



*Bustins Island Village Corporation*

*Established 1913*

## **2022 Summer Newsletter**

Dear Islanders,

Summer is on the way and island officials are finishing preparations for the 2022 season. Unlike the last two summers, a full schedule of indoor and outdoor activities is planned including Fourth of July celebrations, bingo, Field Day, concerts, ice cream runs, Safety Day, a Community House 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and dedication of the Archie Ross Public Float. It's exciting to bring all of this back, and we're very thankful for all of the volunteers who help to organize and run these activities that make Bustins a special place.

That said, Covid-19 continues to circulate and mutate in ways that remain unpredictable, so flare-ups continue to be a concern. Keeping consistent with the past two summers, we will align with the guidance of the Maine State CDC on Covid-19 precautions. For current recommendations please visit [Maine Center for Disease Control & Prevention | Maine DHHS](#). While we expect all public facilities to be open this year, the volunteers who staff some facilities (Historical Society, Library & Nature Center) may establish safety protocols that could include masking and occupancy limits. We strongly encourage everyone to respect the choices folks make around these protections.

We are pleased that key island personnel from last year will be returning to their posts, including Crawford & Candy Taisey (Straight Edge Construction), Island Superintendent, Matthew Rowe, Truck Driver and Trash Disposal Coordinator, and Painter Soule, Lilly B. Managing Captain. The Overseers remain indebted to all of them for their dedication and service to Bustins.

Trash pickup on the island has continued to be a major topic for the Overseers, who have decided to institute some new policies this year to help manage our waste stream more efficiently and effectively. Full details are included in the links below, but key items include:

- Two bags per cottage per week, limited to 25 lbs each, use heavy duty bags
- \$10 per bag fee for each additional bag
- CLYNK bags will be provided for returnable bottles and cans
- Pickup on Sundays only (or Monday Holiday as posted), bags left out on other days will be charged a \$15 fee

For more information concerning trash disposal, recycling, composting and the way that an abundance of trash negatively affects our island, please thoroughly review our new trash policies (links below and on [bivc.net](#)).

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A large trash pickup is scheduled for the last week of July. This will allow for the removal of furniture and other large items that would otherwise be difficult to remove from the Island.

As in prior years, a Firewise chipping day is scheduled for June 13. A link to the chipping request form is below and should be returned to Crawford if you wish to participate. Please remember to check your brush piles for bees and remove any active nests. We've had a couple of bee sting incidents the past few years and the Forest Service has asked us to be more diligent about inspecting our piles for bees so this can be avoided.

From an administrative perspective, the Overseers have had a busy off-season. By-law changes will be proposed at the Annual Meeting, we've been working on succession planning and documentation of all leadership and staff positions, and a number of Board policies have been created or updated. In addition to the Trash Disposal Policy, we updated the Personal Transportation Policy to include electric bikes and other electric transport equipment (link below and on [bivc.net](http://bivc.net)). As well, we are seeking bids for a major project to shore up and renovate the Store building, and having the stairway and embankment at Pidges Cove evaluated due to erosion concerns. We will continue to work on these items throughout the summer and will provide an update at the Annual Meeting.

Additionally, our Public Safety Committee has updated key emergency information (link below and on [bivc.net](http://bivc.net)). We recommend printing a copy of this to post in your cottage.

To maintain an accurate record of legal voters and know who is to receive any legal mailings, please remember to email any changes in property ownership or trustees to [bivc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:bivc.clerk@gmail.com)

In lieu of attachments we provide you the following links:

2022 Ferry Schedule & Rates [2022 Ferry Schedule v2.5.docx \(bivc.net\)](#)

2022 Well Schedule [Well Sched. Public, Ewing, Comm. & Richardson 2022.docx \(bivc.net\)](#)

Trash Disposal Policy [Trash Disposal Policy.docx \(bivc.net\)](#)

2022 Trash Rates [2022 Trash Fee Rates.docx \(bivc.net\)](#)

Chipping Day Form [Firewise - Chipping Request Form.pdf \(bivc.net\)](#)

Personal Transport Policy [Personal Transportation Policy v2.0.docx \(bivc.net\)](#)

Emergency Protocol Basics [Emergency Basics v1.1.docx \(bivc.net\)](#)

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Meetings of the Board of Overseers, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals are listed on bivc.net under Upcoming Meetings. As meeting schedules and such can change for a variety of reasons, please check bivc.net as well as postings at the Store and Community House for up-to-date information.

We look forward to seeing you all again.

## **Board of Overseers**

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## **Clerk**

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Straight Edge Construction - Crawford and Candy Taisey

## **Truck Driver & Trash Disposal Coordinator**

Matthew Rowe