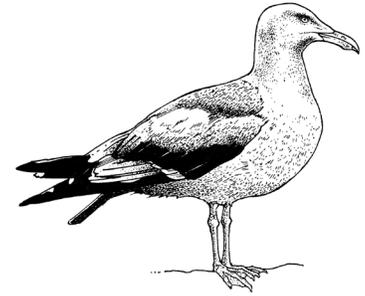


ASHAROKEN NEWS



MAYOR'S LETTER

Dear Neighbors,

It is hard to believe that summer has flown by and a new school year is right around the corner. I hope that everyone had a wonderful season enjoying everything that Asharoken has to offer. To keep Asharoken beautiful, please join our Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, September 28th. It is up to all of us to keep our wetlands and beaches clean.

I would like to encourage everyone to provide the Village with their e-mail addresses. It is the goal of the Village to communicate better, save money and be green by corresponding electronically as much as possible. Ideally, the Village would like to eliminate most paper mailings. I would also urge everyone to sign up to the Asharoken Twitter account, @asharokenny. Twitter is an extraordinarily good way for you to get real-time updates on road closures and other important Asharoken announcements. Finally, visiting the Asharoken.com web site is a great way to find out more about what is going on in our village.

National Grid's applications to the ACOE and the Town of Huntington for permits to dredge and place sand on the beach should be finalized this month. Once these permits are issued, NG will commence dredging and placement of 45,000 CYDs of sand on the beach during fall. The Village asked that sand placement begin at the first house closest to the power plant (approximately 1000 feet from the west jetty) and the ACOE/DEC agreed to this request. Previously, the placement began 2000 feet from the west jetty and bypassed many homes nearer to the plant.

The Army Corps of Engineers and the NYS DEC have finalized their cost sharing agreement and the ACOE has begun work on the feasibility study. The ACOE has conducted an economic analysis of the Village and from this information the ACOE will do a

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ELEVATED HOMES ASHAROKEN AFTER SANDY

By Doug Adil, Superintendent of Buildings

Most types of homes, including wood frame, brick veneer, slab-on-grade, crawl space or homes with basements can be elevated above floodwaters. This is a reliable flood-proofing method and requires little human intervention to prepare for a flood. Elevation requirements vary with the specific location in Asharoken, but the new lowest floor elevation should be at or above the 100-year-flood level.

In Asharoken, we have three projects that involve elevation, moving and/or reconstructing entire homes. Elevating a home requires the services of plumbers, electricians, house movers, and contractors. Because the new foundation will be in the floodwaters, it is important that it be structurally designed to withstand lateral (sideways) forces like fast-moving currents and the impact of waterborne debris; a structural engineer usually assists in designing such a foundation.

In addition to entire houses being elevated or relocated, it is also important to consider elevating the "infrastructure" that supports the operation of your home. This includes elements such as emergency back-up generators, A/C condensers, and main electrical service panels.

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HURRICANE SEASON IS UPON US

The Village has inserted a Request-For-Information form in this newsletter. You are requested, but not required, to complete it and mail or drop it off at Asharoken Village Hall, 1 Asharoken Avenue, Northport, NY, 11768, In the event of an emergency evacuation due to severe weather, the information will be given to first responders if they request it.

MAYOR'S LETTER *continued.*

cost benefit analysis of the project. Linda and I took a drive out to West Hampton Dunes to see their restored beach and their public access points. Public access points are required if federal and state funds are used to restore a private beach. I will report more information on this topic as soon as we have an opportunity to discuss it with the DEC/ACOE. Mayor Vigilante of West Hampton Dunes has offered to help Asharoken with our beach restoration and could not have been more gracious and helpful when I spoke to him.

Village hall plans are moving forward slowly and carefully. The Village is finalizing the selection of a construction management firm that will cost estimate the project, prepare the bid package, assist in bid selection and oversee construction. Trustee Ettinger, Trustee Pierce, and I went to Wingdale, New York to see the factory of Westchester Modular. As a result of the visit, our feeling was that modular construction must be considered. Additionally, the Reconstruction Committee was given a presentation on SIPS construction. Our CM will look into both of these options as well as conventional wood framing when they prepare our cost estimates. The Village provided FEMA with an itemized cost estimate to repair the old structure. We expect to hear back from FEMA in September and the Village will then be able to apply these funds towards the new village hall. With this information (cost estimates and FEMA reimbursement), Asharoken will be in a much better position to determine how to move forward. The Village has also applied for a \$50,000 grant for the new building.

