

BONNET SHORES NEWSLETTER



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Causeway Flooding at Issue

The Fire District will be going out with a Request for Proposal to find a consultant to conduct field investigations and explore engineering alternatives for the ongoing flooding issues of Wesquage Pond at Bonnet Point Road both on the causeway and at the breach-way. Issues that will be addressed is the current situation of culverts, barriers and channels within and adjacent to Bonnet Point Road. This study will focus on a

limited topographic survey, and a hydrologic and hydraulic drainage analysis as a means to develop alternatives for mitigating flood conditions. It will provide and overall picture of where we are, identify problem areas and causes, and present methods, options and anticipated costs estimates that the district could consider to help alleviate the flooding conditions and ensure the integrity of the road.

Bonnet Shores Fire District Annual Meeting

The Bonnet Shores Fire District Annual Meeting will be held June 30 at the Bonnet Shores Community Center, 130 Bonnet Shores Road. Check-in and ballot distribution will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting following at 7:30 p.m. *Proxy votes must be given to the clerk prior to the clerk being seated at the start of the meeting.* Please see Page 5 for the list of candidates on the ballot.

Anyone needing transportation to the meeting should contact the District Manager at 789-4540 to make arrangements.

Time to Hit the Beach

Finally, summer has arrived in Bonnet Shores! Lifeguards will be at their stations when the beach officially opens on Saturday, June 25th. You'll find lifeguards on duty at Kelly Beach from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sundays.

Beachgoers will find a few enhancements to the beach area this summer, including a new ramp at the end of the Dunes Road walkway. There have also been repairs and upgrades made to the footbath and to various benches built into the walkway.

No lifeguard coverage will be available at Little Beach this summer. However, dedicated resources will be committed to cleaning the area on a regular schedule, including removing and carting away seaweed which accumulates on the beach from time to time.

As always, beach committee chairwoman Janice McClanahan invites all Bonnet residents to weigh-in on ways to enhance the beach experience.

Road Work Planned

The Road Committee recently announced upcoming road work in Bonnet Shores. Three streets -- King Philip, What Cheer and Onondaga -- are scheduled to be resurfaced either late in the fall of this year or in the Spring of 2017. Work will include improvements to the drainage system in the northern section of Bonnet, including the retention area located near the intersection of Spring Brook and Bonnet Shores Roads.

Given the fiscal constraints on public works budgets across Rhode Island's 39 cities and towns, the Fire District Council was pleased to learn of road improvement plans for the next 6-9 months. Council members and District Manager Lisa DiBello continue to stay in close contact with Narragansett's Public Works Department to ensure that scheduled and budgeted work is completed within the stated timeframes.

Visit the BSFD website www.bonnetshores.org for the latest in community news and events-
Sign up for BSFD email notifications on page 4 and stay informed!

Quality of Life Concerns Frame Land Trust's Mission

The Bonnet Shores Land Trust objectives can be summed up as follows:

- Protecting and preserving open space and recreational areas in the community
- Strategic acquisition of land that furthers that goal
- Long range planning to maximize the use of community land for recreational and historic preservation
- Fund raising activities to support these efforts
- Encouragement of volunteer efforts by joining in Land Trust activities

To these ends, Trustees have engaged over the past year in discussions with Roger Williams University, CPC to bring them to the community this fall to assess and recommend potential and innovative uses for community property.

The Land Trust reports the strategic acquisition of property on Wesquage Pond by way of a generous gift from the estate of Kathryn Davidson. The family of Manuel Torti, long time Bonnet resident, has also

graciously donated land to the Trust in honor of Mr. Torti. Both of these gifts speak volumes about the love of Bonnet Shores the deceased shared with all of us.

Land Trust meetings are held monthly at the Community Center and public participation is very much encouraged. Check for upcoming meetings and agenda postings on our website bonnetshoreslandtrust.org.

Annual Bonnet Neighborhood Yard Sale



The Annual Bonnet Shores Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2016. All residents are invited to participate. The yard sale will be advertised in local newspapers at no charge to residents. If you would like to participate, you MUST register BEFORE Friday, July 8 to be included on the yard sale map. Yard sale maps will be posted on the website, bulletin boards, and available for pick up at the Community Center.

To register, call the Community Center at (401) 789-4540 to provide your name, address, telephone number and email address.

Bonnet Shores Resident Contact Information

In an effort to better serve you, to proactively inform our residents regarding important matters, and to enable the district to contact you in an emergency, please complete the following information and return to BSFD, 130 Bonnet Shores Rd, Narragansett, RI 02882, include with your tax bill or send to information@bonnetshores.org.

Name: _____

Bonnet Address: _____

Contact phone() _____

Contact email: _____

[] Check here if you wish to receive additional informational emails from the council and district manager.

Please note that if you have filled out this form before- you **DO NOT** have to do it again! Only complete if you are new to the neighborhood, have not completed form before, or there are changes to the information. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Adopt – Spot Landscapers

We would like to thank the following landscape companies for stepping up to volunteer their services to maintain the gardens throughout Bonnet Shores. Please let them know how much these efforts are appreciated. The companies are KC Gardens, Macera Landscaping and White Birch Landscaping.

District Manager Summer Office Hours

District Manager, Lisa DiBello, is hard at work handling all matters related to the Fire District. In an attempt to provide the best service possible to our residents, the Manager will reserve a block of time from her schedule to be available at the Community Center to assist residents with various Bonnet business (i.e. purchase trash/recyclable containers, submit forms/registrations, questions, problems, etc.) She will have reserved office hours weekly Tues-Thur. from 10am – 2pm. To accommodate our weekend only visitors, the Manager will also have reserved office hours on the **2nd Saturday** of each month (June-August) from 10am to 2pm. If you need assistance and are not able to make it to the office during these reserved hours, please feel free to contact the Manager at 789-4540 and she will be happy to make other arrangements.