

New Year 2019

West River Homeowners Association Inc.

Grand Island, New York



WRHOA Winter Newsletter - February

Directors Meeting 2019 Highlights

- Welcome **2019** Elected Board of Directors for a 3 year term:
(Re-Elected) Frank Greco
(Re-Elected) Sharon Watkinson
(Re-Elected) Laura Prusinski
(New Director) Meg Pietras

Elected Officers and Committee Chairpersons:

President: June Justice Crawford
Vice President: Dr. Sharon Watkinson
Treasurer: Marilyn Mazza
Secretary: Sandy Nelson
Membership Chair: Colleen Martin & Reg Schopp
Newsletter Writer/Editor: Laura Prusinski
Social/Events: Rose Bugman
Constitution /Elections: Dick Garlapow
Gardens/Signs: John Vogel
Historian/Mail: Frank Greco

2019 Membership Past Due: Renewal:

If you forgot to renew, you can still do so. Please fill out the membership form on page 3 and submit it along with your membership fees. We are trying to simplify our membership roster sheet and ask for you to verify your contact information.

DID YOU KNOW?

Your membership fee covers EVERYONE in your household! That means everyone residing in your household: spouse, partner, parents, sibling & children can participate in our events, can vote and attend our public and dinner meetings. Keep in mind, certain age restrictions may apply where applicable. Please let us know how many members reside in your household so we can update our files.

Many Sincere and A BIG THANK YOU to:



Frank Greco: Frank generously served as WRHOA President for a total of **20 years!** His first 3 year term was from 1993-1995 and then again in 2002 to 2018. He was re-elected for 2019 as President, however decided to step down. He also served as Treasurer and Vice President which lead to his long term of dedicated Presidency to the Association. His compassion, commitment and leadership to the association had been outstanding, even when faced with frustrating challenges, especially from some officials from our Town and with NY State regarding the Parkway. Frank brought us many successes during his time and worked hard to defend the West River neighborhoods from unwanted tourist homes, sought out and fought for parkway grass cutting, alerted members of strangers/happenings in the neighborhood. He stood by the mission to protect the welfare of the West River Home Owners. Frank will remain on Board of Directors and will continue to help guide us with his experience, resources and knowledge. *Cheers to Frank!*

Michele Ninacs: An outstanding woman serving a 3 year term as Board of Directors from 2016 to 2018. We will certainly miss her exceptional professionalism. She remained focused and helped guide us with careful strategy. Her professionalism enhanced many Board meetings and Public membership meetings especially during the controversy of the parkway closure. Her talent will be greatly missed but we will look forward to her help with our sub-committee.

The Parkway Maintenance concern continues in 2019 with NY State Parks.

Topics that are being discussed: Dock Permits, Brush Permits, Snowmobile Markers, Duck Hunters, Commercial Development, Riparian Rights and Grass Cutting. We are to receive answers from NYS Parks by end of March and hopefully further discussion and answers in April.

- **Grass cutting:** We are unclear at this time of the actual frequency the State will be mowing the Parkway in 2019, But the D.O.T. will no longer mow.
- **Adopt-a-Highway & Parkway Clean Up:** At this time, the State agreed for us to remain planting, caretaking of flower beds on the trail even though the adopt a highway signs are to be removed.
- **Trail clean-up:** it will be determined if the State will be cleaning it, or if the Town of Grand Island may look for volunteers to clean it. Either way, as homeowners of the Parkway, we will do our part to help keep the parkway clean. WRHOA has been doing this for 35 years.
- **Annual Dinner:** September 2019. Details to follow later in the year. Event is being planned by Director Dr. Sharon Watkinson.
- **Bix Six Mile Marina:** Montana International was awarded a 20 year contract to operate the Golf course and food services and the marina at Beaver Island, and the Big Six Mile Marina. Further details are yet to be disclosed.
- **Summer Activity:** We are looking into a special event or a tour this summer. If you have an idea for a day excursion, or know of an attraction that would be great to visit, that can accommodate a large group, let us know and we'll add the attraction to our list!
- **Riparian Rights:** If you have or know a home owner from the West River that may have their document contract regarding Riparian Rights, please contact Director Dick Garlapow.
- **Tourist Homes:** Some homes are still an issue on the West River. WRHOA liaisons have informed Town Hall of the issues and will follow upon this issue as needed.

WRHOA Legal Counsel:

We have agreed to end the services of our Attorney Joseph G. Makowski.

Volunteers

We welcome members to join as sub-committee members for the Association to help with various tasks, events and fundraisers. If you or someone you know wishes to participate, please contact WRHOA President-June Crawford. WRHOA will be working with the annual lawn mower race, to help raise money for cancer research.



Don't forget to mail your 2019 Membership Renewal.

Please fill out the membership form (next page) and submit it along with your membership dues. Members that are expired will be notified by mail in March.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication as a West River Homeowner!

2019 Directors

June Crawford	860-1445
Colleen Martin	775-5963
Frank Greco	773-1170
John Vogel	773-7324
Laura Prusinski	775-0005
Marilyn Mazza	773-9282
Meg Pietras	773-3747
Reg Schopp	773-1029
Richard Garlapow	773-2623
Rose Bugman	773-1862
Sandy Nelson	773-3930
Sharon Watkinson	773-6113

West River Homeowners Association Inc.

President: June Justice Crawford



2019 Member Registration & Renewal WRHOA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/NEW MEMBER MAIL BACK FORM

Dear West River Area Homeowner:

If your membership has either expired or you have never joined our Association, please fill out the membership form below and mail back to address on form. **NOTE: Membership expires on December 31st.**

A paid membership entitles you to be a voting member of WRHOA. You will receive four newsletters per year, be invited to a summer activity and a fall dinner meeting. Membership assists you in getting to know your neighbors and sustaining a sense of pride, cooperation, and safety along the West River. You will have the full cooperation of the organization and its 12-member board of directors to address individual concerns or problems that may arise. Our concerns are many and include West River dock permits, river bank brush clearing, parkway grass cutting and trash pickup, overlook maintenance, auto speed control, snowmobile activities, duck hunters, bikers, rollerbladers, picnickers, horseback riders, and walkers using the parkway. Living here is a great investment and a great way of life. Join us in keeping residents of the West River and its immediate neighborhoods safe and comfortable. Join us! Our annual dues are \$10 per family per year or \$25 for a three year membership. If you have never joined or are a new resident, we invite you to join free-of-charge for one year. Membership questions? Email: Colleen Martin CollMartin@yahoo.com

Membership Form WEST RIVER HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

"Promote and protect the welfare and interests of West River homeowners"

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Number of household occupants: # Adults _____ # Children _____ Member Since: _____

Comments/Suggestions: _____

☐ I am a NEW member and I understand the first one year membership is free.

☐ I am enclosing my check for \$10 for 1 year membership.

☐ I am enclosing my check for \$25 for 3 year membership.

Payment enclosed: Amount \$ _____ Check # _____ Date: _____

Make check payable to West River Homeowners Association, Inc. and mail to:

WRHOA Membership Chairperson

Colleen Martin

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