



# Barnes Landing Association, Inc.

A Property Owners' Membership Corporation

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## SAVE THE DATE

BARNES LANDING ASSOCIATION  
BEACH GRASS PLANTING & BEACH CLEAN-UP

**Saturday, April 10th**

**11am-1pm**

**Rain date Sunday, April 11th**

We will be planting grass plugs and picking up debris.

Bring:

Trowel and garden gloves for planting  
Bug repellent

Beach Scavenger Hunt and Ice Cream Truck visit!

Help get the beach ready for Spring!

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

*Dear Neighbors,*

The first thing you may notice is that this President's Letter is NOT signed by Herb Fiero. This will be my first President's Letter, and the first order of business is to thank Herb and Janice for their many years of dedication to our community. Under Herb's leadership, Barnes Landing has been transformed into the community we have all come to love. I am speaking for all those who live in Barnes Landing in wishing Herb and Janice well as they begin a new chapter in their lives. They are lifelong honorary members of Barnes Landing, and have an open invitation to return to the community whenever they wish.

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## 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS \*

Saturday, May 29th	9 – 10 am	General Meeting
Saturday, June 12th	2 – 3:30 pm	Anna Mirabai Lytton Writers' and Artists' Showcase
Saturday, June 12th	4 – 6 pm	Spring cocktail party
Saturday, July 3rd	9 - 10 am	General Meeting
Saturday, July 17th	5 - 9 pm	Summer Beach party
Saturday, August 21st	9 am - 1 pm	Community Yard Sale
Saturday, Sept. 4th	9 - 10 am	General Meeting
Saturday, Oct. 9th	4 – 6 pm	Fall cocktail party

\* These are the currently scheduled dates. The actual holding of events is subject to review based on New York State guidelines for COVID-19 as they evolve over time.

## Barnes Landing Association Current Board Members:

<b>President:</b>	<b>William Sherman</b>
<b>Vice-President:</b>	<b>Francine Whitney</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Steve Dorn</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Miriam Bram</b>
<b>Directors:</b>	<b>Peter Cobb</b>
	<b>Jonathan Cohen</b>
	<b>Inda Eaton</b>
	<b>Rameshwar Das</b>
	<b>Butch Ginsberg</b>
	<b>Valerie King</b>
	<b>Stan Sandberg</b>
	<b>Stuart Willson</b>

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2020. What a year it has been. A year like no other. We behaved in ways that we never would have imagined: Going to work... from home; children going to school... from home; wearing masks each time we ventured out of the safety of our homes; always having hand sanitizer within arm's reach; isolating ourselves from friends and family. People who were technophobic learned how to order from Amazon. New words became part of our every day vocabulary: social distancing, de-sanitizing, COVID-19, vaccine, dexamethasone, antibody infusion, quarantine, herd immunity and the list goes on. 2020. A year like no other.

Our regular lives in Barnes Landing were changed as well. All of our usual events were cancelled; board meetings were held via Zoom. No one congregated on the beach to watch the fireworks displays; in fact, there were no fireworks at Devon this year. No meeting up of neighbors on the beach to share a bottle of wine. These were all experiences that we assumed we could enjoy each and every year, but not in 2020.

2020 did have some bright spots though. What is obvious to anyone who lives or visits here is the flurry of construction activity seen on almost every block. Take a walk down Watersedge to get a glimpse of what's going on. New homes are being built, and older homes have been undergoing renovation. The community has been a buzz of activity. Many residents remained in Barnes Landing all year rather than head back to their fall and winter residences. The community remains vibrant. People are there to talk to, to walk our dogs with, to sit outside (at a safe distance). Our

quiet little beach on the bay had a parking area that was full well into November. This tells me something. People have realized the beauty of living in Barnes Landing. We are a small enclave away from the congestion of the villages along Montauk Highway. At the heart of the community are the people who live here. We are the fabric of what is Barnes Landing.

Where are we headed in 2021? No one has that answer, but I am optimistic. Three vaccines have come out that appear to be highly effective. The number of people being infected continues to drop, and therapeutics have been developed to help treat those with active infection. We have gotten smarter dealing with the pandemic for sure. Understand that social distancing and mask wearing will be with us for a long time, but we will get through this if we behave in a responsible way.

The Barnes Landing Board of Directors has planned the calendar of events for this coming year and we are hopeful that we all will be able to enjoy our friends and neighbors the way we have in past years. As of this writing, it appears that larger social events might be allowed by the time summer arrives. The Board will monitor the situation closely and will make final decisions about each of our planned events based upon the recommendations of local, state and federal authorities at that time.

Rest assured the Barnes Landing Board will continue to work hard for our residents. Each board member is engaged and brings to the table individual talents of many kinds. We have created committees that allow us to continue to provide the community with the experience and efficiency it has come to expect. I want to personally thank the Board for all their help, insight and hard work in making this transition and supporting me as the new President of the Association. It will be impossible to fill the shoes that Herb has left behind, but I am sure the Board of Directors as a group will be able to live up to the task.

In closing, I want to thank all the members of our Association. Please reach out to us with any question or suggestions you may have. We are here to listen. I would like to personally welcome the new neighbors to Barnes Landing. I urge you to get involved- it's fun and rewarding. Let's all work hard to keep Barnes Landing safe. As each day passes we are a day closer to resuming our lives we have all cherished in Barnes Landing.

