



**West River  
Homeowners Assoc., Inc.**



## Summer Newsletter

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### **Staying in touch with you**

#### **Grass cutting, need we say any more...**

To this day, this year: Not much to our surprise the NY State/D.O.T have not fulfilled their regular duty this summer with cutting grass of the Parkway. Currently we received only 2 cuts this summer.

We THANK the diehard residents that continue to cut both sides of the Parkway to enhance the West River portion of the Island. A word of thanks is no-where near the appreciation the residents deserve.

By cutting the parkway, it also contributes to the SAFETY for commuters so they can travel & cross roads SAFELY without the overgrown grass and invasive weed species that block view of traffic and harbor ticks which can transmit Lyme Disease

#### **Garage sales have been on the decline.**

After 5 years of hosting summer garage sales, we are ending the program. However, feedback is welcome. If there is a substantial portion of participants that wish to continue with the garage sale, or perhaps wish an alternate time of year to host, please contact us and we will consider to revisit the program in 2018.

#### **The beauty bookends of the Parkway!**

Adopt-A-Highway Signs: Notice the gardens that have **been maintained** by WRHOA, simply keeping our end of the contract for the Adopt-a-Highway Program. It's sad the State does not cut & trim the overgrown foliage at the Whitehaven overlook so onlookers can commemorate the Historic Site marker of those that lost their lives in the 1900s pier collapse.



#### **Membership Renewal** (see pg. 5)

Thank you for your loyalty and participation with the Association. It is members like you that made this association a long term success. It's approaching the time of year to **RENEW** your membership. Memberships expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please find renewal form enclosed. Please submit payment along with your Dinner meeting RSVP slip.

## Parkway Concept: Perception or Persuasion


Rewind back when the West River Parkway was introduced and implemented for vehicle traffic. According to the residents it was in favor and agreed to. It seemed to be maintained on a regular seasonal basis.

The present: The slow recent decline in maintaining the Parkway green space: one might ask: Why have they not kept their end of the bargain, and refuse to regularly maintain it seasonally?

What is the parkway like today? Although not cut & trimmed by the state, the Parkway road portion is still travelled by many commuters and visitors, and is still in decent condition in comparison to other State & Town roads in WNY.

The future: Closing the Parkway to repurpose it for a pedestrian trail: The "artist rendering" may look nice to the eye, but don't let the "art" fool you, thinking that it will always "look" like the rendering forever. It is only a perception to persuade the public. One must remember that not necessarily will the rendering imply a lifelong maintained parkway.

Our 3 Town Counsel Board members have been working hard to keep the parkway from closing. Councilman Mike Madigan has put in exceptional efforts by attending many meetings and sending letters to NY State officials voicing on behalf of the people of Grand Island and West River Residents.

 Grand Island Residents are IN FAVOR of a multi-use trail, as originally proposed and funded.  
We are NOT IN FAVOR of parkway closure.



FREE! Parkway Signs are available while supplies last. Donations welcome at any time. A Go-Fund-Me online page for donations has been set up that can be circulated amongst the public, family and friends for monetary support. Please share the link: [gofund.me/2sdm4zw](https://gofund.me/2sdm4zw). Checks are also welcome and can be made to WRHOA c/o Frank Greco 3073 West River Rd. Grand Island NY 14072.



Join us on Oct 1, 2017 and meet your WRHOA Directors, fellow members and 2018 WRHOA Director nominee's.

Find out what Joseph G. Makowski has to say about the future of the West River Parkway.

This is a good chance to bring your questions to address to Joe and to also discuss topics of concern that can be addressed to new running candidates of Grand Island Town Board.

Will the new elects of Town Board work for YOU the Tax payer? WRHOA members can discuss and prepare for the upcoming election/debate.

### 2017 Directors

Frank Greco	773-1170
John Vogel	773-7324
June Crawford	773-9391
Laura Prusinski	775-0005
Marilyn Mazza	773-9282
Michele Ninac	308-7900
Michelle Chasse	775-1807
Reg Schopp	773-1029
Richard Garlapow	773-2623
Rose Bugman	773-1862
Sandy Nelson	773-3930
Sharon Watkinson	773-6113



**33rd Annual Dinner Meeting Sunday Sept. 24th**

Join us

For our 33rd Annual Membership Dinner & Meeting  
Sunday October 1, 2017.

**Riverstone Grill at Beaver Island Clubhouse**

2136 West Oakfield Road, Gr. Is.

**6:00 PM Cocktails** (cash bar)

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres courtesy of  
West River Homeowners' Association

**6:45 PM Dinner** will be served

Please **RSVP with payment by Monday Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>**

See RSVP form on page 4.

Special Guest Speaker: Joseph G. Makowski

Topics of Discussion: Keeping Parkway open,  
Nominations for Directors for 2018-2020.

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**A meeting immediately following presentation**

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**MENU SELECTIONS:**

Choose from one of the following

- Cider Brined Pork Chop with Bourbon Glaze.....\$22.50 **(A)**
- Award Winning Grilled Chicken Bruschetta..... \$22.50 **(B)**
- Pan Roasted Scottish Salmon.....\$22.50 **(C)**

Dinners include house salad, vegetable, potato or rice pilaf, rolls and butter, coffee, tea and dessert  
 Tax and gratuity are included in the price.

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 Lapsed membership renewals welcome. If you are not a current member for 2017 please add your dues for the year 2017 to your dinner reservation.

**Dues are \$10 per year or \$25 for three years per household.**

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**Dinner for members and guests**  
**By Reservation Only**

**Please return this reservation no later than Monday, September 25, 2017**

Enclose your check payable to W.R.H.O.A. and mail to:

**Marilyn Mazza – 3819 West River Road – Grand Island, NY 14072**

	Menu	<u>(A)</u>	<u>(B)</u>	<u>(C)</u>
Name: _____		_____	_____	_____
Name: _____		_____	_____	_____
Address: _____				
Phone Number: _____				

*Membership Renewal:*        \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Dinner Payment:*         \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Total Amount Enclosed:*    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Comments/Suggestions:*

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3073 West River Rd.  
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(716) 773-1170



## 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 31<sup>st</sup>.**

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: [reg@raru.com](mailto:reg@raru.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: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Member since \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

OR

I am enclosing my check for \$25 for three year membership

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

Reg Schopp  
WRHOA Membership Chairperson  
1029 West River Road  
Grand Island, NY 14072