Island Classic Tea Dance' (formerly Souvenirs) party to the Ice Palace on July 14th with the legendary DJ Robbie Leslie. We have decided to partner with The wonderful gift store Tola where they now will become our merchandise headquarters. Lastly we are proud to be part of The Long Island Museum's "The Art of Liberation' featuring many of our Artists then and now. Thank you for your continued support. It makes it all worthwhile.

FIPHPS President

Bobby Bonanno

HARBOR SPRING REPORT 2024

HAPPY SPRING!

After a mild winter there was very little to no damage to our harbor poles and bulkheads. We have scheduled to repair any damage. One of the main repairs needed, and is taking place, is the uplifting of the harbor office. This repair was necessary as part of the office was at a 45-degree angle. This has occurred over time all due to erosion.

In the past we would dredge the harbor the last two weeks in May, however the DEC has now closed that window. Our new window is now late Fall. Since the harbor is closed October 31st, this makes it easier for our staff as boats will not need to be moved to allow dredging equipment to dredge. Dennis, our Harbor Master, has just completed soundings in the harbor and we have enough depth for the season.

The 2024 season is looking good. We are at full capacity with a waiting list from homeowners, contractors, and non-residents.

There were many improvements made in the harbor both last season and continuing:

- New boards on the walks where needed.
- Electric Stanchions
- New Ice Eaters were purchased in the Fall to prevent freezing and damage to the poles.
- Safety Equipment - ladders attached to the bulkhead.
- New upgraded camera system for up to 90 days recording and additional cameras.
- New signage is being implemented throughout the harbor.

We have expanded the harbor staff hours as we now have coverage from opening to the closing of the harbor.

As stated above, our waiting list continues to expand but due to our size constraints we are limited in the slips we can provide.

We are extremely fortunate to have Capt. Dennis Murphy starting his 23rd season as our Harbor Master. Please greet our returning staff with a Thank You.

Wishing everyone a very happy summer.

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Pines Party Committee
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Pines Party 2024: Celebrating 25 Years of Community and Dancing with "Galactic Rodeo" Theme

Fire Island Pines, New York – April 25, 2024 – The countdown has begun as The Pines Foundation proudly announces the highly anticipated 25th anniversary celebration of Pines Party, marking a quarter-century of unforgettable moments and community bonds. Set against the picturesque backdrop of Fire Island Pines, this year's theme, "Galactic Rodeo," promises a cosmic fusion of Wild West charm and outer space mystique, where Galactic Cowboys and Cosmic Freaks will come together for a hoedown of epic proportions. Get ready to saddle up and soar among the stars as we embark on this out-of-this-world adventure from August 9 to 11, 2024.

Since its inception in 1999, Pines Party has been more than just a party; it's been a cornerstone of liberation, diversity, and unity within the LGBTQIA+ community. From its humble beginnings to its iconic status today, Pines Party has carried forward the legacies of legendary events like Morning Party and the Beach Party, while also raising critical funds for its long time beneficiaries — The Pines Foundation, Stonewall Community Foundation, and the Seashore Defense Fund. As we celebrate its 25th anniversary, Pines Party stands as a testament to the enduring resilience and vibrant spirit of the Fire Island Pines community.

This year's theme, "Galactic Rodeo," invites attendees to join us on a cosmic journey where space meets the wild west. Picture yourself donning your cowboy boots and space helmets as we transform Fire Island Pines into a celestial frontier, complete with intergalactic saloons, star-studded performances, and cosmic rodeo games.

But the excitement doesn't stop there! In addition to the main event on August 10th, Pines Party 2024 will feature a constellation of satellite events throughout the weekend, including an exclusive VIP sunset cocktail soirée, an electrifying pool party, a seductive morning party, and a Sunday afternoon kiki as the grand finale. Expect performances from top DJs, dazzling drag queens, and live entertainers, ensuring an unforgettable experience from start to finish.

Ticket sales for Pines Party 2024: Galactic Rodeo will be launched on April 25, 2024. Don't miss your chance to be part of history! For more information and to secure your spot in this wild wild galaxy, visit www.pinesparty.com.

PINES PARTY 25TH by the numbers

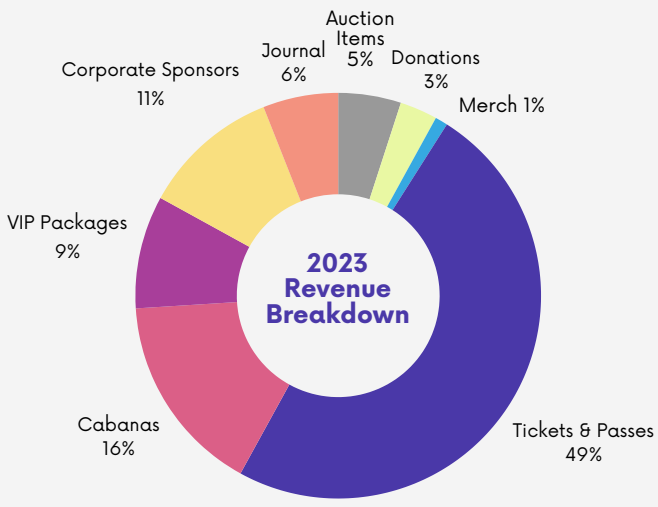
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FUNDRAISING & BENEFICIARIES

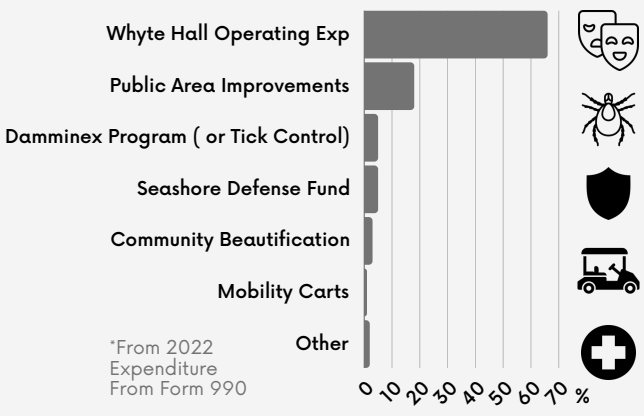
$4.3 Million
raised in the 25-year history of Pines Party

$1.4 Million
donated to Stonewall Community Foundation

$50,000
donated in the past 5 years to Seashore Defense Fund



The Pines Foundation



*From 2022 Expenditure From Form 990

Stonewall Community Foundation

1 out of 25
LGBTQ-focused grants in the entire US comes from Stonewall.

