

Changing Tides

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



President's Message



Fall has arrived on Eaton's Neck and it is spectacular. People and pups out walking, kids running up the street carrying book bags, leaves slowly spiraling down. As the Mets and Yankees are out, we can turn our attention to the new national pastime out here, squirrel dodging. Have you ever seen so many darting across the road? They're giving Bambi a run for his money this fall.



Enjoy it all. Enjoy the place you live. By the time you read this the Children's Halloween Parade will have marched and the Turkey Trot will be on deck (details on the community page). Can Santa on his firetruck be far behind? The next three months, and the smaller community events that accompany them are, to me, the most enjoyable. Simple pleasures are why we live here.



We had a fruitful discussion about drainage at our last meeting and you'll find details about it in the minutes so please keep yourself informed. Unfortunately during the month we also had a night of car break-ins. Please keep your cars locked. In our remote Neck of the woods we sometimes forget that we are not immune. Small, sensible adjustment may be needed, but keep the faith and keep smiling.



Happy Autumn everyone
Ryan Cote, POENB President

October 2022

POENB Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2022

Attendance:

There were 12 members and 6 board members in attendance

Roll Call of Officers:

Ryan Cote, President
 Nora Beck, Treasurer
 Anthony Fusaro, Assistant Vice President
 Yvonne Lambertson, Recording Secretary
 Ryan Schaefer-Walker, Corresponding Secretary
 V.P. Frank Pasquale was absent.



Correspondence:

Ryan Schaefer-Walker reported that all correspondence was with the TOH, requesting they come out and survey our damaged beaches following the September 13th rain event.

Presidents Report/ Drainage:

Ryan reported that a late summer storm hit early on the morning of September 13th. This was another high volume, short duration rain event resulting in flooding at the Neck's low points, followed by property damage and significant beach erosion at Price's Bend and Valley Grove. Ryan noted we had sustained similar damage last year in September of 2021.



At the time of the October meeting The Neck was coming off four straight days of rain with no flooding so, Ryan noted, the new catch basins seem to work during "normal" rain events. It's when we get several inches a few hours, combined with a high tide that we get flooding followed by damaging erosion

This month's cover photo "Autumn Marsh" by Kelly Gifford - If you'd like to contribute an Eaton's Neck photo or artwork please send it to changingtides@eatonsneck.org



**2022 POENB Treasurer's Report
 January 1 - October 7, 2022**

Income			
Beach Usage Fee		\$	2,300.00
Watercraft Fee			1,310.00
Changing Tides Ads			480.00
Membership Dues			
	Senior		19,462.72
	Standard		32,756.93
Total Membership Dues		\$	52,219.65
Merchandise Rebate & Sales			607.00
Parade Income			1,255.00
Interest Income			1.49
50/50 proceeds			640.00
Social Income			
	Endless Summer		3,230.00
	Parti Gras		5,593.49
Total Social Income			8,823.49
Total Income		\$	67,636.63
Expense			
Beach Expenses			
	Beach Clean-Up	\$	765.39
	Prices Bend		13,508.30
	Valley Grove		238.94
Total Beach Expenses		\$	14,512.63
Beach Improvements			6,602.27
Changing Tides			2,515.44
Insurance			
Loan Repayments - VG (through June)			1,657.44
Meeting Expenses			
Membership Expenses			392.68
Merchandise Expenses			1,914.74
Monthly Bank Fees			228.00
PO Box			182.00
Office			60.28
Paypal Fees			530.30
Sales Tax			4.40
Savings Fund			
Social Expenses			
	4th of July Parade	\$	1,500.00
	Egg Hunt		192.62
	Endless Summer		4,971.06
	Halloween		-
	Parti Gras		3,653.30
	Thanksgiving Turkey Trot		200.00
Total Social Expenses		\$	10,516.98
Software			
Utilities			
	Prices Bend		452.76
	Valley Grove		136.91
Total Utilities		\$	589.67
Website			21.17
Total Expense		\$	39,728.00
Net Surplus		\$	27,908.63
Valley Grove Note Payoff			
	VG Bulkhead Project Excess	\$	10,050.56
	Outstanding VG Note Balance		(11,999.23)
	Additional Payoff Expense	\$	(1,948.67)

Operating checking account balance as of 10/7/22 is \$36,937.92
 VG Note checking account balance as of 10/7/22 is \$0
 50/50 Proceeds savings account balance as of 10/7/22 is \$640.03

On the day of the storm, Ryan Cote called Highway Superintendent Andre Sorrentino and asked him to come out. Three days later, on Friday September 16th a large contingent arrived. Ryan Cote and Frank Pasquale represented the POENB. Representing TOH Highway were Supervisor Andre Sorrentino & Michael Ruconich. Assemblyman Keith Brown represented NYS. From the Huntington Supervisor's Office was Deputy Supervisor John McCarron. The Town brought two outside drainage consultants, Pat DelCol from

H2M Architects & Engineers and a drainage specialist. Deputy Maritime Director Garret Chelius attended. From Laser Industries, the company contracted to do the drainage work, Michael Gulino and Eric Smeech.

