

FISHERS ISLAND FOG HORN

MAY 2017



News and Information about
Fishers Island, NY

SPRING 2017 ORGANIZATION LETTERS

It is hard to believe that the spring bird migration is in full swing and can be seen and heard with great fanfare in the Parade Grounds Sanctuary.



Conservancy had a very busy winter. - Clearing and invasive removal continued on the southern side of the Sanctuary. Piles of decade-old debris have been sorted, remediated and in some cases recycled. - Now the land is ready for some over-seeding with the native seed mix that we have been spreading in the Sanctuary. - In partnership with of the Fishers Island Fire Department and Ferry District, conducted our **second consecutive burn**. I would like to personally thank Fire Chief Hubert for taking this on and helping us complete our mission.

Conservancy's Spring Migration Bird Count is scheduled for the weekend of May 6th and 7th. Please join us for an easy and educational couple of hours of birdwatching. Check the [Conservancy's website](#) for details.

Summer is fast approaching, and it will

The ICB is active, engaged, and making a positive difference for the Fishers Island Community. As the central forum for the discussion of key island issues, the ICB presents the following update to the community:

Expanded Board to Enhance Representation from the Island

There are currently 14 representatives on the ICB, including elected year-round and seasonal representatives, along with designated representatives from key island districts and organizations.

ICB Priorities / Committees

The ICB is focused on several key priorities, as identified by the community.

1. Housing
2. Health Care
3. Infrastructure
4. Environmental Stewardship
5. Administration & Communications

Priorities are tracked and discussed at each monthly ICB meeting. The ICB also welcomes continuing input from the community on additional key issues.



On behalf of the Walsh Park Board, we want to thank you for the tremendous support over the past year. Your generosity continues to provide us with the resources necessary to make significant progress in pursuit of our mission to insure the future viability of the year-round community on Fishers Island.



The impact of our efforts is demonstrated in the involvement of our residents.

- Nearly 30% of the year-round population lives in Walsh Park housing.
- Approximately 40% of the volunteers at the Fishers Island Fire Department are also residents of Walsh Park properties.
- Many Walsh Park participants contribute time to Fishers Island organizations and causes.

Some 2016 highlights of Walsh Park accomplishments include:

- Welcomed a new family of four, and three individuals, into the program.
- Invested over \$200,000 in repairs and maintenance into properties.

Letters and news worthy items from the Island's non-profits, other organizations, and tax districts are published regularly on www.FishersIsland.net. They are easily searchable with keywords such as the organizations' names. Below, and continued to page 2, are short, highlighted, excerpts from letters received in April, posted in full to the website, and included in the May 1 eFog Horn.

ORGANIZATION LETTERS CONT.

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be a busy one. The return of Nature Days, Sunset on the Beach, Talks and Walks with Doug Tallamy are just a few of programs and events on the calendar. Stay tuned for more information.

Please come to the Parade Grounds Sanctuary and see for yourself spring and summer in action. This open space gives all of us access to new walking paths, ocean vistas, native wildflowers and birdlife. Come down and enjoy the beauty and bounty that is Fishers Island.

Tom Sargent

President

Fishers Island Conservancy

ICB CONTINUED from Page 1**ICB Tax Study Completed**

Objective of the study: to compare the amount of taxes paid by Fishers Island residents to the Town of Southold with the services received by Fishers Island from Southold. Also analyzed the amount of real estate transfer taxes paid to the Community Preservation Fund versus the Fund's preservation activities on Island. The board's challenge and opportunity is to use the findings to work with Southold and the Fund to address the needs of the island.

New Format to Annual Report,

Available on Line ICB published the first annual report since the days of the Civic Association. The **2016 Fishers Island Annual Report** is not only a report of important activities undertaken by the numerous operating entities on Fishers Island; it also establishes a record of accountability for Islanders, the Town of Southold and others.

Facilitating Environmental

Stewardship Committee is looking into distilling and prioritizing specific environmental initiatives on the Island and how to best work with Southold around said priorities. Tom Sargent is leading this effort with Steve Malinowski and Dixon Harvey.

Encouraging Partnerships to

Address Housing Need The Housing group has been researching ways to expand year-round housing numbers and continues to work with Walsh Park to find opportunities for private-public partnerships. Working on a plan to encourage housing acquisition and development to support the ongoing demand for year-round housing.

