



THE BAY BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION

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SURVEY RESULTS tabulated...

Judy Neidrich tabulated the results of your survey responses. Here is that you are thinking (in order of most to least mentions):

Concerns:

- Weeds, algae, floaters, cutting
- Boat speed and noise
- Channel dredging
- Sewers
- Water quality
- Water levels
- Unused buoys
- Pier repair
- West Barrier Bar

Future Speakers:

- Someone from the county
- Someone who knows about Federal Program to improve the Great Lakes
- Sewer update meetings for seasonal residents
- Town assessor regarding property taxes

Suggestions:

- BBA Website
- Info regarding redistricting of Flood Plains and what homeowners need to know
- Get NYS Health & Welfare involved to assist with controlling boat noise
- Meadow Cove weed advancement and removal
- Sewer status
- Publish a list of contractors to install sewer lines to homes
- Village business potential
- Bay-wide chemical treatment of weeds—there's an opinion that weed harvesting is not working
- BBA to sell "Wounded Warrior" hats
- Hold the line on the cost of flares—use the savings surplus
- More cooperation between Blind Sodus and Little Sodus Bays

SEWERS

When you're ready to hook up, the Water & Sewer Authority will give you a list of contractors who said they're interested. The Authority inspects before the trench is closed. When you get an application to hook up, it includes information and criteria. If you don't get a letter and application, then your area is not ready.

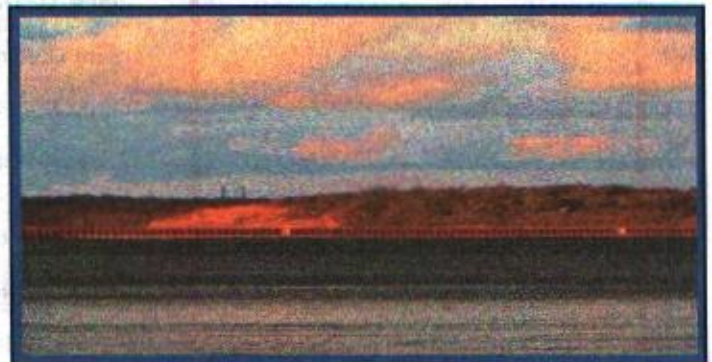
Information provided at the July 29th meeting at Sabin Hall included agencies to be contacted for financial assistance for those who might need it.

WEEDS

The County has requested another weed cutter. Last year, Sam sent a letter of support. With an additional cutter, there's hope we could be cut earlier in July and August, but currently there's a problem with a dump site for the weeds. If weeds need to be trucked as far away as Auburn, it will take away from the time spent cutting.

Commemorative Park Walkway

There's a new option for your participation in revitalization at the Fair Haven Village Park. You can purchase a personalized brick which will be laid in Fair Haven's "Commemorative Park" walkway. The brick can be engraved with up to 14 characters or symbols per line and a maximum of 3 lines – your choice of memorial or message. For \$50 you can get a 4" x 8" brick, or \$100 will get one that's 8" x 8". Order blanks are available on the Chamber's website, or contact via email at fhcommemorativepark@yahoo.com



4th Annual Race for Hospice

From a press release by Joni Taubman: Nearly 200 participants came out, despite the uncertain weather, for the Fair Haven 4th Annual Run for Hospice of the Finger Lakes. Beginning at the Village Hall, the 5K race ended at the Cayuga Street Park Pavilion, with the first runner coming in at a time of 17:35. Over \$2,600 was raised for Hospice. Top finishers were as follows:

Men's Division: First Place- Kyle Brayton, Second Place-Alan Powers, Third Place-Tom Chartrand

Women's Division: First Place- Laura Church, Second Place-Morgan Mayo, Third Place-Michelle March

Junior Division (16 and under): Jack Hughes
Senior Division (65 and over): Allan Howe

Special thanks go out to sponsors: Towpath Machine Corp., Fair Haven Chamber of Commerce, Landmark Properties, Taubman Enterprise Consulting, and Chengerian's Tree Land. Thanks, also, to Pleasant Beach Hotel, Fair Haven Gift Shop, Screwy Louie's and Hospice for providing door prizes. Ontario Orchards and Heluva Good Cheese provided nourishing snacks following the race.

The Run for Hospice is grateful for the support of the Village of Fair Haven, Hospice of the Finger Lakes and their many volunteers, Valti Graphics, SOFA, the Fair Haven Ambulance Crew and the many volunteers who got to work early setting up, registering the runners, directing traffic, working the water tables, driving the lead car, taking photos, and to Chuck Von Holtz who handled all the details of the race course and timing.

The number of participants and the amount donated to Hospice has increased by an average of 30% each of the four years of the race.

Participants can find their race times at hospiceofthefingerlakes.org (click to "Upcoming Events").

BBA Finances from July Treasurer's Report:

Membership receipts of \$990 plus interest bring our savings balance to \$11,237. Expenses for the June newsletter, the post office box rental came from the checking account. \$327 was deposited from flares. The total in the checkbook is \$1,338.

Flares—There are three boxes of flares unsold from the 4th of July. The BBA donated them to the Fire Department. As you know, prices were increased this year and after covering the cost of the flares, the BBA is \$996 ahead.

Boat Speed and Noise

The speed limit on the bay is 35 mph, enforceable with radar on the Sheriff's boat. If you witness speeding or illegal behavior, you can file a complaint citing the boat numbers.

BBA is a non-profit — your contributions are tax deductible.

If you're wondering about going out for a bite now that the season is winding down... Bonnie at Pleasant Beach said they'll be open six days a week through Labor Day — and will be open Labor Day Monday. After that, they'll be closed Monday and Tuesdays and "play it by ear" into October. They will probably be closing for the season on October 18. Their website will be updated as the hours of operation change.

The next meeting of The BBA...

General Meeting
Friday, September 18
at 7:30 PM
at The Fair Haven Yacht Club
On West Bay Road

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