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**Nassau Point Reporter**

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**ANNIVERSARY**

**100 YEARS & STILL GOING STRONG**

The Nassau Point Property Owners Association and its predecessor organizations have been working since the founding of Nassau Point Club Properties, Inc. in 1922 to preserve, maintain and improve the quality of life on Nassau Point. The first Annual Meeting was held in 1923 - this year's Annual Meeting begins another 100 years!

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

As we move into the fall season, we look back on yet another wonderful summer on Nassau Point. Unfortunately, like all summers, it passed by way too quickly but at least we will always have the memories of the good times we shared with our friends and family.

On May 13th, we started the season off by rolling up our sleeves and digging in, with the Causeway Beach and rights of way clean-up. Hot coffee and warm donuts provided the incentive to pull out the rakes and lawn bags as we picked up winter's debris with fellow NPPOA members. The work was hard, but the results made it worth our efforts. Caring for the nature that surrounds us is part of life on the Point. A fun tradition that brings generations together for fresh air and a worthy cause.

On June 10th we held the annual Yard Sale on our Causeway Beach. A terrific opportunity to clean out basements, attics, garages, and sheds and make some cash. A filled parking lot held 20 plus cars displaying their one-time treasures turned into unwanted stuff, as buyers provided a steady stream of purchasing potential. If you have not participated in the past, there is always next June with plenty of time to get prepared.

On July 22nd, the Annual NPPOA Membership Meeting took place, at which time board members were voted in for another or a first term. Town Officials addressed the membership and provided information concerning Southold Township and took questions and answers from the attendees. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear and be heard. Immediately following this portion of the meeting, the Board held its monthly meeting and elected the new officers for the 2023-2024 Fiscal year which began on August 1st.

On the same day at 5:00 PM the Annual Members Cocktail party was held, but this year marked the 100th Anniversary of Nassau Point. A wonderful time was had as members met up with old friends and made new ones, while enjoying the lovely setting, music, and delicious beverages and food that was provided. The Thompson family graciously offered their beautiful waterfront home for the occasion.

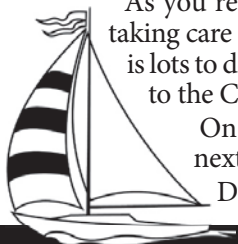
On August 19th, the Family Day - Children's Picnic took place at the Causeway Beach. We saved the best for last. The day was perfect in every way. A professional magician for entertainment, beach contests and face painting, cornhole, a food truck and free ice cream for every child made for an incredibly special day.

The NPPOA Board did its best to add some fun to your summer by providing events that help bring our community together. For those of you who participated we thank you, for those who did not, we hope you will join us next summer. If you have not yet, check out the pictures and video of these events on our website.

As you return to your busy lives, the NPPOA Board and volunteers will be planning for next year's events and taking care of the business of running our community. We extend an invitation to you to get involved if you can. There is lots to do and volunteering is rewarding. You can let us know if you are interested by going to the [nppoa.com](http://nppoa.com) website to the Contact Us Page. Let us know what areas interest you, and someone will contact you as soon as possible.

On behalf of the NPPOA Board, we wish you a happy and healthy rest of 2023 and look forward to seeing you next season. Best regards,

Donna Mayne - NPPOA President



# SUMMER FUN AT NASSAU POINT

## ANNUAL MEMBER WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

Every mid-July the Events Committee organizes a member cocktail party at a home on Nassau Point.

This year the Thompson's invited us all to their beautiful home on Nassau Point Road for a fabulous cocktail party on the Bay where we celebrated our 100th Anniversary. Over 160 guests, adults and children, enjoyed small plates, drinks, and socializing with their neighbors. Members brought appetizers and desserts to share to ensure that no one left hungry. The weather was perfect and the setting gorgeous. This was Nassau Point at its finest, warm and welcoming. A video of the event can be seen on [www.nppoa.com](http://www.nppoa.com)



Our sincere thanks to the Thompson's for volunteering their home for this event.

## FAMILY DAY/ CHILDREN'S PICNIC AT CAUSEWAY BEACH

We welcomed over 125 parents and children to our August 19th Children's Picnic at Causeway Beach from 2 to 5pm.

Guests were treated to an array of activities including a Beach Scavenger hunt, a sandcastle contest, a visit from the Treatery food truck, and an ice cream cone from Mr. Softee to cap off the day.

A highlight, and new this year, our own Susan Brewster showcased her face painting talents for young and old alike.

And, in the afternoon, we were all treated to a Magic show by Ivan Michael who performed his award winning "Insane Illusions" along with magic and card tricks during his one hour show.

Highlights included magically transforming "The Amazing Rick (Rick Mayne)" from our audience into a real performing magician and, as a finale, magically suspending a child from the audience in mid air.

A great time was had by all.



# KAYAK NEWS

## KAYAK STORAGE

It is nearing the end of another great season. As a reminder you must remove any kayak or paddleboard or other boat you have stored on a Right of Way, including Causeway Beach and Fisherman's Beach/Landing Road by October 31. You may continue to launch and beach kayaks but they can not stay overnight.

Causeway Beach saw an average of 20 kayak/paddleboards there this season and all were easily accommodated.

Fisherman's Beach/Landing Road however had over 50 kayak/paddleboards there (over about 20 more than were there over the previous three years) and was overpopulated causing damage to the neighbor's split rail fence, damage to our signage, storage beyond the limits set by the signage and complaints from members about damage to kayaks/paddleboards from other users maneuvering their boats.

We are working on a new system for next season. We are limited by the fact that the Fisherman's Beach site is only 25 ft wide at best. We will be instituting an annual lottery for Fisherman's Beach/Landing Road only with a limit on the number of craft that can be stored there. We are planning to open additional storage on the west side of the Causeway on Broadwaters Cove. (across from the parking lot).

