Catholic Mass in the Pines

A warm hearted thank you to the Fire Island Communities for supporting the Harbor Tag Sale over the many years !

Your support has helped the religious organizations in the Pines run smoothly and help us conduct our services here in the Pines.

We are looking forward to another great successful Tag Sale next Spring 2024, with more fun activities including a raffle with great prizes !

We also want to Thank the amazing Whyte Hall Team -
~ Karen, Gabby, & Joe ~
With their care and kindness we are able to continue our four decades of Catholic Masses in the Pines

Catholic Mass is every Sunday at 12:30pm

starting Sunday June 11th, 2023

at Whyte Hall Community Center

We welcome everyone !

~



Spring 2023

Dear Fire Island Pines Neighbors:

The Greater Fire Island Pines Chamber is a group of select businesses supporting the growth of the Pines Community. The organization was incorporated in 2002 and 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.

During the last few years, the Chamber has worked closely with members of the FIPPOA Boulevard Committee in organizing and enhancing the contractor areas along FI Boulevard. This season we have hosted the Kentucky Derby party and we look forward to sponsoring a second fall event.

The Greater Fire Island Pines Chamber welcomes you to the 2023 Season and looks forward to continuing our work within the community.

Sincerely,

PJ McAteer, President

FIRE ISLAND PINES
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SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD
COMEDIAN SAM MORRISON

SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH
BROADWAY INSPIRATIONAL VOICES:
A CoBE JUNETEENTH CONCERT

SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH
BARN ON FIRE: WRITERS' RESIDENCY PRESENTATIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 8TH
THREE MEN & A GRAND PIANO

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH
19TH BIENNIAL ART SHOW

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH
SASHA VELOUR: INTERMISSION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND
& SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD
URINETOWN: THE MUSICAL

FIPAP
SUMMER SEASON
2023

ALL EVENTS AT
WHYTE HALL
FIRE ISLAND PINES

FOR TICKETS AND MORE INFORMATION, VISIT FIPAP.ORG

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

TO: The FIPPOA Membership

FROM: Chief Joe Geiman

DATE: May 20, 2023

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 64th 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 2022 there were 69 alarms reported for Fire Island Pines: 5 – Structure Fires; 7 – Electrical Hazards; 1 – Hazardous Conditions (Gas/Fuel Leaks/BBQ's); 4 – Water Rescue / Medical Emergency / Elevator Rescue; 2 – Deck Collapses; 11 – Residential Automatic Alarms; 6 – Commercial Automatic Alarms; 5 – Outside Fires; 4 – Good Intent Calls; and 24 – Mutual Aid calls to Neighboring Fire Departments.

I again remind everyone that Hurricane Season starts June 1st. And Hurricane Season does not end until November 30th. 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 15 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-five (25) 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 2023 season ending in the second 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. 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** 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.

With the increase in Lithium-Ion Battery Fires and battery related deaths, please follow all manufacturers recommendation when using battery operated vehicles/equipment. Do not charge these vehicles/equipment in the vicinity of Propane Tanks and never in the exit path from your home. A Lithium-Ion Battery Safety Bulletin will be submitted and distributed to all residents thru the FIPPOA Newsletter shortly.

Thank you
Be careful and stay safe,
Joe Geiman
Chief of Department

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

May 15, 2023

Dear Homeowners,

Welcome Back and Happy 2023 Season. We are proud to represent you, Fire Island Pines and Water Island in matters of fire safety, prevention and suppression. Thank you to Chief Joe Geiman, the volunteer firefighters and auxiliary members, Chief Mechanic Chris Furchert, the Assistant Mechanics, and the District Secretary/Treasurer, Patrick Forrett.

The 2023 Fire District Budget is **$333,208**, a 3.2% decrease over 2022 and an 18% decrease over 2021. The Board has approved two major investments outside this budget; the replacement of one of the pickup trucks, whose engine unexpectedly ceased over the winter, with a used Ram truck from a local fire company. The cost is $18,000. The second purchase is a new firetruck to replace our 30+ year firetruck, which will be retired. This investment was announced to the community in 2022 via a passive referendum. The budget is $580K and the cost will be reflected in the District books upon delivery in 2024. Both items will be paid for from current District accounts and not from new taxpayer funds.

