



Changing Tides

THE NORTH SHORE BEACH NEWS

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A Message from the President

Greetings Members,

The summer is in full swing and it's the season that energizes our community. The sun and fun is abundant this time of year and I hope you are all taking advantage of our summer activities, food trucks and of course, the beach! This is always the time of year that I reflect on how beautiful this community is and how thankful I am to live here.

The Board has been hard at work keeping up with the needs of the beach season and clubhouse. As nominations open, that closes the chapter on board members who have decided their time has come to an end. I'm so grateful for the members of the board who volunteer so much of their time to support our organization. They are the true heart of NSBPOA and I want to sincerely thank them all.

We hosted our first financial planning meeting and it was such a great turnout. The clubhouse was full with supportive members who were all there with ideas and suggestions to help our current financial situation. I was humbled to see how many people came together to show their support. I'm confident we will come up with smart solutions as we navigate through this really difficult time.

We will continue to plan events and fundraisers through the fall and winter so keep an eye out for our communications. Thank you so much to the members who have helped plan and paid for many of our summer events. We couldn't do it all without you.

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the summer; making lasting memories and taking advantage of the long sunny days!

Sincerely,
MaryAnne Metzack, NSBPOA President

Board Officers

MaryAnne Metzack
President

Gina Carpenter
Vice President

Carol Jarski
Treasurer

Michael Gorton, Jr.
Secretary

Board of Directors

Vin Cipolla
Sandy Hooker
Bob Leonard
Laurie Morrow
Sean Ogonowski
Robin Paige
Stephen Rosario
Gene Stith
James Weber

2024 NSBPOA Financial Update

At our General Meeting on June 16, 2024 it was explained that our association is facing a financial crisis. NSBPOA was founded and operated as a fraternal organization with core principles of community, participation and volunteerism. Over time, we have evolved into a struggling association with growing business demands and a membership base with diverse interests and a different view of commitment to volunteerism. The board of directors is now tasked to put NSB on a path toward a sustainable future while honoring the traditions of the past.



The board of directors has tried to maintain a tradition of offering affordable membership rates as a need expressed by our community members, but unfortunately, keeping that model throughout the years has put NSB in a financial state where increased costs and necessary capital improvements are crippling the financial capabilities of the Association.

At a meeting held on July 29, 2024, members filled our Clubhouse and brought ideas and willingness to “Save the Beach”. It was discussed that there may be an increase in dues to \$300 over the regular membership rate. There will be no early bird rate as we have seen in the past, and that we need to tighten our purse strings more than ever. We received a tremendous response of feedback from the breakout sessions and we are still compiling the information.

In the meanwhile, please consider helping NSBPOA in our Save the Beach Campaign. We need our members to help “Save the Beach”, the board’s new fundraising campaign. We are asking members to please donate to help meet our financial obligations in the immediate future. We are grateful to all who have donated via PayPal and by sending us a check. We have already raised over \$15,000 which has helped close the gap in the shortfall that was predicted for this year. If you can afford to, please visit our website and our special landing page, here -> [“Save the Beach”](#) we need your help more than ever!

2024 NSBPOA General Membership Meeting Dates

Please join us for our General Membership Meetings. They are held at 9:30am at the NSB Clubhouse, 55 Clubhouse Drive, Rocky Point. All meetings are open to all NSB members in good standing. Members will be asked to sign in, **please be sure to bring your membership card and photo ID** as we do need to record your name and member number for credential verification. Please arrive a few minutes early to be sure you are checked in in a timely manner. We have done away with printing of the regular documents, prior to the meeting, please be sure to bring the documents we share with membership before the meeting.



The minutes from the previous general meetings can be found by [clicking here](#)

The agenda, when it is posted, can be found by [clicking here](#)

The financials when posted, can be found by [clicking here](#)

As per the bylaws, if you are unable to attend, but would like to have the association reach its quorum limit, please fill out the [proxy form](#) to count you as being present so NSBPOA may conduct its business. This must be received by the secretary either in person or via email prior to 11:59 PM on Saturday, prior to the General Meeting. This form is for proprietary members only.

Our meetings are a great place to learn more about the NSBPOA. Our meetings also offer members a chance to discuss any concerns or ask any questions you might have.

As always, coffee and breakfast pastries are served. We hope to see you at one of our future meetings!

- **August 25, 2024** - Annual Meeting & Elections Announced
- **September 22, 2024** - Swearing in of Board Members
- **November 17, 2024** - Budget Presentation and Board Affirmation

Election Update



As per our bylaws, the board has voted to hold the 2023 Election via secure electronic means, as we did the last two years.