As a member you will be notified of the new procedures and given the opportunity to register for the lottery for Fisherman's Beach/Landing Road and/or a new sticker for the 2024 summer season on other Right of Ways after the New Year.

Thank you for your patience as we try to find a way to accommodate members fairly.



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## BOATING AROUND THE POINT

Several of our members engage in boating in our surrounding waters.

We provide kayak and paddle board storage areas at both Fisherman's Beach/Landing Road and Causeway Beach in designated areas and only if a suitable sticker from NPPOA is on the kayak or paddle board.

Some of our members have begun an informal group that goes kayaking together once month in the summer. These events are not sponsored by NPPOA and residents of Mattituck, Cutchogue and New Suffolk often join in. Trips are mid week and a life jacket must be worn when on the water at all times. This year the group explored Wickham Creek in Cutchogue, Richmond Creek in Southold and the Mattituck Inlet. An optional lunch was offered at neighboring restaurants. If you would like to be added to the notice list please send an email request to RipFisher76@aol.com.

On Wednesday nights, informal sailboat racing around Robins Island has its starting line in Cutchogue Harbor during the summer season with a six o'clock start. A great place to watch the start is either on the bay or at the New Suffolk Waterfront Fund site in New Suffolk.

In addition, on selected Sundays in the summer (through Columbus Day weekend) the PBSA (Peconic Bay Sailing Association) holds handicapped racing again starting in Cutchogue Harbor with a typical 2pm start. Check out their website if you are interested or may want to crew on one of the boats.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS - IT'S RENEWAL TIME

Welcome to a new membership year. August 1 we sent out a notice that renewals were open and that existing memberships would expire on Sept. 1. Follow up notices were sent out on August 25 and Sept 1. To be sure that you will be listed in the directory and receive beach passes for the following summer season (2024) it is important you renew soon.

If you are already a member with an existing account you have received email renewal notices to the **primary** email address you provided to us. To renew, go to our website, ([www.NPPOA.com](http://www.NPPOA.com)); click on the Membership tab and enter using the **primary** registering owner's email (it could be your spouse's) and your family's chosen password and renew on line by credit card. If you are unsure of the primary email address that is used for your account send a message via the website for help. I will get back to you ASAP.

If you do not wish to use a credit card simply send a check, along with any changes you would like us to make to your directory information, and any supplemental donations, to our PO Box, address below. Our website lists the opportunities to direct a donation to a specific use under the Membership tab. Our Environmental Management efforts, for example, are 100% funded by donations.

Our mailing address is:

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PO Box 346  
Cutchogue, NY 11935

We have been using a new system to track memberships with the firm Membership Works, and we continue to improve their interface with you as we gain experience. While our goal is to maximize our on line communications and renewals, we are happy to accommodate those who prefer mail. Simply send a request to have us use mail communications only in outreach to you to the PO Box above.

Already nearly 200 members have renewed. Please renew before the end of the year if you can. Together we can maintain and improve our slice of paradise.

Noreen Fisher  
Membership Chair

# HISTORY

Our Island was originally described as the 'lungs of Manhattan'

L.G. Lathrop stated "it is the natural and the easiest, as well as the indispensable means by which New-Yorkers may breathe in the life-giving air of the sea, amid surroundings of green fields and flourishing woods..."

And twenty-thousand years ago we were covered with two miles of ICE! So, global warming has occurred previously to this present age!

Our hills and undulations were caused by the ice...and Nassau Point is easily the hilliest location on the north fork of L.I.


Settled by the Dutch in 1611 it was called Lange Eylandt. The headlands at the north-eastern end were called 'hugganuc' meaning peninsulas.

And Nassau Point was the most striking peninsula in Little Peconic Bay.

More next time...

Your historian,  
Susan Everett Brewster

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# PROPERTY AND PLANNING

## SURVEY SAYS...

As written about in many NPPOA Newsletters, Nassau Point has numerous Rights-of-Ways (“ROW’s”) that are available for residents to access beaches and the waterfront. Historical documents back to 1922 first mention ROW’s. ROWs were incorporated as part of the subdivision map so that every property owner, and not only owners of waterfront parcels, would have ready access to water around the entirety of Nassau Point.

The shoreline, homes, and topography of Nassau Point have changed over the ensuing 100 years, but not the discussion of who would be responsible for the clearing and maintenance of each ROW. This discussion continues to this day. From the beginning, “the great expense” was cited as a problem. The care of ROW’s continued to evolve and very early-on included the installation of steps to the beach, for example.

The NPPOA, and its predecessor organizations, have performed maintenance duties over the years. Numerous owners of parcels abutting ROWs have also taken on the task of maintaining ROWs, and residents who use one or more ROWs have also helped maintain them. Many residents recall the impacts of Hurricane Sandy in 2012 and the damages it caused, significant, and wide in scope. The Board has accepted this responsibility to the extent it is financially able to do so.

To provide a cogent ROW plan, the Board is now asking all residents to provide a listing of the ROW or ROW’s they frequently use, and the primary purpose of its use. Perhaps enjoying the beach, launching a kayak, or nature walking are on your list. With responses from the community, the Committee can compile a report, and address budget and timing issues – all of which will enable the Board to formulate its plan.

Your input is valuable and will be appreciated. The Board wants to build a plan and set priorities that address the essential wants of the NPPOA community.

Please forward your response to me at [RWal54@verizon.net](mailto:RWal54@verizon.net).

Thank you.

Robert Walters

Chair - Property & Planning Committee



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- Two newsletters containing both Nassau Point and local area news
- Parking stickers for the private area of the Causeway Beach
- Inclusion in member directory that is updated and mailed every year
- Invitation to the Annual Members' Meeting in July

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