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Paul Bunyan Road Association

# NEWSLETTER

August 2022

P.O. Box 119, Corea, ME 04624

<https://coreabythesea.org/>

*The PBRA newsletter is our way of sharing Association news and happenings of interest to our members. This summer issue is mailed to all property owners in our Corea by the Sea subdivision; other issues are sent to Association members via email. If you are not an Association member, we invite you to join.*



## Annual Meeting and Summer Social for all residents of Corea by the Sea

**Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 – 6:00 pm**  
**Schoodic Education and Research Center Pavilion**

This is our second year to use this great picnic area by the ball field. We found it to be a wonderful space for our Association to meet, complete with many picnic tables, grills, and restrooms.

Our Board will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers. We are asking those of you who attend to bring a side or dessert and the drink of your choice.

Our volunteer committee for this annual event includes Susan Haight, Barbara Stewart, Wendy Bukowski, and Mary Vauthy. More volunteers are always welcome.

Our meeting will be held first, followed by our picnic dinner. The business portion will include a review of our year and the slate of PBRA Board members for next year. And we are excited that Jackie Weaver, newly elected to our town's Select Board, will also speak.

All PBRA members—and guests—are invited. **PLEASE RSVP** by August 2<sup>nd</sup> to Mary Vauthy at 419-705-0592 or [maryvauthy@aol.com](mailto:maryvauthy@aol.com). We need to know who is coming, the number in your party, and what you will be bringing to share with the group. **THANK YOU!** We hope to see many of you there.



## Helping our Neighbors

In prior years we have asked all who come to our annual PBRA Summer Social to consider bringing non-perishable food items and toiletries/household necessities to help stock the Gouldsboro **Life Line Food Pantry**, and/or donate money to the Pantry. We will be collecting donations again this year. If you want to donate cash directly, send it to **Life Line Food Pantry**, C/O Donna Harmon, PO Box 173, Corea, ME 04624. Please consider enclosing a note letting Donna know that you are donating on behalf of the Paul Bunyan Road Association.

## Voting for PBRA Board Members

One of the business items at our August meeting will be voting for PBRA Board Members. There will be a complete slate of officers and board members presented, but we will take nominations from the floor should any Association member wish to make them. If there are no additional nominations, we will vote the Board members as a single vote. **Current PBRA Officers** include Frank Chudnow, President; Boyd Haight, Treasurer and Acting Vice President; and Susan Haight, Secretary. **Rounding out the present Board** are Pat Weaver, Paul Stewart, Jeff Young, and Mary Vauthy. **Proposed new Board members** include Wendy Bukowski, Kathy Coffey, and Liz Rosenfeld.

All property owners in the Corea by the Sea subdivision are encouraged to become members of the Association. Dues are assessed annually and this coming 2022–2023 year they are still only \$35. Dues can be paid at any time from now through the end of August. You can bring a check with you to the social or mail it along with the enclosed membership form to PBRA Treasurer at the address on the letterhead.

## Et cetera...

- ✓ **Town Paving Plans:** Most of you have no doubt noticed the recent ditching work along Paul Bunyan Road. This is in preparation for paving work slated for late summer or early fall. In talking with the Road Commissioner, it still looks good for most, if not all, of the remaining section of PBR to be resurfaced this year.
- ✓ **Burn Permits:** Don't forget, permits are required for ALL uncontained outdoor fires. You can get your free burn permit online at <https://apps1.web.maine.gov/burnpermit/public/index.html>. You can check the current fire danger at [https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/wildfire\\_danger\\_report/index.html](https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/wildfire_danger_report/index.html).
- ✓ **Noise Ordinance:** The long-in-the-works noise ordinance was approved by town voters at the June 2022 Town Meeting. Not as robust as some had hoped, town officials will monitor its effects and will review any need for changes later in the year.
- ✓ **Public Safety:** It was another turbulent year at the Town Offices: Both our Fire Chief and head of the Ambulance service left for other opportunities. Our new Fire Chief is Todd Daley and Ken Monroe leads the Ambulance service.
- ✓ **Local Author:** Margie Patlak will be giving an in-person book talk at Hammond Hall on August 10th at noon. She will be talking about her latest book, *More Than Meets the Eye: Exploring Nature and Loss on the Coast of Maine*, which was recently awarded “Outstanding Book” of 2021 by the American Society of Journalists and Authors in the memoir category. Readers have also been enthusiastic: One called the book “an exquisite treasure in so many ways—part memoir, part poetry, part scientific study, part loss therapy, part adventure, and part uplifting hallelujah for life.” Another claimed. “More Than Meets the Eye beautifully captures what makes the Schoodic peninsula in Maine so magical.” The talk is jointly sponsored by the Winter Harbor Library and Schoodic Arts for All.
- ✓ **Town Manager:** Once again Gouldsboro is looking for a new Town Manager. Andrea Sorois, our previous Town Manager, resigned at the end of June 2021. Eve Wilkinson re-assumed the role of interim Town Manager and is still at it, taking care of town business. She will stay on until the Select Board chooses a new Town Manager.

## More Peninsula Visitors

Not wanting to be outdone by their GMBR neighbors, the folks on PBR have reported some additional sightings of impressive visitors to our part of the peninsula. Boyd & Susan Haight caught this marauder early one morning. (No sign of mama... thankfully!)



**And then there are the geese...** Bother-some... but those goslings are so cute! (The Hights also caught this family of geese on camera and provided the following information, adapted from *ThoughtCo.com* by Anne Marie Helmenstine)

The Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*) can be a pest if they have taken up residence on your lawn. They leave behind copious deposits which, while messy, are actually nitrogen-rich and good for your lawn.

Canada geese can live for 10–24 years in the wild. The male (gander) is slightly larger than the female, but they are identical in coloring. The geese find mates at two years old and are monogamous. They breed in the Arctic, Canada, and the northern US, most migrating south in the winter. Some geese have adapted to our colder Maine climate and become residents. Their offspring will also be resident as they have never learned the migratory routes.



Females lay between two and nine eggs in a nest near or surrounded by water. The female does most of the incubating while the male stands guard. Pairs will return to the same nest or area each spring. The goslings hatch 24–28 days later and can walk, swim, and find food immediately upon hatching. Their parents fiercely protect them from predators. The adults molt during the nesting period and regain flight when their goslings fledge (grow feathers) at 6–8 weeks. The goslings stay with their parents for about a year through the autumn migration and back to their birthplace in the spring.

Migrating birds fly south in the autumn in a “V” formation with the lead bird flying lower and creating turbulence that improves the lift of the following birds. When the lead tires, another bird takes over. They usually fly at night when it is cooler and to avoid predators. Unfortunately, Canada geese are the second-most damaging bird for airplane strikes in the US after turkey vultures. This is due to their size, flight in large flocks, and the ability to fly up to 29,000 feet in elevation.

Canada geese are hunted in scheduled seasons and protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act outside of hunting season. So enjoy the beauty of the birds while cursing the clean up!

**Speaking of “cute” pests**, we’ve all seen these critters around the area. For many of us, our birch trees tell the tale of porcupine visits, our flower gardens suffer what seems like a relentless onslaught from deer, and raccoons are a threat to any unlocked trash can. (Additional photos thanks to Susan & Boyd Haight and Perry Cook & Sonja Dean.)



### ***A View from the Porch (Editor’s musings)***



Warm days, comfortable nights, just enough rainfall to keep things green, lobster buoys abound in the bays, woodland creatures out and about, and flowers in full bloom. So far, about a perfect summer. Let’s all celebrate summer with our friends and neighbors at the Association’s Annual Meeting and Summer Social.

