

2017
Fall e-Newsletter
Association of
Great Neck

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News on the Neck
A Message from the Board

Thank you for another great season! Through your service to our community, generous contributions, and compliance with the Clark Beach rules and regulations, AGN is able to build on its successes and invest in new programs that support its mission; *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.* You are valued members of AGN and we greatly appreciate all you do. Happy Fall!

Privateer Rum Tour

Please join us for our FIRST ANNUAL Privateer Rum tasting tour. AGN has organized a private sampling of this renowned, award-winning, locally-produced rum at their distillery located at [28 Mitchell Road/8 Brady Drive](#) in Ipswich. The tour is scheduled for Saturday, October 7, at 1:00 P.M. and is limited to the first 25 responders. The cost is just \$10 per head, so please join us in supporting our local businesses. You may just discover the perfect rum to carry you through the long winter ahead! To sign up, contact John Hubbard, John.Hubbard@mountainone.com.

**Winter Storage,
Boardwalk & Pram Racks**

On Saturday October 14, 2017 at 9AM the pram racks and boardwalk will be moved to the parking area for winter storage. All prams and kayaks must be removed from the racks and AGN property prior to October 14. Also once the pram racks and boardwalk are moved, the beach gate

2017 Events

Privateer Rum Distillery Tour

October 7, 28 Mitchell Rd

Pram Rack & Boardwalk Removal

October 14, Clark Beach

Clean Up Triangle Garden

October 29, Great Neck Triangle

5K Road Race/Fitness

Walk/Gobbler Trot

November 4, Naoko O'Flynn
Playground

Triangle Garden Clean Up

The fall clean up at the Triangle Garden is Sunday, October 29 starting at 2:00 PM. Bring gloves and garden tools. Cedar and donuts to follow. For more information contact Deborah Cassidy, cassadydeborah@gmail.com.

Summerfest

It was a bright sunny day for the annual Summerfest cookout at Clark Beach. AGN members and their families enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers and watermelon donated by AGN member Tommy Piazza, games, and mini-golf on the sand bar. It was a fun and relaxing time for all who attended.

AGN 50/50 Raffle

The 50/50 raffle drawing took place at the annual AGN Summerfest cookout. The total receipts for the raffle were \$5780. Ray and Joan Best of Bunker Hill Rd. took the grand prize of \$2312, with Kathy Casaletto of East Boston winning the second prize of \$578. AGN earned \$2890, less some expenses, towards the upkeep of our beautiful beach. Thank you for your support!

lock will be changed for the winter season. Vehicles will only be allowed on the beach road in case of emergency. This practice is an important step in helping AGN steward Clark Beach/Clark Pond for nature and people, and maintain compliance with the Clark Beach Management Plan and the Ipswich Conservation Commission.

5K Road Race, Support AGN Scholarship

The 26th annual Turkey Tune Up, 5K Road Race and Fitness Walk, is Saturday November 4 at the Naoko O'Fynn playground. Also a 1/2K Gobbler Trot for children 8 and under goes around the playground. All proceeds benefit the AGN scholarship fund. On site registration begins at 8:30AM, the Gobbler Trot at 9:15, the Fitness walk at 9:30, and the 5K run at 10:00. The registration form is on the AGN website, associationofgreatneck.org. Any questions, contact Jeff Duback, jeff.duback@gmail.com.

Conservation Corner

This November a plastic bag ban goes into effect in Ipswich. Last year California became the first state in the nation to ban single-use plastic bags. Plastic bag bans are good for the environment because very few of the 100 billion single-use plastic bags used in the United States each year are recycled. And their light-weight nature and design uniquely positions them to escape the trash can wreaking havoc on the environment, especially in coastal communities. Single-use plastic bags are consistently among the top five forms of litter found in beach clean ups. And the bags that remain in the ocean, where they break down into small bite-size pellets, are harmful to sea life. Support the marine environment by purchasing an AGN reusable grocery bag (\$10) and bringing your own bag when you shop.

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AGN Serves Dinner Bell

AGN members setup, served, provided hospitality, and cleaned up at Ipswich Dinner Bell, a free community meal. Also AGN donates food and makes a generous contribution to Ipswich Dinner Bell. Ipswich Dinner Bell is a non-profit of Churches and Community organizations that serves hot, nutritious meals, free to all who come, and creates a mealtime atmosphere of fellowship with one another.

Art by the Sea 2017

Blessed once again with a beautiful day, Art by the Sea, a collaboration between AGN and the Ipswich Bay Yacht Club, raised close to two thousand dollars for the AGN Scholarship Fund. AGN donates their time to the set up and break down of the show, and provides the hors' d'oeuvres.



Help protect the environment by purchasing an AGN Reusable Grocery Bag. The bags are 100% cotton, navy blue with white AGN logo, and cost \$10 each. All proceeds benefit the conservation and preservation of Clark Beach. To purchase bags, contact Lianne Halloran, lrhal51@verizon.net.

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