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

5/20	12:30pm	
6/17	12:30pm	
7/11	5:30pm	Annual Election at Firehouse
8/12	12:30pm	
9/16	12:30pm	
10/7	12:30pm	
10/21	10:00am	2024 Budget Approval
12/9	10:00am	West Sayville Fire House

All the meetings listed above take place at the Pines Firehouse except for the 12/9 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. A reminder that Bingo starts on July 6th at the Firehouse.

Sincerely,
Fire Island Pines Fire District Board of Commissioners

Frank Corradino, *Chair*
Walter Boss, *Commissioner*
Rosemary Coluccio, *Commissioner*
Eugene Cook, *Commissioner*
Holly Rhodes Teague, *Commissioner*

FIRE ISLAND PINES
Historical Preservation Society

Hello Pines Friends,

How do you top a season of being on two major network news shows and the New York Times? By working even harder to show you the importance of our history. We are so proud of our "A Walk through History" walking tour. So proud, that we now have created a new one "The Shaw/ Shore Walk ". These walks give us the opportunity to create teaching moments about this community. Whether young or old there is always something to learn, and what better place than in your own community. We celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Pines this season. Our history is unique and different than any other FI community. It is a part of the bigger picture of Gay history. We consider this legacy work that has lasting generational value. We continue to create authentic merchandise that reflects our history and are finding new ways to reach our growing audience. As new generations continue to come to the Pines to somehow make their mark ,we are here to remind you that someone has come before you to create the path that you are following. We build our website pineshistory.org everyday with the archive of stories of people who's lives have been touched by the Pines and made an impact on our history. It is our privilege. We enjoy collaborating with our sister organizations bringing important awareness for all. This season we bring back Souvenirs the celebration of the Tea Dance created here in 1966 and replicated in gay resorts all over the world. Thank you all for your continued support!

HARBOR SPRING REPORT 2023

HAPPY SPRING!

After a relatively mild winter there was only very minor damage to the bayside bulkheads. We are scheduling to have those repaired with the marine construction company that will be doing the dredging. Once they are onsite, the repairs will be taken care of.

In the past we have always dredged during the harbor the last two weeks in May. This entails a lengthy process of securing the permits from various agencies. Karen McCutcheon our community manager has been working with the Army Core of Engineers, NY DEC, Town of Brookhaven, and FINS to get all permits needed.

The 2023 season is looking good. We have already received. $3,653.00 (over 10% of our budgeted expected transient revenue) with reservations that will be paid upon arrival for another $11,218,00 (total of $14,871.00) to date. This increase in early reservations is due to the set-up work and upgrade with Dockwa (our online reservation site) that has made it easier for boaters to make their reservations from their mobile phones, on the go.

In addition to upgrading Dockwa reservation software, we have made the below improvements in the harbor and continue to make improvements:

.. New boards on the west pier
.. New stanchions ordered to replace old ones (provides water, electric and lighting)
.. Additional Ice Eaters to prevent prevent freezing and damage to the poles
.. Additional ladders ordered for bulkhead to help improve safety
.. New FIPPOA branded signage is currently being implemented throughout the harbor
.. Upgrades to the Harbor office planned for this fall

We have expanded the harbor staff hours again this year for additional coverage in the harbor during the early and late season and welcome two new harbor dockhands to our staff, Kate Behan and Ethan Fedorys.

We are happy to report that the harbor continues to be at capacity of seasonal slips and have a waiting list for new boaters.

We are extremely fortunate to have Capt. Dennis Murphy starting his 22nd season as our Harbormaster.

Wishing everyone a very happy summer.

Jim Vandernoth	Capt. Dennis Murphy
Harbor Chair	Harbor Master

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CARECENTER

P.O. Box 5333
Fire Island Pines NY 11782-0959
www.pinescarecenter.org

May 2023

Dear Residents, Friends and Neighbors,

The Pines Care Center (PCC) would like to express our thanks to the community for their generous support and donations as we look towards a hopeful year of fundraising to provide valuable medical service in the Pines.

