

December 2017

HELLO CHERRY GROVE!!

What a crazy season of weather we had this year! Blistering heat and sweatshirt temps, sometimes both in the same week. Hurricane-force flooding twice without the hurricanes (thank heavens). Torrential rain and glorious sun. No matter the weather, we always manage to have a wonderful time in our little slice of paradise. But that's how we roll in Cherry Grove.

2017 was also a season of great accomplishments for CGCAI:

- We completed the sale of our beloved Doctor's House which opened the season as Northwell Health Care Center and quickly became our go-to for scrapes, colds, aches, pains and free flu shots.
- Poodle skirts and leather jackets abounded at our big fundraiser this year – a fab 50's Retro Party hosted for us at the Belvedere by the generous and very cool Craig and Julian.
- For the first time, the restored Community House was the site for the Honors dinner. We saluted Cherry Grove's wonderful honorees – and I must say it was a great night. Good food, good friends, a spectacular view of the bay from our new upper deck, and tributes to four people who make our town a fabulous place to live in.
- We along with The Fire Island Association have been working to address our concerns with the Sayville Ferry Service's proposed fare hike. These discussions have involved the Suffolk County Legislature as well as SFS. After several meetings and a filed document stating our concerns, along with emails from many of you to the legislators, they met Monday, Dec 11. A few things look hopeful and others need further action. On the plus side, the ferry service has agreed to continue to meet with us and the legislators and we believe we will get a better schedule next season. Our elected officials heard us and see that we have a voice. But they most likely will pass the increase proposal since it has been five years since the last one. Freight increases are still up in the air and we will continue to be in contact with the Steins about this. Thanks to all of you who wrote to the legislators.
- We continue to push forward on the rebuilding of the Cherry Grove dock, as well as participate in discussions with PSEG regarding a new power line to be installed sometime next year. Much more on this will be reported on by CGPOA at our first 2018 Membership meeting in May.
- Other issues on our agenda this year were action on the Tides eyesore on Ocean Walk and special sessions on mosquito and insect control. And just a few weeks ago when our dock got damaged by wind and waves, we collaborated with the Steins and the Town to get it back in business in less than a week. We also arranged and paid for passenger transport to the Pines ferry while ours was out of service.

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Since Cherry Grove is not an official political or governmental entity, it often falls to the Community Association to act as a “town council” or ombudsman on behalf of the community in our relationships with the mainland and other Fire Island towns. Year-round, we stay in touch with many officials in the Town of Brookhaven, the National Seashore, Fire Island Association, and others as issues arise. We also serve as the news source and try to keep us all up to date via Facebook posts, our website (www.cgcai.org), general membership meetings, and many email and hard copy blasts throughout the season.

That’s just part of why we want everyone – homeowners, businesses, renters and even weekend guests – to be part of CGCAI. We are your voice and your power to get things done. Membership is so important in keeping us aware of your concerns and needs. So please join us and ask your beach friends and neighbors to join, too.

Continue your CGCAI membership in 2018. Go to cgcai.org and click DONATE and it’s done. Or send a check to me for \$75 individuals or \$125 couples at my address above.

Make a year-end donation to CGCAI. Now’s the time to think about your charitable tax-deductible gifts and we’d love it if we are on your list. To make the most of your charitable tax deduction, be sure to get it to us by year-end.

And finally, don’t forget to submit your Honors nominations soon. You can do this on cgcai.org or send them to me at 77 West 24th Street, NYC, 10010. The website has the nomination form and guidelines for submission.

Have a joyous holiday season! Stay warm and well and we’ll see you in the spring.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane Romano". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Diane Romano, President



2018 COMMUNITY HONORS AWARDS

Nomination Guidelines

The Cherry Grove Community Association's annual Honors Awards were created in 2006 to recognize and pay tribute to those in our community who have made notable outstanding and enduring contributions to Cherry Grove. In 2010, we added the "Spotlight" awards, a special recognition for those no longer with us or those who live outside our community but made their considerable mark on us nonetheless. So far, fifty individuals have received awards.

To help you craft an award nomination submission, here are some things to bear in mind:

- 1) The nominee should have made an outstanding and enduring contribution that has benefitted the larger community of Cherry Grove and is generally understood as such by residents.
- 2) The nominee should have made this contribution over time, demonstrating a continuing commitment to the community and its quality of life.
- 3) Nominators should detail the contributions of the nominee as fully as possible and explain why these have had positive effects on our community.
- 4) Multiple nominations of the same candidate do not necessarily enhance the nominee's chances of winning. The selection process does take into consideration how many nominations for a single person have been received, but it is not the determining factor.
- 5) In the case of multiple nominations for the same individual, each nomination should reflect the individual thoughts of the nominator. It is not necessary to submit multiple copies of the same nomination with different signatures. Instead, it would be more significant to see the nominee presented from different perspectives.
- 6) You should download and use the Nomination Form included on page 2 of this pdf. These can be found on our website (cgcai.org). Hard copy forms are available from various Board members. If you have any questions, email: romanodiane@gmail.com
- 7) Nominations are closed as of January 31 of each year. Based on information in the submissions and our own perceptions, the CGCAI Board of Directors selects winners at its February meeting and announces their names at the first General Membership meeting in May.
- 8) Winners are honored at the annual Honors Dinner held in August.

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2017

Walter Kowalsky
George McGarvey
Roland Michely, Sue Panzer

2016

Sam Green & Chris Lacovara
Ceejay Rosen & Peg Ryan
Jack Ruolo & Richard Cooley
Maggie McCorkle

2015

Brian Clark & Troy Files
Gina Garan, Richard Schack
Lois McIntosh

2014

Alison Brackman
Don & Judy Hester
Lorraine H. Michels
Jeanne Skinner

2013

Gary Greene & Luis Valentin
Sal Piro, Phillip Stoehr
Glen Boles

2012

Matt Baney
Michael Coffindaffer, Carl Luss
Wallace Forstell

2011

Audrey Hartmann
Richard "Bella" Iorio
Donald LaBohn
Joe Sciallo

2010

Arthur C. Cohen
Robert Levine, George Oakley
Ginny Fields

2009

David Bullock
Thom Hansen
Doreen Rallo & Bobbie Green

2008

Joan Van Ness
Pierre Galarneau &
Frank Santoro

2007

Dominic DeSantis
Anna Tirado, MD
Joanne Tavis

2006

Michael Romanelli
Harold Seeley
Bill "Violet" Silver

