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**Summer 2019 Newsletter**

**Oyster Bay Cove's Recent Election**

I want to thank all who voted this past election. Exercising your right to vote is important and I was glad to see so many of you did just that. I was particularly happy when the polls were closing to see the large number of young people voting.

**Shellfish Harvesting**

Some of the residents of our nearby communities, including Laurel Hollow and Bayville, are volunteers actively engaged in shell fish farming. To become more informed, Mayor Dan DeVita and Trustee Jeff Miritello, who is the shellfish coordinator of Laurel Hollow, recently invited me to the Laurel Hollow Beach for a tutorial.

In fact, Oyster Bay Cove residents are invited to join their neighbors in Laurel Hollow and around the Harbor in raising oysters this summer. The inter-municipal Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee, which the Village is a part of, initiated the Community Oyster Gardening program in 2017. The program is part of the Committee's mission to engage the public in protecting and improving our local waters.

This year nearly 60 residents, families and community organizations have committed to nurturing 85,000 baby or "seed" oysters. The oysters, which are raised in floating oyster cages are collected in community gardens at Laurel Hollow Village Beach, West Harbor Beach in Bayville, in addition to docks of private homes. Approximately every two weeks, gardeners are asked to clean their cages and sample measure approximately 20 of their 1,000 oysters.

Through this program, the Protection Committee not only hopes to raise oysters that will be placed in sanctuaries to improve water quality and enhance habitat, but also increase our residents connection to our magnificent local waters by being involved in this project.

If you are interested in volunteering to help maintain the oyster gardens this year, please contact Rob Crafa, Protection Committee Coordinator, at 631-848-2090 or [rob@oysterbaycoldspringharbor.org](mailto:rob@oysterbaycoldspringharbor.org), or the Laurel Hollow Shellfish Coordinator, Jeff Miritello at [canefish@aol.com](mailto:canefish@aol.com).

### **New Oyster Bay Cove Village Signs**

As a beta test, we have installed two new Oyster Bay Cove Village signs on Berry Hill Rd and Cove Rd replacing the old metal signs. We have received nothing but positive comments and intend to install 4 more signs as soon as they can be made.

### **Squatters**

The Village has recently had to deal with a squatting situation. We addressed this matter aggressively and the tenants have vacated. Squatting is when a home is occupied by illegal tenants and generally occurs when a house has been abandoned related to a foreclosure situation. If you suspect that squatters may be living in a nearby house please notify the Village Clerk's office and/or the Oyster Bay Cove Police Dept. The sooner we are made aware of these situations the quicker we can do something about it.

### **Landscaping the Triangle at Berry Hill Rd. and 25A/Northern Blvd.**

The triangle on the north/west corner of Berry Hill Rd. and 25A/Northern Blvd. is Nassau County property and has long been an eyesore due to sporadic maintenance. We have requested and obtained a permit from the County to maintain and landscape the property. We hope to have a local landscaping firm provide plantings as an exhibit space. This section does not have water access, so we will seek to use low water-consumption plantings.

### **Solar Powered Vehicle Speed Monitoring Sign**

We are in discussion as to whether a solar-powered vehicle speed monitoring sign should be placed on Sandy Hill Rd. Residents have been complaining that the road is being used as a cut through by vehicles which are being driven way too fast for this narrow road.

**Cassini Auction**

The Cassini auction viewing went off without a hitch and we received a wonderful letter from the Receiver thanking the Oyster Bay Cove Police for their security detail. All related costs were paid for by the Receiver.

**George O'Neill Passing**

The entire community was saddened by George O'Neill's recent passing on June 27, 2019. George and Abbey were stalwart supporters of the entire community for decades and measurably made Oyster Bay a better place.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and stay cool!

Charles R. Goulding