The group toured four primary “low points” where water routinely collects: The bottom of Drake Place; the bottom of Carlisle Drive at Valley Grove Beach; the bottom of Worcester Court at Price’s Bend; and Birmingham Drive



to the west of the long kayak rack (by the sailboats). Here water backs up at the Town catch basins, pools then overtops the curb—carving a path the long rack and swing then down to the water’s edge.

Ryan noted that after the tour, he received a call from Bob Dennis on Tudor Drive expressing appreciation for the Board’s efforts and letting him know that several homes on Tudor are also having water flow down through their backyards from Robert Lenox above. Although not part of the tour, Huntington was made aware of this in a subsequent letter to the Town.



Ryan indicated he felt the large walk-through was more of a listening tour, with people lifting grates and many discussions at once but no concrete solutions offered.

Subsequent to the walk through, the POENB Board drafted a comprehensive letter to both the Town Highway Department and the Town Supervisor’s Office, portions of which were excerpted by Ryan during the meeting. The letter was sent to Assemblyman Keith Brown, Huntington Supervisor Ed Smyth, Deputy Supervisor John McCarron, Highway Superintendent Andre Sorrentino and Assistants Michael Ruconich, as well as Town Engineer Bianca Dresch.



EATON’S NECK FIRE DEPARTMENT

October has been a sad month for the ENFD. Two longtime Neck residents and Eaton’s Neck Fire Department members passed away at the beginning of the month.

Theresa Whiter served the department as Chaplin as well as being the planner of many children’s activities over the course of many years. Roy Beach was a member for 44 years and responded to emergency calls until he was 94! Roy also served as a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners for many years. They were both valued members who will be missed.

October is also memorable because ten years ago, on October 29, 2012, Hurricane Sandy struck New York -- leaving a great deal of destruction and misery in its wake. The devastation Hurricane Ian brought to Southwest Florida a few short weeks ago is a reminder that preparation remains a crucial issue for residents of Eaton’s Neck.

Please make your preparations now as to how you will weather storm conditions in the event of a hurricane. Have medications, food, water, batteries, cash and gas for generators at the ready. If you have a gas-powered generator, do not run it in an enclosed space as the CO fumes can cause death in a short time. And please call 911 in the event of any emergency.

Yours for fire safety,
Rich Baer

The POENB’s letter made several specific key requests:

1- POENB made a formal request that the TOH expand its drainage efforts (thus far confined to Essex, Middlesex, Carlisle, Westview, Drake and Canterbury) into the rest of Eaton’s Neck—with a specific focus on those downhill streets that funnel into the Price’s Bend area

2- POENB requested specific drainage solutions for the lowest points on Eaton’s Neck that flood in the same spots every time. We suggested a holding tank or diffusion well of last resort, sunk into the street at its low point to temporarily hold water until the tide recedes.

3- POENB requested earthen berms with curbs behind or just higher curbs in areas that flood chroni-

**FOUND
HISTORY!**



**Did you
Know
that . . .**



the Northport Historical Society is celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year?

It was 1962 and word got out that another Victorian home was to be razed and a cinderblock A&P was to be erected on the corner of Main Street and Norwood Avenue. Marilyn Campbell was so upset she couldn't sleep at night. She sent a telegram to the chairman of A&P, threatening a boycott of the store and signed herself as President of the Northport Historical Society. A&P responded quickly and met with Marilyn and her friend Connie Zillian and changed the look of the building. The women had succeeded but Marilyn felt obligated to back up her words.

Along with Marilyn Arndt, and Connie Zillian, she called on more friends, Dorothy Davis, Amy and Mary Bialla, and Mary Meyer to form the Northport Historical Society.

Since then, the Society has preserved and maintained a collection of over 10,000 historic photos, documents and artifacts, hosted countless events and school groups and opened interesting and informative exhibitions. We've grown into the digital era with the incorporation of our website, blog, Instagram and Facebook page so we can bring the museum directly to you. Our work of preservation never ends. We look forward to seeing what we can accomplish in the next 60 years and we'd like your help.

