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 FIPAP's 40th Anniversary 2026 Summer Season:

Saturday, May 30 **MARILYN MONROE'S 100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – 5:00PM – 8:00PM**

Join us on the deck of Whyte Hall for food, drink, glamour and a continuous showing of Gentlemen Prefer Blondes to celebrate Marilyn's 100th Birthday.

Saturday, June 20 **BARN ON FIRE PERFORMANCES – 6:00PM**

The fifth annual Barn on Fire Writers' Residency Performances featuring two new musicals – *TRICK!* THE MUSICAL and *CAFÉ CON LECHE.*

Saturday July 11 **OPERA STARS OF TOMORROW – 6:00PM**

Our unplugged Opera series continues with a concert of rising opera stars from the Met Opera.

Saturday, July 25 **TITUSS BURGESS – 6:00PM**

To celebrate FIPAP's 40th Anniversary, we welcome to the Whyte Hall stage, Tituss Burgess in concert.

Saturday August 15 **BROADWAY NAMES WITH JULIE JAMES – 6:00PM**

Julie will have two Broadway stars join her for another live concert of her famed radio program.

Saturday August 22 **A READING OF LARRY KRAMER'S THE NORMAL HEART – 6:00PM**

FIPAP will present a special reading of Larry Kramer's The Normal Heart directed by Broadway's Leigh Silverman. The reading is a benefit for Broadway for Arts Education. We will announce our star-studded cast later in the season.

September 5 and 6 **AVENUE Q – LABOR DAY WEEKEND MUSICAL – 6:00PM**

We end our season with the hilarious comedy musical, Avenue Q.

Please visit fipap.org for more details. To become a Patron or Underwriter for our 2026 season, please visit https://www.fipap.org/support - patron-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://www.fipap.org/support - volunteer-housing.

Fire Island Pines Arts Project (FIPAP) is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1986 – 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 $500,000 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

2026 FIPAP BOARD

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Catholic Mass in the Pines

A warm-hearted thank you to the Fire Island Communities for attending and supporting the religious organizations and their services in the Pines over many decades!

The Catholic Mass community would like to share our deep gratitude to the wonderful and caring priests who travel to the Pines to celebrate Mass with our communities each summer season.

With their continued dedication to our Pines ministry, we look forward to providing Catholic Masses in 2026 for Cherry Grove, the Pines & Water Island

~ All Are Welcome ~

Catholic Mass will begin
Sunday June 14th, 2026
at 12:30pm in the Solstice Room
Whyte Hall Community Center

Dear Fire Island Pines Neighbors:

The members of the Greater Fire Island Pines Chamber of Commerce welcome you to the 2026 Season!

The Chamber was established in 2002 and consists of over 50 businesses dedicated to servicing the needs of the Pines community by providing essential professional services and supporting the community infrastructure. Our membership is a mixture of home service providers, retail establishments, and restaurants, as well as legal, insurance, and real estate representatives . Come visit us at www.pineschamber.com or follow us on Facebook.

We hosted our annual Kentucky Derby Party on May 2nd. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces and welcome newcomers to the Pines Community. The Hat Contest, as always, was a great success.

We look forward to another Season working within the Pines community and ask that you support your local Chamber of Commerce businesses.

Sincerely,

Tammy Jaggi
President

Fire Island Pines Volunteer Fire Department
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Dear Members of the Community,

As we head into the 2026 summer season, I would like to take a moment to introduce myself as the newly appointed Chief of the Pines Fire Department and extend my best wishes to everyone for a safe, enjoyable, and memorable summer.

Our department is proud to serve this community, and we remain committed to protecting both our residents and visitors. As the season begins and activity throughout the Pines increases, I would like to remind everyone of a few important safety and access considerations.

First, please be mindful of the designated fire lanes located between Harbor Walk and Picketty Ruff Walk. These lanes must remain clear at all times so that emergency vehicles can access homes and respond quickly when needed. This applies not only to contractors' vehicles but also to residents' John Deere and similar vehicles. Even brief obstructions can delay our response during critical situations.

