

Message from the Mayor

Greetings at a special time of year, when the signs of Spring abound. Boat slips are being renewed for the upcoming season in our Town marina, and the Commissioners have reminded the staff to give residents first consideration in obtaining a slip. While non-residents may rent slips, we want our residents who maintain the Marina through their tax dollars to have first priority.

On the staff front, our Town Manager resigned in February due to a death in her family. We are recruiting for a new Manager and will keep you posted on our progress. We are pleased that Bob Ribinsky, a long-serving member of the staff, has re-joined the Town. I am delighted by this, as I know many of you are.

Our Public Works/Streets crew has begun installing the new street lights, starting on Zwaanendael and will be continuing to other sections of Town in the coming weeks. Let us know how you like them.

With several new house projects underway, there has been a large number of construction vehicles in the Town on a daily basis. This can be a challenge to adjoining neighbors when trucks park on their right-of-way and tear up the grass. Security is reminding contractors of the Code requirement for vehicles to park only the property being built on and not on other lots. This rule also applies when commercial vehicles visit properties for landscape service and repairs — they should only park in the resident’s driveway or the right-of-way in front of the resident’s house. Please contact Town Hall with any concerns.

Finally, I want to thank the many residents who lend their time and talents to serve on Town committees. Pictured below is one such group, the Environmental Approval Committee, who, along with our Building Officer, approve building plans for new homes, large renovations, and aesthetic considerations such as paint colors. They help preserve the charm and uniqueness of our special Town, and we very much appreciate their service.

Wishing everyone a beautiful Spring!

Joni Reich, Mayor

MEET THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL COMMITTEE

From left to right: Roger Kramer (11 Pine Reach), Chair Lyndie Hertrich (6 Dodds Lane), and Lynda Moses (39 Pine Reach).



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UPCOMING MEETNGS:

**Board of Commissioners
Quarterly Meeting**
Friday, Apr 12, 2024 at 10am

Env. Approval Committee
Monday, March 25, 2024 at 10am

Tree Committee
Thurs., March 28, 2024 at 10am

**TOWN HALL HOLIDAY
CLOSINGS:**

**Friday, March 29
Good Friday**

**Monday, May 27
Memorial Day**

WELCOME NEW PROPERTY OWNERS

Jamie & Suzie McDermott
7 Pine Reach

Dale & Sue Lomas
99 Tidewaters

Our Condolences to the Family of:

Walter Stark — February 28, 2024
4 Rolling Road

PAINT COLORS

Planning to spruce up your house this Spring by painting it?
Please be mindful of these Town rules:

- ◆ Painting is considered “usual and necessary” maintenance and as such does not require a Building Permit. However, all painting contractors must have a Business License from Town Hall that is renewable every January 1st.
- ◆ Paint colors are subject to approval by the Environmental Approval Committee.
- ◆ When painting siding, window frames, front door, or shutters, residents should submit the paint chip to Town Hall so the Building Officer can determine if it should be reviewed by the Environmental Approval Committee. If the color was previously approved, the review will be expedited.

We thank residents for their cooperation!

ALL ABOUT FENCES

A special feature of our Town are the large lots that are “uncluttered” by fences and other structures visible from the street. Fences are not permitted except in the case of swimming pools, where they are required for safety.

Pool fences may extend to the sides no further than the sides of the dwelling to not be visible from the street. Moreover, fences must be exactly four feet in height, with materials and design approved by the Environmental Approval Committee.

If you currently have a swimming pool fence and it is not four feet in height, it is considered a legally, non-conforming structure under the Code. However, when it comes time to replace it, you or a subsequent owner will need to install a four foot fence and submit the materials for review.

There are also 12 homes pre-dating the current Ordinance that have fences visible from the street. They are grandfathered as legal, non-conforming structures, and may be maintained by the current and future owners. However, if ever replaced, they must also be four feet in height, located in the same location as before, and be reviewed for materials and design.

Please contact Town Hall with any questions.

DOG LEASHING

We are reminding all residents once again to leash their dogs when walking them in the neighborhood.

Allowing dogs to run loose and unleashed poses risks to the dogs and to other residents on foot who could be startled or those driving who could lose control of their cars.

Our long standing Town ordinance should be respected by all residents, no matter the time of day or time of the year. Please help us keep our community safe for all by always leashing your dogs!



Public Works

Our Public Works crew keeps the Town in tip-top shape. From left to right with year of hire:

- * Mike Berg (2011)
- * Sonny McClure (1991)
- * Bob Ribinsky (2008)
- * Lex Bayard (2023)