

Land Trust Update

When a remarkable 425 persons responded to the Comprehensive Plan Survey last summer there were twenty categories ranging from important to very important. You ranked the Land Trust #2 (protecting the environment) and #3 (open space) as very important. That should lay to rest those doubters who may have questioned the positive affect a Trust has on the quality of life issues about which everyone is most concerned.

There are about 400 undeveloped lots remaining in the district. Given what we see daily in our community, can you imagine the impact of only half of that number being built on?

BSFD Monthly Meetings

July 19, 2000	Jan. 17, 2001
Aug. 23, 2000	Feb. 21, 2001
Sept. 20, 2000	March 21, 2001
Oct. 18, 2000	April 18, 2001
Nov. 15, 2000	May 16, 2001
Dec. 20, 2000	June 20, 2001

All meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. at the Bonnet Shores Community Center.

Bulky Cleanup Day Set for July 29

- ◆ Each household can place extra bulky trash curbside on that day. This includes furniture, mattresses, appliances (excluding freon units).
- ◆ Please, no refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, a/c's, building materials, lumber, tires.
- ◆ Amount of bulky materials should be a "reasonable" amount.
- ◆ All bulky items should be placed out either the night before or by 6 a.m. There will be only one pass per house. Please be timely.
- ◆ *Anyone needing to dispose of freon appliances should call the office of Beck Rubbish Removal at 789-5900 for fees and scheduling.*

The Trust has in place a plan to contact each undeveloped lot owner and present in detail the town of Narragansett requirements for the development of their property. In many cases where the lots are in a wetlands, some restrictions are so prohibitive that without sewers or other major considerations, it would be extremely difficult to build.

The most difficult parcels (about 125) are the first priority of the Trust in its efforts to persuade owners to donate their lots for philanthropic and/or tax purposes.

A brochure detailing the effects of open space and the impact of land donation on our community is being prepared. Former property owners Gary and Jan St. Peter have generously offered to contribute to the considerable cost of printing these materials. The St. Peters had recent dealings with the Land Trust and will appear at the July 19th Council meeting to relate their experience. At that time the Trust will make a presentation acknowledging their generosity. We urge all to attend.

I was attracted to serve on the Land Trust when I learned that then Chairman Marcel Fortin was spearheading an effort to reach out more aggressively to acquire land, rather than as in the past, just passively waiting for people to respond to the usual call for donations.

Though you may not have land to donate, funds are needed to support Trust activities. Most important however, is that you personally support and talk up the open space concept. The most damaging consequence would be any loss of momentum and commitment to this vision begun by Marcel.

I assure any potential donors that the Trust will hold all discussions regarding donations in the strictest confidence.

The Trust is losing two of its most outstanding members as a result of

our rule that an elected member may not serve two consecutive terms. Lee Listro served as more than a competent Secretary with her thorough knowledge of the workings of the Land Trust and commitment to its goals. Just about everyone in Bonnet is familiar with the longtime dedication of Cliff Hall to things "Bonnet". His savvy business sense and wise counsel will be sorely missed. Seek them out this summer and personally thank them for all they have done for you.

One doesn't have to be elected to serve the Trust. Give us a helping hand!

*Paul Haas, Chairman
Bonnet Shores Land Trust*



Bonnet Taxes- 2000-2001

Bonnet Shores taxes are an investment in our property values. Over the past ten years, improvements have been made that have enhanced our quality of life as a beach community.

The largest budgeted expenses -- accounting for nearly 50% of total expenditures -- are in the area of Public Works, including rubbish removal. The more costly projects that have been undertaken have yielded improvements to the boating area with the installation of a dock and handicapped accessibility to Kelly Beach. Beautification has transformed unsightly areas in the neighborhood to beautiful gardens such as at the entrance sign. All new signing around the District has helped make our roads safer.

During the past ten years the Bonnet Shores Fire District Council has been able to hold the tax rate at 1 mil while maintaining the same level of services to Bonnet residents by using cash reserve funds.

As you know with your own household budget, prices have increased. To be fiscally responsible in meeting our expenses we need

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to increase taxes this year. The present budget is the result of several Council workshops, two public hearings and final passage by the Council. The Council oversees the upgrades and maintenance of BSFD properties owned by all taxpayers such as the pond, historical battery, Community Center, beaches and open space land. We all share in the maintenance costs of the common properties.

The Council has presented a responsible budget with a tax increase to 1.22 mils in 2001, representing the first mil rate increase in nearly ten years.