Initiatives to Resolve Health

Insurance Issues Candy Whitman and Willard Soper have been tenaciously researching opportunities to provide a better solution for the health care needs of year-round Fishers Islanders. Many islanders have limited services available to them as New Yorkers with all of the "local" health services are in Connecticut. Many state plans do not allow for cross-border services, which require islanders to travel to New York to receive health services, at high cost and inconvenience. The Committee has been working with United Healthcare to determine potential group plans for islanders. Louisa Evans has been working with the NY Department of Health and Congressman Zeldin's office to resolve issues on a case-by-case basis. The Committee is seeking legislative policy changes to address this issue.

Momentum on Infrastructure

Upgrades Among ICB's priorities is the repair and support of island infrastructure including roads and sidewalks. We were all very disappointed to learn that the Town of Southold's 4-year highway plan does not include any repairs on Fishers Island. The ICB is working with Town of Southold Supervisor Scott Russell and the Southold Town Council to address this oversight. We have a petition with over 400 signatures to be presented to the Southold Town Council this month.

ICB Administration Zack Hoch, ICB's new Administrator, continues to do an excellent job for the Board and we are thankful for all of his efforts!

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WALSH PARK**CONTINUED from Page 1**

- Completed another successful Walsh Park Open and 2nd annual solicitation, with extensive and increased participation from the community.
- Made significant progress in building relationships with the Town of Southold and other Island organizations to together focus on attracting new families to Fishers Island.
- For 1st time in nearly 8 years, Fishers Island School has more local students than CT commuter students. This would not be possible without the students from Walsh Park families.

All Walsh Park inventory is currently occupied - 28 single-family homes and apartments are full and we also have a significant waiting list of qualified applicants (individuals and families) who are enthusiastic about living on Fishers. Demand for affordable year-round housing continues to exceed supply.

Moving forward, we must pursue other options beyond the traditional method of Walsh Park purchasing existing properties to add to our inventory. To have a broader impact on the availability of such housing, we need to develop additional housing units. Walsh Park is collaborating with other Fishers Island institutions on opportunities that would create additional affordable housing options for year-round residents.

Matt Edwards joined Walsh Park as Program Manager. He is working with Island organizations, the ICB and Southold on future development projects. His involvement with the Fishers Island community includes helping coach the School's boy's basketball team, and joining the Fishers Island Churches Golf Classic committee. He will join the fire department this spring as he and his wife Mary officially become Fishers Island residents.

Ned Carlson & Andrew Burr

Co-Presidents

Walsh Park Benevolent Corporation

ISLAND CLEAN-UP FOR EARTH DAY



By Elizabeth Burnham, Devin Kucsera and Caroline Toldo
 Photos c/o Sarah Malinowski, Matt Edwards, and Caroline Toldo
 Find photos at <http://fishersisland.net/fishers-island-embraces-earth-day-efforts/>

Saturday, April 22, the Fishers Island Community Center coordinated an Island Clean-Up for Earth Day. This event focused on the inland portions of the island as well as the shoreline. Community Center intern Caroline Toldo organized the event with the help of the Fishers Island Conservancy, the Fishers Island Waste Management District, and a number of individuals and organizations who volunteered their time or resources.

About 40 volunteers brought gloves, garden tools, and pick-up trucks to the Compost Station to check in and get trash bags and a map created by Anne Worsencroft (FI Conservancy) and Caroline. Some went off on foot around the Fort area, tracking the road out the Race Point, combing South Beach, or picking through the brush around the community tennis and basketball courts near the Community Center. Others took their bags a bit up-island, to spots they knew had accumulations of trash. Participants brought back everything from soda cans dating to the days of pure cane sugar, lost beach and bath toys, and even a fire extinguisher riddled with bullet holes.

The Malinowski/Herrick/Lighthouse Works crew of seven people collected an entire truckload of plastic and metal material and won a prize for most trash by volume. The Kucsera family, who worked on a north shore beach by the Castle, lifted over 300 lbs of tire, traffic pylon, and marine debris into their truck bed, and won the prize for trash by weight. Bob Rogers, who found the fire extinguisher, won a prize for strangest object.

As they returned to the Compost Station, many people told Caroline and attendant Annette Tourangeau (FI Waste Management District) about locations that still needed attention. Matt Edwards also shared an app called Litterati that allows one to track where trash has been picked up. The data collected on Earth Day from volunteers allows us to provide this map of trashed spots on Fishers.