Additionally, we ask that everyone pay close attention to parking regulations on the east end, particularly along Sail Walk and Fire Island Boulevard. Proper parking ensures that emergency vehicles can navigate the area safely and efficiently.

Our department has continued to grow along with the needs of the community. In 2025, we were proud to add approximately 40% more firefighters to our membership, strengthening our ability to respond and serve the Pines effectively. Last year we also placed a new fire truck into service, an important addition to our apparatus fleet. We look forward to celebrating this new truck with a traditional wetdown during our Annual Community BBQ on July 25th, and we hope many of you will join us for that special occasion.

Looking ahead, our department is also planning necessary renovations to the firehouse. Over the years, both our membership and the equipment required to serve the community have grown, and we are beginning to run out of space for both our members and our apparatus. In addition, the building itself is aging and requires updates to ensure it continues to meet the operational needs of a modern fire department. These improvements will help us better serve the community for many years to come.

The Pines has always been a community built on cooperation and mutual support, and we appreciate everyone doing their part to help keep our neighborhood safe.

For those interested in learning more about fire safety in the Pines, the FIPPOA website includes a fire saftey bulletin with helpful tips and information specific to our unique environment. We encourage everyone to take a few moments to review these resources as we head into the busy summer season.

On behalf of the entire Pines Fire Department, I wish you all a wonderful and safe summer.

Sincerely,
Chief Jordan Cohen
Pines Fire Department

FIRE ISLAND PINES FIRE DISTRICT

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Dear Community Members:

Welcome to the 2026 season.

We are pleased to welcome Jordan Cohen as Chief, along with our dedicated volunteer firefighters, auxiliary members, and District staff, all of whom devote their time and effort to protecting our community.

The years 2025 and 2026 mark a pivotal period for the Pines Fire District and Fire Department. In 2025, the Department experienced an unprecedented increase in volunteer recruitment, expanding its ranks by nearly 40%. That same year, the District was awarded a $223,523 FEMA grant to purchase 18 sets of personal protective equipment (PPE) and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), including face masks, air tanks, and related gear. This equipment is both costly and essential to ensuring the safety of our volunteers who serve and protect the Pines.

A core responsibility of the Board of Commissioners is the stewardship of the firehouse and its facilities. In 2025, the District engaged an engineering firm to assess the condition of our buildings. The firehouse structure includes:

- The original one-story building on the east side (built in the early 1960s)
- A one-story addition on the west side (1972)
- A central two-story building in the middle (1982)

While no immediate safety concerns were identified, decades of wear and the harsh Fire Island environment have taken a toll—particularly on the original structure. At the same time, the growth of our Department has created an urgent need for additional space to safely store and don firefighting gear.

At the March 2026 Commissioners' meeting, the Board unanimously approved moving forward with a comprehensive renovation project with the following objectives:

- Demolish the original firehouse and construct a new two-story building, with apparatus bays on the first floor and administrative offices above
- Install an elevator and implement additional upgrades to ensure full ADA compliance
- Reconfigure existing interior space to expand and improve firefighter gear storage areas
- Replace aging siding and roofing systems that are nearing the end of their useful life

Following a competitive review process, the firms Bromley Caldari and L.K. McLean Associates have been selected to collaborate on the design. Planning is currently underway, with anticipated project completion in late 2028.

The District has applied for funding through New York State's Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment (V-FIRE) Grant Program to help offset project costs. However, a significant portion of the funding will require voter approval through a bond offering.

Additional details about the project and the proposed bond will be upcoming on the District's website. In addition, we will be hosting a community information session at the firehouse to provide an opportunity for questions and public input.

A reminder that the Fire District is holding an election for a Commissioner on Tuesday, July 14, 2026. A Commissioner is elected annually by qualified electors for a 5-year term on the second Tuesday of July, with terms beginning January 1 of the following year.