The Pines Care Center is solely (and independently from FIPPOA) funded by direct donations from our community, as a separate operating entity. The results from your generous support, which enables the continued provision of routine medical services in the Pines, also allows us to restock supplies, purchase new medical equipment, and furnish improvements to the Doctors' office and residence.

PCC continues to offer services from many Board Certified Emergency MDs and DOs, in addition to many medications at the PCC free-of-charge, a direct result of your donations. The Pines Care Center treated 677 patients last season, and restarted STI/HIV testing that will expand to 2 days per week, (with additional components to be announced) – providing the convenience of quality medical care in the Pines, as there is not a hospital on Fire Island.

We will be opening the first weekend of May 5, 2023 with the plans to continue operation for an expanded season through October.

Pines Care Center will have Narcan kits and test strips available for every homeowner. Please stop by the office for your kit and use instructions!

As the PCC relies on the Pines community for financial support, we ask that you continue to make a contribution to our organization. You can make a contribution on our website, stop by the office, or you can mail in your contribution by downloading and completing the donation form from our website*: **www.pinescarecenter.org***

If you're acknowledged in the annual Donor's List as one of our supporters, we sincerely thank you and hope you will continue your commitment into 2023. If you have not contributed in the past, we encourage you to join your friends, neighbors and service providers who help ensure that we are able to enjoy our time in the Pines with the peace of mind in knowing that medical services are available if needed.

Remember**, if you have an emergency; please remember to call 911 first.**

We thank you for your generous support!

Best wishes for a safe and healthy season of 2023!

Demetrios Sengos DDS, President
Mark Ricigliano DO, Vice President
David J. Reilly, Treasurer – Chris Shirley, Secretary
Charles Montorio-Archer - Reed Caldwell MD - Jane Groveman – Isaac Namdar, MD
John Nasonte- Stefan Samuelson, MD - Ed Schulhafer MD
Emeritus: Stephen Hayes – Albert Lepage

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 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 is set for the week of May 15 with over 180 trees being delivered to the Freight Dock here 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. With almost a year and some bad storms we are happy to report some success. Those fenced with traditional sand fencing fared better than black plastic-coated wire fence. Additionally, water played a key role in overall health. Homeowners who had their irrigation systems handle regular watering saw substantially better health and vigor. One hurdle to manage will be the visual one of the sand/deer fences that Needs to protect these planting . Stand by as this project gets expanded over the Pines

Our Labor Day Sunday Brunch 2022 honored Jim Pepper and was a sold-out event. Thank You all who helped us celebrate Jim, bought Art, and enjoyed Brunch. This is our big fundraiser And your support is appreciated.

Our GO NATIVE Series continues with John Krawchuk spear heading the "Meat Rack Revisited" . We hope to see many of you there September 24th
The sale of our ecofriendly tote bag with Darren Jones rendition of the Meat Rack map was a big success and coveted must have. Look forward to Doug Tallamy (Yes Larry's brother) being here as our guest lecturer for the Continuing Go Native Series this year

Enjoy a healthy and happy season in The Pines , Scott Ahlborn & the PCS Board

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Fire Island Pines, NY 11782
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www.pinesconservationsociety.org

The Pines Foundation

Fire Island Pines SEASHORE DEFENSE FUND

May 20, 2023

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

70 years ago, FIPPOA was created. The first action it took was to install sand fencing on the dune. Today our works continues.

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 of the beach amassed much more sand. There our fencing has aggregated tons of sand and the grass is propagating. The width of our beaches continues to expand

and contract. 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 have been added – especially in our most vulnerable areas.



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.



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 for a second year 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.

We are grateful to the Pines Party for continuing to making the SDF a key beneficiary. Every dollar counts! On Saturday, July 29th the SDF will partner with the Pines Liquor Shop for our post party beach clean-up. Join us as a Beach Defender! https://www.fippoa.org/get-involved/#become-a-volunteer



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