

### **Greetings from the Ocean Bay Park Association!**

Founded in 1956, the Ocean Bay Park Association represents the interests of property and business owners within the community of Ocean Bay Park. We strive to maintain this hamlet's roots as a family oriented community of both homeowners and renters. Its growth has primarily come from renters and 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> generation family members who put down their own roots to become homeowners and participate in the activities an oasis such as Ocean Bay Park offers.

The Association fosters relationships with our elected officials and works with them knowing the typical array of government services are difficult to deliver to a community that exists on an island. We therefore have to contribute to the maintenance of our infrastructure and provide day-to-day services to insure the upkeep of the community. The Association provides oversight and management of the expenses we incur that are recovered through our special taxing districts.

### **This responsibility assumed by the OBPA requires a significant amount of funding: we look to a variety of sources to provide these funds:**

1. **Taxes.** We tax ourselves to maintain and protect three central areas of the OBP community:
  - a. Erosion Control District (dune maintenance such as plantings and fences)
  - b. Dock District (maintain and beautify land adjacent to the ferry terminal)
  - c. Park District (maintain and beautify community area adjacent to OBP firehouse)
2. **Fundraisers.** The annual OBP Community Fair is a day filled with food, drink, and community spirit. The highlight of the day is the silent auction, with all items donated by local businesses and community members.
3. **Charitable donations.** Following Hurricane Sandy, the OBP Association launched a massive fundraising campaign, with generous donations being made by homeowners, their relatives, former homeowners, renters, and civic organizations from our neighboring communities. Their generosity played a central role in moving our community towards a physical and emotional pre-Sandy state. Homeowners continue to contribute to the Association by adding an extra amount when paying their dues.
4. **OBP Association dues.** Our annual dues for homeowners is \$200; \$50 for Associate, non-homeowner, members, and \$75 for businesses. As you can see we undertake many important projects and also serve the community in numerous capacities. We are continually striving for increased membership in our association and ask all members to assume the responsibility of engaging their neighbors to make a commitment to the community to maintain its way of life through membership in our association. The Board of Directors serve a 2-year term; one must be a homeowner and member of the association to qualify to put their name forward to serve on the Board.

### **Community projects, programs and activities undertaken by the OBP Association include:**

- A salaried Community Manager, responsible for oversight of projects executed within the community.
- The funding and construction of the police station utilized by the Suffolk County Police Marine Division.
- Landscaping and maintenance of the plantings along Bay Walk and Cayuga Street.
- New brick work installation and maintenance of the wagon & bike rack area at the ferry terminal.
- Working with OBP/Seaview garbage district to enforce our contract for garbage removal and services.
- Partnering with the FI Hotel for the installation of new sidewalk pavers along Cayuga Street.
- Active participation in the Fire Island Association, addressing local issues, including Hurricane Sandy.

Pride in the OBP community can be seen through the dedication of our homeowners who have volunteered to improve and maintain our special OBP community. **To become a member of the Ocean Bay Park Association, please complete the enclosed application.** Thank you; we look forward to meeting you at one of our many scheduled community events.

Sincerely, Board of Directors, Ocean Bay Park Association: Stephen Placilla, Kathryn Sekulo, Bud Kroll, Karen Kee, Steven Jaffe, Cami Meyer, Pat Loesch, Eric Snyder, Dovie F. Wingard, and Fran Lobo.