

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT MANAGER (3/6/2018)

ATTENTION BONNET SHORES RESIDENTS:

As you are all aware, the storm of this past weekend resulted in flooding and significant damage throughout Bonnet Shores as well as many other areas throughout the state.

Power has now been restored to all homes in Bonnet Shores. Many (if not all) of the large trees which fell throughout the district have been removed. The causeway is currently under several inches of water and remains closed. The level of the pond is extremely high and neighbors around the area may be experiencing varying degrees of flooding.

Please be advised that the channel from the pond to the ocean was dug out yesterday (Mon) in an attempt to lower the water level of the pond (and reduce flooding) however, due to strong tides and surges the channel has completely filled back in as of this morning (Tues). There is another storm predicted in the next day or so and therefore it would not be advantageous to dig the channel out again until after the storm has passed. As such the level of the pond may continue to rise over the next few days which could result in additional flooding of the road and surrounding areas. Vehicles should NOT travel over the causeway as there may be potholes, erosion and other obstacles which could cause damage to your vehicle as well as pose a significant safety risk to operators. In addition, the structural integrity of the roadway is severely compromised when there is this much water and weight from vehicles traveling over it only further damages the road structure. Please use the alternate route in and out of Bonnet until the causeway can be reopened.

The Town of Narragansett has been working very hard to clear roads and downed trees and we would ask that you please report any trees or obstacles that may remain so that we can be sure they are taken care of. Please call or email District Manager, Lisa DiBello, to report any problems. (401)789-4540/ bonnetmgr@gmail.com

Arrangements have been made to dig the pond channel out (again) after the storm has passed. But in the meantime, flooding will continue to be a concern and residents should plan accordingly. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and take whatever actions are in the best interest of all Bonnet Shores residents.

On a positive note, representatives of the District continue to work hard on plans to dredge Wesquage Pond (and surrounding channels and culverts) this coming fall using \$250,000 in Grant funds which were recently awarded from the state of Rhode Island. An engineer will be recommended to the council at their March meeting and should begin shortly thereafter to review project plans, submit necessary applications, and work with District Representatives to move forward on the project which when complete, will significantly improve the flooding situation in Bonnet!

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we all wait for warmer AND DRYER weather!

BSFD Resident Contact Program

- Please direct all district related questions to district.manager@bonnetshores.org or call 789-4540.
- Send changes to email addresses or other resident contact information to information@bonnetshores.org
- BSFD Website: www.bonnetshores.org