



Hello SPIA Residents,

This a reminder that **Dogs Are Not Allowed at the Beach or in the Parking Lot** from May 15th - September 15th (As Per Chapter 401A Town of Barnstable e-code Section C).

The warmer water during the summer allows for the growth of more bacteria. The Town of Barnstable has the water in Hall's Creek tested every week to ensure the quality of the water. If the bacteria level is found to be too high, they will close the beach and surrounding areas to all swimming and recreation. This is not something we want to happen and we are working hard to prevent this possibility.

According to the Boston Globe there are over 70 beaches across Mass. currently closed due to an exceedance of bacteria levels. As quoted from the Boston Globe, " An exceedance occurs when levels of Enterococci and E. coli have exceeded what officials have deemed safe for that beach. Most beaches are listed as unsafe when they experience two exceedances in consecutive days, but some beaches with a history of multi-day exceedances must be added to the list after a single exceedance.

Water can become contaminated from a variety of sources, including stormwater runoff, malfunctioning septic systems, sewer overflows, and animal waste."

We have also seen an uptick in non-residents coming to the beach by either walking in or by lying to the guards. We have hired All Cape Security, who patrols the beach on the weekends and to do additional random patrols of the beach during the week. They will aid the

parking lot attendants in ensuring dogs and non-residents are kept from breaking the rules of Seaside Park. Please cooperate with them as they work for us to protect our common assets.

I look forward to seeing you all on Saturday August 5th at the General Meeting and the Annual Picnic.

All the Best,

Charlie Cormay
President
SPIA, Inc.

"It is estimated that one ounce of dog feces contains 23 million harmful bacteria, nearly twice that of human waste or 10 times that of a cow!"

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