

# Changing Tides

A publication of the Property Owners of Eaton's Neck Beach



## President's Message

Dear Friends, Neighbors and Fellow POENB Members,

As 2020 is in its final quarter and we can all see the finish line in the distance, the current board would like to take this time to reach out to all POENB members. Many folks stop me and ask about getting more involved. This is where you can step in and have a direct impact in shaping your community. "It takes a village", is a phrase often said to depict any event that requires many folks coming together to tackle a big task.

This couldn't be truer than caring for our POENB beaches and property. All the demands often fall on just a few as current and past officers can attest. While we are so grateful to our volunteers, they too are often the same faces showing up time and again. Friendships, laughter and the common feelings of directly caring for the environment we live in has brought so many of us together.

Many of the existing board members are ready to move on at the end of this year and would like to pass their batons to new volunteers. This is a call to action for our community to get more involved, not just for new board members, but also for new volunteers to come out when events require extra hands. Our POENB exists because of our neighbors who have agreed to take on these jobs and commit to them fully. I am grateful to all those who came before me and who have worked alongside me. Please reach out to us should any position interest you. We appreciate all of you!

Please remember to wear a mask, socially distance and wash your hands. Covid-19 is still very much a risk and we all are responsible for caring for one another.

Warmly, Frank Bonomo  
President

September / October 2020



## POENB Meeting Minutes of October 2nd, 2020

Our POENB meeting was held via Zoom video conference and began approximately 7:35 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.



### Roll Call of Officers:

Frank Bonomo, President  
 Ryan Cote, Vice-President  
 Julie Hendricks-Atkins, Vice President  
 Nora Beck, Treasurer (absent)  
 Vinny Mitchell, Corresponding Secretary  
 Steven Neuf, Recording Secretary  
 Bethany Pokorny, Vice President.

### Minutes (Readings and Update):

A motion was raised to accept the minutes of our September 2020 meeting as published to our website. The motion was seconded and approved.



### Valley Grove Wall Rebuild Update:

A \$28,000 materials order / deposit was placed this week. We are happy to have heard from the Town of Huntington that

our permit is ready and they are just processing the final documents for us. Staffing remains low at the

### 2020 POENB Treasurer's Report January 1 - October 2, 2020



#### Income

CT Advertising	\$	770.00
Watercraft	\$	200.00
Membership Dues		
	Standard	27,280.00
	Senior	16,800.00
Total Membership Dues	\$	44,080.00
Merchandise	\$	535.00
4th of July Parade Donation		1,180.00
Valley Grove Fundraising		6,650.00
Interest Income	\$	6.32
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>53,421.32</b>

#### Expense

Beach Expenses		
	Prices Bend	8,752.95
	Valley Grove	19.54
Total Beach Expenses	\$	8,772.49
Beach Improvements	\$	926.29
Changing Tides		2,996.59
Meeting Expense		141.80
Membership Expense		141.10
Monthly Bank Fees		270.00
Paypal Fees		86.56
PO Box		106.00
Professional Fees		900.00
Sales Tax		47.87
Utilities		
	Prices Bend	168.51
	Valley Grove	159.34
Total Utilities	\$	327.85
Valley Grove Bulkhead Project	\$	28,870.00
Website	\$	21.17
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>43,607.72</b>
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,813.60</b>

Operating checking account balance as of 10/2/20 is \$68,869.03

VG Note checking account balance as of 10/2/20 is \$42,000.00

VG savings account balance as of 10/2/20 is \$23,066.52

50/50 savings account balance as of 10/2/20 is \$1,667.16

Town which has led to delays.

We would like to caution everyone that there is a wind damaged branch hanging above the entrance at Valley Grove. We hope to have it removed by the time the Changing Tides goes to press. Please use extreme caution while we are having this addressed. Also, please be careful us-



ing the stairs. Some of the treads are getting soft and need repair; we hope to budget the necessary rebuild for 2021.

### Welcoming Committee:

Frank recognized the efforts of our new welcoming committee



which has been very busy greeting new residents who have moved to the Neck.

Special thanks

to Laretta Alio, Joan Deters, Kate and Phil Beamer. Laretta gave a brief update on their activities. Julie also thanked Greg Hodges who has been tracking recent home sales so we're able to identify new residents for follow up.

If anyone is interested in helping out please let us know. Sev-

eral new residents were on our zoom call so Julie took the opportunity to invite them to introduce themselves. We were all pleased

to meet (virtually) The Fleischer's (Linda & Ashley of Argyle) and Julia of the Lichtenstein family of Carlisle. Later in the meeting David & Ryan from Drake got on to introduce themselves. Welcome all. If you're new and have not been officially welcomed, please send an email to [info@eatonsneck.org](mailto:info@eatonsneck.org)



## EATON'S NECK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Please call 9-1-1 in the event of a fire or medical emergency. Trained responders will come to your aid.

2,900 fires per year are caused by dryer vent fires. These fires are the result of lint clogged dryer vents and the heat used to dry laundry. The lint in vents is highly flammable! Check the condition of the vent leading from the dryer to the outside of the house.