39% of the Grants
specifically targeting trans and gender non-conforming people.

128 Cities Across the US
directly impacted by Stonewall grantmaking.

Impacts on Seashore Defense Fund

25,000 feet of sand fencing
installed with the help of donations



*From 2022 Expenditure From Form 990

1999 vs 2023

1999		2023
9	Committee Members	46
500	Attendance	2500
$586K	Gross Revenues	$1.392MM

2023 ECO INITIATIVES

500 feet
of reusable barriers to protect site

+

486 cubic feet
of water cubes to secure structures

=

0 feet
of sand displaced for site protection and structure support

PRODUCTION

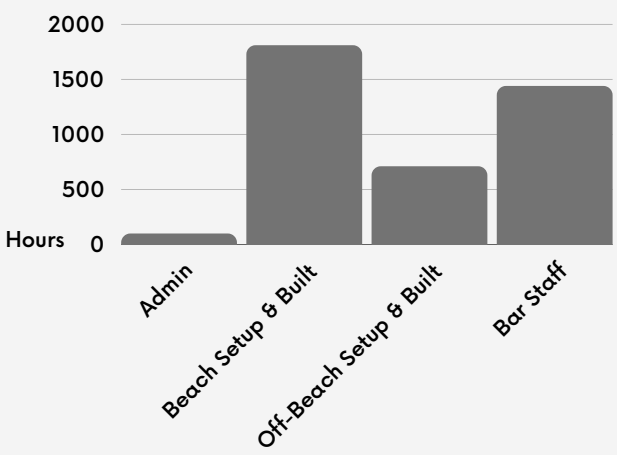
33,000 ft²
for total venue site

60% of a football field

32 ft high stage
compared to the Hollywood sign

236 volunteers | 63 core staff | 40 contractors

Total Volunteer Hours = 3970



WEEKEND ACTIVITY TRACKER

* Assumed non-stop dancing at 125 BPM.

Total hours of consecutative fun during Pines Party weekend: 31 hours

Steps: 151,862 steps

Calories Burnt: 6,022 calories

Miles: 69.86 miles

Floors: 15,186 floors

The Pines Foundation

Fire Island Pines SEASHORE DEFENSE FUND

May 18, 2024

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

The 2024 season is upon us. The “Christmas” storm of 2022 wreaked havoc on the west end and center of the Pines. Hurricane Lee and Tropical Storm Ophelia, following each other less than ten days apart in the fall of 2023, added to that havoc, leaving our beach and dune in its worst shape since the major beach restoration was completed in 2019. This existential threat to our community rivaled Super Storm Sandy’s impact in 2012. Huge swaths of our dune and beach disappeared. Much of our recently installed sand fencing was lost along with beach grass that had slowly grown over the dune.

FIPPOA continues to work diligently with government agencies holding the resources and authority to address this crisis. The first step was to organize a stop gap intervention. TrapBags now run from the center to the west end of the Pines, the part of our dune most devastated by the recent storms. More importantly, FIPPOA, with a coalition of partners, has locked in an Emergency Repair later this year funded by the federal government and conducted by the Army Corp of Engineers that will undertake the herculean task of restoring our beach and dune.

The SDF continued to play a key role as a part of this effort and now is launching more initiatives to keep our beach healthy.

Using moneys raised (thank you!) from our record-breaking appeal at the end of 2023, we were able to fund a “beach survey” by drone that was key to FIPPOA providing evidence to government officials of the extent of devastation facing the Pines. Continuing in 2024, good sand fencing practices will bolster the efforts to rebuild the dune. More

serpentine fencing will be added by June in the east end. Newly designed Beach Bins to replace those swept away over the last year have been built and are now installed at each public access walk. New, this year, Lane Posts, red-tipped poles running the length of the Pines, have been installed to remind us and vehicles using the beach where to walk, play and drive. Like the Keep Off Dunes signs they are a reminder that staying off the dunes is a critical element for restoring the health of the beach.



New Lane Posts

The SDF continues as the emergency funding mechanism allowing an immediate action when catastrophe faces our most valuable asset – our incomparable beaches. It took eight years after Sandy for the Feds to restore our beach and dune. Impressively, this new Emergency Response organized and driven by FIPPOA will happen in less than a year. 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.

At times, It can seem like an endless battle, but our efforts are paying off. Your generous 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. 30 new Keep Off Dune signs will be 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. They are located near each access walk.





New Beach Bins

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. http://seashoredefensefund.org. You can continue to purchase SDF tote bags (over 1,000 purchased so far) at The Pines Pantry. The Pines Liquor Shop and the Pines Pantry, as they do each year, will generously support SDF. We are thankful to our Beach Defenders who, partnered with the Pines Liquor Shop, did a great job in completing the final sweep post last year's Pines Party to ensure no

trace was left behind. We welcome volunteers for our next post-party clean up, Saturday, August 17th. https://www.fippoa.org/get-involved/#become-a-volunteer



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