In closing, I would like to note the passing of long time residents Elex Ingersoll, Louis Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Deckowitz, Mr. James Greenlees, and David Sarser, as well as former police officer Bill Uihlein. They will be missed. Our condolences go out to their families.

Mayor Greg Letica

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**POLICE
REPORT**

**By Ray Mahdesian,
Officer-in-Charge**

It is not uncommon for the Asharoken Police Department to sometimes provide assistance beyond the borders of the Village. Depending upon the situation, our officers may decide at a moment's notice that it is necessary to take immediate action in the nearby vicinity.

Case in point. On the afternoon of Friday, August 9, a severe thunderstorm with fierce lightening and driving rain suddenly hit the area. Shortly thereafter, at approximately 3:15, the police radio dispatcher broadcast the report of a house fire on Winkle Point Drive, outside of the village on Eatons Neck.

Sid Lynn was the officer on duty and Mitch Bank had just docked the police boat because of the weather. They immediately responded to the location, arriving just ahead of the Eatons Neck Fire Department. Commissioner Mel Ettinger and I also responded from our station to help. By then, flames were going up the side of the house, the result of a lightning strike.

Our police cars carry fire extinguishers, so the officers immediately went to work. Mitch checked to make sure everyone was out of the house while Sid began battling the blaze with our extinguishers. Sid actually knocked down a good portion of the flames at the same time the fire department was stretching their hose lines. Eatons Neck made quick work of the fire. They were assisted by the Northport Fire Department who came to help. Asharoken's presence was already quite obvious when Mayor Greg Letica arrived. He soon began handing out bottles of water to the firemen at work.

It did not matter that this incident occurred in a different jurisdiction. Asharoken promptly provided vital assistance to our good neighbors on the Neck in a time of need. Eatons Neck has done the same for Asharoken, especially during storms. Just a few weeks ago, Eatons Neck Fire Department cleared a huge tree for us that had been blocking Lighthouse Road.

Your Police Department is proud to serve where needed, regardless of boundaries. It is simply a case of neighbors helping neighbors--and that is the way it should be.

A DUNE-WORTHY DELICACY

The beach plum (*Prunus maritima*) is a native plant, prized in communities like Asharoken, for its hardiness and dune stabilization. It prefers a salty location. There it will be resistant to drought, blowing sand, and wind. In sand, it will grow 4 to 10 feet tall



and even taller farther inland. Its root system is deep, which helps the stability of this shrub-like tree. If lower branches are covered by shifting sands, new roots develop to create a layering effect as wide as 20 feet.

The tree blooms in April to early May. Its profuse white flowers turn pinkish after they are pollinated. The edible cherry-sized purple fruit appears first as small green berries which ripen into cherry-sized purple fruits. Harvest time is usually early September.

This has been a banner year for the Beach Plum, so evocative of old-time summers at the beach. Here's a highly prized recipe for **Beach Plum Jelly** from an Asharoken expert, Pat Rittenhouse:

Ingredients

3 1/2 cups prepared juice (about 2 quarts ripe beach plums), **6 cups sugar**, **1 package Certo fruit pectin**

Preparation

Thoroughly crush unpeeled and unpitted beach plums. Add 2 1/2 cups water, bring to a boil, and simmer covered for 30 minutes. Strain the juice in a colander lined with cheesecloth. Measure 3 1/2 cups of the liquid into a large saucepan. Add all the sugar, place over high heat and bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Stir in all the Certo at once. Bring to a full rolling boil. Boil hard for one minute. Remove from heat and skim off foam with a metal spoon. Pour or ladle the jelly into hot sterile jelly jars, filling them to 1/4 inch below the jar tops. Wipe the rim of the jars, seal, and store in the refrigerator. Yield is 6 cups.

