



PLUM ISLAND TAXPAYERS AND ASSOCIATES

8 PLUM ISLAND BOULEVARD, NEWBURY, MASSACHUSETTS 01951

2 October, 2020

Re: PITA Annual Membership 2020 - 2021

Dear PITA Member,

It's been a very difficult year for everyone, and especially challenging for your community organization. Normally, we are able to meet our expenses through dues, member donations and from the income we make from renting out our Hall to various patrons for functions and meetings. This year, however, COVID-19 pandemic restrictions have curtailed rental activity to the point where we have had to close the building to private use. There is a bright spot in our future, though. Although we have had to cancel our annual indoor Christmas Fair, we have decided to continue the tradition of selling Christmas trees and wreaths in the parking lot at Plum Island Hall. Trees will again be available this season on Saturday, December 5th, and we are planning something extra to ensure that everyone has some fun that day. I don't know what the new year will bring, but rest assured that we are doing all that we can to ensure that the Hall is well maintained and accessible if needed under emergency conditions. Our efforts, as follows:

MRBA Working Group: By establishing a virtual forum, PITA continued to perform as the sponsor and host to the Merrimac River Beach Alliance (MRBA), our working group of federal, state, town and city officials whose combined efforts have been instrumental in responding to the most pressing issues facing Plum Island residents. This year, large sand bags will be placed along our beaches in an effort to mitigate the effects of coastal erosion during the coming winter.

Marsh Cleanup: PITA provided a meeting place for this annual event and provided the waste removal services for all debris removed from the surrounding marsh area.

Plum Island Hall Open During Summer Months: Although the building has been closed for rentals, the air conditioning remained on and the building was open all summer for those residents who needed a place to escape the heat. Sleeping cots and supplies were staged in the event that some residents needed a longer stay.

As you know, we continue to be appreciative for the continuous support that PITA has received. Please remember that your membership dues help to keep our Hall open and available not only for your use, but also for use by all our Plum Island social, public and community organizations. Also, as a member, you can enjoy the benefits of our discounted propane buyers group. Please take a few moments to fill out the enclosed membership renewal form. If you would like to enclose an additional contribution of support, any amount no matter how small will be greatly appreciated and will have an immediate positive impact. We continue to look forward to another great year with you and yours as members of PITA.

With kindest regards,

Ron Barrett, President



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2020

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Name: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Mailing Address: Street or P.O. box _____ Other Phone: _____

City/Town _____ My E-Mail: _____

State/Zip Code _____ Please email the PITA Newsletter to me to save printing costs

Plum Island Address: Same as above

Individual Membership:	\$25 per year	
Family Membership:	\$35 per year	
		Dues Amount \$ _____
		Additional Amount for projects:
➤ <i>Please consider additional contributions—any amount will be most appreciated and will be used for Plum Island projects.</i>		\$ _____
		Total Amount \$ _____
➤ <i>I would like to be contacted for PITA volunteer projects</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>If you like, tell us your special skills or interest for volunteering:</i>	_____	

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Office Use: Dues Paid: _____ Amount: _____ Check #: _____