FIRE ISLAND PINES ARTS PROJECT

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 2021 summer season so successful. I want to especially thank our Patrons and Underwriters for their generous support.

Our season began on June 26th with a **SOLD-OUT** Unplugged performance by singer Seth Sikes.

Two weeks later on July 9th, singer/songwriter Storm Large entertained us all with another **SOLD-OUT** event.

On July 31st, we had our first-ever, patron only movie event with a screening of the cult classic, *Valley of the Dolls.*

August was busy with our 18th Biennial Art Show on August 7th (along with our Online Art Auction) and on August 14th, we welcomed back the incredible Met Opera singer Michelle Bradley.

Our collaboration with Amazon Prime Video to screen their new movie, *Everybody's Talking About Jamie* on August 21st was **SOLD-OUT**.

The season ended with the **SOLD-OUT** Labor Day Weekend production of *Jerry's Girls, the musical* – our tribute to long-time Pines Resident, Jerry Herman.

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.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Karen McCutcheon and Sharon Bunting at Whyte Hall for all their help and support of FIPAP.

Enjoy your winter. Stay safe, and we will see you for our 2022 season!!

Best wishes,
Steven Alan Black, President

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FIRE ISLAND PINES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
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TO: The FIPPOA Membership

FROM: Chief Joe Geiman

DATE: September 18, 2021

RE: Fall Meeting

There were 40 alarms reported for Fire Island Pines between January 1, 2021 and September 11, 2021: 6 – Structure Fires; 5 – Mutual Aid Calls to other Fire Departments; 1 – Hazardous Condition (Gas Leak); 13 – Automatic Fire & CO Alarms; 1 – BBQ Fire; 2 – Service Calls & Assist SCPD; 7 – Electrical Hazards; 3 – Outside Fires / Good Intent Calls; 2 – Elevator Rescues.

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 19 Water Rescue Bags will remain in place until October 9th. With the warm water and increased late occupancy again this year we have decided not to remove the Rescue Bags early. The Bags were removed for Hurricane Henri and quickly replaced a few days later. 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 2021 season until October 2nd.

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 were 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**.

Finally, I would like to again thank the Board of Fire Commissioners, particularly outgoing Fire Commissioner and Board Chair Rich Barry, 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.

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

Joe Geiman
Chief of Department

Pines Marina

Another wonderful season over, where does the time go? Hope everyone had a wonderful summer and stayed safe.

The 2021 boating season got off to a slow start as the weather in May and June wasn't the best for our transient income but the Fourth of July holiday as well as Labor Day certainly helped make up for any loss as we had a full harbor both holidays and most weekends.

I feel that the boating slump has finally turned around and hopefully will continue. Harbor revenue should come in on or above budget, especially with a good fall as we have been experiencing with the transient income .

Captain Dennis and his team will prepare the harbor for winter with the wrappings of all the electrical stanchions and the placing of ice eaters thru out the harbor to help prevent ice buildup around the poles.

For all our boaters whether seasonal or transient who come to visit the Pines, our wonderful staff (Capt. Dennis, Chris, Connor, Kaley, Emma & Annie were ready to provide to all our boaters all possible services in an effort to make the boater's stay a great experience. We will as usual send out a thank you to all the transient boaters that visited us this season with a note thanking them for their visit, and hope their experience here in the Pines was all they expected. If they found we did not meet their expectations we ask "why" so we may improve and make their future stay a pleasure.

If all our seasonal boaters return for the 2022 season, we will have only 5 transient slips available. This is intentional that we leave these slips open as we need to maintain a presence in the boating community.

We are also on a maintenance plan to replace all the electrical stanchions over the next 3 years as well as replacing the decking on both the east and west hooks.
We now have **Fios** in the harbor and for the 2022 season, will be made available to all the boaters. Thank You Leland and your committee for undertaking this very important project.

We will continue with our marketing plans in an effort to attract more seasonal as well as transient boaters. We are continuing to make The Pines a **Destination Point.**

We want to also thank our Harbor Master Capt. Dennis Murphy for 21 years of dedicated service as without Capt. Dennis, his wonderful staff, the operation of our harbor would not run as well as it does now.

A wonderful and safe winter to our wonderful community.

