

***IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF POPPONESSET –
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY JUL 7, 2016***

INCREASED MEASURES IN PLACE TO ADDRESS RECENT CONCERNS

As many of you know, there was an incredibly high volume of traffic coming into Popponesset this past holiday weekend during the day and late evening.

Unfortunately, several issues were created in Popponesset and on the beaches by this heavy and steady influx, including illegal parking, an enormous amount of trash left behind, multiple violations of many of the environmental health and safety rules put in place to protect the Spit (which is already in a compromised state as a result of a battering from many storms). In addition, at night there was a lot of underage drinking, and large groups of disorderly people walking the streets of Popponesset, creating disturbances.

The PBA Board, Save Popponesset Bay, Mashpee Police Department and OnePointe have met to discuss an action plan to address these concerns.

Effective immediately several measures have been put in place:

- 1) In Popponesset, there will be additional police presence; there will be very strict ramifications in place for any underage drinking, illegal parking, illegal stopping and dropping, disorderly conduct, etc...
- 2) The Spit will now be closing early until further notice. Police will be enforcing the closure in line with the state lot at 9:30 pm or as their judgment dictates. The Spit is Private Property, owned in part by Mass Audubon and Save Popponesset Bay. They have the right to control the safety of this Wildlife Preserve. In this case, due to the damage to the Spit, it requires early closure for the foreseeable future.
- 3) The State Fisherman's Landing will be locked from 9:30pm-

5am.

The PBA will continue to monitor and meet with the Police and our security detail to address solutions for the summer so not to have a repeat of the past weekend. If you see any illegal activity, please call OnePointe or Mashpee Police.

A reminder that alcohol, smoking, fires and dogs are not allowed on the Spit or Popponeset Beaches.

For any questions, please reach out to PBA at popponesetbeachassociation@gmail.com or Save Popponeset Bay at info@savepopponesetbay.org

Dated: July 7, 2016