

CHERRY GROVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING NOTES
May 23, 2021
General Membership Meeting

Recorded by Toni Cesta
Secretary

Meeting called to order by Diane Romano at 10:00 am via Zoom

Present: John Adams, Toni Cesta, Ed Fraser, David Medina, Diane Romano, Jack Ruolo, Denise Samide, Amy Schreiber, Angela Smith, Joyce Yaeger

Absent: None

Review of minutes of meeting of September 27, 2020	Minutes accepted as written
Budget/ Treasurer's Report	Diane announced that Tina has resigned her position as treasurer due to professional and personal reasons and that the Board has appointed Ed Fraser to the position. Ed reported that as of April 16 the membership dollars have doubled. The vector donations are currently short by \$1200. YTD there have been no capital improvements on the Community House. The P & L will be even following the next rent payment from APCG.
CGCAI Committee Reports	<p>New Website: Joyce and Sue reported that they are adding additional ways to pay on the website like Stripe for credit cards. Please visit cherrygrovefi.us</p> <p>Honors 2021: Plans are to make the event a little different this year. More details to follow.</p> <p>Membership: Eddie reported that tote bags and t-shirts, plus give aways from the restaurants, bars and stores will be distributed to new homeowners and seasonal renters in mid-June.</p> <p>Beautification Committee, Community House, etc.: Toni reported that the first project of the Beautification Group will take place on May 30 and will involve trimming trees and brush near the volleyball court. There will be a meeting at the Community House on June 6 at 12 noon to discuss the plans and mission of the group. All are welcome.</p>

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Animal Proof garbage cans are still for sale at Goodies for \$50. Consider getting on to help reduce the rat population. Stars are still available for sale as well.

Version FIOS:

Diane reported that the installation of the lines is coming along and FIOs will be able to make drops at people's houses very easily. They will start hooking up some houses in the Pines soon. They will be offering three packages. More information to follow on that.

Fire Island Association:

Diane reported that FIA has been discussing Covid issues and that everyone should follow the guidelines of the restaurants.

The ferries are trying to line up with the LIRR as per usual, but since ridership is down significantly on the LIRR there are fewer trains, making this more difficult.

A discussion took place as to the unsafe nature of the ferries crowded with luggage. Joan Van Ness also commented that they may start weighing luggage going on the passenger boats.

Memorial Benches:

Diane announced that three original plaques will be placed on the benches and there will be 8 new ones as well. There will be an unveiling of the plaques on Memorial Day at 12 noon.

Gay Pride Parade:

The parade plans to be a bigger event this year including the parade floats and house decorations.

Post Office Update:

Lorraine Michels gave a detailed reports on issues related to the Post Office. All the information can be found on the attachment with the minutes as well as at the Post Office. In addition, please purchase your stamps from the Cherry Grove Post Office. Use your post office combination. Check with Betty if you forgot.

4 volunteers help Betty n the post office so please be kind to them.

Note that the mail arrives on the second ferry. And then has to be sorted.

Please see Appendix for full details

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Property Owner's Association Report:	<p>Tim Arnold reported that garbage pickup will be on Tuesdays and Thursday until Labor Day. Tony's Barge has distributed information on dates and recycling information.</p> <p>There are new corrals for the beach at ends of walks, but most are on the beach. It will be better to take recycling materials back to your house to recycle.</p> <p>The new beach warden starts this weekend.</p> <p>Cleanup Day will be June 5 from 8 – 11 am. Bring your garbage to the dumpsters on the dock.</p> <p>Steve reported that the dock was designed by Sayville Ferry in order to address compliance issues. It is a work in progress. The "wall" on the east side may be moved closer to the water. It is there for docking and safety. More luggage racks are needed at the north end of the dock.</p> <p>The dock camera is being move to Island Breeze. It hasn't yet been connected to the website.</p> <p>The website is cherrygrovedock.com</p>
Other Community Associations	<p>Doctor's House:</p> <p>Eddie reported that the House will be open starting May 28</p> <p>Hours are M-Thurs from 9-11am and 4-6pm</p> <p>Friday: 4-6 pm</p> <p>Sat and Sun: 9-11 am and 4-6pm</p> <p>Looking for approval for rapid covid testing at the House.</p> <p>Covid vaccines will be at the CH on May 29 from 10 am – 5 pm. Registration in advance or walk in accepted.</p> <p>They have new HIV testing available.</p> <p>Vector and Tick Control Report:</p> <p>Anna Tirado reported that she is not sure if bacterial pellets will be distributed this year. Reminder to drill holes in your new or old garbage cans. Ticks are bad this year so be sure to distribute your tubes. If you have questions get in touch with Anna Tirado at Anna.I.tirado@gmail.com</p>

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Walk Captains:

June 13 is boardwalk painting, and all new supplies will be provided. Stella and Sue King will be on Ocean Walk as captains. Rhonda is requesting that the walk captains provide her with any new homeowners or seasonal renters names.

CGCAI Event:

Denise announced that CGCAI will be having an event on August 28. More info to come. Honors will be on Sept. 18. More info to come.

Fire Dept and EMS:

Steve Williams reminded everyone to call 911 for fire or emergencies. Laura Ann Guisto is the new Fire Department Chief.

If you see safety cones on the walk and a drill is taking place, take a different route.

APCG:

Panzi reported that Mark Nash has resigned and has been replaced by Mike Fischer. Please join APCG online or at the CH.

Homecoming Queen Contest will be virtual again this year. Contestants will be filmed.

APCG is working on a new website paid for by a grant obtained by Sheila Morgan. Thanks to an Anonymous "Angel" donor APCG is seeking matching funds. Please donate.

If you are interested in renting the Community House, please see Panzi.