On or about August 9, 2024 you will be receiving an email from the association via Election Buddy. This email will go to all proprietary members and it will go to the primary email on file. That email will be the first person listed on your membership

application. Only proprietary members will receive a ballot. A proprietary member is one who owns property within the boundaries of North Shore Beach as outlined in our bylaws. Note: those of you who DO NOT have a primary email listed will receive a paper ballot. That ballot will have to be postmarked by August 21st to be counted.

This year membership will be electing board members to hold the open positions. Those Board members elected will be serving one three year term. All positions will be filled by a plurality vote.

Your opportunity to vote as a proprietary member will remain open from the time your ballot is emailed to you until voting ends on August 23th at midnight. The results will be announced at the Annual Membership Meeting of NSBPOA on Sunday, August 25, 2024 at 9:30AM

If you DO NOT receive an email by August 12th, please check your spam or junk mail folder in your email account. If you still do not have an email from Election Buddy by August 14th, after checking your spam and junk folders, please email secretary@northshorebeach.org to verify your email address, and an electronic ballot will be emailed. Remember, a ballot will only go to the primary email on file, the same email you placed on the membership application.

Meet The Candidate



Sean C. Ogonowski: Sean is a law enforcement professional and adjunct professor. He has over 20 years' experience in K-12 up through higher education, developing and implementing programs in public and private settings. He is seeking a second term on the North Shore Beach Board of Directors.

Lieutenant Sean Ogonowski has been a Public Safety Officer on the Michael J. Grant Campus of Suffolk County Community College for over 10 years. He is responsible for protecting the College community on a daily basis to support the educational process. He is a committed ambassador for the College – greeting guests and assisting faculty, staff and students as they navigate the campus. He developed a Community Relations Program on campus by collaborating with Student Services and Campus Activities to allow Public Safety to become a positive resource for the campus community. He is responsible for the development of a RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) Program on the Grant Campus, which is a nationally renowned program that teaches techniques to prevent, escape and survive an attack, empowering individuals to be an active participant in their safety. He is an active member of the Brentwood community and the SCCC Coalition, which is a campus community coalition that is dedicated to reducing youth alcohol and drug misuse through education and prevention.

Lieutenant Ogonowski was awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award of Excellence in Classified Service for his assistance to fellow officers, colleagues and students, and his approach in creating a supportive learning environment that encourages all students to be successful. Sean has knowledge, expertise, and experience in Law Enforcement and Security Operations and incorporates this into his teaching and training students from high school to adult learners.

Mr. Ogonowski currently serves as an NSBPOA board member and is seeking a second term. He is committed to maintaining a safe environment for all members to enjoy recreation year-round. Mr. Ogonowski looks forward to working with the board to update programs that members enjoy, and plan new ones, so that we continue to build a strong sense of community for the members for generations to come.

Member Luke Pearson Helps Raise Funds for NSB!

Member Luke Pearson heard about our financial issues and took it upon himself to design and make t-shirts. Through his efforts, he raised \$500 to help NSB save the Beach! Thank you Luke and thank you all who helped! Luke is pictured with Vice-President Gina Carpenter accepting the donation along with wearing the t-shirt.



Help Keep Your Car Seats Clean During The Beach Season

Looking for a last minute gift? Need an early stocking stuffer? Is there someone on your list who is a little harder to buy for than the next person? Then, I think we have a gift for you! And it helps raise money for NSB! Consider purchasing a “Secret Sheet”

Visit our website to find out more!



Purchase your Secret Sheet here.

NSBPOA Summer 2024 Events



NORTH SHORE BEACH
PRESENTS
COMEDY
night

Friday
September 20th

7:30
PM

NSBPOA Clubhouse
55 Clubhouse Drive
Rocky Point, NY 11778
northshorebeach.org/comedynight
Ticket Prices increase Sept. 13th

\$45
Includes
Light Refreshments
Heroes
Snacks & Salads
BYOB



N.S.B.P.O.A.
NSBPOA Members
& their guests only

FIELD DAY

SATURDAY
August
17th
11am-3pm

at FRIENDSHIP BEACH

Admission: \$5.00 per child Ages: 3-15
Registration: online by Aug. 9th - after that \$10 per
Check In: 10 am (on the day of the event)
Games, races and other messy events.
(Don't forget your shaving cream)

Questions? Contact: Deanna Diamant
917-596-9029

Visit NorthShoreBeach.org to register for Field Day!

Visit our website to purchase tickets today!



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NOW!