Please consider supporting us with a membership. As a member you will receive discounted and pre-sale tickets to our amazing events, not to mention access to member-only events, our weekly e-newsletter, and a discount at the museum shop. Plus, you'll be helping the Society fulfill its mission to preserve our local history and maintain our historic building. To join, go to our website: Northporthistorical.org, or call, or stop by the Museum at 215 Main Street.

We are in need of volunteers! If you would like to join one of our committees, such as our education or event committee, or if you'd like to be a docent, please call Caitlyn at 631-757-9859. And of course, you can support us by simply visiting us to view an exhibit, attend our events, join our book club, or donate, either monetarily or with a piece of local history you may have in your attic!

Thank you,
Terry Reid

cally-where water collects, overtops & rushes onto the beach.

4- POENB requested a thorough scoping of all beach pipes from the last catch basin down to the out-fall pipe in the water. Some of these pipes may not be connected to the catch basin anymore. Others, notably Valley Grove, may be unsuitably narrow for today's storm water volume--resulting in bottlenecking, backing up and flooding on the streets.

5- Lastly, POENB asked the Town to clean the catch

basins regularly. We have underground clay in the soil so our basins leach very slowly. Leaves on top exacerbate that further.

Ryan indicated that while we all realize there are many variables contributing to our problems, the POENB feels it wisest to package what we've learned into a single comprehensive ask versus several shorter requests that, we felt, would be overlooked. It was our hope by doing a bit of the legwork for the Town, we would achieve a better result.

Drainage upgrades on Eaton's neck are decades past due.

The Board views any extra collection capacity to be a good thing. Although the results have been frustrating at times, POENB feels the best way forward is to appreciate the extra drainage while continuing to point out the problem areas that must be fixed. Ryan opened the discussion to the floor.

Drainage Discussion with POENB Members:

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July Schneider and Bob Walter live at the lowest point of Robert Lenox and indicated that every time it rains they must clean the leaves off the Town catch basins by their home or risk a flood. They have been calling the Town about this for years. Water comes down from higher streets, pools in front of their house then overruns the curb and rushes down to Tudor. Another homeowner from Tudor, Jody Williams, introduced himself. He has experienced bad flooding in his home more than once, from water coming down the hill behind his home. Bob Carroll, also in attendance, has experienced similar flooding.

Anthony Arote, who lives at the lowest point on Drake Place, reported that he too must clean the storm drains out front of his house when it rains. He also digs them out when snow plows bury them so as not to experience flooding from melting snow. Mr. Arote indicated most of the water is bypassing the new catch basins higher up on Drake and racing to the low point in front his house where it floods quickly. He feels the Town made the curbs too low in its most recent work because now, during flooding, water goes down his



driveway and over the curbs resulting in storm water repeatedly filling his pool. Mr. Arote feels that we (Eaton's Neck) should not be responsible for the



Town's storm water failings. He's also tired of hearing these are record storms—noting we've had them in the past. He commented that in its most recent work the TOH removed two older catch basins out front of his home and replaced them with one;

so now he has less drainage. Further when they first did the work, the TOH disconnected the old storm overflow pipe that feeds directly down to the LI Sound.

To put this statement in context, Ryan noted that one of the objectives of this project was to localize water collection on higher streets using the new catch basins and drainage rings. This was supposed to take a lot of excess water off the street and allow The Town to disconnect the old storm water overflow pipe that ran down and out to LI Sound. After our first wave of bad flooding in July, they (TOH and Laser) realized this disconnection was a mistake and that their new

system could not handle the capacity, so they've since re-connected the old pipe.



Bob Carroll, from Tudor, commented that a crew was sent to clean a few storm drains around Tudor just after the September 16th Town visit. Any drain cleaning is a good start and will take some of the pressure off the storm water system.

Mr. Carroll noted, however, that workers indicated the one truckload of debris being trucked away was insufficient to the amount of muck that actually needed to be removed. Mr. Arote said that anyone curious about maintenance schedule of a drain near their property can contact the TOH Town and, under the freedom of information act, request maintenance records for any storm drain.

Anthony Fusaro wondered if there is a completion stamp on this job indicating the Town views it as completed. Is this job considered completed? Ryan did not know. Tom Bishop concluded the discussion by asking about some of the small holes opening up

in the paving at Valley Grove. Mr. Smeech from Laser acknowledged this to be Laser's mistake. A holiday weekend was coming and Laser did not want to block entry to the park so they didn't give the black top enough time to settle properly and now the result are some depressions and small holes opening up in the blacktop. They are supposed to correct it.

