

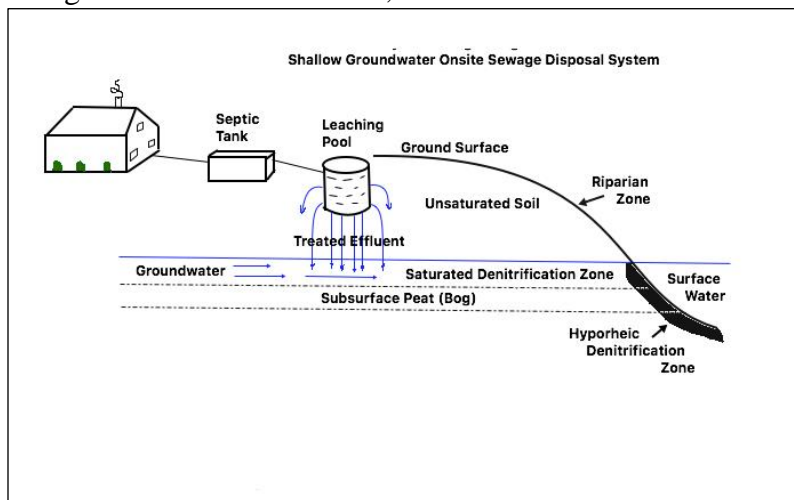
SEPTIC SYSTEMS-101

Here in Baywood we depend on individual septic systems to dispose of our wastewater. It's a fact of life; at some point in time the septic systems will "fail" and we will be faced with that dreaded event of a backed up plumbing system, resulting in either overflowing toilets, washing machines, showers or sometimes all of the above. So how do we best deal with this problem? First, we should understand what our septic system is and how it functions; then we can make more informed decisions on what to do when it fails.

In Baywood our septic systems consist of a septic tank and one or more leaching pools. The attached figure depicts a typical septic system. The wastewater flows through pipes in the house to the septic tank, where it undergoes settling and separation of the solids; the wastewater from our homes is over 95% water. This includes toilet water, washing machine water and shower water; the primary contaminants are urine and fecal materials (and some household cleaning products). After settling, the wastewater flows into the leaching pool where it further settles, and passes through a "biomat" before leaching into the surrounding soils. Most of this water eventually makes its way to the groundwater and surrounding surface waters including Little Seatuck Creek, Heils Creek and Moriches Bay. Fortunately, the septic systems and natural processes do an excellent job of purifying the wastewater and mitigating any contaminants before they reach the surface waters.

The primary causes of septic system failure are clogged pipes, buildup of solids in the septic tank and clogged soil surrounding the leaching pool. The clogged pipes are the simplest to resolve, requiring a "snaking" or "roto-rooting" of the pipes, which usually involves the pipe leaving the house, leading to the septic tank. If the septic tank (which is basically a concrete box) is full of solids, then the pipe coming into the tank can be blocked and cause a backup into the house. To properly evaluate the problem, it is important to locate and open the cover on the inlet side of the tank (closest to the house). If after the solids in the septic tank are pumped and the problem still exists, then the soils surrounding the leaching pool may be clogged. This can usually be resolved with treatment, consisting of "aeration" and treatment with sulfuric acid to breakdown the natural precipitates that cause the clogging or a new leaching pool. This work should be done by a licensed contractor. It's best to be prepared for the inevitable. If you do not already have the information, contact the Suffolk County Department of Health Services (631 852- 5700) to obtain a copy of the survey showing your septic system location and a copy of the inspection report, describing your septic system in detail. This will

help the contractor locate the buried system and service it. It's best to do this before the problem becomes acute, since it may take time to obtain the information from the County. (Any questions on this, feel free to call Roy, at 631 885-1926.)



ANNUAL MEETING

(The following is a summary of the minutes of the annual meeting.)

The annual meeting of the Baywood Property Owners Association was held on May 26, 2021 (Zoom). The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Steve Keegan.

The meeting minutes from the previous annual meeting, on May 20, 2019, was summarized by the Secretary.

The Treasurer's report was prepared by Nathy Yakaitis, and included a written financial statement indicating the assets, income and expenses of last year (2020) and so far this year (2021). The fiscal year runs from May 1st to April 30th. The cash available is \$23,216.47. The expenses for 2020-2021 were \$6,958.43 with income (dues) of \$8,850.00.

The next item was the Budget for the present fiscal year 5/1/21 to 4/30/22. The budget anticipates expenditures of \$7,500.00 and an income of \$8,400.00. A motion to accept the budget and report was made by Pat Celentano and seconded by Helena Hines. The budget was accepted.

A membership report indicated that there are 57 members in the fiscal year ended 4/30/19. The request for annual dues for the present fiscal year will be \$150. This will permit the Association to fulfill its budget commitments and also maintain a fund for park and entrance capital expenditures.

OFFICERS

Steve Keegan..... President
Helena Hines..... Vice President
Nathy Yakaitis..... Treasurer
Royal Reynolds..... Secretary
Pete Madsen..... Assistant Treasurer

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A park report indicated that the park is ready for the summer. The float has been reinstalled after winter storage. A clean-up was conducted and several boards on the boardwalk were replaced or repaired. The gate is locked and the code is available to all members. A garbage can is available near the dock area and everyone is encouraged to pick-up any litter in the park and deposit it in the can.