Due to Covid, the calendar is in flux. Anticipating a great calendar with 1/3 occupancy and 2 shows.

Mike and Sue will be decorating for the Gay Pride Parade and there will be a decorating contest.

Boardwalk painting will be on June 12.

The invasion format is currently unclear due to the large crowds usually in attendance in the Pines.

Archives Committee:

Troy Files announced that the Archives Committee is displaying a show at the NY Historical Society called "Gay Haven" on 76th Street off Central Park West until October 11. He thanked those who gave photos as well as sponsors and benefactors. The show has been listed as a "must see" by the New York Times.

Please see the Cherry Grove Archives website!

On July 24 & 25 there will be a show "Best of the 80s".

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Dune Fund:

Bobbie Green reported that the dunes acquired a lot of sand this winter. Donations were \$15,000 with expenditures of \$30,000.

She reminded everyone not to dump on the dunes, including tree and bush clippings.

Memorial Fund:

Richard Schack reported that \$12,000 earned last year will be granted this year as follows:

APCG: \$6,000

Archives: \$3,000

CGCAI: \$3,000

BaBEC:

Tomik Dash reported on the group formed last summer and described it as an organization with a mission to improve the Cherry Grove experience and inclusion of black and brown people.

See website: <https://BaBECcherrygrove.org>

They are open for membership and are also providing diversity training programs.

Juneteenth Fire Island will take place on June 18-20 celebrating black liberation.

They are gifting a new pride flag to be flown on the dock.

Follow them on Instagram and Twitter,

Garden Club:

Peter Chace reported that they need volunteers to weed the Community House garden. They are organizing the garden tour and bake sale over Labor Day weekend.

PAWS:

Valerie Perez reported that there are currently no feral cats or abandoned dogs. She can no longer accept used sheets and blankets.

The House Blessing is being organized to take place this year.

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Other Business	Diane reported that the following positions will be vacated at the end of the season, president, vice president, and secretary as well as a director position. The nominating committee is Gerri Losquadro, Alison Amron, and Walter Kowalsky. A majority voted in favor of the nominating committee.
Next Meeting	Meeting adjourned at 12:02pm Next Meeting: TBD

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APPENDIX I

2021 Updates from the Cherry Grove Post Office, Betty Farad, Post Mistress

Sayville Post Office requires that [everyone update](#) their postal information every year. It is no longer acceptable to tell Betty that there are no changes, therefore you need to produce copies of the following (your copies are attached to your CG renewal form and sent to Sayville P.O.):

HOMEOWNERS:

- A. Your [license](#) or [passport](#) (which has your photo as well as your winter address).
- B. Your [tax bill](#) (blacken out the amounts being paid) or a [utility bill](#) with your summer address printed on it.

RENTERS:

- A. Your [license](#) or [passport](#) (which has your photo as well as your winter address).
- B. A copy of your current lease

PLEASE NOTE:

If you have one of the original indoor Post Office Boxes, you are **not** entitled to a new Outside Post Office Box. If you were to cancel your original assigned inside PO Box, Betty cannot issue you an outside post office box. What you have now is protected by the "Grandfather Clause"

If you are requesting a new Post Office Box, since there are no more Post Office Boxes available inside the building, you will be assigned an outside Post Office Box and receive the appropriate # of keys.

This key op keys must be returned at the end of the season.

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Note: Sunday is the best day make these arrangements so as not to hold up the 'mail line'

United States Postal Service (USPS) does deliver all 1st class mail to the Post Office. Your mail should be addressed as follows, use your PO Box in Cherry Grove.

Your Name
CG PO Box #
Cherry Grove, NY
11782 (Zip + 4)

If your P.O. Box number is:	Your Zip Code is:
4001 thru 4059	11782-0998
4061 thru 4098	11782-0997
4101 thru 4138	11782-0996
4141 thru 4199	11782-0995

PACKAGES

United Parcel Services

All packages please use the following address:

Your Name
130 Greene Ave.
Your CG PO Box #
11782

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All packages must have a USPS Tracking # to be delivered to the Post Office.

When ordering from Amazon, have it sent Priority Mail or SURE POST! They use USPS, "SURE POSTING", and you receive a tracking #. Make sure you have a tracking #, for your USPS packages. These USPS packages will arrive at the CG Post Office. If Amazon uses a third party for your order and you do not receive a USPS Tracking #, Sayville Post Office will not accept your package because they are not being paid for their services.

If you order from anyone who uses FedEx, for shipping, your package will be held at 41 River Road (the Ferry Depot) until you call and make arrangements to have your package put on a particular ferry. When the ferry arrives at the dock, you must pay the deck hand. We are told if you are not present for this arranged pick up, your package returns to the Ferry Office and you will receive an additional fee when your package eventually arrives the next time.

When you order a package kindly pick it up immediately. As you all well know, there is minimal space available in the CG Post Office. If you are unable to pick up your parcel, make arrangements with someone for your pickup. This requires a note in writing, that you have authorized _____ to pick up your parcel.

MASKS are required to enter the Post Office.

Only One Person is allowed in the Post Office Vestibule, at a time.

Please be patient!

2021 CG Post Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday – 9 am - 2 pm

Saturday – 9 am - 1 pm

Sunday – 10 am - 1-pm

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Mail arrives Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday – There is **no** Mail Delivery on Sundays
Subject to change when the Boat Schedule changes

Mail arrives in Cherry Grove on the second Ferry.

All passengers must disembark, and the luggage taken off the Ferry before Betty receives the Mail Bags.

When the Mail Bags arrive to Betty it must be separated, sorted, and processed.

It is never ready immediately

The volunteers who are assisting Betty will try to have it ready for your pickup between 11:30 am - 12:00 pm.

Pickup time depends on the quantity of mail and packages.