

GIANTS NECK BEACH ASSOCIATION SUMMER TIDINGS 2018

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I would like to welcome everyone to the 2018 summer season at Giants Neck Beach! We look forward to seeing you at the members' Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 16th at 9:00 AM. As we have done for several years, we will be hosting a breakfast immediately prior to the meeting at 8:30 AM. Please join us! A few other comments:

1. Annual Meeting – As noted in prior communications, we will again be allowing absentee ballots for the votes relating to the 2018-2019 operational budget. Various materials relating to voting procedures can be found in the membership section under the GNBA BOG tab on the Association website. Absentee ballots have been sent out to those who requested them. As a reminder, the original ballots must be received in the designated PO Box (Registrar, Giants Neck Beach Association, P.O. Box 124, Niantic, CT 06357) no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, June 15, 2018. The agenda for the meeting, as well as a copy of the proposed budget for 2018-2019, are enclosed herewith.

For those of you planning to attend the meeting and vote in person, I thought a reminder on the process would be helpful. If you are not planning to vote during the meeting, you can enter the clubhouse and find a seat or mingle with your neighbors over the tasty breakfast and a cup of coffee or juice. If you are planning to vote, you first should check in at the “voting table” as you enter the clubhouse. Once confirmed that you are either a title holder with respect to the property or a validly designated Member Representative (only for properties owned by legal entities rather than individuals), you will receive a written ballot to complete with respect to the budget votes, as well as a piece of colored paper that will serve as your “voting placard” for any other votes that may be taken during the meeting through our more usual method of raising hands. As a reminder, anyone that is on the title of a property can vote, but only one vote can be cast for each property. I leave it to the joint title-holders among you to work that out in advance (if rational discussion fails, you can always try arm-wrestling or flipping a coin).

2. Rules – Please remember that all rules and regulations that contribute to the safety and harmony of our community are clearly set forth in the “Black Book,” which can be found on the association website. Both long-standing association members and newcomers can benefit from reviewing these rules periodically, particularly as we head into our busy summer season. Please make all of your guests and renters aware of the rules. It will be no surprise to anyone that the BOG continually fields complaints about excessive noise, speeding cars, illegal parking, fireworks, smoking and alcohol on beaches, etc. Please be courteous and comply with our very reasonable rules and regulations, so that we can all enjoy this wonderful community together.
3. Tennis Court – Putnam Tennis has been delayed in opening the court due to bad weather. We are hopeful that it will be ready for play shortly after the Annual Meeting. Information about use of the tennis court is enclosed. We hope to see many members enjoying this wonderful community asset, one of the last remaining red-clay courts in the area. Don't forget to wear appropriate shoes as outlined in the enclosed memo and sweep the court when you're done to keep the court in good shape!

The entire Board of Governors considers service to the beach a privilege. Please feel free to contact any of us with concerns or suggestions about our community. We look forward to seeing you and your family as we enjoy the beautiful season that brings us all back together again.

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