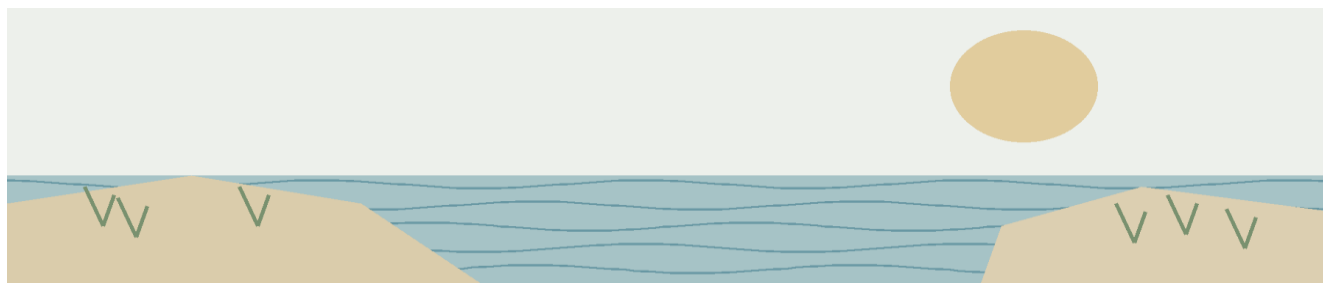


SALTAIRE NEWS

THE VILLAGE OF SALTAIRE • FIRE ISLAND, NY
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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

I hope your fall is off to a good start. Although my term as Mayor began only seven weeks ago, on September 7, there is already a great deal happening in our special Village. This is the first of what will be quarterly newsletters. These updates are meant to complement our discussions at Village Board meetings — not everyone can attend every meeting, and we want everyone to be able to stay connected.

I want to begin by recognizing the trustees. Each of them has taken on real responsibility for specific areas of Village business, and they have already been hard at work: responding to residents, talking with Village staff, and getting up to speed on some genuinely complicated issues. Many of the updates below are the result of their efforts. (A summary of each trustee's responsibilities appears at the end of this newsletter.)

Thank you for your continued engagement and support.

Warm regards,

Susan Skerritt

Mayor, Village of Saltaire

VILLAGE NEWS & UPDATES

Nor'easter

At this time of year, we are usually watching for hurricanes along the Eastern seaboard. However, we did experience an early-season nor'easter that lasted for 4 days over the last weekend in September.

Although Saltaire saw bayfront flooding and water coming in from Clam Pond Cove, damage to homes appears to have been limited, and the water receded quickly. Our ocean beaches took an initial hit but have largely returned to their pre-storm condition. Our Village was fortunate; other parts of Fire Island fared worse.

I want to thank all the Village staff for being available during the storm and addressing matters as they arose. For a detailed account of the storm from start to finish, please see the Fire Island Association's October storm summary: <https://www.saltire.org/fiastorm.pdf>

Clam Pond Cove Project

The nor'easter was a clear reminder of why the Clam Pond Cove project is a priority. Flooding from the bay is a real concern — not only for Village infrastructure, but also for the homes surrounding the Cove and to its west.

The project will restore protection from storm surge by replacing what was once a natural sand spit with a nature-based structure designed to reduce the risk of flooding. While the project is fully funded by the federal government, it must be carried out in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and requires approval from several federal and state agencies. We have recently re-engaged with the Army Corps to make sure our project remains a priority. This will take time, but we are committed to seeing it through.

Whale Sighting



On October 7, a juvenile humpback whale became stranded on a sandbar just off Pacific Walk. Thanks to the response of the U.S. Coast Guard, several state and local environmental organizations, the whale was kept hydrated and protected from boat traffic. After several hours, the whale freed itself on the incoming tide and returned to open water. Our own Mario Posillico was quoted in Newsday explaining that the whale was chasing bait fish and became trapped on top of an outer sandbar that was created by the nor'easter.

SCA Fall Festival

The Saltaire Citizens Association hosted another very successful Fall Festival. Originally scheduled for Sunday, October 11, the event was moved up a day to Saturday, October 10, because of a forecast of heavy rain. Saturday was a glorious, sunny afternoon. The Market deck was filled with children and adults enjoying music, Patrick's food, and Halloween decorations and costumes; trick-or-treating afterward was great fun for all. Thank you to the SCA and our Village staff for all their work.



VILLAGE OPERATIONS & PLANNING

Organizational Succession Planning

Succession planning for our senior administrative staff is vital to maintaining the excellent service and support the Village receives. With several senior staff members retiring over the next few years, we have been focused on ensuring a smooth transition. A comprehensive transition plan is now in place, and we will share more details as we move forward.

Technology and Communications Commission

The Board is discussing the creation of a Technology and Communications Commission. The commission would advise the Board in four areas:

Village website	How can the site be modernized, including improvements in usability, accessibility, and accuracy of information?
Resident communications	Are there additional ways, beyond email, that the Village should communicate with residents?
Cybersecurity	What additional safeguards and practices should the Village adopt to reduce the risk of a cyberattack?
AI and emerging technology	How can the Village use AI and other emerging technologies safely and appropriately?

The commission would be made up of community members who bring technology expertise and want to give back. If you are interested in serving, please email comments@saltaire.org. We will be talking more about this on Monday, November 9, 2026.

208 Atlantic Walk

The house and property at 208 Atlantic Walk were not maintained by the owner while on the market. Because of the deteriorating conditions, the Village declared the premises uninhabitable and commenced legal action this summer. This action allowed the Village to enter the property, address the hazardous conditions, and place a lien on the property for the cost of the work.

Planning Commission Report

The Village of Saltaire Planning Commission has produced a comprehensive long-term building and land use report based on ten months of study and interviews. The report provides a strategic framework for decisions about municipal land, buildings, and open space.

A copy of the report is on the Village website and can be accessed here [PC Report](#) .

The Board is now reviewing its recommendations to develop a long-term capital plan that will strengthen the Village's ability to provide essential services and meet community needs while preserving the unique character of Saltaire. We expect the capital plan to be ready for Board and public discussion in the next few months.

Suffolk County Water Authority Transition

Installation of water meters at every Village residence is well underway. The SCWA began work on October 1 at the eastern end of the Village, and installations have now been completed between East Walk and Anchor Walk. Work will continue westward, with completion expected later in the off-season.

Although the meters will be operational before summer 2027, water consumption charges will not be billed until **June 1, 2027**.

Mario will continue to let homeowners know when SCWA crews will be on their walk; please reach out to him at mario@saltaire.org with any questions.

NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9 • 6:00 P.M. • NEW YORK CITY

I hope many of you can join – either remotely or in-person: [Agenda](#)

TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

TRUSTEE	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
Frank Wolf, Deputy Mayor	SCWA Liaison, SVFC (Lead), Strategy (Support), Carting
Anna Kovner	Public Safety, Public Health, Ferry/Parking, Environment, Technology & Communications (Co-Lead)
Katie Lihn	Recreation, Playground, Legal Matters
Tiffer Valente	Village Land & Buildings, Lifeguards, Technology & Communications (Co-Lead), SVFC (Support)

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