



The Association of Great Neck is a charitable corporation created for social, recreational, educational, and civic activities for the benefit of Great Neck residents and for the protection of natural resources for the public.

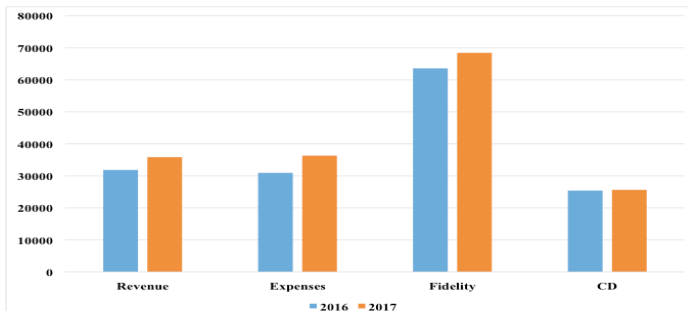
2017 Spring Newsletter Association of Great Neck

News on the Neck

A Message from the Board

It's that time of year again. The annual membership drive is under way. Please give as generously as you can. You will be rewarded every time you step outside your door. Also please join other members of the Association of Great Neck at our annual membership meeting on Saturday, May 13 at 10 AM at Clark Beach. We will report on our accomplishments of the previous year, our goals for the upcoming year, the status of the organization, and present the AGN Scholarships. If you are a member of AGN, you will also get to vote in the election for the board of directors of AGN. You will also have the opportunity to join AGN or renew your membership, and purchase pram stickers. Great Neck is a special place because of the volunteer efforts and support of its residents. Thank you for all you do. Happy Spring!

AGN Financials



Comparison of AGN's financial position for the calendar years April 1 to March 31, 2016 and 2017.

2017 Calendar

Saturday, April 22
Earth Day Clean--Up (rain date April 23)

Saturday, May 13
Annual Meeting & Summer Placement of Pram Racks and Boardwalk

Saturday
Jun 10, Jul 8, Aug 12, Sept 9
Beachcombing

Saturday, Aug 26
Summerfest/Picnic (rain date Aug 27)

Sunday, Sept 10
Art-by-the-Sea

Saturday, Oct 14
Winter Placement of Pram Racks and Boardwalk

Saturday, Nov 4
5K Road Race & Fitness Walk

AGN Survey Results

Thank you for your valuable feedback! We had over 30% of our members respond to our annual survey. Highlights include: sponsoring a private tour & tasting at Privateer Rum, the great food at Summerfest, and a family focused activities subcommittee. Although there were some challenges such as trash and dog waste at Clark Beach and the Playground, and fires and pram storage at Clark Beach. More information about pram storage is included in this newsletter and a notice is enclosed with the membership drive.

2017 Pram Policy

To keep a pram/kayak at Clark Beach during the summer season requires membership in AGN and a current AGN pram sticker visible on your boat. However, over the past several summers the AGN Board has been monitoring several issues with the pram/kayak storage at Clark Beach. Due to the challenges associated with the management of prams and kayaks at Clark Beach, the Board is making changes to the pram/kayak storage policy for the upcoming summer season. These changes are both to the number of prams/kayaks per household and the cost of pram/kayak stickers.

The storage policy for 2017 is:

- (1) each AGN member household will be issued a maximum of two pram/kayak stickers for the season; and
- (2) the first pram/kayak sticker will cost \$50 and the second \$75.

More information about this policy change can be found on the AGN website.

See Something, Say Something

Protect your neighbors and our community by recognizing and reporting suspicious or illegal activity. You can help us by reporting any suspicious or illegal activity to the Board or the Ipswich Police Department. We all play a role in keeping each other safe. Thank you for your help.

Share your Photos with Us!

We love seeing the photos you take of Great Neck, and need as many as we can find for our newsletters.



Cows on Jeffreys Neck Rd.

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Conservation Corner:

Ground breaking technology like drones, also known as unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV), are becoming a popular ecological tool to assist in understanding, managing, and conserving our planet's biodiversity. The vast majority of drone users, both biologists and hobbyists, do not want to disturb wildlife though in some cases these operators may be unaware that their UAV operations could be causing considerable and unnecessary disturbance. Animals respond to UAV's differently. Their responses may vary depending on a variety of factors including the species, environmental and historical context as well as the type of drone and its method of operations. Scientists are still testing the skies to figure out how best to use drones to learn about wildlife. Whether a hobbyist or considering research, academic or commercial use of a drone at Clark Beach or Clark Pond requires approval from the AGN Board. For more information refer to the AGN Drone Policy on the website.