THE RESURRECTION OF
SCREAMIN' JAY HAWKINS BAND
NORTH SHORE BEACH PROPERTY
OWNERS ASSOCIATION
**Halloween
Party**
FUNDRAISING EVENT

HELP SAVE OUR BEACH

NOV. **9** 2024

55 Clubhouse Drive, Rocky Point, NY 11778

Proposed Amendments to the NSBPOA Bylaws

At a recent Board of Directors meeting, the board has approved these bylaw amendments. Months ago, the board had approached the Bylaws Committee with ideas for changing the bylaws in two areas, waiting periods between officers after previously serving and the new role of the Nomination Committee, now a standing committee and how it is responsible for filling vacancies. After many discussions, and writings by the Bylaws Committee, the board approved the following changes. Please note, what is in red is being added or removed from the bylaws. You may find our current [Bylaws on our website](#)

These amendments will be read and voted upon by members at the Annual Meeting on August 25, 2024 . If approved by members at the meeting, they will go out via electronic ballot to all proprietary members. The wording in Red will be added and the wording in strikethrough will be edited by the writing in red.

Proposed Amendment Regarding Length of Waiting Period Between Holding Office For Board of Directors

ARTICLE V, Section 2

Section 2 Officers - The Officers of this Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer to be elected for a two (2) year term. No person shall hold an elected office for more than four consecutive years. However, such a person shall be eligible for election or appointment to an office they have previously held after a waiting period of **two (2) ~~six (6)~~** years. No two officers, elected or acting, shall be related by marriage, cohabitation, consanguinity, affinity or any other such family arrangement within the third degree.

Proposed Amendments Regarding the Filling of Vacancies to the Board of Directors

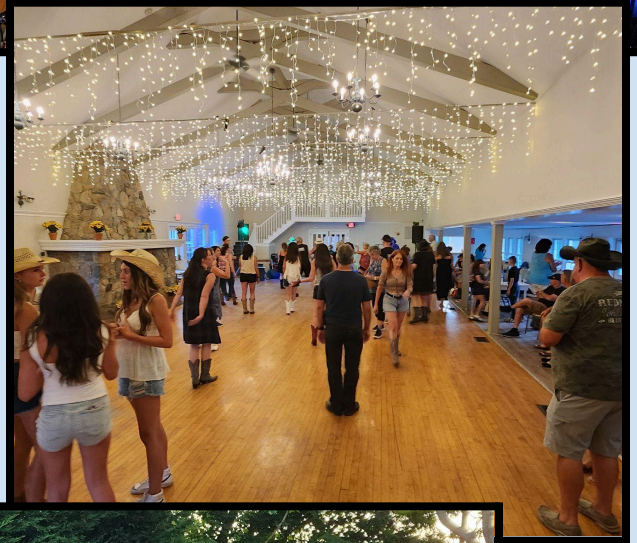
Article V Section 1

1C Nominating Committee - There shall be a nominating committee to propose candidates for the Board of Directors. This **Standing** committee shall consist of a minimum of five members ~~selected at the regular meeting two meetings prior to the elections~~. Two of the members shall be appointed by the President from the Board and three members shall **be** appointed by the President upon recommendation by the members ~~present at said meeting~~. The nominating committee shall select one of the non-board members to be its chair. The nominating committee shall present a slate of candidates at the regular meeting prior to the elections. Nominations from the floor can be made at said meeting, after which the nominations shall be closed.

