

FISHERS ISLAND FOG HORN

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Fishers Island, NY

TOWN CONSIDERS FISHERS ISLAND ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

Southold Town is considering creating a part-time administrator position for Fishers Island to help bolster communication between the town and the island's residents.

It can be more difficult to figure out what the priorities of the island are compared to other hamlets because distance provides a challenge, Southold Town Supervisor Scott Russell said Tuesday at a Town Board work session.

Fishers Island Justice Louisa Evans said residents are asking for someone who can gather information to give to the Island Community Board, which would then find a consensus on what issues are most important.

The administrator could also be a point person between Fishers Island and other agencies, whether in the county or state, that residents might feel alienated from, Mr. Russell said.

It will also benefit the town in avoiding spending resources on matters that may not be of the highest priority to the island as a whole.

"The administrator is a good way at this point of saying look we can improve communications on both sides," Mr. Russell said.

By Kelly Zegers, Suffolk Times Review 07/19/2017

FISHERS ISLAND'S ICB CORRESPONDENCE WITH TOWN SUPERVISOR

Dear Scott,

July 31, 2017

On behalf of the Island Community Board of Fishers Island, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for coming out to the Island on July 10 and actively participating in our most recent ICB meeting. As discussed earlier this spring, I believe the more communication and contact Fishers Island can have with Southold, the more efficient and effective our strategic partnership will be. The Island Community Board has made tremendous progress over the last couple of years to garner community perspective and prioritize our island's needs, in order to provide a coherent roadmap for the Town of Southold to follow. Having you out here more often helps our community feel as though it is being heard by Southold, and further helps us establish a cohesive punch list of priorities that we, as a group, can tackle.

Thank you for hearing and addressing our needs. Attached please find a copy of the official minutes from our July meeting so that we may have a record that can help pave the way for addressing these priorities.

I look forward to seeing you on Southold Town Day on Fishers Wednesday, August 9 and continuing our journey in addressing the needs of this unique community. Thanks again.

Best, Tom

ISLANDERS FOR ISLANDERS COLLECTION AND FOOD DRIVE

Founded in 2015, the Islanders for Islanders Fund is a joint initiative of the four Fishers Island churches focused on helping sustain our year-round community. This summer we are receiving donations in the form of non-perishable food for our food resource room (see list below), financial donations, and unused ferry tickets.

What we do

Responding to the needs of our winter population, this initiative supports an increasing number of projects for the benefit of the year-round population. In cooperation with the Sanger Fund, Islanders helps cover winter fuel and utility bills. We are pleased to now offer island residents limited support for professional development opportunities in order to enhance possibilities for year-round income. In addition, Islanders continues to provide healthy snacks for our school children and take-out Senior Suppers.



If you can help Our tiny staff of volunteers is especially grateful for food that is unopened and unexpired (as we cannot offer opened or expired items to those in need).

We prefer to offer non-perishable basics, such as **tuna or canned meat, canned or boxed milk, peanut butter, soup, juice, cereal, granola bars and baked beans. Unopened household supplies and unopened toiletries (including feminine products) are also appreciated.** Collection bins are at the FI Village Market and the Community Center, as well as at the entrance to St. John's, Our Lady of Grace, and Union Chapel (back door). We may be able to accept leftover frozen items. Kindly call Candy Whitman at 788-7029 to inquire.

If you are able to donate funds, kindly do so through your church on the island. Tax -deductible contributions may be made anytime directly to Union Chapel with "Islanders for Islanders" in the memo line. (Mail to Union Chapel, PO Box 192, Fishers Island, NY 06390.)

The churches will also have a special collection to support this outreach at services the weekend of August 18-20.

ICB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE & YEAR-ROUND REP ELECTION

Please become a member of the ICB today!

Hopefully, you have had a chance to read the "[Spring 2017 Update from the Island Community Board](#)" on fishersisland.net and already know about the many issues and opportunities that the ICB stewards. The ICB has 450 registered year-round and seasonal members. We know there are many more of you that care deeply about the island and are involved in our community but may not have yet joined the ICB. We urge you to register and become members today!



