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This Week at Giants Neck Beach

June 9, 2025

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Saturday, June 21 - Annual Membership Meeting and Budget Vote at 9:00 am at the Clubhouse

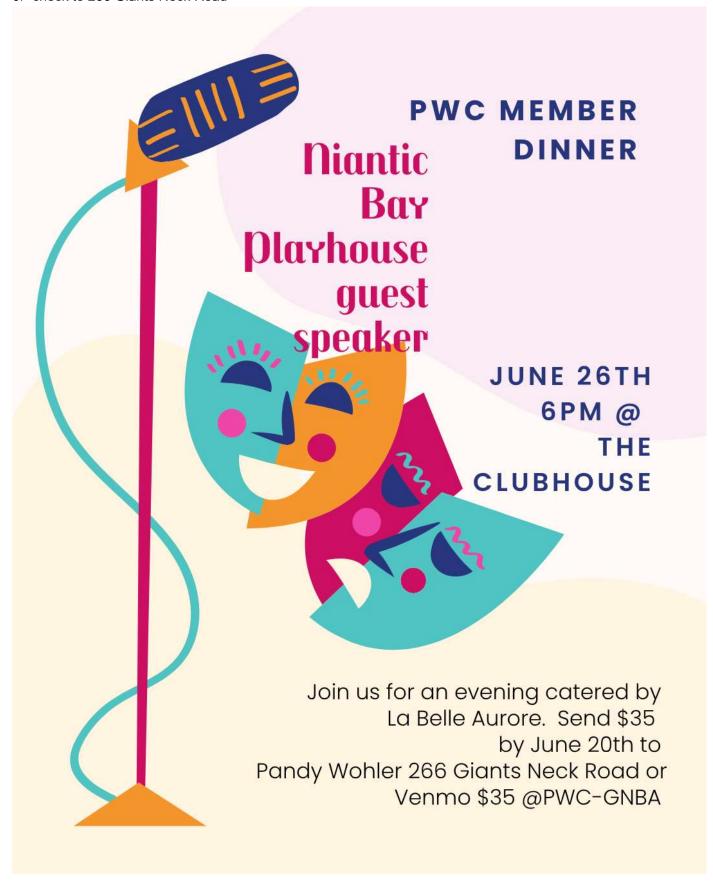
JJoin us for our membership dinner, catered by La Belle Aurore, with a guest speaker from the Niantic Bay Playhouse!

Watermelon, Feta, and Mint salad Caprese bruschetta pasta with ricotta, chicken, and herbs strawberry shortcake selection of fine Costco wines

Please email any allergies to vipiscatelli@gmail.com

Payment \$35 to Pandy Wohler Venmo @PWC-GNBA

Or check to 266 Giants Neck Road



The Men's Club is excited to announce two Men's Club dinners for the 2025 season!

BBQ Time - Friday, June 27th at 6:00 PM

Chester's Barbeque will serve up ribs, chicken, pulled pork, mac & cheese, salads, desserts, and more. Beer, wine, water, and soft drinks provided. Feel free to bring other drinks and cigars — last time, many stayed late enjoying the evening on the deck.

RSVP by June 21st

Email or call to let us know if you're coming and how many are in your group. We'll confirm once we receive your reply.

Pizza Night - Friday, August 1st at 6:00 PM

The Rolling Tomato is back! Save the date for an evening of fresh, wood-fired pizza and good times.

Volunteers are needed to help clean up after each dinner. Please share this with anyone we may have missed.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone this summer!

Thanks,

Ernie Annibale, Richard Corona, Steve Spano & Mario Harris



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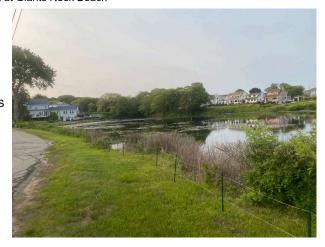
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Nature

Geese Fencing was installed along the Brockett Road side of Lower Nehantic Pond on Saturday, May 31 thanks to Gerry and Tom (who volunteered their Saturday to put this in for less than a third the budgeted price!). Here,

I'd like to give you a little information about the reasoning behind this so you can understand what it is intended to do. During last winter we often saw geese meandering out of the pond and onto Brockett Road and Giants Neck Road, in the area where the two roads meet. This led to a lot of complaints for what people were walking in and for what dogs were snacking on as the owners were in a sprint to get them by the area. Not a very appetizing thought especially when winter is the season when bird flu hits. None of us wanted to bring THAT home one way or another.



One of the ways to discourage the winged pedestrians is to



have woody shrubbery that the birds can't just walk through but much of it seemed to disappear during this winter and the shoreline seems to have eroded leaving bare areas. A second way is to have an artificial barrier that prevents the geese from being able to easily come and go out of the water. This fence will provide just this- the lines are designed to be at heights that will prevent the geese from moving—but not catching other wildlife.

During the summer molt (somewhere between mid-June to the end of July lasting 4-5 weeks) geese also cannot fly. According to

Audubon.com the feathers of birds are constantly being stressed by the environment so need to be replaced (similarly we shed our skin.) It is the season between breeding and migration when waterfowl have simultaneous molts and are temporarily flightless. The birds will congregate at ponds and lakes to rest, feed and stay safe. People can be angry at birds if they are hanging out on their lawns next to water but with the fence in place we should see less of this. Here is a picture of new feathers coming in:

It may look like they are hanging out a bit too much but not to worry the birds will resume flight by August

https://www.audubon.org/magazine/why-and-how-look-molting-birds-summer

https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/geeseproblem.pdf

We also intend to replace some of the shrubbery in the fall, but until then the fence should help in our effort to discourage the geese from leaving us reminders of their presence.

Get out and enjoy our beautiful natural Giants Neck B<u>Continue</u> each! Remember to be the kind of neighbor you'd like to have, be kind to nature and everyone you meet. We all can play a part in making this world a better place!

~Lisa

Have a Great Week The GNBA



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