



# COTTAGE COURIER

PORT BAY LIVING



## East Barrier Bar Broadcast

As reported by Lindsey Gerstenlager, District Manager for Wayne County Water and Soil in late November, 2017, the East Barrier Bar Project continues to move forward.

The Port Bay East Barrier Bar is owned by New York State, which means NYS Dept. of State (NYSDOS) holds the responsibility of ownership. NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) manages the property as a Fishing Access Site (FAS) and maintains the property in relationship with the approval of NYSDOS.

A workgroup was initially created in 2015 with representatives from local leadership of the PBI, Town of Wolcott, Town of Huron, NYS Sea Grant, NYSDEC Region 8 and Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District. Through environmental impact studies, research, geographical and accountability surveys, stabilization tests, data analysis and consistent monitoring, this group has identified many potential shoreline stabilization applications to restore the integrity of the East Barrier Bar and maintain a living shoreline.

A report will be published this Spring outlining the internal planning of this working group. The PBI is committed to a continued partnership with the Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District, local town governments, and New York State. This has been, and continues to be, a long and arduous process. The PBI Board appreciates the memberships continued support and will continue to need your help in advocating for a permanent solution.

## Sewer System Summary

The Port Bay sewer project continues to move forward. The project was sent out for BID. Currently the Town of Wolcott, Town of Huron, MRB Group and the both Town attorneys are working to finalize this process. It is expected that the project will be awarded to the contractor in late February. Work on the project will begin in the Spring as weather permits.

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## Membership Musings

The Port Bay Improvement Association Board Members are dedicated to maintaining life on the bay, and making improvements that benefit the overall good of its dwellers. Our continued access to Lake Ontario, via the channel, the Fourth of July Fireworks, and The Ring of Fire are few examples. Membership fees are the sole contributor towards this funding. Without your membership, these amenities we all enjoy and look forward to, would not be possible. Every year we asked that you display the PBIA Member sticker to show pride in and your continued support. Through that campaign we not only encourage others to join, but we decided to take it one step further. This Spring we will be debuting a new “Welcome to Port Bay” sign. This purchase was made possible by the monetary contributions of our members. We’re so excited to replace the old sign, that was weathered and vandalized, and we hope you like it, too! Some of our members will be manning booths at the Wine and Jazz Festival, and the Strawberry Festival, in Wolcott this summer. The new PBIA promotional products have gotten rave reviews and will be available for purchase! Stop in, chat, catch up and get some swag! Be the envy of those members that miss out, and promote to those that aren’t “in the know”! Engaging new property owners to join the PBIA can be difficult to keep up on our mailing lists. As such, we’re making access to our information accessible through our association website, Facebook, and by e-mail. If someone is new to the bay, please let us know! We don’t want to miss an opportunity to build our community, or make a new friend!

Members, old and new, are looking forward to our annual dinner and Golf Tournament, scheduled for June 2nd. We’re also excited for the “to-be-announced” Fall event, Labor Day weekend. These hosted events are a great opportunity to catch up with old friends, and introduce – or be introduced to - new members. Not to mention the laughs, food, raffles and prizes! The Port Bay Improvement Association membership is an investment in yourself, your friends and your community. Help keep the Port Bay traditions, and lifestyle alive by being, or becoming, an active member.