Why join the ICB? Because the ICB is the Central Forum for: Discussion of island-wide issues and opportunities; Communication among and between the various public and private community related entities, including the Town of Southold; Creating and implementing action plans that benefit the community as a whole, both year-round and seasonal.

Our goal for 2017 is to increase our registered members to 750 and to secure enough voluntary contributions (\$10 for an individual and \$25 for a family) to cover our small administrative expenses, which include a part-time administrator and limited travel to Southold. Registration and voluntary dues can be made online, or at the Community Center, up until voting day in August. Please visit our ICB web page at <http://fishersisland.net/about-fishers-island/island-community-board/> where you may **Register** and use **PayPal** or select **Pay with Debit or Credit Card**. If you prefer to **pay by check**, please make it payable to ICB and send to: ICB, PO Box 464, Fishers Island, NY 06390. Please don't delay!



Year-round ICB community members can vote for the only seat open this year. Year-round Representative Meg Atkin finished the term vacated by Heather Burnham. Now Meg is running for her own 3-year term to represent the year-round population with reps Candy Whitman and Nate Malinowski. Please make time between 10:00 am August 24 and 5:00 pm August 28 to cast your vote. You may do so using a paper ballot at the Community Center office or online at <http://fishersisland.net/icb-members/> when the polls open.

FI WATER WORKS: MODERNIZING OUR WATER SYSTEM

Press Release: July 28, 2017

The Fishers Island Water Works Corporation continues to work on a comprehensive plan to modernize the island’s aging water infrastructure.

Phase 1 of the plan focuses on the adequacy of the island’s water sources. The first project in this phase was completed last fall with the renovation of our two wells. Those renovations significantly increased both the volume and quality of the water produced by those wells.

This year, we plan to restore a closed third well, known at the Church well, just off the road by the driving range. This work will begin in late July. If this well’s production rates and water quality prove viable, ground water from the three wells should be sufficient to supply the island at peak demand during the summer. Water levels in Barlow Pond, our surface water reservoir, would then become less critical.

A new filtration plant for well water is also planned to handle the increase in well water volume, while meeting current and, we expect, more stringent water quality regulations in the future.

Phase 1 also includes the installation of water meters that can be read remotely and the renovation of a high-lift pump that maintains water pressure.

Later phases of the modernization plan encompass renovating or replacing the surface water treatment plant at Barlow Pond, adding water storage capacity and, over time, replacing parts of the island’s 22 miles of water mains and control valves. In combination with these improvements to water distribution and pressure, we plan to begin replacing the fire hydrants used by the Fire District.

To support these capital investments, we are applying to the New York State Public Service Commission for an increase in water rates. The application seeks to relieve a long-standing shortfall between our revenues and our rising operating expenses and capital needs.

Rates previously approved by the Commission have proved inadequate to sustain, on a seasonal customer base, a water system called upon to serve the island’s growing demand. Other markets along the New England coastline, also with seasonal populations, have rates from 47% to 138% higher than our current rates, as illustrated in the table below.

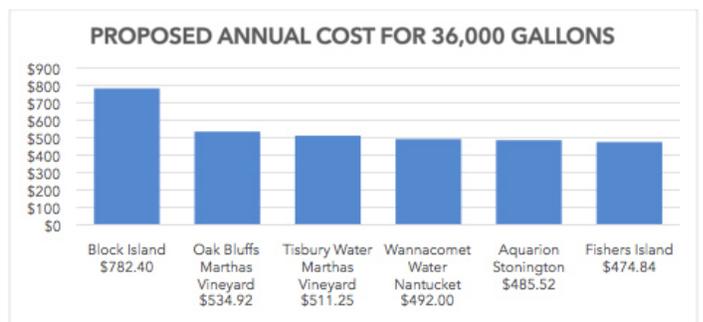
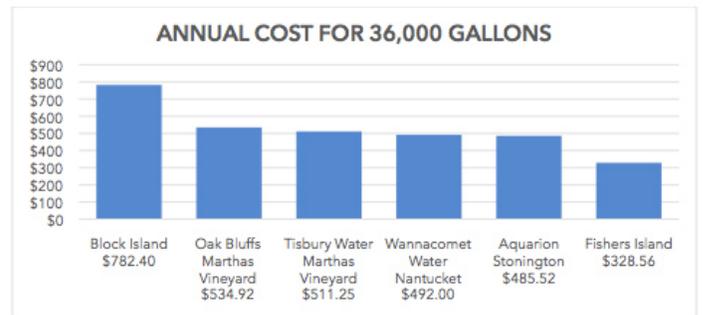
The table compares the annual cost of 3,000 gallons per month (annual total of 36,000 gallons), at the minimum rate, in several of those markets with our current minimum rate of \$27.38 for 3,000 gallons.