Sadly, the amount of trash found shows that the community needs to be aware of the trash along the road and on the coast, and whenever they see a piece of trash on the ground, to stop and pick it up. Every little bit helps to keep the island cleaner. The Community Center and Conservancy have offered to sign off on community service hours for anyone who spends an hour or more doing their own personal island clean-up.

ENGAGEMENT



Sarah Fiske and Ryan Larochelle
 April 15, 2017
 in Hadlyme, CT

BIRTHS



Harlan Barrows Roberts 'Harry' Hall
 March 19, 2017 to
 Chester and Sarah Hall



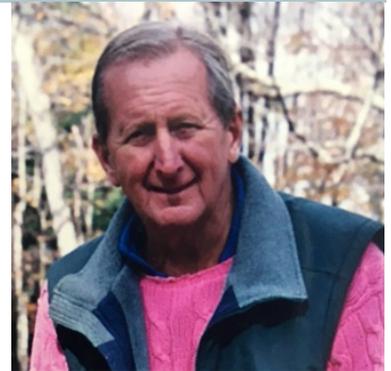
Cooper Scott Lamb
 March 29, 2017 to
 Ari and Scott Lamb

IN MEMORIAM: ROLAND C. SHERRER, JR.,

Roland C. Sherrer, Jr., 79, of Oyster Bay, NY, Fishers Island, NY and South Londonderry, VT passed away on March 16, 2017, in Oyster Bay, NY, after a long illness. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Thelma C. Sherrer (Cremer). He is the beloved father of Christopher C. Sherrer of Alexandria, VA (Jessica), Charles D. Sherrer of New York, NY (Elizabeth), Alexandra B. Diffie of Richmond, VA (Craig) and stepfather to Peter B. Moss, Jr. of London, England and Constance Skeele of Charlotte, NC and five grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

Roddy was born July 4, 1937 in Garden City, Long Island, the son of Fanny and Roland Charles Sherrer. He attended Choate Rosemary Hall, The Gunnery School, Babson College and the New York Institute of Finance. Rod began his Wall Street career during the late 1960's in commercial banking for Marine Midland Bank. He joined Spear Leeds & Kellogg shortly thereafter becoming a partner and a member of the American and New York Stock Exchange. His career spanned thirty years before retiring. The firm sold to The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc in 2000. During the 1990's, Roddy was a board member of the SparTrust III, a US focused investment portfolio controlled by BankHaus Carl Spangler & Co, Salzburg, Austria.

His interests included travel, skiing, gardening, car racing, boating, music and history. In his retirement years, he loved spending time in Salzburg, Austria, Klosters, Switzerland and Antigua, WI, where he developed many wonderful friendships. Roddy will be remembered for his quick wit, dry sense of humor and his loyalty to his family and close friends.



IN MEMORIAM: LOUISE GENEREUX DOYEN

Louise Genereux Doyen, 92, died peacefully and comfortably surrounded by her family on Monday, April 17, 2017 following a period of declining health. She was born in Southbridge, MA on October 4, 1924 the daughter of the late Joseph A. Genereux and Margaret (Connell) Genereux.

Louise was the beloved wife of the late Raymond F. Doyen who died on April 29, 1996. She was the devoted mother of Robert A. Doyen and his wife Barbara Doyen of Old Lyme; Margaret "Peggy" Higgins and her husband Deacon Geoffrey Higgins of Wayland, MA and Nancy E. Allen and her husband John Allen of Brewster, MA. Cherished grandmother of Patrick Higgins and his wife Jenna of Philadelphia, PA, Thomas, Holly and Elizabeth Allen all of Brewster, MA and a great-granddaughter Olivia Small. Sister of Robert Genereux of Daytona Beach, FL and the late Charles Genereux.

Louise was a resident of Fishers Island, New York for over 50 years and moved to Brewster, MA where she resided for 20 years before moving to Framingham in September of 2016. She received her BS in Education from Wheaton College and her Masters in Education from the University of Connecticut. For many years, she was the English teacher for grades 9 – 12 at Fishers Island High School before retiring. While living in Fishers Island, she was a long time active communicant of Our Lady of Grace Church.

In her earlier years, she and her husband Raymond loved to golf and ski. Her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her grandchildren and watching them grow into adulthood. She will be fondly remembered by all who knew and loved her dearly.