Jim Vandernoth
Harbor Chair

Capt .Dennis Murphy
Harbor Master

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PINES CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Serving the Fire Island Pines Community Since 1966

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September 16, 2021

Another year draws to a close and our PCS Board breathes a collective sigh of relief having been able to achieve four of our core programs after missing some in 2020 with COVID.

1. Winter Right-of-Way (ROW) tree removal of all dead Pines within 6' of all boardwalks in the Pines. Last year we took down 43 trees. Over the six past years we've been doing the program, we have removed over 274 beetle ravaged trees. The trees are downed, chipped and chips removed off island as per the new Blvd. protocol. We are proud of this program developed and supported by National Park Service (NPS) and most recently, for the last three years supported by a grant from FIPPOA.

2. Our popular Spring Tree Offer of Pine, Shadblow, and Bayberry delivered to the Freight Dock resulted in a record breaking 253 trees being brought over to our community in 2021. You can't be called Fire Island Pines without Pine trees!

3. Our Annual Labor Day fundraiser Brunch and Silent Art Auction raised over $18,000 while honoring Ward Auerbach & Andy Baker, two long-time residents who have continually led by example and supported the Pines. This event allows us to bring you our other three events during the year.

4. Our Go Native series is scheduled for Sunday September 26th. It will be a Talk & Tour for birders, starting at Whyte Hall then dividing up into smaller groups to observe migrating and local birds as each group tours the Pines. This is the fifth year in this series of PCS partnering with the NPS.

We appreciate all your support and look forward to the 2022 season.

Scott Ahlborn
PCS President

Scott Ahlborn (president), John Krawchuk (vice president), Mike Koessel (treasurer Russell Saray (secretary), Vincent Cericola, Jerry Gaschen, Bob Howard, Gabriela Casella-Nicosia, Steve Norring, Jim Streacker, Larry Tallamy and Stephen Tracy

Fire Island Pines
SEASHORE DEFENSE FUND

September 16, 2021

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

The Seashore Defense Fund (SDF) is an emergency funding mechanism of FIPPOA that allows for immediate action when catastrophe faces Fire Island Pines' most valuable asset—our incomparable beaches. The fund is used as needed to lend support for preservation and maintenance measures and to augment larger initiatives like beach reclamation. It is important to maintain a healthy reserve in the Fund to ensure the community can respond in a timely way when any threat to our magnificent natural asset arises. Our goal is to continue to educate on "all things beach."



During the 2021 season because of your past generous donations, the SDF was able to put some of its reserves to good use and worked hard to keep our beloved beach cleaner than ever. Thank you! Two coordinated clean ups were organized, first pre-Memorial Day and then following the Pines Party.





The SDF's 2020 installation of zig-zag fencing continues to hold up and has aggregated sand along much of the beach despite two major hurricanes/storms – Henri and Ida.

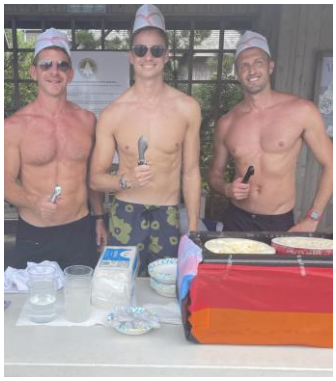
The "Beach Bins" now installed for a second year have transformed how people dispose of trash. The beach is noticeably cleaner. And we re-installed our KEEP OFF DUNE signage—an important reminder to beach users to avoid damaging the dune.

We need your support in continuing to replenish our emergency reserves. We want to install another row or two of serpentine fencing in 2022, a technique that has worked remarkably well in Cherry Grove to build and preserve our beach. The SDF will be a grateful beneficiary of the Pines Party for the first time and we appreciate their generosity.



During the pandemic, many, including exercise enthusiasts, found comfort on the beach. We are grateful for the funds we received from the Beach Body Weight Blast Workouts. The money raised was put directly to keeping the new Beach Bins emptied. We remain especially grateful for the long standing support of The Pines Pantry and The Pines Liquor Shop. We sold out of our popular SDF tote bags by the 4th of July.

On a hot day in August, we held our first “Scoops for the Beach” event and raised over $1,500.



We remain vigilant. One thing is certain. Bigger and stronger storms are inevitable. Keeping the SDF coffers filled is key. At important, we will continue to raise community awareness of the fragility of our dune and what each of us can do to protect it.

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.

http://seashoredefensefund.org/

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

Best,

Russell Saray SDF, Chair