Our proposed rates will remain below rates in these other markets. The table compares the annual cost of 3,000 gallons per month (annual total of 36,000 gallons), at the minimum rate, in several of those markets with our proposed minimum rate of \$36.57 for 3,000 gallons.

Securing the fresh water supply for our Fishers Island community is our primary mission and responsibility. The remarkable dedication and professionalism of water superintendent, Chad Mrowka, and his crew, together with the work of hydrology engineers and other consultants, have produced an infrastructure development plan that is timely and well thought out. We are confident that our proposed rates are an essential next step to supporting the water needs of the island now and for the future.

A public notice with more detail on our rate application to the Commission will be issued shortly.

For more information, visit us on the web at www.fiuc.net/water.



2017 OSPREY FLEDGLING COUNT

Money Pond | Photo by Jim Reid



#	LOCATION	COUNT
1	Silver Eel Cove	0
2	Transfer Station	2
3	Hawks Nest Point	2
4	John Ski	2
5	Navy Station	3
6	Chris Dewey	3
7	Four Corners (Bagley Reid)	2
8	Driving Range (West Side)	1
9	Osprey Cam	2
10	Bob Miller	2
11	Middle Farms (South)	0
12	Main Road (by Chapman's driveway)	2
13	Main Road (North Side)	2
14	Main Road (by Steve Cooke)	1
15	Main Road (North Side before Club)	3
16	Money Pond	3
17	Pirates Cove	0
	TOTAL	30

<p>INACTIVE NESTS</p> <p>Race Rock Garden Company</p> <p>Hary Parker</p> <p>John Harris</p> <p>Old Rafferty House (now Alsop)</p>
<p>NEED TO RECHECK</p> <p>Driving Range (west side)</p> <p>Middle Farms (south end)</p> <p>Steve Cooke</p> <p>Main Road (east before Chocomount)</p>

Witnesses to the 2017 Count:

- Lori Swenson
- Liza and Genie Trevor
- Ken Edwards Sr.
- Mary Denny Wray

Once again, thank you to Jim Reid, for checking all the nests with his drone.

Additional thanks go to the efforts of Race Rock Garden Company, The Fishers Island Electric Company, and the Ferguson Museum. We are happy to announce that this is another banner year for our Fishers Island Ospreys! This year the island has the most fledglings we have ever had. It is also important to note that we had three separate nests each containing three fledglings. It looks as if next year will be even better as new birds have been seen on the Parker and Harris sites. In addition, others are trying to build on two electric poles.

Respectfully submitted by Ken Edwards Sr. for the HLF Ferguson Museum

IN MEMORIAM: ROBERT ALLAN MITCHELL



Robert Allan Mitchell, a loving father and generous friend, died on Wednesday, July 18, 2017 at his home in Manhattan. He was 62.

Mr. Mitchell, known as Bob, was born in Bridgeport, Conn. He attended the Wooster School (by winning a scholarship for paperboys) and Vassar College, where he was part of the second coeducational class in the school's history. At Vassar he was a popular and charismatic student — and was also known for outrageous stunts. At one point, in order to attend more classes, he began impersonating one “Kaj Mimchel,” a Czech exchange student. The Vassar faculty was deeply impressed by this bright and charming foreigner; only months later did they discover that Vassar had no exchange program with Czechoslovakia.

