

BONNET SHORES DISTRICT MANAGER - MONTHLY REPORT

April 2021

1. Administration –

A. Ethics Commission – I received an email this past week from Michelle Berg, of the RI Ethics Commission. Ms. Berg advised that she had received a call from “a Bonnet council person” to ask questions relative to the financial disclosure papers. Ms. Berg indicated that this call prompted her to follow up on the matter at which time it was brought to her attention that the financial disclosure forms were inadvertently never sent to Bonnet officials. She indicated she would be sending them out the following day and that council members would have until May 8 to file them.

B. Budget – I prepared a list of budget items along with their associated costs and/or cost estimates and have provided these to Laurie McCarthy, Treasurer, for discussion and potential inclusion in the upcoming budget. I provided a list of “Operational” items as well as “Capital” items. Operational items included ongoing administrative items while Capital items focused on work needed at the Community Center such as outdoor lighting repair, gutter repair, stair repair etc. and were supported with cost estimates gathered from various contractors.

C. Annual Meeting - I met with Matt Mannix and Tim Longworth of R.I. Rentals to discuss the possibility of having the Annual meeting outdoors at the Community Center. We met onsite to look at various options and logistics of doing so and I expect Matt will speak on this further at the meeting.

D. Fire Inspection – Be advised the Community Center was inspected this past week by Ballou electric. The building needs to be inspected 2x a year. Ballou will reach out to arrange for the next inspection when it is due in a few months.

2. Facilities

A. Community Center Rental - I have been asked by a couple (3) of people about rental/use of the Community Center. I have advised all that the District is still not allowing rentals (due to the pandemic). According to the state website (as of today) all public and private social gatherings are still limited to 15 people. I was asked to keep a list of those who have inquired about rental/use for when the state guidelines are changed. I have done so and the list is available in the office. I have advised anyone who inquired that the decision as to when the building would be available is based upon the state guidelines changing, at which time the council will need to make decisions about when they deem it safe for use as well as possible fee increases to cover additional cleaning/sanitizing that will be required.

B. Kelly Beach – Kelly beach is scheduled to open **Saturday, June 26**. I have been looking for lifeguards and in addition, I have been working with a local EMT who has agreed to hold a lifeguard training class to provide the necessary CPR, First Aid, and Lifeguarding training necessary to be licensed. If anyone would like information they should call the office.

C. Community Center Field Repair – Be advised that I have put off the repairs that need to be done to the back field that were the result of vandalism several months ago. As you may recall, a young man did “donuts” leaving damage to the field. We were able to locate him (by use of the security system) and he has agreed to be responsible for all repairs. The work was going to be done in the beginning of May but I suggest holding off due to the fact the annual meeting may be held at the community center and the back field may be used for parking. It doesn’t seem to make sense to level, seed, etc. and then have cars drive on the area so I thought it would be best to hold off for now. If/when the details of the annual meeting are worked out, the field repair work can be scheduled accordingly.

3. Programs

A. Yard Waste – The yard waste dumpster is scheduled to begin **THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 24**. I have sent an email to Patriot to confirm that we are all set to begin. I don’t anticipate any issues but just want to be sure since we are starting a week earlier than usual. If/when I get confirmation, I will notify Steve Ryder and ask that he send an email blast to remind residents that the dumpster will be available.

B. Summer Camp – I have also been asked by a couple people (5) about camp this summer. I have advised that no decision has been made as of yet. As with rental/use of the community center, I have kept a list of those who have inquired. There will need to be a lot of extra planning with regard to safety, social distancing, programming, sanitizing, protection (staff and campers), costs, etc. so a decision really needs to be made soon. In addition, as it gets later in the season it will be even harder to find staff, especially a new Director. As I noted previously, it is imperative to have a strong Camp Director this year to be able to address additional concerns relative to the safety of all involved. In addition, there needs to be some decisions relative to the cost of operation this year (ie additional cleaning/sanitizing, PPE, etc.) and the cost for participation.

C. Spring Clean up – I had begun arranging a volunteer “Spring Clean up” for the district, however, plans are tentatively on hold while a few matters are worked out. If/when a clean-up is scheduled, an email blast will be sent out to notify residents.

I believe this report covers the more substantive matters related to the district but if I have forgotten anything or should you need any further information, please don’t hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa DiBello, District Manager