Her Mass of Christian Burial will be on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 12:30 pm at Our Lady of Grace, Alpine Avenue, Fishers Island, NY. Interment will follow in the family lot in Fishers Island Cemetery in NY.

In lieu of flowers, her family kindly suggests that memorial gifts in her memory may be sent to the Fishers Island Fire Department, PO BOX 123, Fishers Island, NY 06390.



COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

The application for the Fishers Island Community Scholarship, managed by St. John's Church, is available online. Completed applications are due no later than June 1, 2017, and must include an essay and the current year academic transcript. Essays and transcripts should be emailed to fischolarshipstjohns@gmail.com or mailed to P.O. Box 507, Fishers Island, NY 06390.

To learn more about qualifying and to apply for the scholarship, please visit: <http://fishersisland.net/fishers-island-community-scholarship-application/>. If you have any questions, please contact Polly Talbott at fischolarshipstjohns@outlook.com. Committee Members: Polly Talbott, Susie Brinckerhoff, Alicia Hesse Cleary, Harry Parker, Jenn Sanger and Ollie Scholle.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2: ICB's Membership Matters! ICB's success is up to you! I'd like to encourage everyone who has yet to sign up for the ICB to register on FishersIsland.net (or at the Community Center) and join the forum. As of April, we have about 450 members. Our goal for 2017 is to raise that to at least 750 members. The more we can bolster our group, the more we can provide an effective forum for the many important issues that affect our daily life on the Island. Additionally, we thank all of you that made voluntary contributions last year as these funds helped cover our limited administrative expenses.

Your membership in the ICB enables you to vote in ICB elections, receive the Annual Report and to actively help create and foster a central clearinghouse of ideas. All of these activities help legitimize and formalize the needs of the island with the Town of Southold. This year we are again requesting that community members assist by paying a small annual fee. The suggested annual contribution of \$10.00 for an individual or \$25 for a family, helps to fund communications, administration, and other necessary activities for the ICB. Payment may be made on line at www.fishersisland.net/about-fishers-island/island-community-board/ or at the Community Center.

The ICB continues to host informational meetings each month at the Community Center in order to galvanize and prioritize issues and provide a forum to discuss and chart the future of Fishers. To help encourage membership, the ICB will sponsor its first **Annual Island Clean Up, happening Memorial Day weekend on Saturday, May 27 at 10:00 AM.**

In closing, I thank the entire Fishers Island community for its support and active participation in the ICB process.

Sincerely, Tom O'Neil, ICB President

MORE BIRTHS



Charles Augustus 'Gus' Garcelon
April 5, 2017 to Sofie Malinowski
Garcelon and Travis Garcelon



Lincoln Rand Barnett
April 9, 2017 to
Lilly Rand Barnett & Isaac Barnett



Lucy Aurelia Horn
April 14, 2017 to
Aly Cochrane & Sam Horn



Gunnison Grey Beardsley
April 19, 2017 to Kate Shillo Beardsley
& Nicholas Beardsley



Hadley Ann Dillman
April 29, 2017 to
Brittany Murray Dillman & Sam Dillman



Many thanks to all the IPP volunteers for a very fun and special Easter Egg Hunt. Photos & story on FishersIsland.net

MAY GARDENING



FROM MÉLIE'S GARDEN

I always look forward to visiting nurseries in May to see what delicious plants they are offering. It is hard not to over indulge and I recommend you try to have a list of plants that you are looking for before going. Remember that it is best to have about three plants of the same variety and color and not a whole lot of different ones that will give a spotty effect in the flower border. However, we are all seduced by something and if you are not quite sure where to put the one irresistible plant when you get home, transplant it into a larger pot, with good soil, and you can move it around in your flower beds for a while until you decide where it looks the best. Once you are happy with its placement, be sure to plant this treasure in good soil. The old saying of putting a \$5.00 plant in a \$10.00 hole really is true. A happy and healthy plant will thrive and be far less care in the end.

If you are starting a whole new flower border, think of the colors and shapes you would like to have in it, while you are shopping. You need to think of height, so tall plants in the back of the border, mid-height in the middle and smaller ones in the front. It is also important to have different shapes to create a pleasing design; round, spiky and fluffy. And don't forget the leaves, it is nice to have different shades of green, so there is interest in the border when the plants are not flowering. You should also consider including some good native and pollinator plants to attract bees and butterflies to your garden.