OUR NEW VILLAGE HALL

By John W. Ross

Chair, Village Restoration Development Committee

As I stated at the last Board of Trustees meeting, the N.Y.S Department of Environmental Conservation has approved and issued the Village the required DEC permit to construct our new Village Hall in the location submitted in our application. We have since submitted plans and made application to the Suffolk County Board of Health for a permit to construct a new septic system on the site and are already addressing comments from that department to expedite that permit.

At this time, the construction drawings are complete and I will make these drawings available for our residents to view at the September Village Board Meeting.

The Mayor and members of the Village Board have interviewed a number of Construction Management firms and are in conversation with The Facilities Management Group to estimate the cost of and manage our project. They have also revisited the idea of modular construction and are in contact with Westchester Modular Homes. This form of construction may prove to be the least expensive and fastest method of building for our project.

On Saturday August 17, at my request, Bill Chaleff who is a LEEDS Certified Architect and principal in the architectural firm of Chaleff and Rogers in Water Mill, gave a power-point presentation on Structural Insulated Panel Construction (SIPS) to my committee. Bill is not only an expert in SIPS design and construction, but he also designed the first Solar house and sub-terrain house on Long Island. Bill's firm has designed many commercial and municipal projects including the Southampton Village Hall and buildings at National Golf Links. His presentation was extremely informative and I cannot thank him enough for driving in from East Hampton for a 9:00 A.M. Saturday meeting in Northport.

After researching SIPS construction, this method of construction may prove to provide the best building performance for our project requirements. This construction does not require a crawl space (which would allow water and moisture to enter the building), reduces air infiltration, has much greater insulation properties, and cuts prevailing wage labor costs due to the speed of construction.

You can view Westchester Modular Homes and Chaleff and Rogers Architects on line as well as Ridgeview Construction Structural Insulated Panel SIP House – You Tube

BONFIRES GALORE! JULY 4, 2013

As always, the holiday was celebrated in Asharoken with great joy and enthusiasm. The pictures below were taken by Steve Silverman, Asharoken Village Photographer. Bonfires and fireworks were photographed from Trustee Pan Pierce's house.



The Asharoken police ready to patrol on the Fourth. Pictured from left, are Officers Sid Lynn, Jim Cox, Mitch Bank, Alex Rubino, Officer-in-Charge Ray Mahdesian, Mayor Greg Letica, Trustee and Police Commissioner Mel Ettinger, Jeff Josephson, Brian O'Connor, Mike Tetro and Dennis Magerle.

NOTES FROM VILLAGE HALL BLOOD DRIVE

The Eaton's Neck Fire Department will have a fall blood drive on November 5, 2013 from 2 PM to 8 PM at the Eatons Neck Fire House. Please find time to donate. It's usually this time of year when supplies at New York Blood Service run low. Go to www.Asharoken.com for more information.

BE A GOOD CITIZEN

Don't you want to know what's going on in the Village? Here's one way to find out. Attend your Village Board Meetings. They are at the Northport Power Plant, 301 Waterside Road. Photo ID is required. The dates are: **Tuesday, October 1, Monday, November 4, Tuesday, December 3.**

GOOD NEWS FROM THE DEC

Regarding DEC General Permits for repairs due to Sandy: The DEC has given residents in Nassau and Suffolk Counties an extended time period to complete the work on damaged structures due to Sandy.

The first General Permit issued was (GP-2-12-002) and it expires on October 31, 2013. The new General Permit (GP-2-13-003) will give residents an additional year to complete work associated with damages due to Sandy. This permit expires on October 31, 2014.

In order to receive the extended time, you must fill out a new Notice of Intent (NOI) by April 30, 2014, please email the NOI to: email: sandyr1@gw.dec.state.ny.us. Once the DEC receives your NOI, then they will issue you the new general permit. Please keep in mind that a Building Permit may still be required, depending on the repair.

A new Notice of Intent and for more information on what the general permit covers may be found at Village Hall.

NOTES FROM BIG BLUE



By Barry Bradley

Yard waste pick-up will begin again this fall. Pick-up dates are the second Tuesday of every month through December.

