

**West River Homeowners Association Inc.**

Grand Island, New York



## Welcome Spring!

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If there is one word that describes our neighborhood over the last few years, and that will continue to be the *modus operandi* it is CHANGE. The removal of the parkway and the addition of the new trail in front of our homes will have an impact on the quality of life on the West River. The challenge is to determine which things are worth fighting for as we go forward with the negotiations with New York State. The WRHOA Board members are working hard to guarantee that the State accepts its responsibility to be a good member of the neighborhood and to keep all of you informed about what the State plans for its property over the next few months and years. While we must recognize that the land along the river belongs to the State, we will still work to make certain we get to enjoy the riverfront without losing the peace and quiet and beauty of the area to which we are accustomed. I like a quote from John W. Gardner: "...as citizens, we have every

right to raise hell when we see injustice done, or the public interest betrayed, or the public process corrupted."

Our negotiations with the Parks personnel have included contact with our local state legislators. We will definitely be keeping an eye on our government officials to make sure they live up to the promises to make this an even more beautiful place to live while sharing the river with the public. Your concerns are our concerns. We hope you will give us your support by maintaining your membership in WRHOA and contacting us when you have questions. I welcome your input so we can discuss neighborhood concerns at our Board meetings and in regular meetings with the State Parks Managers. Contact me at [jjc1945@roadrunner.com](mailto:jjc1945@roadrunner.com).

**Parkway Update**

Further communications continue in the works with the Director of NYS Parks regarding the grass cutting, tree trimming, garbage receptacles, and future plans for the parkway.

**50 Dock Permits**

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation issued temporary seasonal dock permits for up to 50 docks along the West River Shoreline Trail on a first come first serve basis for the 2019 season. To secure a temporary seasonal permit for 2019, insurance and a permit from the Army Corp of Engineers must be provided and docks must align with safety standards developed by State Parks. There are still many questions about these and the regulations about vegetation removal, gates, etc. All docks have to be removable and out by November 1, 2019 when hunting season begins. The State has indicated it will take possession of any docks or permanent structures on the waterfront as of November 1, 2019.

For more information on this program or for Parkway Trail maintenance, please contact the Beaver Island State Park Office at 716-773-3271.



**May 4, 2019- Marinas are scheduled to open and close on Oct 6, 2019.**

State Marina's on Grand Island, NY. Outsourced is operations and then some...How did this happen? Why so quickly? Who were the other competitors? Earlier this spring, NY State Parks announced it officially outsourced operations and services of 2 of their locations on Grand Island. Both Beaver Island and Big Six State Parks services and facilities are now managed and operated by a privatized business: Montana International LLC; Owner and Operator Cyndy Montana, former assistant to Town Supervisor Nate McMurray. The State contract between M.I. is for 20 years which includes the operations of Golf course, food and beverage services and marina's at both locations.

We hope this new relation will be beneficial for residents and not have negative impact or impede on the privacy of the West River Home Owners.

**May 11: Parkway Clean Up-** Meet your Directors and neighbors working together to help keep our neighborhood clean. We can only guess if we will have additional pedestrian traffic on the new trail this year. So our efforts still continue to help keep the parkway clean. Join us at Whitehaven overlook on May 11 at 9am to pick up trash in the median only- from the winter reveal. Coffee & snacks will be available for volunteers. More information regarding State plans for the parkway and docks can also be discussed.

**Summer Planting:** Will resume for the parkway on behalf of our association.

**Grass Cutting:** The State intends to mow 12 times this year and asks home owners **NOT** to mow the grass in the median or waterfront side of the parkway. A contractor will be awarded the task this year.

**June 16: Father's Day Lawnmower Race:** WRHOA is an official sponsor of the Father's Day Lawnmower Race this year. Family and friends welcome to join us all in the fun on the West River Road at Long Rd. on Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 4pm.

**Sept 22: Annual Dinner Meeting:** Save the date to join us for our annual dinner and meeting on Sunday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> at River Oakes Golf Course. Further information will follow in the summer newsletter.

**Dec 31: Membership Renewal:** Membership renewal deadline is December 31. Please remember to renew your membership before year end.

**2019 Special Event:** We are researching various day excursions or fun event to host for our members' this summer.

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