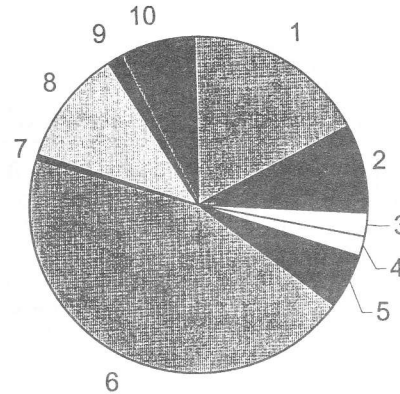
With this new mil rate, for instance, a property with an assessed value of \$150,000 would be taxed at \$183.00, or an increase of \$33.00. While it's difficult to raise taxes, the amount we pay in taxes is considerably less than the amount we would have to pay if we had to pay for our own trash removal, as the rest of the town does.

As of 6/15/00 Bonnet Shores Assessed Property Values

LAND \$ 83,513,640.00
BLDGS 91,020,700.00

Total Value 174,534,340.00 (A total of 2,118 tax accounts)

		Income: 230,315			
Bonnet Shores Fire District 2000/2001 Budget					
Expenses					
1- Admin. Exp.	40,365	18%	6- Public Wks.	101,900	44%
2- Beach	19,950	9%	7- Recreation	1,000	0%
3- DayCamp	5,250	2%	8- Salaries	25,800	11%
4- Harbor	4,000	2%	9- Security	3,200	1%
5- Property	12,450	5%	10-Capital	16,400	7%



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Boating News

Mooring fees are due on June 30 this year. Any mooring not renewed by that date will be considered abandoned and made available to new applicants. All moorings **MUST** be marked with a float to insure that another mooring or boat is not set too close together.

If you have a mooring and have not set it up you must do so or it will be made available to the next person on the waiting list. Presently, there are more than 40 boat owners on the waiting list. There is now a \$20 fee to stay active on the mooring waiting list. This fee must be paid by June 30, 2000.

For boat ramp access call Harbormaster Mike Tortolani at 789-8645. All calls must be made at least 24 hours in advance of the requested time. No calls are to be made before 8:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m., except in the case of an emergency.

Long Range Plan

Copies of the Long Rang Plan will be available at the annual meeting July 20. One copy per household will be distributed. There will be a reference copy available at the Community Center.

Recycling Reminder

Efforts to be environmentally-friendly continue in Bonnet Shores. Here are a few timely reminders which may help you sort household waste:

- ♦ All recycling materials **MUST be in a bin or open container at the curb. DO NOT** put them in plastic bags. They will not be recycled if they are not in the proper containers.
- ♦ Newspapers should be placed in brown paper bags or bundled with string. Again, **do not place them in plastic bags.** If they are placed in plastic bags, they will not be recycled!
- ♦ Glass, tin, soda bottles, milk bottles, cans and #1 and #2 plastics may be recycled. **PLEASE RINSE ALL BOTTLES AND CANS!!** They must be clean and free of food. (Check the bottom of your plastic container for the number in the triangle.)
- ♦ Extra recycling bins are available at the Community Center. Call the District Manager at 789-4540.

Adherence to these guidelines saves natural resources and helps reduce litter. Thanks for doing your part.

Historical Notes

The Historical Committee is researching the many events and people who have contributed to the uniqueness of the Bonnet Shores community. Would you please consider sharing your memories and any old photos or momentos that you have? They will assist us in gathering information that will help us record the unfolding story of this community.

Consider joining our committee to preserve and record "our" story for future generations. We look forward to hearing from you. Call Carol Fortin at 792-8252 for more information.

Drivers Wanted



The Bonnet Shores Fire District Council has received numerous complaints regarding speeding on Bonnet Shores roads. We ask that all residents as well as those going to the Beach Club respect the 25 mph limit..

A commitment to drive slowly will provide safety to our many walkers and bikers-- both children and adults. If we all try to stay at the speed limit we can help to control the problem. Since Bonnet Shores is a no passing zone, cars can only go as fast as the car in front of them.

Successful Year For Beautification Committee Reports

Throughout the spring, the Beautification Committee has spent hours grooming the various road triangle gardens around Bonnet. Mulch was donated by the Gunnings and used at the various locations. The barrels were planted with colorful flowers and dwarf Alberta Spruce.

