



Bustins Island Village Corporation

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Happy 2017,

We hope this finds you well and looking forward to the coming summer. Once again, as the weather warms and we start to think about Bustins, Mother Nature plays an April Fool's Day prank on those of us in the Northeast and sends us several inches of snow. In any case, we have decided to proceed as if there will be a summer at some point this year.

We are pleased that Crawford and Candy have agreed to continue as Superintendent, and Abe will return as Managing Captain of the Lilly B. Danny Adams (son) has decided to move on to the next chapter of his life and will not return as Truck Driver. Taking over that position is Matthew Rowe, who is familiar to many of you as the long-time operator of Matt's Bike Shop. Please join us in welcoming Matthew. Dan Adams (father) will be returning as Trash Collector.

Should there be a summer, we plan to have the following events. On Saturday, June 30th, Code Enforcement Officer Barbara Skelton will visit with islanders and review regulations regarding vegetative cutting in the Shoreland District. Safety Day will be July 29th with presentations by the Freeport Fire Department and Maine Forest Service. The large Trash Pickup is returning and planned for the middle two weeks of August. Details will be posted at the store, but as before we cannot take hazardous waste, contractor debris, anything containing gas or oil, refrigerators or batteries. Additionally, mattresses and box springs will be limited to one of each or two total per cottage. Unfortunately, the Maine Firewise Program will not be sponsoring a chipping day this year. Crawford will have information for islanders wishing to arrange chipping for a fee.

As you may recall from last year's Annual Meeting, Crawford alerted the Board to some issues with the Steamer Dock. We solicited bids for the necessary repairs and selected Lionel Plante Associates, Inc. of Peaks Island. The work, which includes replacing the crumbling abutment, installing new anchor bolts and replacing some of the cross bracing, should be completed this spring.

With ten wells drilled last fall, we were reminded how fortunate we are to have a fantastic aquifer to supply our water. Of course, it also concerned us that, as its stewards, we may be taking that aquifer for granted. So, we sought information from hydrogeologists Carol White of CA White and Associates and David Braley of the Maine Drinking Water Program. Carol and David reviewed three areas of concern – salt water intrusion, pollution and over-withdrawal. Past boards have issued policies regarding drilling wells, but Carol and David made the case that just regulating new wells is not sufficient. So the Board has embarked on developing a comprehensive aquifer protection ordinance that we hope to have ready for the voters' consideration at the 2017 Annual Meeting. We used an ordinance from Castine, ME as a model. There will be a public hearing in July to review with it with the Bustins community and receive input from interested islanders. On a separate, well received note, David informed us that we could



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have an alternate BIVC well available when the others are locked. So this year, pending satisfactory test results, the BIVC well at the Brewer cottage will be available when the others are locked. The 2017 Well Schedule is attached.

Many folks were adversely affected by the Browntail infestation last year. With health concerns preventing island wide spraying, some islanders are having individual trees treated by injection. We selected some trees where the public gathers to receive this treatment. Interested cottage owners are referred to the discussion on <https://www.facebook.com/Bustins-Island-Community-101927616162/>

If you rent out your cottage or operate a business serving the island community, you can advertise it in the 2017 Directory. The charges are \$10 per cottage rental and \$25 for a business. If interested, follow instructions on the forms available at BIVC.net.

Finally, last November, Maine was one of the states that legalized via referendum the use, cultivation and sale of marijuana for those 21 years of age and older. The Board takes no position on the merits of consumption but is following the recommendation of the Maine Municipal Association and our island counsel, and will propose an ordinance prohibiting retail marijuana establishments on Bustins for consideration at the 2017 Annual Meeting. As with alcohol, consumption of marijuana is prohibited on BIVC property, which includes the roads, Public Dock, Golf Course, Steamer Dock and Community House. Cultivating marijuana on BIVC property is also prohibited.

We look forward to seeing you all again. As schedules and such can change for a variety of reasons, please check BIVC.net as well as postings on the Store and Community House for up to date information.

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