Local fires on Long Island as reported by Newsday and here on Eaton's Neck have caused at least two deaths as well as property damage. One of the great dangers of fire is the speed at which it travels. A fire in a home leaves residents only two minutes to escape. This small time means that planning escape routes from the home is very important. Just as fire drills are held in schools, planning fire escape routes in the home are vital.

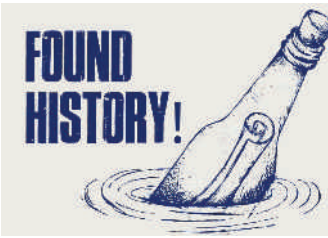
Yours for fire safety, Rich Baer

### Report of the Treasurer:

Nora is normally unable to attend Friday meetings so we had a brief update by Frank. There was not much new since our last report, the main thing being the \$28K spent on materials for the seawall. We are waiting for landscaping & plumbing invoices for both beaches.

### Presidents Message:

Fencing down at Prices Bend is in poor condition. It also appears some kids have been removing some of rails and building a fort. Frank asked that members remind their kids to be respectful of our properties. Frank also



# Did you Know . .

...that a dinosaur footprint was found on the beach on Asharoken in 1953?

Sydney Bevin, (1885-1960), who was the President of the Board of Education at the time and a geologist, came across an interesting stone as he walked along the beach where Asharoken Avenue meets Eaton's Neck. When he turned over the fifty-pound sandstone he discovered what he believed to be the imprint of a dinosaur's footprint and claw.

He took his find to the American Museum of Natural History where it was studied and verified as a footprint left behind from the Cretaceous Period of 80 million years ago from a carnivore and was deposited by a glacier that brought it down through the Connecticut River Valley.

However, after the sandstone was examined once again in 1998, it was determined that the type of red sandstone was exclusive to Long Island. That meant that the dinosaur walked right here on Long Island and made this the only dinosaur footprint ever found on Long Island. The study also cast some doubt as to whether it was a footprint, but no one could make a definitive conclusion.

Mr. Bevin displayed the stone on his desk for a while and often brought it into classrooms. After his death, it made its way to reside at the Huntington Historical Society.

\*Disclaimer: After reading the original article in the Northport Observer about the find, Mary Voyse, a friend of Mr. Bevin's, said she found the rock and brought it to Mr. Bevin to verify.

- Terry Reid



Photo courtesy of the Northport Historical Society.

noted that we need to do a refurbishment of our split rail fence down at Price's Bend. The goal would be to get some quotes and decide if it's something we want to tackle ourselves. Greg Hodges volunteered and Greg also agreed to get a few prices. The Board thanks Greg for all he does. Volunteerism!

A member witnessed non-members parking their car on the street then trampling through the hedges to loading their car. This further illustrates our need to ramp-up vigilance. The board remains focused on this and will continue to look into several options.

Frank focused the meeting on the board's plans for 2021. We intend to set-up several committees to help take on some of the workload which the board typically handles. We will also focus on setting up a succession plan for the positions we presently hold. Part of that plan includes creating a guide book for future boards to refer to for direction, timelines, responsibilities, vendors, etc.



Frank elaborated on the special bond that the POENB creates within the community. The organization is what makes this special place special. Julie & Bethany expanded on Franks vision. Through help and volunteerism, we seek to naturally develop new talent to move into the ranks of the Board. Swim lines removal is being planned,

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thank you for bringing it up Greg Atkins. A member commented that the slide still needs to be affixed to the swing.



Steve said he planned to do it but is trying to locate the bolts. Once found, the slide will be re-installed.

### Correspondence:

This was a light correspondence month. A few were already addressed earlier in the meeting. It was reported that some floating debris was battering the stairs at Valley Grove. New residents Matt & Jessica wrote to inquire about membership. There was a question about playing soccer at one of the beaches the specific details were not provided. Eventually the re-

quest was withdrawn. Frank reported that Brian Gorman alerted him that he plans to petition the Town of Huntington to post no parking signs around Valley Grove. This would be between 9 PM & 9AM in an effort to discourage unauthorized access.



### Membership:

Gene reported on membership So far, we have 234 memberships received. A few less than last year but, given the year we've had, an excellent number. The board cannot thank members enough. It's a reminder that community is a big part of surviving difficult times.

Thanks to all for their support.

### General Announcements:

Ryan provided a quick update on Changing Tides and indicated that that we were supposed to print in September but pushed it to early October so the Board could figure out how to best handle Halloween. One thing we plan to do is include

a color flyer in the upcoming Changing Tides that says "Trick or Treaters Welcome".

Those residents who are receptive to Trick or Treating can post it on their front door, at the mailbox, a curbside candy table or some other visible location so everyone can navigate the day safely.



