



## PLUM ISLAND TAXPAYERS AND ASSOCIATES

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29 October, 2021

Re: PITA Annual Membership 2022

Dear PITA Members,

It's been another challenging year for everyone, but it appears that the light at the end of the tunnel is shining very brightly for all of us, and especially for your community organization. This past year, despite some COVID restrictions remaining in place, rental activity at the Hall increased dramatically, especially during the second and third quarters of our fiscal year. Our ship is back on course, thanks in large part to your continued support through membership dues and contributions as well as to the income generated through private and commercial use of our facilities. Also, I am pleased to announce that our Board has decided to continue our longstanding tradition of hosting the annual Christmas Fair at Plum Island Hall. Crafters have been invited back to our Hall, and we will continue the tradition of selling Christmas trees and wreaths in the parking lot on Saturday, 4 December. 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.

**Blocking Restrictive Changes to Sections 69 & 71 of PIOD:** PITA played a major part in defeating an effort to incorporate additional building restrictions to Sections 69 & 71 of PIOD regulations.

**Plum Island Hall Landscaping:** Excessive overgrowth has been either cut back or removed from the beds surrounding PITA Hall in preparation for a Spring planting of indigenous flowers and shrubs.

**PITA Propane & Fuel Oil Buying Group:** As everyone knows, propane and fuel oil prices have been on the rise, but PITA members who participate in the Buying Group program will have a low, fixed price over the next two years thanks to our friends at Townsend Total Energy and the negotiating efforts of Diane Barrett.

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. 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