Please follow these directives:

- Yard waste materials consist of leaves, bundled branches and gardening debris.
- Grass clippings, stumps, and lumber cannot be picked up.
- All yard waste material must be stored in clear plastic trash bags.
- No more than eight bags will be picked up each month.
- All bags must be placed at curbside.
- Please don't place your bags out until the night before the pick-up date.

Recycling materials: Please keep in mind that the Village receives credit for all newspaper and cardboard recyclable items.

SAVE THE DATE!

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS FOR A GALA EVENING

Date: Saturday, November 2, 2013

Place: Northport Yacht Club

Time: 7 PM

Tickets: \$75 each

**COCKTAILS
DINNER
RAFFLES**

INVITATIONS WILL FOLLOW

Those who would like to lend a helping hand for the event, please call Carole Casamassima at 261-1895.

ASHAROKEN FACTS

Who is Chief Asharoken and why do we have the sculpture of a native American in front of Village Hall?

Chief Asharoken, the Sagamore of Ketewomoke, "sold" the Mattinecock Indian hunting grounds to



Theophilus Eaton, the first elected governor of New Haven, in 1646. The property was to become Eatons Neck, Asharoken, and Northport. The Chief then "resold" the property to Jonas Wood, William Rogers, and Thomas Wilkes for "two coats, four shertes, seven quarts of licker, and eleven ounces of powder." A court eventually recognized Eaton's prior possession of the land.

The original drawing of the Chief was created by the cartoonist Rube Goldberg, a long-time resident of Asharoken, and used as a logo for the Village. Much later, it was the inspiration for the marble statue, donated by Victoria and Anthony Sbarro.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: COASTAL CLEANUP

Every year, we ask volunteers to participate in this community event. Join the hundreds of people who have worked together in the past to make this such a success at cleaning our beaches. All residents, their friends, and their families are invited to come out on September 28, 2013 from 9 to 4. The rain date is September 29th. Our meeting place is Village Hall parking lot--1 Asharoken Avenue.



This event is sponsored by the Village of Asharoken in conjunction with the Northeast Chapter of the American Littoral Society. Community Service hours and award certificates signed by our Mayor will be given to participants for school, scout, and/or religious purposes.

Last year, 250 volunteers collected about 4,000 pounds of shoreline trash from 10 different shoreline areas.

To sign up, please contact one of the Beach Captains: debmasteron@coastalcleanupny.com,

cathyzimmermann@coastalcleanupny.com or Michele Tilleli at the same e-mail. You may also call 631-662-2210

ASHAROKEN.COM CHECK IT OUT!

Go to the web site devoted to Asharoken plus lots of supremely useful local information). You'll be up-to date on what's happening. On the Bulletin Board, you can express your opinion, swap or sell items to your neighbors, or share advice. Because of Eric Maffei and Steve Trombetti, you'll find answers to many of your questions. Thanks to them both for all their hard work.

BIRDING

By Greg Letica



GREAT BLUE HERON

The minute you think you have seen all there is to see and know about our village, Asharoken peels back the onion to reveal another secret. Last week while walking on Bevin Road with my Golden Retriever, Kendal, I came across a Great Blue Heron standing in the middle of the road by the sluice. As we approached,



I expected it to fly off but all it did was just saunter out of our path. The bird was immature and still not old enough to fly. This fact leads one to conclude that Great Blue Herons nest in Asharoken and shows the importance of our open, natural space.

I looked up the bird and found out a few facts. It is a member of the heron family and is found throughout North America, Central America, the Caribbean, and the Galapagos. The birds we see here generally migrate to Central or South America for the winter.

They catch fish or frogs in shallow waters near dawn or dusk by wading and spearing them with their long sharp bills. They locate their prey by sight and quickly swallow it whole. They also catch their meal by diving head first into the water from a hovering position overhead. Some local residents blame Great Blue Herons for decimating their fish ponds.

Blue Herons build bulky stick nests in bushes or trees near the water's edge. They raise only one brood a year, producing three to six pale blue eggs, which hatch in about a month. Both parents feed the young by regurgitating food. Eggs and nestlings can be threatened by a variety of predators from hawks to raccoons, but adult have few natural predators in this climate. Elsewhere, the list includes, alligators, crocodiles, and bald eagles. Here, we are the predators if we destroy their environment.