Beaches/End of Season:

Anthony Fusaro stopped our beach raking in mid-September. We thank him for administering this for the same rate as 2021. An efficient stop to the service saved us even more money. Ryan Schaefer Walker had the dumpster emptied and locked for the season in early September. Ryan Cote noted that someone had put their carpet in our dumpster which contributes to the weight all members pay on collection. It is selfish to dump personal trash in the POENB dumpster. He made an additional appeal to dog walkers to stop prying up the lid of the locked dumpster and dropping in their dog waste which sits there all winter. It's gross.

Watercraft:

Yvonne Lambertson reminded the room that 2023 will not be a watercraft reassign year, which means if you were issued a kayak, paddleboard or dinghy spot in 2022, you may leave it there over the winter into next season, assuming you maintain membership. This applies only to one's first spot Second spots need to be cleared and boats brought home by Nov 1st.

- Per POENB watercraft rules, if a member requests a watercraft spot they must occupy it. Owners of spaces that went unoccupied this season will receive an email from the POENB alerting them that we will be re-assigning the spot to someone else.
- All sailboats, large and small, are seasonal lottery spots and must be removed by November 1st. Those who haven't paid will be ineligible to keep a sailboat there next year.

Other Beach Matters:

Car hang Tags

Please do not throw out your POENB car hang tag. In the spring we will issue members a new 2023 sticker that can be affixed to the hang tag.

Cars parked at Prices Bend

Cars cannot be parked at Price's Bend overnight. We ask those residents doing it to stop.

Fire Pit

A member posting on social media noted that the

Town code we cite in our beach rules as pertains to Bonfires is outdated. After reviewing it we determined they were correct. We thank them for letting us know and will correct that.

Changing Tides:

The Tides will print in October, November and December to close out the year.



Membership:

Our membership count is 252 which is the highest Gene has seen since he has been tracking the membership numbers since 2014. Everyone recognized Gene for a fantastic job.

Social:

“The Endless Summer” party was great. Ryan commended Frank Pasquale, Heather Kennedy, Ryan Schaefer-Walker, Tom Bishop and Carole Bishop on their work.

Ryan Cote gave specific thanks to the ENFD which, when it began to rain, allowed the POENB to use the tent from the ENFD Picnic. Ryan gave special recognition to Al Zelenka who allowed POENB to shift the event to the picnic grounds, then came down to help set up. Ryan also thanked Greg Atkins who generously came down and supervised setup on behalf of the ENFD.

Ryan Schaefer-Walker noted it was a great event and we plan to do it again next year. There were 63 attendees and the party ran a deficit of \$700, but that is still well within our social budget. POENB also raised \$350 dollars in 50/50 proceeds. While a profit would have been nice, said Ryan, the objective of the event was to begin a tradition trying to hold a seasonal event at Valley Grove. This year that groundwork was laid. Tom Bishop recommended that, next year, we schedule the party the same weekend as the ENFD picnic so we can order a larger tent along with the ENFD and have that available as a backup. Carole Bishop concluded by noting how much fun the day was, in spite of the rain. The band was great, everyone came with the right attitude and all had a wonderful time. Ryan Schaefer-Walker reminded all of the Halloween Parade on October 30th at noon and the Turkey Trot coming in November.

Treasurers Report:

Nora reported that we have a total income of \$67,636 which is over budget based upon a good

membership year and higher than projected Changing Tides ad sales. As of October, total expense were \$39,728 leaving a net surplus of \$27,908.63. Nora expects we'll end the year with a surplus of between \$10,000 to \$13,000 as we still have to pay insurance, our largest expense, and our landscaping bill.

Our checking account balance is \$36,937.92 and our 50/50 proceeds account is \$640.03. Those who advertise in the Changing Tides will be getting invoices as well as those who received second spots or lottery sail craft spots.

Ryan noted that just prior to our October meeting our Insurance for 2023 just renewed for the exact same price as 2022. Ryan thanked Anthony Fusaro who was instrumental in reviewing the policy and replying to the mandatory renewal questionnaire.

New Business:

Ryan thanked former board member Nick Ca-vuoto for continuing his public service by overseeing POENB beach party reservations. Nick reported that between June 4th and Sept 17th, POENB hosted a total of 9 parties: 5 Large and 4 Small. Nick said all those who reserved were very easy to work with and he received no complaints. Thanks for another great season.