Stay safe, be well, and see you on the beach.

*Bill Sherman*



A typical Board of Directors meeting from 2020.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & GENERAL REMINDERS

### East Hampton Rental Registry

Homeowners who do summer rentals must be aware of East Hampton Town Local Law No. 38, regarding laws governing rentals in East Hampton. One must register a property with the Town’s Building’s Department and get a two-year permit in order to rent legally. The law limits rentals of fewer than fourteen days to twice in a six-month period. This means that short-term, weekend Air B&B rentals are allowed no more than four times a year. Violators may face large fines from the Town.

### Kayak Rack

Dues-paying members of the Barnes Landing Association may keep their kayak or paddle board on the rack installed on the beach. Watercraft are limited to two units per household; phone numbers and names must be visible on the kayak or board. As per town rules, nothing may be stored on the beach before April 1st or after November 1st. Locks that remain on the rack will be removed.

### Neighborhood Noise

Please be respectful of neighbors regarding outdoor noise and remind renters to do the same. East Hampton Town prohibits the use of outdoor speakers after 9 pm; this includes bluetooth and other wireless speaker systems.

### Keeping Our Streets Clean

Winter winds have blown bits of trash around the neighborhood. As part of your spring clean-up, why not clean up the area in front of your house? And, of course, always pick up your dog’s waste and dispose of it properly.

### East Hampton “Dark Skies” Rules

East Hampton Township has adopted Dark Skies policies, and outdoor light fixtures must conform to this in order

to reduce light pollution. Outdoor light fixtures must be shielded or hooded to prevent glare onto streets or into a neighbor’s home and property. The website [http://www.darkskysociety.org/handouts/eh\\_outdoorlighting.pdf](http://www.darkskysociety.org/handouts/eh_outdoorlighting.pdf) has a complete set of regulations.

### The Barnes Landing Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

Barnes Landing Association, Inc. has an Architectural Review Committee (ARC) whose mandate was set out in the Barnes Landing by-laws and is registered in East Hampton Town as part of the original 1958 incorporation of the Barnes Landing Association. It is the responsibility of all property owners in the Association who anticipate building anew or making outside renovations to an existing structure to submit a set of plans in a timely manner to the ARC. These plans should include anything that needs to be submitted for a building permit to the town of East Hampton. The ARC works to ensure that the character of Barnes Landing is preserved and maintained. Plans containing a site survey, architectural drawings (floor plans and elevations), and any changes to landscaping and fencing should be included. For more information or to submit plans contact [barneslandingarc@gmail.com](mailto:barneslandingarc@gmail.com).

### No Realtor or Commercial Signage

No commercial signage is allowed in Barnes Landing; this includes “For Sale” signs posted by realtors, as well as signage put up by vendors – contractors, pool builders, etc. Please inform your workers of this. Open house notices may be placed at street corners only for the duration of the open house. Building permits and contact information may be displayed in a window, on a door exterior or on a small post if it is a new construction project.

### AMBER PET ALERT

If your pet goes missing, send an email to [barneslandingassoc@gmail.com](mailto:barneslandingassoc@gmail.com) and an email will be sent out to the membership ASAP.

It is also recommended that you post a message to the Lost Pets column at the NextDoor website. (<https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/barneslanding--east-hampton--ny/>) This sends an alert to all NextDoor members in the area. There are also groups on Facebook for lost pets: **Bonac Pets** and **Lost and Found Pets of East Hampton**.

It is helpful in all these cases to include a recent photo of your pet.

# 2020 ARTISTS' AND WRITERS' SHOWCASE ON ZOOM



The Barnes Landing Association held its 19th annual Writers' and Artists' Showcase on July 18, 2020 via Zoom this year. The name of the event honors the late Anna Mirabai Lytton, daughter of longtime community members Rameshwar Das and Kate Rabinowitz, and sister of James Lytton. Although participants could not gather together in person, the Zoom showcase allowed some people to tune in and to present who otherwise could not have joined. The photo above is a screenshot of the Zoom presentation. Participants included Francine Whitney, Fran Castan, Martin Tucker, Carole Stone, Dee Slavutin, Bill Good, Elena Lesser Bruun, Lisa Awano, Ramesh Das, and Kate Rabinowitz. There were also some guests in attendance.

You can watch the entire 2020 Writers' and Artists' Showcase on YouTube at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=09tAfnJuy-8>

## Open Call for Artists, Writers, Musicians!

The 20th Annual Anna Mirabai Lytton Writers' and Artists' Showcase is currently scheduled to be held Saturday, June 12th, 2021, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Barnes Landing Association Meeting House. If we are unable to meet there, the gathering will be presented on Zoom.

Please email Lisa Awano, by May 1st if you would be interested in participating in this year's showcase: Lisa Awano at [ldawano@gmail.com](mailto:ldawano@gmail.com)

## nextdoor

Looking for a plumber, a contractor, or want to sell something locally? Join the Barnes Landing community at NextDoor. It's free and the site instantly connects you to the local community of Barnes Landing and nearby areas. Fast responses to all questions and it's a great place to post free classifieds.

<https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/barneslanding--east-hampton--ny/>