ELEVATED HOMES *continued.*

Basic Steps in Elevating a Building

Here are some basic steps involved in elevating a structure:

- Hire an engineer or architect to design your relocated/ reconstructed home
- File with the Village for a Building Permit
- Retain appropriate professionals to disconnect all utilities
- Hire a professional house mover to disconnect your house from the existing foundation, jack it up to the new height, and provide a temporary foundation
- Build a new, permanent foundation
- Have the house mover lower the house onto the new foundation and connect the foundation to the house
- Have the utilities permanently reconnected

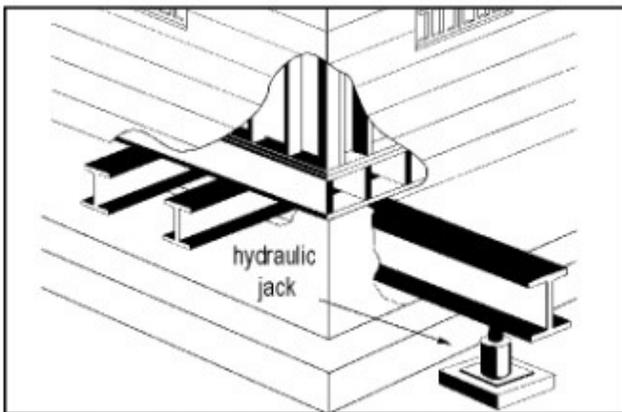


Figure 1: I-beams are placed under lift points perpendicular to floor joists with a second set beneath for uniform lifting.

The following pictures illustrate some of these steps as implemented in Asharoken this summer:



Front view of another house being totally reconstructed on new wood pile foundation.



View of the new structure, showing the relationship of piers and main floor level to adjacent grade.

Remember that all machinery and equipment servicing the building must be elevated to or above the base floor elevation or designed to prevent water from entering or accumulating during flooding. Such machinery/equipment includes but is not limited to furnaces, heat pumps, water heaters, air conditioners, washers, dryers, refrigerators, and similar appliances, as well as elevator-lift machinery and electrical junction and circuit breaker boxes. Shown are two examples of elevated equipment:



Elevated back-up generator



Elevated A/C condenser

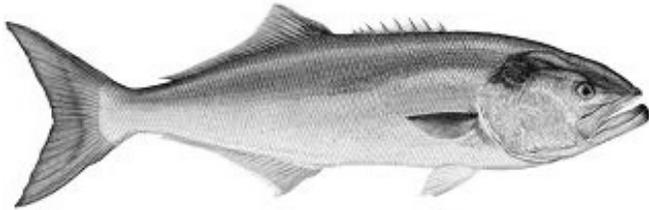
Be sure to obtain a building permit before doing work of this type. As always, for any questions, contact me at 631-935-5501 or dhadil@optonline.net

FALL FISHING IN ASHAROKEN

The fall is the time of year when the water around Asharoken has gotten cooler and bigger fish arrive in our waters. We've all seen the charter fishing boats lined up in front of the beaches at this time of the year. Blues and striped bass have arrived on our beach. Why not get out there and give surf casting a try?

Blues arrive in schools, ready to snap up their favorite forage fish. They will sometimes actually cause the water to churn as they attack en masse in shallow waters. It's what some people call a "bluefish blitz".

They are feisty, with very sharp teeth. It's a good idea to get out of the water when a school swims in



and to be very careful when removing the hook. A large blue can weigh 20 pounds. Those caught on the beach in Asharoken usually range in size from 8 to 12 pounds.

Blues are migratory. Once the seasons change and the water gets still cooler, they don't stick around. They're off to Florida!

According to Phil McGowan of Cow Harbor Bait & Tackle, "Blues are great fun. When they are running they are quick to take the bait, they usually put up a heck of a fight, and they make a great meal."

He suggests using shiny lures and to "throw it out and reel it in fast". He also suggests a metal leader so the blues won't bite the line off with their sharp teeth.

