

To: Bonnet Shores Fire District Council

From: Janice McClanaghan
Chair –Beach Committee and Security Committee

Date: September 21, 2016

Subject: Beach/ Security Committee Report

1. **Beaches :** There was a beach committee meeting last night September 20th. The committee reviewed the 2016 summer season for Little Beach and Kelly beach. Issues covered included discussions on maintenance, lifeguards, security, benches and bus. The topic of beach passes was also discussed. It was decided that the committee would do a doodle poll which would include a short narrative explaining the reason for the poll, and an idea to help ensure that Kelly beach is used for residents, renters and their guests. The concept is simple and based on programs in other venues. It would provide 2 tags per household. Those tags can be used by residents, renters and guests and would be designated to the house. A person could take as many people on a tag, or use a valid Bonnet license. It would tighten up the concept of address and also be quicker. The committee is requesting that the council allow us to perform this survey.
Other enhancements this summer were:
Adding an additional bike rack
power washing the entire boardwalk
worked on removing sand from walkway
new faucet at foot wash and grate to allow sand to go through
Worked on drop issue at end of ramp by backfilling it on a regular basis
Built new benches at first ramp near road- thanks to the donation from the Dickenson's, Phil Smith and a small amount of money from the district
The bench at the beach will be rebuilt this winter (pd by family) and an additional bench will also be built with umbrella holders to allow residents to sit and enjoy the water and dedicated to bonnet residents.

Plans for 2017

Investigate with URI issue of sand replenishment and seaweed at Little Beach
RFP to clean Little Beach
Review procedures for cleaning Kelly beach
Review bus schedule for next year

**BONNET SHORES FIRE DISTRICT
Monthly Meeting
September 21, 2016**

FY 2017:

Land Assessment:	\$ 296,755,000.00
Building Assessment:	\$ 230,516,800.00
Total Assessment:	\$ 527,271,800.00
Mil Rate:	0.5508
Collectable Taxes:	\$ 290,294.00
Taxes Collected:	\$ 261,189.56
Percentage of Taxes Collected:	89.97%
Prior Taxes Due:	



from when the bus was 7 days a week!

DISTRICT MANAGER MONTHLY REPORT – September 2016

I am pleased to provide the following report for the month of September.

1. Summer -

It's over! I am happy to report that although it was a record setting summer with regard to heat, drought, etc., there were no real "incidents" to speak of (well, if you don't count the plane that plummeted from the sky at Kelly Beach on the 4th of July!) We did not staff Little Beach this summer and from all reports, this seems to have worked out fine. We were staffed all summer at Kelly Beach (although some days were a "stretch" to do so) and as a result we had no problems and received several compliments about the staff and the facilities. I would like to thank Janice and Phil for all of their assistance with the maintenance and improvements at the beach. I would also like to commend the council for having the foresight to increase lifeguard salaries this summer which resulted in our being able to have enough staff to keep the beach "open" while several beaches throughout the state (including state beaches) were forced to close due to staff shortages. The summer camp program was a success in terms of parent feedback but participation numbers were down. I can't say for certain why, but I do know that the BSBC started a summer camp program and some of our "regular" campers attended their program. I would also add that we expanded our camp program to provide for the water slide EVERY Friday (vs. Every other) which significantly increased our expenses. I will be talking to Paul in the coming months about the camp program and will report back to the council as appropriate. Also, I am working on a fundraiser with regard to the road race (Oct. 30) and am looking for volunteers to assist for 3 hours to raise \$400-\$600 for the camp program!

2. Pond/Breachway-

I have spoken to Carol O'Donnell and she is going to provide Bob Barber the code for the front gate so he can access the parking lot as needed. I anticipate that Janice will be updating you on the dredging of the pond and related work.

3. Computer Upgrades -

Janice and her son have completed the work necessary to "store" documents and files in the "cloud". I anticipate that Janice will update you further on this. I would like to respectfully suggest that it might be nice to provide Jan's son with some sort of "thank you" (ie..gift card, etc.) for all the time and effort he spent to get this up and going. I would of course be happy to take care of it if the council authorizes me to do so!

4. Meeting with Town Manager -

As you all know, the new Town Manager (Jim Manni) will be attending your October meeting. All questions/topics which have presented for discussion have been forwarded so he has a chance to familiarize himself prior to the meeting.

5. Community Clean up -

I have been working with the URI Student Center to coordinate a community cleanup. The BSFD cleanup will be held Saturday, October 8. URI students will arrive at 10am and will be cleaning beaches, "common areas" etc. They will provide volunteers, gloves, and trash bags and will be using the dumpster at the center for trash removal.

6. Rental Registrations -

I have assumed responsibility for the administration of rental registrations. I have been working on gathering and formatting of documents to be sent as well as address labels, etc. Jan has been assisting me with this and we expect the new packets to go out after the council meeting. Please note, we held off on sending them out in anticipation of your revising the trash ordinance, which will be part of the packet that goes to renters.

7. Newsletter -

I am happy to report that this year we received 100% of the payments due for newsletter advertisements. I will be working over the next few months on creating a new format for soliciting and recording of payments which I think will both increase advertisements as well as revenues.

8. Trash Contract -

Paul and I met with Bob Greenwood to continue discussions on the trash contract (including going to automated recycle totes, pickup day change, etc). We are waiting to hear back from Bob to address specific questions/concerns that we had. I anticipate Paul may address this matter further at the meeting.

9. Administration -

I will continue to work on day to day administrative matters in the coming months. Please note, I am now on my "off season" schedule and as such will be working 13 hrs. per week. I have established dedicated office hours (on Wednesdays and Thursdays) to be at the community center to assist residents with various needs. I will also continue to make whatever changes or special arrangements necessary to assist residents, deal with problems, and to address "all things Bonnet!"

Thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa DiBello, District Manager

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- Patriot Trash Update
- Thank you - Allen Dennis / Broden M. Newton - / Middle Division
"L" Benel free!
- Volunteer for Oct. 30 aid station -
- Tree Branch Removal