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## May 12, 2025

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### Upcoming Meetings/Events

25/26 Budget Process Key Dates

5/25 Budget Information Session

6/4 Regular BOG Meeting

6/21 GNBA Annual Meeting (Budget Vote)

Additional information and updates will be posted on the website as they become available.



# *PWC Welcome Breakfast*

PWC members are invited  
**Saturday, May 24th 9:00 am**  
at the Clubhouse

for coffee, tea and light fare.

*Bring your favorite mug and a  
non-perishable item for  
East Lyme Care and Share*

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## News

Attached is the [proposed FY 25-26 budget](#), which will be presented on May 25th to the membership. It is provided for your review now so you can become familiar with it. Discussion, questions, and suggestions will be addressed at this meeting.

As you know, the Giants Neck Beach Goose Committee has been busy learning



about geese and their habits. We are doing this because the more we know about them, the more we can do to dissuade them from using our beaches and common areas (including our streets) as places to hang out. I'd like to share with you about one of the strategies that we have come across. And to begin, let's look at another group of individuals who don't want

geese hanging out—airport staff and pilots! One of the most memorable events dealing with birds was when US Airways Flight 1549 landed in the Hudson River after striking a flock of birds after departing LaGuardia Airport in January 2009. Since then, The Port Authority changed their management programs to help reduce the bird habitats surrounding the airfield. One of the ways they came across was to change the kind of grass available to the geese.

Here at Giants Neck we, too, need to make some changes and one of the changes we need to consider is looking at what kind of grass our resident geese have available to them and to look at what kinds of grass are not pleasant to them. DNR in Maryland has done the research into this and at this website

[https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/plants\\_wildlife/ResGeeseProblem.aspx](https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/plants_wildlife/ResGeeseProblem.aspx) they provide information on how to make areas less palatable to the geese. These are the grasses that geese enjoy: Kentucky bluegrass, Brome grass, Canary grass, Colonial bentgrass, Perennial ryegrass, Quackgrass, and Red fescue. They go on to say that geese enjoy grass that is frequently mowed and fertilized as it provides great proteins and carbohydrates for geese (which is why ours always look like they have been eating a Thanksgiving meal all year long. Geese are not usually a fan of mature tall fescue—as in 12-14 inch tall grass. But that's not the look most of us are going for. There are a few companies that make a grass blend to sell to airports that are not appealing to geese. Giants Neck Beach Association has made a commitment to install this type of grass in our common areas as a way of discouraging the geese from hanging out. In the next month we will be making the change over to this grass. Here is the great news for all of you: we are willing to help you if you want to make the change as well. Email Gerry by Sunday, May 18, 2025 at [vannoordennen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vannoordennen@sbcglobal.net) to let him know that you'd like to join us and we will include your order with ours for the grass seed—larger orders mean a savings for all of us. Here is the Flightturf website so you can do your own investigating:

<https://www.flightturf.com/> They even claim that animals who carry around the ticks will be less likely to hang out in the middle of it—and who doesn't love the thought of less ticks around our neighborhood? Someone is coming to aerate for us, you can join in there as well. We will let you know who is doing it and which day.

This is not the only way we will be discouraging geese—because there is not just one reason that the geese love it here (just like the rest of us!). As the weeks go on we will tell you about the successes and failures we have found this spring. And we will tell you more about what we have learned about these “beach bums” and other changes we are making.

Get out and enjoy our beautiful natural Giants Neck Beach! And remember to be kind to nature and everyone you meet! We all can play a part in making this world a better place!  
~Lisa

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