



Ocean Point Colony Trust

2024 Spring Letter

“We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to responsible stewardship of properties and resources and to creating programs and activities at Ocean Point, Maine, for the enjoyment of all.”

Hello everyone,

There are the first signs of spring emerging at Ocean Point. Just as bulbs emerge and subsequently produce beautiful flowers, the OPCT summer season will present itself faster than we might imagine.

It is my intent to inform you about upcoming summer events, things to do around Ocean Point, and to encourage your involvement and support of OPCT, in a manner that you are comfortable with and that enhances the greater Ocean Point experience.

In a previous letter I discussed the role of OPCT in the community. I believe a small portion of that bears repeating.

The mission statement, noted above, succinctly describes its purpose. It is dedicated to enhancing the public good of all that Ocean Point has to offer.

OPCT, its programs, facilities, lands, and services, are for the entire greater Ocean Point community. It is not a private club and there are no specific members. It is supported by community contributions and fundraisers.

There are a number of people involved with developing summer programs, planning events, and enhancing the lands and facilities of OPCT, with the goal of promoting the summer experience of all of those who identify with Ocean Point.

The project to improve Casino acoustics is near completion with the help of local volunteers. The severe storm damage (Seems to be a recurrent theme!) is gradually being repaired with the anticipated normal function of Shore Road by summer. Tim and Abby Mahoney will be returning as activities directors. Kate Lindley will serve the role of assistant children’s activities director. An outreach program is being developed to improve awareness of all that OPCT does and to enhance greater community engagement. Any help with that would be appreciated (Contact Kelly Robbins). Discussions are underway to consider ways of promoting long-term OPCT financial stability.

The Roads and Safety committee has offered input to enhance local road safety. An Ocean Point Historical Committee has been formed to facilitate a mechanism to preserve some of the history and heritage of Ocean Point.



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A link on the OPCT website has been created for labelled hats, sweatshirts, and T-shirts. (<https://opctfundraiser.square.site>)

There is a concerted effort to offer the community a broad spectrum of activities designed to appeal to different ages and interests. Activities begin with an annual clean-up morning on Memorial Day weekend. This is even more meaningful this year with the winter storm damage. July 4th weekend will be especially busy. July 5th will feature an informational “Town Meeting” in the AM. The first of three “Porch Party” events occurs later that day. These are open to the entire community free of charge. They provide an opportunity to meet Ocean Pointer’s you may or may not yet know. The first event is accompanied by a popular local band “Boogie 2 Shooz”. July 6 is the traditional “Horrible’s Parade”. We are trying to promote increased participation with more family involvement, entries, and fun. Start planning a family entry and theme! July 7 is the annual 5 K race with actual medals. Time to start getting into shape to walk or run! The chicken barbeque will return along with Taco Tuesday, Pancake Breakfast, Italian Night, Ice Cream Social, and the food sale. An extensive educational series with various speakers and topics is being developed. The increasingly popular Corn Hole tournament returns in July. Do not forget Sunday softball games, Zumba classes, children’s activities, racquet sports and its associated introductory lessons and youth development. An OP history night is also planned. This list is not an exclusive one as there may be other activities and events not noted. An initial schedule will soon be posted on our website.(<https://oceanpointcolonytrust.org>)

I would encourage you to enjoy the lands supported by OPCT including Grimes Cove, the rocky shores adjacent to Grimes Cove on the pathway heading east, and the “Sunset Rock” area. There is a newly developed set of walking trails through the Middle Road Preserve to explore. The Casino grounds also offer a number of opportunities including the children’s playground and the reinvigorated ballfield.

All of this is available to the greater OP community and associated friends of Ocean Point. OPCT is sustained by the support of those in the community. Please consider involvement by donating some of your time, participating in the programs that you are interested in, and financial support.

A large part of the financial stability of OPCT is made with contributions from those in the community. As president of the Ocean Point Colony Trust, I have been reaching out to all those with an Ocean Point connection to enhance awareness of the many facets of OPCT. That means those of you who have property, homes, or cottages; those of you who rent; those who frequently visit Ocean Point; or those who might be identified as friends with Ocean Point connections. OPCT can provide benefits to you in many direct and indirect ways. I would strongly encourage you to support us by contributing what is referred to as a



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recommended voting contribution. This is based on the projected yearly income and expenses of the organization. At this level, one acquires the capability of voting for the leadership of OPCT and other significant issues of the organization. The level recommended is unchanged from last year. \$350/family (2 Votes) or \$175/individual (1 vote) Ideally your contribution in the spring gives us a clearer picture of the finances for the upcoming summer season. Contributions can be made online at our website OPCT (<https://oceanpointcolonytrust.org>) under the “Support Us” tab, or by check to OPCT Treasurer. The recommended voting contribution is not intended to exclude other contributions, large or small. *Can this be our largest voting contributor/annual contribution year ever?* Thank you in advance for your support.

Racquet Sports participation has an added cost to maintain the courts and equipment. Therefore there is an additional fee to support that funding. I would suggest seriously consider becoming a season pass holder or if your utilization is limited, participating as a guest. The details of participation and fees are located on our website also, under the “Racquet Sports” tab. Soon, an email will be distributed encouraging participation and registration for the summer youth tennis program.

Communication is a vital component of a community. OPCT has been trying to promote that. Email is the most efficient and financially prudent. If agreeable, *please register your email address* and other associated addresses with OPCT, ideally on its website, by email, or by mail, so we can continue to communicate with you and vice versa. You can do this as a “Friend” at no cost or contribution.

I hope this communication elicits some excitement for the upcoming summer and stimulates support for the many things OPCT has to offer the greater community. Follow frequently updated details of OPCT events and other activities on our website calendar.

As always, if you have any questions let me know.

Sincerely,

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