The other fish that arrive here in the fall are striped bass. While the largest ones are caught from boats, they can also be hooked right off the beach. The biggest one ever caught in Long Island Sound, at 81.88 pounds, was taken in August, 2011 off Westport, Connecticut

Stripers caught at the beach can weigh between 20 and 30 pounds although they are usually smaller. Top water lures, such as darters, wood plugs, needlefish, bucktail, and metal lip swimmers are recommended.

Use with a 9-foot to 11-foot rod and about 200 yards of line. Live bait, such as clams, sandworms, and bunker are often used.

Stripers spawn in fresh water, but live most of their lives in salt. Ours originate in the Hudson River. Those that arrive off our shores will migrate south during the winter and return again in the fall. When they are mature, they'll make their way back to the



Hudson to spawn.

Captain Stuart Paterson of Northport Charter says, "The most important thing to know about fishing is that you have to get out and do it. Once you start, you'll probably get hooked."

Ed Yule of Asharoken certainly agrees. He surf casts nightly on the bay side at Carter's Bight from late spring through mid-November. He's usually there quite late at night, when there's no boat traffic and, he believes, the fish come in closer to shore.

He says, "Surf casting is the most difficult kind of fishing. You have to put your time in. By now, I am able to listen to the fish and can actually hear when they are feeding or jumping."

He adds, "The best time to fish is an hour after high tide when the water is moving. It has become second nature for me to study the tides, the winds, and the weather."

Ed is on the beach every night for about an hour. Whether he catches a fish or not, he says, "I see a shooting star every night. It's a good way to end the day. The best part of living in Asharoken is that I can walk outside and fish in my backyard. Of course, eating the fish isn't bad either."



DUCK ISLAND CRARY ESTATE SOLD

By Joan G. Hauser



John Rittenhouse, the second generation of a long-time Asharoken family, is purchasing the Crary home on Duck Island. The sale will be final in early fall.

Members of John's family have served the Village of Asharoken for many years. His father, George Rittenhouse, was Police Commissioner and his mother, Pat, was a Trustee and a member of the Asharoken Board of Zoning Appeals. His sister, Laura, now sits on the Asharoken Village Board of Trustees and his sister-in-law, Nancy Rittenhouse, is our village clerk.

As he says, "I grew up here. Four out of five of my siblings live here or nearby. This is where I hope to retire some day. Despite my initial plans to downsize, I've had my eye on this property from the beginning. It's a unique, beautiful, and peaceful spot."

At 55, he and his wife, Elke, have five children aged 22 to 9.. He's not planning to retire for a while. As he says, "There's plenty of time. I'm not going to plan anything until I look over the house with an architect. Then I will decide how much to renovate or re-do. It is 83 years old. The furnace alone is huge and inefficient by today's standards. Of course, there's no air conditioning. My goal will be to make it livable for me and my family. Meanwhile, we hope to use it for vacations."

The Rittenhouse family has many reunions. "This will be a perfect venue," John says. I can easily come up with 100 people in my extended family. Inviting them all to Duck Island would be lots of fun."

He hopes to take up sailing again when he's here.

At present, John lives in London where he is chief executive officer of EDF Trading, an international trading company to energy markets operating in all commodity lines. He will soon move to Texas with the same company.

With 21.9 acres, on a very private peninsula, the Crary Estate is Asharoken's second largest property after the Morgan Estate. The 6,722-square-foot Swedish Manor style house has 11 bedrooms and 6 1/2 baths. Formerly owned by the late Miner Crary, Jr., it was built by his father, Miner Dunham Crary Sr., in 1928 using Louisiana swamp cypress. Located on the highest point on the peninsula, the house offers a view of the water from every window.