Mr. Mitchell then attended Fordham Law School where he received a J.D. in 1981.

In 1986 he married Cornelia S. Guest, daughter of the late John and Margaret Guest of Fishers Island and New Canaan, Conn. They had triplets, and spent many happy summers on Fishers Island. They were divorced in the mid-2000s.

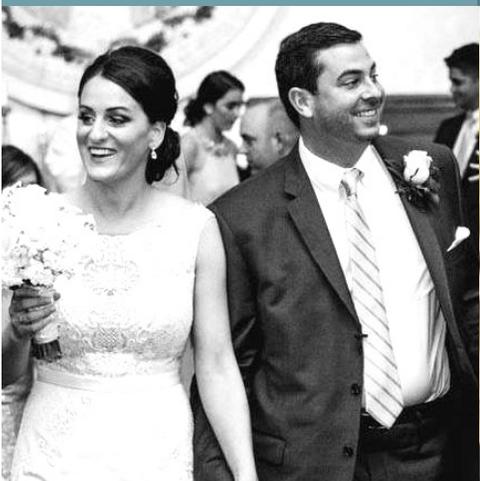
With good legal judgment and business sense, Mr. Mitchell was a talented lawyer. His real passion, however, was the movie business. As a result, he became a specialist in entertainment law and produced three films.

He loved traveling to France and Ireland, and was also a formidable backgammon player. He was best known to his friends and family for his humor, big heart, and larger-than-life personality.

Mr. Mitchell was devoted to his three children and large extended family. He is survived by his children, Andrew, Aune, and John (“Jack”) Mitchell, a brother, Ivar Mitchell of Vero Beach, Fla., and a sister, Louise Lipnick of Seattle.

A funeral service for Mr. Mitchell was held on Monday, July 24 at 12:30 PM at Riverside Memorial Chapel, 180 W. 76th Street in New York. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bone Marrow Foundation, 515 Madison Avenue, Suite 1130, New York, N.Y. 10022, <http://bonemarrow.org>.

WEDDING



Molly Baker & Kyle Houser
June 24, 2017
in Longmeadow, MA

ENGAGEMENT



David Walker to Maggie McMillen
April 14, 2017
in Central Park, New York, NY

BIRTH



Theodore ‘Theo’ Wall Herlihy
to Daphne Patterson Herlihy & Brent
Herlihy on June 11, 2017

AUGUST GARDENING

FROM MÉLIE'S GARDEN

It is hard to believe that summer is halfway over. All the planning and dreaming throughout the winter has been rewarded...or not all that successful. The weather this year has been difficult, since it took the soil a long time to warm up; then it was very wet at the beginning of the summer... then very hot and humid! The tomatoes in the garden are only now beginning to turn red. My roses were lovely until mid July and then were damaged by fungus in all the humidity. I fought a constant battle with a pheasant that flew into my vegetable garden and ate every pea seed I planted and even the ones that sprouted. Next year, I will have to cover the newly planted rows with lightweight garden fabric to protect them. However, my grandchildren have harvested tons of broccoli from their little garden and we seem to have delicious zucchini. All part of the mystery and challenge of vegetable gardening!



The biggest problem we have faced on our property this summer is Black Swallow Wart vines that have invaded our flowerbeds and have thrived growing in our hedges. My grandson, Harris, has been invaluable lying on his stomach and pulling out the vines from the hedge. We have tied them together with red tape to mark them; we then go back and cut off the tops where the flowers and seedpods are and place those in a plastic garbage bag. I then spray the bottom of the vine with Roundup using my Jerry's Weed Stick. I hate to use Roundup, but I use it very sparingly and the Weed Stick has a cup at the end, which keeps the spray on the vine and it will not affect any of the plant material surrounding it. This is unbelievably tedious work, but there simply doesn't seem to be any other way of getting rid of the Black Swallow Wart. Even Doug Tallamy* suggested this procedure and Carl Scroxton of Race Rock said that he had read that the Swallow Wart vine was toxic to Monarch Butterflies, so all the more reason to try to get rid of it.