Qualified electors are those who are at least 18 years old, a US citizen, a resident of the Pines Fire District for at least 30 days prior to the election and registered with the Suffolk County Board of Elections using their Fire Island Pines address. Property ownership is not required to vote in the Pines. Residency may be established through documentation such as a signed lease. More information on voter registration is available here.

To be eligible to run for Commissioner, an individual must be a Pines resident, registered to vote in the Pines, and submit written notice of candidacy to commissioners@fipfd.org no later than 20 days prior to the election. One Commissioner position will be on the ballot this year.

We are energized by the leadership of our new Chief, the growth of our Department, and the opportunity to modernize our firehouse. These investments are critical to ensuring the safety, accessibility, and long-term resilience of our community.

We look forward to your engagement and support.

Sincerely,
Fire Island Pines Fire District
Board of Commissioners

Holly Rhodes-Teague, Chair
Eugene Cook, Vice Chair
Walter Boss, Commissioner
Bob McGarity, Commissioner
Joe Micheels, Commissioner

PinesMarina

Happy spring to everyone!

I am pleased to report that despite a particularly harsh winter, the harbor experienced minimal damage overall. Our piles and bulkheads remain in good condition, with only four piles scheduled for replacement—two due to late-season ice floe damage and two that have reached the end of their service life.

Our Harbormaster Dennis has completed the annual spring soundings, and I'm happy to share that the harbor is maintaining its depth. We are fully operational for the 2026 season and remain on schedule for our next dredging project this fall, consistent with our established two-year maintenance cycle.

We are also moving forward with the long-anticipated replacement of the bayside bulkheading. After a thorough planning and permitting process, all approvals are now in place, and work is set to begin this spring.

In addition, we will be replacing 15 marina power and water pedestals. The existing units are approaching the end of their service life, and this upgrade will help ensure reliable utility service throughout the harbor for years to come.

The harbor continues to operate at full capacity, and we currently maintain a waiting list that includes homeowners, contractors, and non-residents. While demand remains strong, our ability to expand slip availability is limited by the physical constraints of the harbor.

As we transition into the summer season, we will continue increasing harbor staff coverage over the coming weeks. This will ensure we can effectively support boaters, ferry passengers, and the steady flow of freight operations.

Thank you, and I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer season.

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

PINES CARE CENTER

Dear Residents, Friends and Neighbors,

As the warmth of summer approaches, we at the Pines Care Center (PCC) are thrilled to announce that we will open our doors on Friday, April 24th for an extended summer season through October. The PCC will be proudly celebrating more than 40 years of service in the Pines and a relaunched website.

This medical care is especially crucial given that there is no hospital on Fire Island, and many of our local residents and workers use the facility as their primary healthcare provider. With compassionate physicians at the helm, offering many medications free of charge, we help ensure that quality medical care remains a pillar of our community.

The PCC operates independently, funded solely by your donations. Last year, your contributions enabled us to facilitate 750+ patient visits, perform 70 STI and HIV tests and held two CPR and Narcan training in the harbor. We are planning to host these events again this season.

As we embark on this new season, we again turn to you for your support. Every donation, big or small, empowers us to continue our mission. Contributions can be made through our website, at our office, or by mailing the attached form. Whether you've been listed in our annual Donor's List or are considering a first-time contribution, your involvement is crucial to help ensure that we can enjoy our time in the Pines with the peace of mind of knowing that medical services are available if needed.

We look forward to a safe and vibrant season and hope you'll join us for our Opening Party on Sunday, May 24th at Whyte Hall from 5 to 7 PM. Thank you for your continued generosity and for being an integral part of the PCC family.

-The Pines Care Center Board & Staff

To make a donation online go to: pinescarecenter.org or scan the QR code

Omit booklet listing/Anonymous donation ☐

To make a donation via mail:	
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By Check: please include your check payable to Pines Care Center, Inc. with this form

PINES CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Serving the Fire Island Pines Community Since 1966

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Welcome back to the Island everyone – The Pines Conservation Society ended 2025 by adding Four new members to our Board of directors, as we move forward celebrating 60 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. Our efforts to thwart the Beetle damage has resulted in a removal of (39) trees taken down and chipped. This year we coordinated a location with FIPPOA to dump the chips for homeowner or contractor use …. FREE of any charge on the BLVD. between Widgeon and Pine Walks.

