

Village of Asharoken

Due to COVID-19 our Fireworks Display for Fourth of July has been cancelled for 2020

June 11, 2020

Dear Property Owners and Residents,

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 the Fireworks by Grucci display has been cancelled for the Fourth of July. The decision to cancel the fireworks was made in April when the Village had a window to inform Grucci of the cancellation without a financial penalty. Additionally, and more importantly, the Board of Trustees decided that cancelling the fireworks was the right decision from the perspective of public safety. We expect that our **2021 Fireworks Celebration** will be better than ever. Please do not light off your own fireworks. **The lighting off of fireworks on your own is illegal in the Village of Asharoken.**

The traditional Fourth of July bonfires can continue but we ask that everyone use extreme caution and common sense. Please consider everyone's safety prior to lighting your bonfire.

This year low tide will be at approximately 5:43 pm on the Fourth of July. Since we will have a low tide please assemble your bonfire at the high tide mark, and keep your bonfire within the parameters listed below. Please follow the advice of the police to modify your fire if it does not conform with the following guidelines.

- **Do not light bonfires prior to 8:00pm.**
- **If bonfires are to be cancelled, the police will notify you by sounding THREE AIR HORN BLASTS at 8:00pm as they patrol Asharoken Avenue.**
- No stacking of materials to be burned higher than 6 feet.
- No fires if there is an onshore wind.
- Shovels, fire extinguishers and hoses must be available and ready near the fire.
- No fires within 120' of a strung piping plover nesting area.
- No fires near beach grass, bulkheads or any other structures.
- No burning of treated lumber or green landscaping debris.
- All fires must be attended by a responsible adult at all times.
- Clean up and properly discard all debris and unburned material.
- Please comply with any changes our police officers ask of you regarding your fires.
- Our beach dunes and grass are thriving; remind your guests not to walk on the dunes.
- **Lastly, lighting off fireworks on your own is illegal in the Village of Asharoken.**

Thank you for your cooperation and have a safe and healthy Fourth of July!

Mayor Greg Letica, Deputy Mayor Pam Pierce, Trustee Mel Ettinger, Trustee Laura Burke and Trustee Ian Jablonski