One happy event this summer was capturing on a parsley plant a Parsley Caterpillar. We placed it in a glass jar and fed him parsley for a couple of days. A few days later, he seemed to want to climb out of the jar, so we secured a piece of screen over the top. The caterpillar then attached himself to the screen and formed a chrysalis. One morning, we came down to breakfast and there in the jar was a beautiful butterfly, which we released into our garden and we hope it will not lay eggs on any Black Swallow Wart Vines!



*Doug Tallamy has visited the Island many times and has worked with the Conservancy on the rehabilitation of the Parade Grounds in the Fort. He is the author of **Bringing Nature Home** and is Professor of Entomology at the University of Delaware.

As part of the Conservancy's Nature Days Program, participate in Prof. Doug Tallamy Parade Ground Tour Sunday, August 13, 11:00 am: Stroll the Parade Grounds with acclaimed University of Delaware entomologist and author Doug W. Tallamy, Ph.D. Meet at Conservancy sign board entrance on Whistler Ave.

BULLETIN BOARD

SUMMER IS HAPPENING AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Visit the Community Center's Website at www.ficommunitycenter.org or come by and take a look, become a member and enjoy all the benefits the FICC has to offer!

PROGRAM OFFERINGS INCLUDE: ART CLASSES, MAH JONGG, CARTOONING, KINDERSKULLS, CRAFT WORKSHOPS, SAFE BOATING COURSE, SUMMER BALLET, STORYBOOK DANCE CLASS, MASSAGE THERAPY, Conservancy's NATURE DAYS and MORE!.



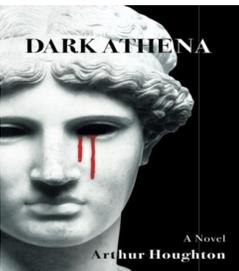
BE A RESPONSIBLE AND THOUGHTFUL PET OWNER

Get your pets ready for the nice weather, long walks and time outdoors. Have a leash, baggies and those ID tags! Please keep your **dog(s) on a leash** on town property, sidewalks, trails and other public areas. Be sure to **dispose of pet waste** properly, and remember dogs and all domestic animals must have a collar with **proper ID and current immunization tags**. Learn more about Southold's Code at www.fishersisland.net/responsible-thoughtful-pet-owner/

SUPPORT THE SEA STRETCHER

Peter Sanger Sea Stretcher Memorial Day Marathon was a big success.

We have been working hard to raise money not only for the yearly running costs but also for the cost of upgrading the Sea Stretcher boat. Thanks all who have donated so far, it truly is a community effort to keep this service running. Last year there were 57 Fire calls, 48 EMT calls, and over 44 individuals with medical emergencies were transported to New London by the Sea Stretcher, thanks to the volunteer crew. Donate today!