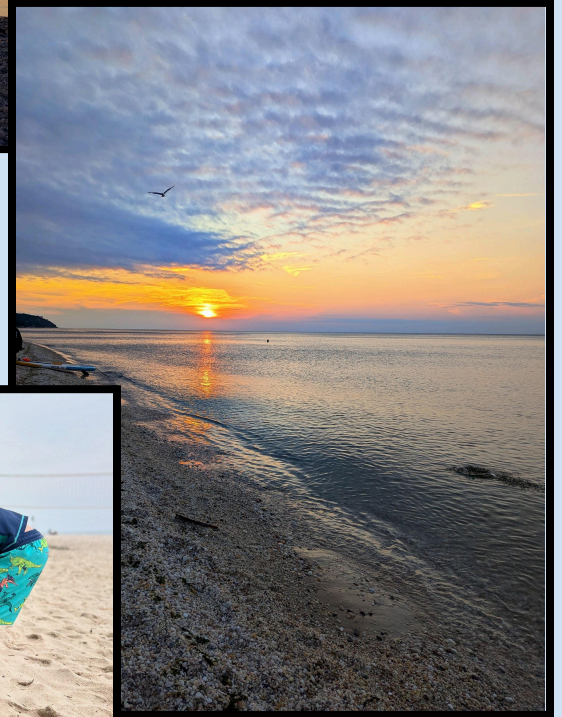
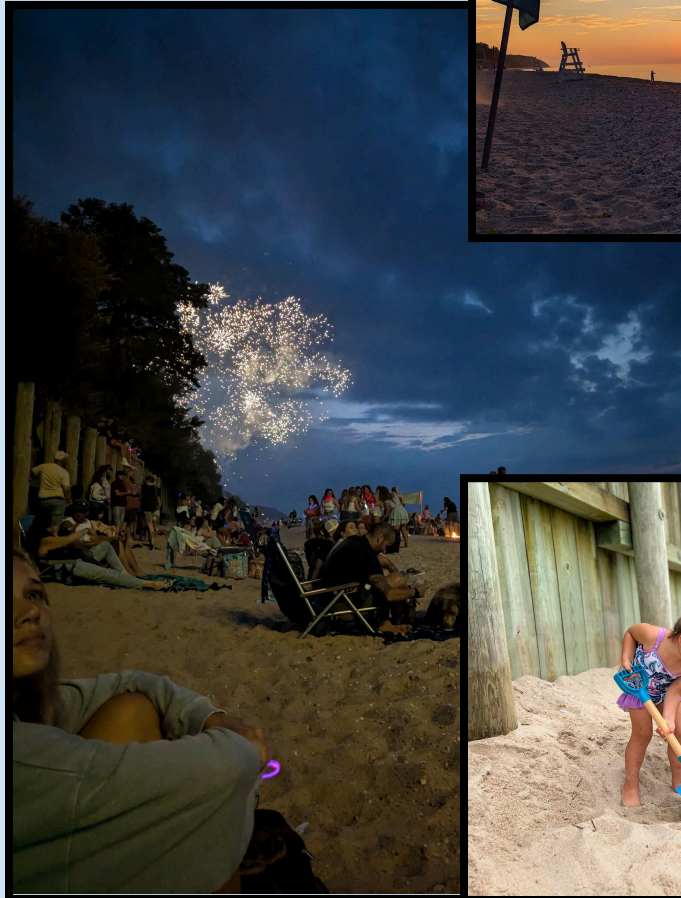
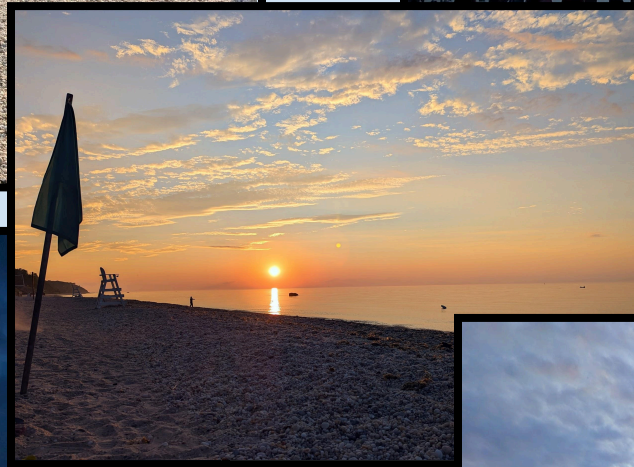
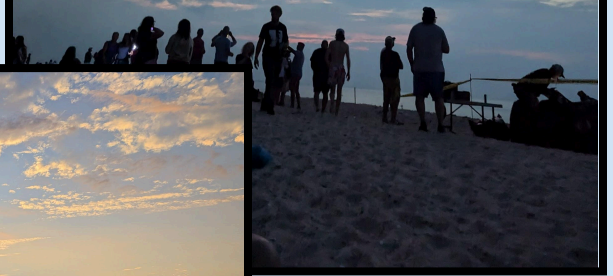
The Nominating Committee shall also be charged with screening candidates proposed to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors. Proposed candidates shall submit biographical information, any other such information as requested by the Committee and be interviewed by the Committee. The Committee shall make a recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding appointment to the Board to fill such vacancy.

Section 5 Vacancies - Any vacancy on the Board shall be filled by appointment of a qualified Proprietary member by the President with confirmation by the Board, as defined in Article III, Section 2, by the Board within **60 30** days. **Such appointment shall be made after the proposed candidate(s) has been interviewed by the Nominations Committee and upon recommendation of the Committee.**

Line Dancing with Southbound!



Summer Season Beach Tour!



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