One doesn't have to start with an enormous amount of plant material; a border can be added to each year until you get the effect you want. In selecting new plants, I have often gathered pots of different things in the nursery and have moved them about trying to create a look that is pleasing. You can see what combinations look well together and it gives one a rough idea of how many plants will be needed to get the effect you want. The nursery often doesn't mind because the more sales they make the better, but it can be annoying to other customers!

Once the border is planted, you will have to accept that it is always changing and that at some point, after a number of years, the plants will need to be divided or removed if they have gotten too large. Sometimes it is best to dig out everything and put the plants on a tarp on the lawn and start all over. This can be fun and you can correct mistakes that you have made and often have plenty of plants to divide and give to friends or start a new border! Most of the flower beds around my house are full of plant divisions, so that has somewhat curtailed the necessity of my nursery sprees.



BULLETIN BOARD

FISHERS ISLAND SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING & ELECTION



Tuesday, May 2: 6:00 p.m. Annual Budget Hearing for Community

Tuesday, May 16: 2:00-8:00 p.m. Annual Budget Vote & Election of Board of Education Candidates



IPP MORNING PROGRAM CAMPER REGISTRATION

The Island People's Project registration is open.

Year-round Kids: Early online registration April 1 - April 30

Summer Kids: Registration opens May 1st

Online enrollment for anyone continues throughout the summer.

Questions? email: ippreg@gmail.com, website: www.islandpeoplesproject.com

EARTH DAY EVERYDAY

The Highway Department has set up barrels for trash and recycling at South Beach, Dock Beach, the Ballfield, and the Post Office. They spend a great deal of time separating and sorting the recycling from the trash, and therefore request that those barrels not be used for the disposal of household or transient boat trash, but rather be limited to trash collected by or produced at those locations.



TACO BAR & GAME NIGHT

Friday, May 12 Dinner 5:30-7:00

and Games 7:00-whenver @ Union Chapel
Bring a board game you would like to play.

There is no charge, although donations to cover costs will be gratefully received.

SUPPORT THE SEA STRETCHER

Peter Sanger Sea Stretcher Memorial Day Marathon May 28th

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.



2017 FIDCO STICKERS

All vehicles passing the Gate House must have a sticker posted **as of April 1**.

HOW TO GET YOUR 2017 STICKER:

Visit FIDCO's website at www.fidco.us. Just click on **East End Stickers**. You will find sticker application forms for Commercial, Auto and Bicycle stickers that can be faxed in today.

Visit Johnny, Jimmy or Patty at the Gate House and purchase your sticker anytime they are open - between 6:00 am – 8:00 pm. Guest Passes may also be obtained at the Gate House.

Visit the Utility Office weekdays from 8:00 am-4:30 pm and purchase them there when you are in the Village.

OFF SOUNDINGS' NEW COMMODORE FROM FISHERS

History was made at the recent Annual Meeting of the Off Sounding Club at Mystic Seaport when Sarah Hale Porter was elected Commodore. Sarah is the first female Commodore of the Club as well as the first child of a past Commodore to attain the rank. Sarah grew up on Fishers Island sailing with her father Eliot H. Porter 2nd who served as Commodore of Off Soundings in 1981-82. It is customary for the incoming Commodore to be presented a wooden gavel as a symbol as well as a tool to control Board meetings. Sarah has chosen to use the gavel received by her father with Eliot's plaque on one side and hers on the other. Full story on www.FishersIsland.net



SAVE THE DATES:

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

FOR ALL UPCOMING FI EVENTS



SENIOR LUNCHEON

Join us for our last luncheon until the fall! Everyone over 60 is invited! Thursday, May 18 RSVP to Heather Burnham

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 May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3

ISLAND COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Next May 8, June 12 5:30-6:45 pm @ the Community Center. Community members are welcome and encouraged to attend the ICB meetings.

LIBRARY BOOK GROUP

April 11: The Time in Between by Maria Duenas



CONSERVANCY SPRING MIGRATION BIRD COUNT

May 6 Parade Ground Tour 5:00 pm May 7 Spring Migration Bird Count begins at the Community Center 8:00-11:00 am All are welcome and bring your binoculars!



Photo Credit: Jane Ahrens

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APRIL 2017: FOGGY MORNING AT HHC'S 2ND HOLE. PHOTO CREDIT: ALEX MCKOWN