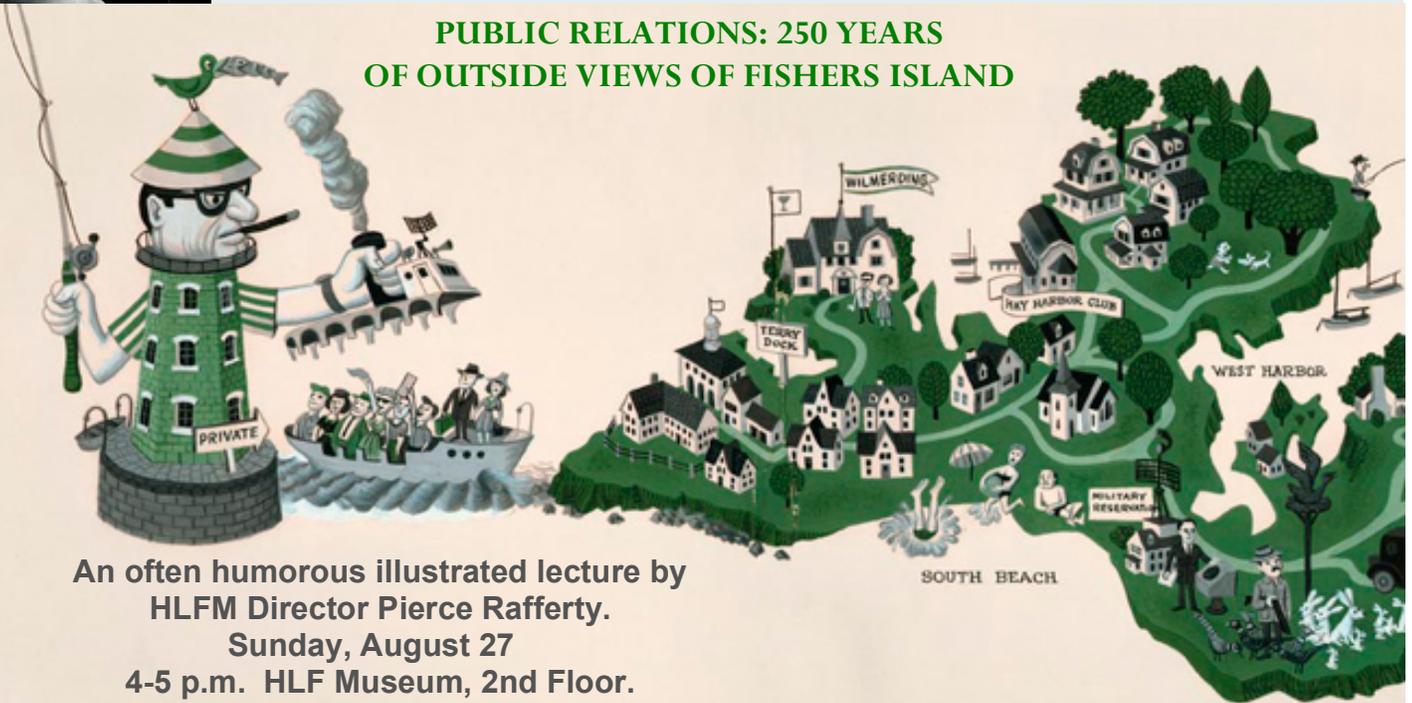


LIBRARY AUTHOR TALK: CURATOR ARTHUR HOUGHTON

Tuesday, August 22, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm at the Library

Author, scholar, and former museum curator **Arthur Houghton** will be here to tell us about his debut novel, *Dark Athena*. Published in August 2016, this thriller is based upon Houghton's museum and Foreign Service experience. The author's vivid background and personal history are sure to make for a fascinating and educational event!

PUBLIC RELATIONS: 250 YEARS OF OUTSIDE VIEWS OF FISHERS ISLAND



An often humorous illustrated lecture by
HLFM Director Pierce Rafferty.
Sunday, August 27
4-5 p.m. HLF Museum, 2nd Floor.

SAVE THE DATES:

VISIT [HTTP://FISHERSISLAND.NET/EVENTS/](http://fishersisland.net/events/)

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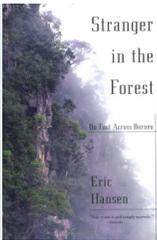


CONSERVANCY'S NATURE DAYS ARE BACK! AUGUST 9-13TH
CHECK THE FULL CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND VETERANS
FI Legion Post 1045's new night for meetings is the 1st Thursday of the month @ 5:30 pm
August 3
September 7

ISLAND COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
5:30 August 14
5:30 September 11
@ the Community Center.
Community members are welcome and encouraged to attend the ICB meetings.

LIBRARY BOOK GROUP
August 10:
Small Great Things
by Jodi Picoult



1ST DAY OF FISHERS ISLAND SCHOOL

September 5, 2017



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THE HENRY L. FERGUSON MUSEUM  2017 ANNUAL EXHIBITION