Get your shovels out … PCS spring NATIVE plant offering will be arriving then in May, date to be confirmed …. All plants offered this year are Native species.
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 proud to bring back our 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 3 pallets that will be planted at the Post Office , Blvd side ., Whyte Hall and Wagon Rack east end …Check them out … and yes there will be signage for information.

Our PCS "Project Blush" of planting native Rosa Virginiana amongst the beach grass will continue to be developed now that the beach has been restored and survived the winter. Check out the test planting At Ward & Andy's at 417 Ocean … it was the only one to survive the beach storms and erosion From the previous year's storms.

We ask that you join us at our annual Labor Day Sunday Brunch at Whyte Hall to support our Initiatives in The Pines … it's our biggest fundraiser.

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

Enjoy the 2026 Season

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FIRE ISLAND PINES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dear Pines Community,

We're excited to share a few updates as we head into the 2026 season:

- **Pines Icon Award:** Beginning this year we will recognize select individuals and organizations for their outstanding contributions to the Pines community.

- **Community Celebration:** We are hosting our annual event on June 13 (4-7pm) where we will honor the inaugural recipients of the Pines Icons award. (tickets)

- **Architecture Tour:** We are co-hosting a tour of Bromley Caldari properties on June 20 (1-4pm). (tickets)

- ***Fire Island Art: 100 Years:*** Edited by John Dempsey and published by Phaidon, this is the first book to survey a century of art-making on Fire Island. Available at Visitor's Center, TOLA, and Amazon.

- **Walking Tours:** "A Walk Through History" returns this season, with tours along Ocean Walk and Shore Walk (dates to be announced soon).

- **New Documentary Series:** Season Two of *Finding Fire Island* launches early this summer, with interviews from longtime community members.

- ***Ocean Walk*:** A new play about Fire Island Pines by Gianfranco Lentini will receive two workshop productions this season: at Powerhouse Theater at Vassar College in June, and at the Fire Island Theater Festival at Reflections in September (supported by the Brockman Grant).

- **Digital Audience:** 12k followers on Instagram and 8k on Facebook.

- **Board expansion:** Virun Rampersad joined the board in 2025, alongside existing members John Dempsey (President), Bo Fridsberg (Treasurer), Bill Hildebrandt, Gianfranco Lentini, and Bobby Bonnano.

Fire Island Pines Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve and promote the legacy of Fire Island Pines. Visit us at pineshistory.org or on Instagram or Facebook.

The Pines Foundation

Fire Island Pines SEASHORE DEFENSE FUND

May 16, 2026

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

The 2026 season is upon us. Jaws are dropping as returning Pines residents arrive and see how our restored beach has fared. Never before has the dune fencing aggregated more sand. It is remarkable.

FIPPOA continues to work diligently with those government agencies holding the resources and authority to address the on-going need for future repairs. Restoring our beach and dune was a herculean task. Behind all of FIPPOA's efforts, SDF funds were available, if and when needed. The SDF's ongoing initiatives keep our beach healthy – with dune fencing, KEEP OFF THE DUNES signs, and Beach Bins. This year we have added dog poop dispensers at each access walk affixed to the sides of the bins. Using money raised (thank you!) from our SDF fundraising appeal at the end of 2024, we are scheduled to add more beach grass.



Good fencing practices continue

The SDF continues as the emergency funding mechanism allowing immediate action when a 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 most recent Emergency Repair organized and driven by FIPPOA happened in less than a year. As part of The Pines Foundation, SDF funds are used 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. Thirty Keep Off Dune signs have been added.



Thirty KEEP OFF DUNES Signs

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



Beach Bins

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.

The SDF is grateful to be a beneficiary of the Pines Party. 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 8th. 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