On the property, there are many additional structures--a guest house, barn, and wine cellar as well as a pond, baseball field, and 5,000 feet of private beachfront, with a sandy beach on the south side and a seawall with a walking path on the north side. Long considered one of the most magnificent properties in Asharoken, its vista of Long Island Sound and Northport



WRITE FOR THIS NEWSLETTER

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ASHAROKEN'S BEACH LOTS

By Ed Carr

For this issue, Joan and I decided to explore the history of the beach lots. Asharoken Village has approximately 330 homes. The Village also has approximately 118 parcels that serve as "beach lots." In most cases, these beach lots are not owned by Village residents, and are too small to allow for the set-backs required to construct a single family home. As a result, Asharoken has a significant number of families who own property in the Village, and even pay Village property taxes, but who can't vote, since that is a requirement of residency.

Eleven of these lots are located on Northport Bay at the end of Beach Plum Drive, and are legally attached to single family homes on Beach Plum. Those lots are encumbered in that they are legally attached to their respective building lot on Beach Plum, and can't be separately sold. They are accessed by a 50 foot wide road that runs along Carter's Bight, and are in Residential Zone B, which requires one acre and 100 feet on a public road to build a structure. As a result, they can never be built upon, and they only serve as a piece of private beach (with riparian rights) to benefit each private owner of Beach Plum.

The other 107 beach lots are all located farther north on Asharoken Avenue in Residential Zone A which requires 50 feet on a public road to build. There are 76 lots located on the former Laura DeLamater Bevin property subdivided in 1920, while 31 lots are located on property formerly belonging to Laura Robinson Donnell near the Bevin Road intersection with Asharoken Avenue, subdivided in 1927. Some of the Bevin Lots are encumbered in that they are legally attached to homes on Bevin Road and Kew Court. But the majority of the Bevin and all of the Donnell lots are free from encumbrances, and can be bought and sold as separate bathing lots without an accompanying home.

BEACH LOT RULES

By Officer-In-Charge, Ray Mahdesian

Each year the Village Clerk issues parking passes to beach lot owners of parcels where parking is permitted. The reason for this is so that the police on patrol will be able to monitor parking to make sure that only owners, or those authorized by the owners, are parking on the lots. Parked cars that do not display the permit card, which is designed to be placed on the rear-view mirror, are ticketed. To protect the dunes, beach lot owners are not allowed to park on the Sound side. The number of cars allowed on the parking lots is determined by the width of the lot. Lots less than twenty feet wide may not have more than two vehicles. Lots twenty feet or more in width may have three motor vehicles plus one motor vehicle for every full ten feet in excess of twenty feet in width. For example, a lot 30-39 feet wide may have four cars, 40-49 feet may have up to five.

To protect the dunes, beach goers are asked to use the closest stairs and to not walk on the dunes. Small cooking fires are permitted if there is an off-shore breeze. (Make sure a shovel is handy for fire safety). Tents are not permitted on the beach unless a permit is issued through the Village Clerk's office. Beach lot owners are asked to keep their beaches neat and free of clutter to preserve the beauty of our shore. For further information, contact the Village Clerk or the police.

WHO ARE THE BEACH LOT OWNERS?

By Joan G. Hauser

I interviewed only a few beach lot owners--those who do not live in Asharoken, yet share our beaches. It's time, I thought, to learn a little more about some of our neighbors.

Wendy and Roy Erlandson, Northport

They purchased their lot in 1976. Wendy says, "When our kids were young, we'd come to the beach every day. I'd bring lunch so we could make a day of it. We even used to play badminton there." She says the funniest thing that ever washed up on the beach was a queen-sized headboard. It was when the movie, *Bob & Carol & Alice & Ted*, was a big hit, so they took many pictures of their friends posed on a beach blanket with their heads against it. Wendy loves being on the beach during the week when it is empty. "It is like being at a resort. We could be in Bermuda! We'd catch our dinner and cook it right there on the beach. Delicious!"

Stephen and Evann Perolizzi, Northport

Stephen says, "My father always wanted to have one, so we bought it 3 or 4 years ago for us and for him. We walk the dog, a miniature Schnauzer, on the beach several times a week. All I have to do is to say 'beach' and

he gets all excited.” He adds that he loves the Fourth in Asharoken. One of his favorite memories was his nephew’s eighth birthday. They buried a small chest of old coins so he could dig up the “pirate gold”.

