



*Bustins Island Village Corporation*  
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**2021 Summer Letter**

May 16, 2021

Dear Islanders,

Summer is on the way and island officials are finishing preparations for the 2021 season. We're excited for this season as we hope that many things will return much closer to "normal" as vaccination rates increase and the impact of Covid 19 wanes. While most public spaces had very limited or no access last season, outdoor public spaces will be open and some indoor public spaces will be open with state mandated restrictions. While Maine has significantly reduced its Covid 19 related restrictions, we want to remind all islanders that the virus has not gone away. Therefore, we encourage everyone to get vaccinated in order to protect yourself and your family, friends and neighbors. Bustins is not well equipped to deal with an outbreak of Covid-19, so we ask that you adhere to public safety guidelines. The full set of Public Space Protocols is listed at the end of this message. It is important to note that the protocols for public spaces and the ferry service are subject to change at any time pending adjustments to Maine CDC and DECD guidelines, which have been evolving rapidly during the past month. We will send updates as things change and post them to the BIVC.net website.

While a full schedule of summer activities is still in process, some key activities of note include a chipping day with the Maine Forest Service the week of June 20th; a public safety day July 31st, and the Annual Meeting on August 7th. For the most part these are outdoor activities which reduces the risk of a virus outbreak. Each activity will be done in the safest manner possible. Like everything else this past year, we ask for your patience and understanding as we do our best to hold these important activities and hopefully have some fun while remaining safe.

We are pleased that most island personnel from last year will be returning to their posts, including Crawford and Candy, and Matthew. For those who didn't make it to the island last season, Matthew has picked up the Trash contract in addition to his role as Island Truck Driver. Painter Soule is replacing Abe Whitaker as Managing Captain after working for a number of years under Abe's direction. The Overseers want to thank Abe for his many years of service to the island, and we deeply appreciate his foresight and generosity in mentoring Painter as he progressed from deckhand to captain to now Managing Captain during the past six seasons. Details related to the Ferry service were previously provided via a broadcast email.

Trash pickup on the island is always challenging and it is occasionally useful to remind islanders of what is involved and the necessary guidelines. We note that trash left out on non-pickup days will be taken care of by the superintendent and the property owner will be billed. Please recycle metal, paper and plastic packaging as much as possible. While it takes a bit of extra effort to take these items off-island it significantly reduces our trash volume and has a positive impact on the environment. We also want to remind islanders to compost food waste. Besides reducing trash to be collected, the compost is great for gardening.

As mentioned above, the chipping day is scheduled for June 21. 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 before putting

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them out. 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.

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:

2021 Ferry Protocols & Schedule [2021 Ferry Schedule \(bivc.net\)](#) [Microsoft Word - 2021 Lilly B - Passenger Protocols V1.0.docx \(bivc.net\)](#)

2021 Wells Schedule [Microsoft Word - 2021 Well Schedule - Public.docx \(bivc.net\)](#)

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

[T - Household Trash Pickup Guidelines.pdf \(bivc.net\)](#)

Meetings of the Board of Overseers, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals are listed on BIVC.net under announcements. As meeting 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.

We look forward to seeing you all again.

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