



Dear Friends and Neighbors!

March 31, 2017

We hope you all had an enjoyable "off season" and are looking forward to reconnecting on the beach in the very near future! There have been a few home sales over the winter, and I would like to unofficially welcome our new neighbors to the Corneille Estates community!

Thanks to the island-wide FIMI project, our beach has been reinvented and renovated with sand, crossover structures, beach grass and snow fences. It is a dramatically different beach, see one picture below, taken from Summer Club. It is now up to us to see that these installations are cared for and not abused. If we do this, then if a serious storm were to cause damage to the installations, we will be eligible for future repairs.

We wish we could report that our walkways were also all reinvented and renovated but that is not the case, yet. We have not stopped any of our efforts to have our wooden walks repaired and made safe for all of us, our guests and emergency services. In fact, we have opened a new front for securing funding with the Town, and will report the details and status at our upcoming community meeting.

There have been some pretty dramatic changes to surrounding communities as well, from Fair Harbor through Seaview. Ocean Beach's ferry basin has been rebuilt, sections of Midway were redone and elevated to help alleviate flooding, and, most importantly, OB's beach and crossovers were rebuilt as well, with the inclusion of a handicap beach ramp on Cottage Walk. Although both jetties were covered with sand, the western jetty is currently partially exposed. There was much discussion (dare I say, debate?) over the wisdom of leaving the jetties, but the result was that they were left intact. Removal discussions will continue with the FIMP project.

As previously discussed, we continue to work on the community renumbering and will hopefully have an update within the next few weeks. As you all know, our community is a bit challenging to number, and we have been working closely with the Town of Islip on a resolution. The properties will be numbered in a patterned order from bay to ocean, with odd numbers on one side of the street and even on the other. To make it easier for responders to find our homes, we will be following the same pattern as the Summer Club. Because our numbers are so .. random .. it is likely that very few homes will keep the same house numbers.

We are currently looking at dates and a venue for a community meeting and will let you know when that will take place. Supporting our community and our greater community will make the difference in our quality of life. This year community support for homeowner values should be a priority just as an awareness and support for a healthy and vibrant year round community is for our Island as a whole. Our upcoming meeting in May will focus on updates to Community Numbering, Islip Zoning Regulations that will impact us, latest updates on FIMP and FINS news.

This is also the time of the year that we ask every homeowner to send in their annual Corneille Estates dues.

Please make your checks payable to: Corneille Homeowners Association, and mail to:

**Patty Burzo
P.O. Box 737
Ocean Beach NY, 11770**

The cost per house is either \$275 for non-group rental or \$550 for group rental homes.

These funds help pay for our Beach Security, membership in other organizations with common purpose, as well as some repair work when necessary. It would be appreciated if you can please pay the community dues. It is terribly embarrassing to have to make repeated calls to those that are delinquent. We are a small community and need to work as one to deal with the Village, the Town, and other organizations that could affect our community's well-being.

Just as important, we want to reach out and encourage any of you who wish to be more active in our community to please let us know. We have no elected positions, yet we have all the same issues of the other communities on Fire Island to deal with. With your dues please let us know your area of interest and/or expertise that you feel you'd like to help with. We are very grateful for your continued support and participation. You can also submit your information through our web site, <http://www.corneilleestates.com/form.cfm> or on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/CorneilleEstates/>

We would love a volunteer to manage our Facebook page! If you are interested, please email me directly.

Also, please let us know if there have been any changes to your contact information, such as a new email address, home address or phone number.

Thanks, and, looking forward to seeing you all this summer!