Board Nominations:

At our November meeting we will announce our 2023 board nominations. Anyone interested in joining the board should email nominations@eatonsneck.org. The board thanks Christine Ballow for her willingness to be our nominations chair for this year. Ryan noted that being active out here and helping to make Eaton's Neck stronger is incredibly rewarding.

New Members:

New Neck resident Owais Iqbal introduced himself to the audience and was welcomed. Owais is also our newest Changing Tides advertiser. We thank him for supporting our paper.

Motion to Accept the Minutes

Ryan made a belated request for a motion to accept the POENB September minutes as printed in the Changing Tides. A motion was made and seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.



community

Bulletin Board

A story of concern . . .

Earlier this month, a concerned Neck Resident was driving onto the Neck when she saw a young woman approx. 20 years old and a young girl of about 5, presumably her daughter, walking off the Neck, down the hill between Winkle Point Rd. and Locust Lane. They were carrying heavy bags that may have contained cleaning supplies. Feeling something was not right, the driver turned around, pulled up to the women and asked where they were going? The woman could not speak English but used her phone translator to communicate. She indicated she was walking to the train.

The driver told her it was too far to walk to the train and offered to give them a lift. During the ride the driver was able to ascertain that these women lived in Manhattan. The driver dropped them off at the train station and upon returning home, decided to contact the Changing Tides to ask us to publicize this story. If the woman was out here cleaning a house, she likely did not realize how far out the job was. The fact that she had to bring a young child all this way is also disturbing. Most troubling is that a homeowner might see this and allow this person to begin walking home. Our hope is that this person might have been an unexpected replacement and that the homeowner was not home to realize this was going on. We have shared this story with our friends over at Eaton Harbors and print it here for the benefit of Changing Tides readers as well.

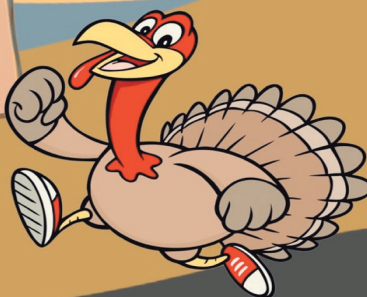
Thank you!!!

- ▶ Peter Steurwalt for turning off the water at both beaches
- ▶ Greg Atkins & Phil Beamer for bringing in the swim lines.

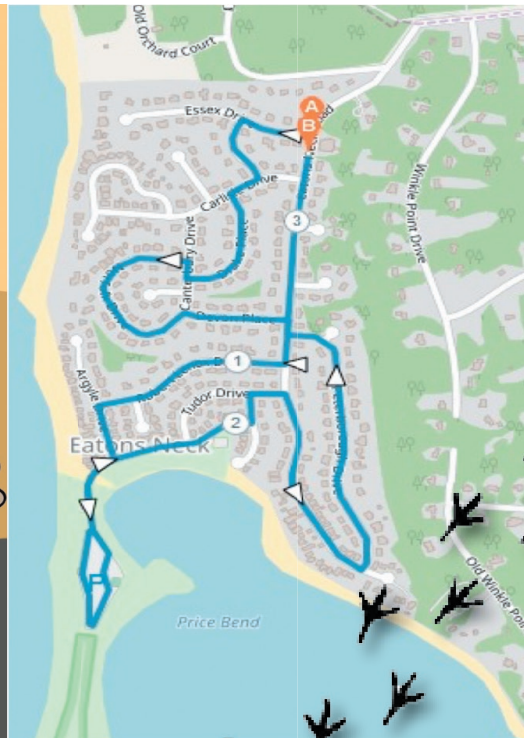
The POENB welcomes the Myerholz family to Eaton's Neck. Alex and Karole, and their Brand-New baby boy Ethan born October 14th.

**7th Annual POENB
Thanksgiving Day**
5K TURKEY TROT AND STROLL
11/24 @ 9:00am
at Eaton's Neck Fire House

ALL ARE
WELCOME



Immediately Followed by
Refreshments & Kids Football Game



Access the turkey trot route map using <https://www.plotaroute.com>. Search POENB 5k.



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Hello Neighbors

I recently relocated to Eaton's Neck with my family to join this amazing community. Over the course of a few short months, I have had the privilege to connect with the kindest individuals and families. I am fortunate to call Eaton's Neck home and look forward to meeting everyone.

Please reach out to me if you are searching for a trusted advisor who is committed to helping you make informed real estate decisions.

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