David Urquhart, New York City and Eatons Neck

His beach lot has been in his family since 1934. In the early days, before there were any regulations, he remembers, “We built a parking lot on the Sound side using steel covered in lattice and top soil. It was great until it washed away in a storm two years later.” In those days, there were very few beach lot owners, so the beach was always empty. He can remember walking to the end of the 4-foot high groins, today barely visible in the sand, and diving off into the water. After he was about five years old, they began coming every summer. They even moored their boat on the beach. During World War II, life jackets, hats, pea jackets and other nautical clothing frequently washed



up on the beach, flotsam from merchant ships at a time when German U-boats patrolled our coastal waters.

Nick and Elyse Marino, Northport

The Marino’s purchased their beach lot four years ago. As Nick explains, “When gas for my boat got too expensive, I sold it one week and bought a beach lot the next. We go every day all year long. In the summer, we swim, kayak and canoe. Even in the winter, we go down every evening after I come home from work in New York. It’s better than a martini! The beach is paradise.” Best of all, he enjoys taking his granddaughter to “PopPop’s Beach.” The most unusual thing that washed up was a broken up paddle boat

from Connecticut. Parts of his present beach steps were rescued from the Bay after a storm.

Marie and Dean Failey, East Northport

Their lot was purchased in 1954 with four original owners. Eventually, Dean’s father, Harold, who loved surf casting, retained sole ownership. His children, Dean and Dawn, learned to swim there when they were 6 and 4 years old. Says Marie, “We use the beach often. Sometimes, we go down and just sit there. It’s magical.” Whenever Dawn and her family come in from Iowa, they love to go down to “their” beach with all the cousins. Now there are grandchildren as well. Three generations have enjoyed the serenity and privacy of “Failey Beach.”

Bill Shotwell, Northport

Bill bought his lot about 20 years ago with a friend. He says, “I used to go there all the time--particularly in the winter. That’s when the beach is great and no one else is around. I used to love to walk to the Coast Guard station.” He explains that one of the reasons that he likes to come there is that he remembers his first wife and his daughter, whose ashes are in Long Island Sound. He collects beach glass and has strung it up and displayed it in his home.

Mary Anne and Joe Wetzel, Eatons Neck

Mary Anne’s father bought the lot because he loved to fish. When she and Joe sold their boat, they began to use the lot more frequently. “Nowadays,” she says, “we go down almost every day at high tide. We bring a bottle of wine and a newspaper and just enjoy. We love it. I think, aren’t we lucky?” Nowadays, she’s happiest when her kids and grandkids (sometimes all 9 of them) visit. They love the beach! We can’t get the little ones out of the water. They always find something to play with. The best thing we found on the beach washed up from a boat. We’ve used it as a teak doormat for years. I’m also a beach glass collector.

Barbara and George Sumereau, Northport

Barbara says, “We’ve had our lot since 1972. We bought it with friends for \$3500 each and bought their share when they moved away. When we had young children, we were there every day. I remember a particular anniversary, which happens to fall on the birthday of our oldest. We all got up at 5 am, I made bacon sandwiches, and we picnicked on the beach at the crack of dawn.” She collects heart-shaped rocks and the driftwood that sometimes washes up on the beach. “Nowadays,” she adds, “we only go once or twice a year. Our daughter, who lives in Northport, goes much more often. Every Fourth of July, she burns her old bathing suits in our bonfire.”

SANITATION SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2  Labor Day	3 Pick Up	4 NC	5 Pick Up	6	7
8	9 Pick Up	10 YW	11 BCP	12 Pick Up	13	14
15	16 Pick Up	17	18 NC	19 Pick Up	20	21
22	23 Pick Up	24	25 BCP	26 Pick Up	27	28
29	30 Pick Up					

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2 NC	3 Pick Up	4	5
6	7 Pick Up	8 YW	9 BCP	10 Pick Up	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day	15 Pick Up	16 NC	17 Pick Up	18	19
20	21 Pick Up	22	23 BCP	24 Pick Up	25	26
27	28 Pick Up	29	30 NC	31  Pick Up		

BCP--BOTTLES, CANS, PLASTIC

NC--NEWSPAPER, CARDBOARD

YW--YARD WASTE PICKUP

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