Bethany took over the discussion of the Halloween Parade. A typical POENB Halloween would include a parade and festivities at the firehouse. This year, because the firehouse is

**Changing Tides has been around for 50 years. To keep it strong we need your help.**

#### Assistant Editor (2-3 volunteers)

- Duties:
- Manage just (3) issues a year, rotating w/others
  - Aggregate content from the board & community
  - Work with our Layout Editor to create the issue\*
- \* We will teach you how to do this, step by step

#### Advertising Manager (1-2 volunteers)

- Duties:
- Bring copies of C Tides into local businesses
  - Explain the benefits of advertising with us
  - Follow up with advertisers, obtain ad PDFs
  - Keep a record of ad insertions, update treasurer.

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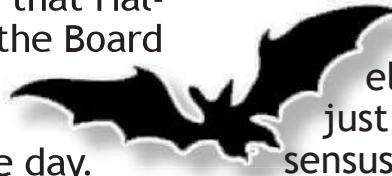
closed to the public, the party won't happen. But due to the fact that Halloween falls on a Saturday, the Board felt a socially distanced Halloween Parade would be a nice way to kick off the day. A longer parade route was also discussed. (Details on the parade are included in an ad on the back of this issue). Bethany went on to discuss CDC guidelines for Halloween which recommend individually wrapped treats and trying to avoid serving bowls that would invite many hands grabbing into the same treats.

We reported an additional correspondence from a member who suggested that because Halloween falls on a Saturday, residents might wish to have family driveway gatherings which would allow for a safe celebration and keep kids close to home. While this initiative would not be an official POENB event, the POENB wanted to publicize it as a suggestion for anyone interested and we appreciate the Spooktacular suggestion.

Franks reported with sadness that his annual "Boo"nomofest is off this year. It will return in better times. In the meantime, please celebrate safely with your family and enjoy.

### **New Business:**

Ryan invited further discussion about what people thought about an access control gate at Prices Bend. A few residents on the call who lived near Price's Bend were in favor. Other options might include hiring teenagers to check passes at the gate. As this is a pricey solution, it is something we feel we would need to get community input on, perhaps in the form of an online survey. In the meantime, Greg Hodges volunteered to survey



residents in immediate Birmingham & Worcester areas to get a localized opinion. Whether it be an electric gate, a manned gate or just better signage, the overall consensus is that security improvements are needed. Worcester Court was also discussed which has become another access point for the beach.

We adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 6th.

**Our next POENB Board meeting  
will be held on Friday  
November 6th at 7:30 pm.**

### **The problem with poop**

....is that when you leave your dog's mess in a POENB beach garbage can, you're making it someone else's problem— notably the problem of our beach volunteers who have better things to do than clean up after you and your pet.

It's been a growing problem that we need to address.

#### **So here's the rule:**

Doggie doo in a POENB waste can (or anywhere else on the property) is a doggie don't.

Please do the courteous thing and bring your dog baggies home with you.

POENB cans are for property debris and regular garbage only. Imagine trying to plant flowers or rake leaves for the community, grabbing a pail and having to deal with that mess? It's gross. Please do the right thing and, if you see repeat offenders, email [info@eatonsneck.org](mailto:info@eatonsneck.org).

Thank you all.



# community

Bulletin Board

## Trick or Treating is a personal choice.

To make things easier, POENB has provided a flyer inside this issue. If you are comfortable having kids come by, please put this flyer in a visible location (on your front door, on the mailbox or on a street's edge) so kids can safely navigate the neighborhood.



The CDC recommends individually wrapped goodie bags versus candy bowls. If you prefer to reduce visits to your door, put goodie bags on a table at the edge of the driveway so kids can grab and go.

If you prefer Trick or Treaters not come, don't post the sign. It's not a perfect system but we hope it will help make Halloween possible.

As always, please wear face masks and practice safe social distancing.

## Welcome to the POENB Welcoming Committee

Nothing's better than a warm welcome when you've just moved to a new neighborhood. Now we have a volunteer crew dedicated to doing precisely that.

Thanks to Laretta Alio, Joan Deters and Kate and Phillip Beamer who have been traversing Eaton's Neck greeting newcomers and handing out wine bags, magnets, dingy stickers and, of course, membership forms.

Reminder to all, alerting the POENB of new residents is everyone's job from block captains to next door neighbors. If you meet a new arrival, please email [info@eatonsneck.org](mailto:info@eatonsneck.org) so we can inform the welcoming committee and extend a personal greeting.

## POENB Buying Group News

John Ballow has informed us that we have renewed our POENB Buying Group Agreement with Kevin Mahoney from Huntington Jeep. We have set up this purchase program for POENB and Eaton's Neck residents.

It's a quick no hassle process that can be done completely by email or over the phone, with only one visit to the dealership to pick up the vehicle. This special purchase program will provide "Friends and Family Pricing", specifically 1% under invoice minus any applicable rebates.

This program is available for vehicle purchases and leases. Please contact Kevin Mahoney at: [kmahoney@huntingtonjeep.com](mailto:kmahoney@huntingtonjeep.com) and mention this "Eatons Neck", purchase program.

**POENB Welcomes**  
three new families to our community:

**The Fleischer Family**

to Argyle Drive

**David Walker & Ryan Skite**

to Drake Place

and

**Matt Fraas and Jessica Sarter**

to Birmingham Drive



# Poenb Halloween parade

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