April's Earth Day 2000 found 33 volunteers picking up litter from along the roadsides and empty lots in Bonnet. Dunkin Donuts and Leo's Pizza provided refreshments for the hungry volunteers. In an effort to control litter in Bonnet Shores this summer season we ask that residents pitch in where they see litter. Any help would be appreciated by all who make this area their home.

Plans are under way to enhance the new sign at the Community Center with plantings. For further information about this or one of the many other projects or to join the committee, please call Sharon Wells at 783-2945 or Laura Bousquet at 789-7437.

Thanks go to everyone involved in making Bonnet a beautiful place to be again this summer!!!

Dumpster for Clippings

A dumpster will again be available from 8am-12noon at the corner of Springbrook and Bonnet Shores Road on the following dates:

July 8	October 7
July 22	October 21
August 12	October 28
August 19	November 4
September 9	November 18
September 23	

Only grass clippings and branches less than 2" in diameter, PLEASE!

Do not discard furniture or other household waste in the dumpster or at the dumpster site. Any residents who see such dumping at this site or on any empty lot in Bonnet Shores should report it to the District Manager at 789-4540. The Bonnet Shores District will assess a fine of \$100 to anyone who is caught dumping.

Summer Camp Kicks Off

Registration June 29-30

The first of two sessions at Bonnet Shores' Summer Camp will run from Monday, July 3rd through Friday, July 28. Session 2 is scheduled for Monday, July 31 through Friday, August 25th at the Bonnet Shores Community Center. The camp is open to children ages 6 through 14 years of age and will run from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. each weekday. To accommodate the little ones, we will once again have a Small Fry Camp for 4 and 5 year olds. All 4 and 5 year olds must be accompanied by a babysitter.

We received many positive comments last year regarding the structure and activities offered by the summer camp. The program will again include weekly themes, special events, organized activities, games and crafts.

The fee is \$40 per month per child, \$20 for a second child and \$70 per family if three or more children are enrolled. Guest fees are \$3 per day. Registration for Camp is June 29 and June 30 from 9-10am each day.

Call Bill O'Neill at 789-4540 for further information.

Look For Upcoming Events



- Wine & Hors D'oeuvres
- Lobster & Steak Fry
- Ocean State Follies
- Oldies Night with DJ

These activities are still in the planning stages but look for notices and signs around the community with event dates and specific details.

Contest Winner Announced

After receiving over a dozen entries in last year's flag contest, a winner was selected. The winner, Marisa Dilorio Peters, is a fine artist living in New Hampshire. She has summered at Bonnet since age six.

The inspiration for the Bonnet flag design came from an aerial view of the shoreline. Peters said "I felt that it would be instantly recognizable to anyone with a strong emotional attachment to Bonnet Shores, as I myself have. I hope it will be a symbol of the pride we all feel to be part of such a special community."

Thanks to all who submitted entries. The new flag will be unveiled at the Annual Meeting on July 20.

Beach Bus

The school bus to transport Bonnet Shores residents to the beaches on weekends is back! The bus is scheduled to begin service on July 1 and will continue each weekend through September 4.

Do You Play Bridge?

Bonnet bridge players meet every Thursday from 7-9pm at the Community Center. Play once a month or every week-- we welcome any resident to join us! If you are interested in playing or if you want more information please call Ruth at 782-1352 or Nancy at 783-9023.

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Bonnet's Annual Run

The Annual Fun Run Road Race is scheduled for Saturday, July 22 at the Bonnet Shores Community Center. Registration for the race will begin Friday, July 21, from 6-8pm and continue Saturday, July 22 beginning at 8am. The first 100 entrants receive a FREE Don Bousquet-designed T-shirt. The registration fee is \$10.00, ages 12 and under \$6.00.

The three-mile Fun Run starts at 9:30am. Walkers start at 8:15am. (No registration needed for walkers.) The one-mile children's Fun Run starts at 10:15am. The children's race is divided into three age categories: 1-5, 6-9 and 10-13.

The race, trophies and awards are sponsored by the RI State Troopers Association. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Neal Coleman at 783-0488 if you are interested in helping.

Community Yard Sale



The Third Annual Community Yard and Garage Sale is slated for Saturday, August 12 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. (Rain date is Sunday, August 13.)

Here's how it works: at no cost to you, sell one item or lots of items on your own property. Underwritten by Homestead Properties, (see ad in newsletter) the District will advertise in three local newspapers and then distribute a map with addresses of all Bonnet families participating in the sale to any customer who stops by the Community Center on the morning of the sale.

You simply need to register your address by calling the Community Center at 789-4540 no later than August 10, or call Ruth at 782-1352.