The Association's website was discussed. It presently includes basic information on the Baywood community, including present and past Newsletters. It was suggested that a list of members be posted; however, due to privacy issues it was decided not to do so. Alternatively, Ben Altobelli indicated that he has created a Facebook group for Baywood, where people have an opportunity to communicate directly with neighbors. The group is listed as, [Inlet View in East Moriches](#). It can be found by searching Facebook and signing up.

A discussion of a proposed 100 foot "antenna" for PSEG in Eastport was held. A slide presentation depicted the proposed antenna and is available at [PSEG Antenna in Eastport](#). The proposal is presently under discussion with the Town of Brookhaven. Our Councilman is Dan Panico.

A discussion of the streetlights and street signs was held. Baywood received all new LED streetlights last year. Based upon the discussion, they appear to be functioning well and are acceptable. If anyone has any problems with the lighting let the Association know. Also, three street signs were missing. The Association reported them and only the one on the corner of East Moriches Blvd. and Inlet View Path has been replaced. The Association will contact the Town again about the other two missing signs. Also, the Association contacted the Town about the "cobra" street light that is out on the utility pole at the corner of Inlet View and East Moriches Blvd.

A discussion of the Association's Newsletter was held and anyone who wants to contribute or help out should send over information for editing and inclusion to the "editor in training".

The annual cocktail party was discussed, we need a host for this year's party, which usually takes place in September or October; a request for a volunteer has been made to the membership.

Discussion about speeding in Baywood was held. It was recommended that the Association approach the Town of Brookhaven, which controls the roadway, to see if measures can be taken to encourage motorists to drive slower and safer in Baywood. One suggestion was to have the speed limit lowered from 30MPH to 25MPH. Problems were noted on the straightaway on Inlet View Path West and the blind curves on Inlet View Path East. It was agreed that the Association would send a letter to the Town requesting a review of the traffic situation.

Members expressed concerns about fencing and commercial vehicles being stored on private property in Baywood. It was the general consensus, that such issues are zoning issues, which are the prerogative of the Town. If causing a problem, the affected parties should contact the Town directly.

An election of Officers was held with the following slate being approved: Steve Keegan, Pres.; Helena Hines, V.P.; Nathy Yakaitis, Treas.; Roy Reynolds, Sec.; and Pete Madsen Asst. Treas. Bob Hefter, who was formerly the Treasurer and more recently the Assistant Treasurer stepped down and was replaced by Pete Madsen. We owe Bob our gratitude for the years he served taking care of the finances for the Association. I was also agreed that our new Treasurer, Nathy Yakaitis, has been doing a great job after picking up the position from Bob.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.



Photo of the new osprey nest in the park

OSPREY

We ran an article on Ospreys in Baywood a few years ago; but one of our members, Pat Celentano, pointed out that we now have multiple nests in Baywood. At last count there appears to be four nests. Two are located in the park and two are located along the shore on privately owned lots. Two of the nests are built upon man-made platforms and the others were built on tree limbs.



Photo by Pat Celentano of ospreys using the nest near her home.

If Mail Boxes Could Talk

This is not your typical mailbox. Back in the late 1980's smashing mailboxes was a sport enjoyed by local youth. In one night alone 46 mailboxes in Baywood were smashed. Besides using baseball bats, some vandals used their trucks to "runover" select mailboxes. One of the residents, Mr. Mendelson, decided he had enough and had a custom mailbox built. It was rumored that the mailbox was constructed from Kryptonite, capable of withstanding a speeding bullet or train. In any event, an unsuspecting youth decided to drive over the mailbox; and "totaled" his truck. The mailbox tilted a mere 3 degrees and is still in operation.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The following is a list of Families that live in Baywood. Please note that some households missed paying dues for 2020. If you have questions about membership and dues, please contact the Treasurer, Nathy Yakaitis at (516) 659-9246.

Alamia*	Dunkirk	Johnston * E	Norris *	Sherwood/Johnson*
Antunovich* E	Egan*	Keegan/Bianchini*	Novak*	Stonesifer*
Barrasso* E	Esh*	LaRocca*	Oats*	Tedaldi/Calondona* E
Bartha*	Fierro/Brazill	Kilroy*	Obermeyer	Tokash * (sold)
Beardslee* E	Freys E	Kramer*	Pasqualone E	Trujillo*
Brody*	Garone*	Lewis *	Pollack*	VanGelder*
Burkhardt* E	Glaser *	Lieb* E	Pouteau* E	Vigorito*
Canane*	Grausso*	MacDonald* E	Ragimierski*	Weiss, J.* E
Catanzaro*	Gubrud*	Madsen*	Reynolds*	Weiss, W.
Celentano*	Guerin	Mailand/Hanley*	Rogers*	Yakaitis *
Celentano*	Hefter*	Marletta*	Ruddy E	Youngman*
Crane	Hines*	McEvoy *	Ruggiero E	Zhang* (vacant lot)
Delaney*	Hopkins*	Mead*	Seitles*	
Dolber*	Hovland/Altobelli*	Newman*	Selig*	
Doyle * E	Inserra/Nowell*			

* Indicates those residents who paid dues last year (2020).

E Indicates we need an Email address. Please email address to rrvreynolds@optonline.net

Any members needing the code can contact any of the officers, who will use the above list to determine membership (paid members). Any problems with the operation of the gate or code, feel free to contact Roy at 631-885-1926 (This phone # is also posted at the gate). An electronic copy of this and other newsletters are available on our website, Baywoodasssociation.com



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