



Ocean Point Colony Trust

Winter Newsletter

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“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.”

The days are starting to get longer marking the beginning of a new year and eventually the arrival of summer. As president of the Ocean Point Colony Trust (OPCT), I am 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 or frequently visit Ocean Point; or those who might be identified as friends with Ocean Point connections. Some are contributors to OPCT, some may not, for various reasons. To the many who are contributors, your support is very much appreciated.

I would like to try to summarize the role of OPCT in the community and how it might apply to your circumstances. 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 is a recommended annual contribution based on historical and projected operating costs. Those who have contributed at the recommended contribution level are eligible to vote on desired organizational leadership in the form of members on the OPCT board, or on occasion, other high level OPCT issues.

The facilities of OPCT are designed to support the greater community and its activities. All OPCT activities are open to the general public. Most activities are free but some are fund raising events. Activities include those for children, events to promote community interaction and communication, educational programs for all ages, and programs that promote increased physical fitness. The racket sports of pickle ball and tennis are accessible to all but there is an additional fee that helps support the operating costs of those programs. Community members have developed a library at the Casino for everyone's use.

You may not be aware that OPCT owns lands that are maintained and dedicated to public use. Grimes Cove beach is enjoyed by many throughout the year. The land south of the paper road running easterly from Grimes Cove is OPCT land. Also included are the rocky ledges around “Sunset Rock”. Parking is supported by the OPCT owned Grimes Cove parking lot. There are eight acres of forest/wet land along Middle Road specifically dedicated to enhancement of its natural beauty for all to enjoy. A network of trails through the property is being reclaimed for that purpose.

OPCT also provides a collective voice in communicating and working with various components of town government. Examples of involvement are public trash collection, traffic congestion management, speed reduction, fire safety, and obtaining an automated defibrillator stationed at the Casino. It supports ambulance and fire protection efforts.

As you may note, OPCT supports the general community in many ways, whether you have contributed towards it or not. It enhances the uniqueness of Ocean Point by supplementing its intrinsic beauty and creating an atmosphere of community. This in turn raises the inherent value of your property, attracts renters who might access your property, and promotes a social community environment not found in many other places. Please consider being involved with OPCT in any manner you are willing and able to.

May the winter be kind to you as we await all that the warmth of spring and summer brings.

I will send out a newsletter in the spring outlining planned activities along with other updates.

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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Addendum January 18, 2023 The accompanying newsletter was printed before the recent storms and associated severe coastline damage. A large thank you is in order for the town of Boothbay and its road crews for its rapid response in restoring passage of a severely damaged Shore Road and other local roads. It is my hope that the Ocean Point Colony Trust can lead a collective effort this coming spring and summer to support cleaning up debris. I have been in contact with town officials. They are actively in the process of determining funding sources from local, state, and federal levels for any long term repair/rebuilding. The amount of funds, requirements, and timelines will be subsequently determined. This likely will involve some conversations about future storm control

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