



# West River Homeowners Assoc., Inc.



## Late Fall & Holiday Newsletter 2016

Set your Clocks  
Back 1 hour  
November 6, 2016



### Special events in our Association:

- Bike Path
- Donations Accepted
- Election of Directors
- Membership Renewal
- Tourist Homes

*Request a Lawn Sign-while supplies last  
Donations Welcomed*

## Happy Holidays from your WRHOA Board of Directors!

**Dinner Meeting:** West River Homeowners Assoc. celebrated their 32th anniversary Sunday night 9/25 at the Beaver Island Clubhouse Restaurant with a dinner meeting attended by about 80 members. Mike Madigan was the guest speaker.

Mike talked about the plan, Option #4, which keeps the Parkway Open and builds a 12' bike/pedestrian pathway on state property at least 10 feet from the Service Road, built according to DOT standards, which will not require guard rails and will maneuver around trees where practical. He felt this option should be at least cost competitive with option 3, closing the Parkway. He further stated this was the safest option, best for the environment, best for Americans with disabilities and would get the most use based on proximity to the residential neighborhoods, no berms or ditches between local residents and path, unlike option 3.

Mike's proposal was approved as the WRHOA preferred option by a 60 to 1 vote. The members also voted 60 to 0 to spend WRHOA money on legal proceedings as necessary **to defend keeping the Parkway open**. Most felt that getting \$2.5 million dollars from a State/Federal grant for the purpose of building a bike trail then using that money to build 7 parking lots, and closing the Parkway to vehicle traffic and calling it a bike path does not seem legal.

**Multi Use Trail A.K.A. Bike Path:** Town Council requested a Public meeting with NY State officials on **Oct. 6** at the GIHS to discuss the Parkway closure. NY State officials and Supervisor McMurray failed to attend. The session was headed by Deputy Supervisor Jim Sharpe and Councilman Mike Madigan. Town Council briefly outlined the options on the table starting with **Option 3** (closure of the Parkway and adding parking lots), **Option 4** (keep Parkway open, adding trail/path in median 10' from service road, no parking lots & no guard rails) and a new proposal of **Option 5** presented by Bonnie Fitzgerald (Share the road-keep Parkway open M-F and close Parkway on weekends & holidays for bikers & walkers.

About 250 people attended the meeting and only 2 spoke in favor of option 3, while 42 opposed option 3, most were in favor of option 4, Option 5 was not very popular. **Option "Do Nothing At All"** simply fix and maintain what is currently there was also mentioned. **It seems shady at best**, there were no details proposing what the **"future"** holds regarding long term maintenance and commercial development of the Parkway.





**Keep the Parkway Open Lawn Signs** are available upon request to Grand Island home owners and businesses that oppose the closure of the parkway. No Purchase or membership necessary. Donations are welcomed for the Lawn Sign. Simply reply via email that you want a sign.

**Tourist Homes: September Dinner Meeting** - Mike Madigan also *commented on* the current effort to repeal the 2015 local law making tourist homes illegal. After a lengthy discussion the WRHOA members voted 60 to 2 to go on record to keep the 2015 law as is and start enforcing this law immediately.

**Oct 11, 2016- Planning Board Public Hearing**, - The Planning Board voted to table the proposed Local Law #7 of 2016 until Nov 14, 2016. Local Law # 7 of 2016 would repeal parts of local law #9 of 2015 that made all Tourist Homes illegal after Oct 15 2016. The new law would grandfather existing non- conforming Tourist Homes.

### *Membership Renewal*



Thank you for your loyalty and participation with the Association. It is members like you that make 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 Board of Directors vote before Dec 31 2016.

### *2017 Board of Directors Nominees:*

The candidates for the following year (2017) are listed below for your consideration for election for a three year term that will end in 2019. The Ballot form is enclosed. Please submit vote along with your Renewal payment before Dec. 31 2016.

- Marilyn Mazza
- June Crawford
- Lou Ann Cane
- Collen Martin
- Reg Schopp
- Sandy Nelson
- OTHER



#### 2016 WRHOA Board of Directors- President - Frank Greco 773-1170

Jake Kreutz 773-7702  
 John Vogel 773-7324  
 June Crawford 775-9391  
 Laura Prusinski 775-0005  
 Marilyn Mazza 773-9282  
 Maryanne Fechter 863-8064

Michelle Chasse 775-1807  
 Michele Ninacs 308-7900  
 Richard Garlapow 773-2623  
 Rose Bugman 773-1862  
 Sharon Watkinson 773-6113

*Renewal and Ballot forms next 2 pages...*

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## 2017 BALLOT for Directors for WRHOA Board

The Board of Directors of the West River Homeowners Association has twelve members. The terms of office are for three years and are staggered so that four directors are elected each year.

The candidates for the following year (2017) are listed below for your consideration for election for a three year term that will end in 2019. Please vote for only four names. Space is provided if you wish to add a write-in vote.

- **YOU MUST BE A MEMBER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.** If your name and address are listed on the Membership Roster, you are a paid member for 2016 and eligible to vote. If you are not listed as a paid member, consider joining the WRHOA by attaching your check (made payable to WRHOA) to the ballot. Return your ballot by December 31st (either print & mail or email names) by sending the ballot to:

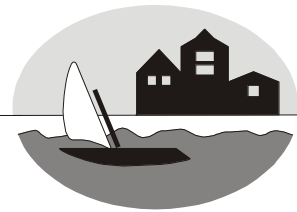
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### 2017 Board of Directors Nominees: Please vote (check✓) only four

- \_\_\_\_\_ Marilyn Mazza
- \_\_\_\_\_ June Crawford
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lou Ann Cane
- \_\_\_\_\_ Collen Martin
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reg Schopp
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sandy Nelson
- \_\_\_\_\_ Write-in (name & address) \_\_\_\_\_
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## 2017 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: Memberships expire 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. 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. Questions about membership, Contact us at [jjc1945@roadrunner.com](mailto:jjc1945@roadrunner.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:**

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