

To: Bonnet Shores Fire District Council

From: Janice McClanaghan
Chair –Beach Committee and Security Committee

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Subject: Beach/ Security Committee Report

1. **Security:** Night security is back on patrol for the summer. We did not have them the month of June. The beach guard started in July also at Kelly Beach.
2. **Beaches :** Although the summer is in full swing, work still continues at Kelly Beach. An additional bike rack was added, power washing the entire boardwalk has been completed, worked on removing sand from walkway, new faucet at foot wash, still looking to build benches and come up with a permanent solution to sand ramp. The new bus route, in conjunction with the beach club, started July 1. The bus runs from 1-5 on Sat. and from 9-6:30 on Sundays.

At Little Beach, the small jetty was removed and the initial seaweed cleanup was performed. There will be 2 additional cleanups before Labor Day. Both these projects required CRMC assent orders to proceed.

3. **Trash notices:** Notices for leaving trash barrels out commenced on July 1. Please be understanding that this was initiated because there were complaints. We are trying to keep Bonnet beautiful and taking trash bins off the street is just a small part. Out of the 950 homes we only had 34 households that were in violation. In some cases, Patriot failed to pick up trash and therefore residents left their barrel out. Consider this a work in progress, and we are willing to work with residents to resolve any issues.
4. **Bonnet Days :** This event had 59 runners and walkers and over 18 kids running the fun run. Everyone had a great time and I would like to Thank Matt Mannix and his family and all the volunteers for their hard work in making this event so successful.

BONNET SHORES DISTRICT MANAGER

MONTHLY REPORT – July 2016

I am pleased to provide the following report for your review. (Please excuse the length of this report but it's been a very busy few months!)

1. Beaches –

- a. Lifeguards – We have been able to provide lifeguard coverage every day so far this summer. It has been difficult and has taken some “creativity” (i.e. salary increase, “incentives” etc.) but so far we have not had to post the beach as “closed”. August is going to be difficult as lifeguards go back to school but I will do all I can to try to have at least 1 guard on duty per day.
- b. Plane crash – As you all know there was a plane crash at Kelly Beach on Monday, July 4th. The plane was removed the next day without incident. I would like to note that Kelly Beach Lifeguard (first year) Nick Mongeau should be commended for his efforts. Nick immediately responded to the crash scene (via rescue board) and was able to assist and evaluate the pilot for injuries.
- c. Kelly Beach Boardwalk – I have worked with Janice and Phil to implement a number of improvements to Kelly Beach. The following improvements have been completed:
 - Re-arranged the bike racks to be able to add another much needed rack (moved from the CC)
 - Moved big boulder at entrance and leveled ground
 - Removed old rusty chain at bike rack and replaced with new rope
 - Weeded and trimmed bike area, decks and boardwalk
 - Installed new flower basket (donated by Janice!)
 - Pressure washed all benches, railings, decks and boardwalk
 - Dug out large dunes on both sides of the boardwalk that had built up since Superstorm Sandy. (NOTE: The tractor has been having problems so the sand that was dug still needs to be leveled but we have seen significant improvement with regard to the amount of sand that was blowing onto the boardwalk!
 - Built up sand “ramp” at the end of the boardwalk.

I have received a number of compliments about the improvements that have been made. Janice and I continue to discuss a more permanent “ramp” solution as well as a plan for bench replacement on the boardwalk.

2. Summer Camp – I am very happy to report that the summer camp program is going very well. We have implemented a number of new programs, policies etc. which have been very well received by parents and staff. The new camp store “account” (pay in advance and have a “bank account” vs. paying with cash daily) has worked out very well for all. This is the last week of session 1 and session 2 will run from July 25 to August 19. We have generated \$6,070 in total registrations to date. On average we have 40 campers per day.

3. Community “Events” –

- a. Yard Waste – Yard waste pick up days will continue bi-weekly through September. A schedule of pick up days is online. beginning this Saturday, July 18.
- b. Bonnet Days – Bonnet Days was held on July 9th and was once again a success thanks to the efforts of Janice, Lenny, Matt Mannix and all of those who volunteered.
- c. Yard Sale – The Annual Yard Sale was held this past Saturday. We had 33 residents registered to participate with several additional “unregistered” houses participating as well.

d. Bulky Pick-Up Day – Bulky pick-up day is tomorrow (Wednesday) As in the past, Patriot will pick up all acceptable items at no extra charge to residents.

e. Ocean State Waves – The Ocean State Waves baseball team, along with Suez water company employees joined together for a clean-up day today. Both beaches were thoroughly cleaned by 26 volunteers and I was surprised at the amount of trash that was collected from dune areas and on the beach itself. Everyday trash as well as large rusty pipes, wood, etc. was removed and disposed of. Prior to the cleanup, the Waves, along with their mascot “Splash” visited with the kids at summer camp for autographs, photos, and giveaways including tickets to an upcoming game for every camper in attendance! The District owes the Waves and Suez water a big thank you for their efforts! (Please note- we will be having camp staff make (2) large thank you cards to be send to both to show our appreciation!)



4. Facilities -

a. Landscaping – Roz Thomas spent a great deal of time contacting landscapers involved with the “Adopt an Island” project to try to get islands, flower baskets, etc. maintained. This is a topic which may need further discussion in the future as at least 1 landscaper has already indicated they no longer wish to participate.

b. Trash - A new “tagging” program was initiated and has resulted in several complaints being registered with me. I expect Janice will discuss this matter in further detail.

c. Golf carts – Golf carts continue to be a problem. I have personally advised several owners/operators that they are prohibited but with little result. This past Saturday I watched a golf cart pull into the community center that was so loaded with tree branches and brush that I couldn’t even see the operator!

Lastly, I wanted to thank Steve Riley and Bill Dickinson. Both have been very helpful with posting on the website and sending out email blasts!

Respectfully submitted,
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