

August 23, 2017

Message from Diane Romano, President CGCAI

Good afternoon Cherry Grove

As you know, many of us signed a petition identifying our concern and disappointment in the sharp increase in pricing for passenger ferry freight. I hand delivered the petition to Sayville Ferry following our July Meeting.

Prior to receiving this letter, I did have a phone conversation with Ken Stein. Apparently, he never received the emails that I sent to him on this subject.....even though they did not kick back. I did some research with my IT department, and that is rare..but possible, so, let's just leave it at that. I would say that our phone conversation was strained but ended well with us agreeing to keep lines of communication open.

To that end, last Friday Ken reviewed the upcoming Early Fall and Fall Ferry Schedule with me. His points were as follows:

- 1.The Summer schedule is changing earlier by a few days..midweek after Labor Day rather than the following weeknd...their records indicate that it is a dead week.
2. The Early Fall Schedule is running a week later than usual and a 5:10/5:35pm has been added to Tues, Weds and Thurs...The 7:30/8:15pm Thurs Only remains
3. Some of the times have changed because the train schedule has changes in the mornings.
4. We will have an 8:20/8:50 pm on Saturdays through the early fall schedule
5. The Sunday 7:20/7:50 pm is running one week later than in the past.

The FALL schedule is also running a week later with an added 5:10/5/35pm on Mondays and an added 5:20/5:50pm on Saturdays.

Attached is a response from Judy Stein to the Petition we signed.



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Dear Sirs or Madams:

We received a petition indicating dissatisfaction with freight charges on passenger ferries between Sayville and Cherry Grove. Rather than write each person who may have signed the petition, we write you in your capacity as community organizations.

Earlier this year the Cherry Grove Dock District increased our annual cost of the public dock by over 76% - from \$17,000 to \$30,000 this year. This was a sudden and significant increase.

Limited freight service is provided on passenger ferries subject to available space and safety concerns. We hope that customers understand that passenger vessels are primarily designed to carry passengers whose safety and transportation is of paramount importance to us. Customers can significantly reduce their freight costs if they use the freight boat which regularly operates to and from Cherry Grove. This also avoids interference with passengers and potential delays or disruption caused by transporting freight on passenger vessels.

This summer we increased the charge for freight on passenger ferries, but these prices remain less than the maximum prices established under New York and Local Laws. Only items checked in, that take up additional space, or that may interfere with the safety are subject to a freight charge. Two hand-carried items continue to be permitted without charge.

Future increases in any charges on passenger vessels will be posted on our website at least 15 days in advance.

Apparently, several emails were never sent or received. Nonetheless, we have always answered letters dropped off at our office, as well as personal visits and phone calls. Also, meetings were attended and nothing was ever mentioned.

Thank you, and as always we remain proud to be a part of the Community.

Sincerely,

Judith Stein