

Hello Crescent Beach Residents.

I hope everyone is well and surviving winter. Our favorite season will be here soon.

As you may or may not know, we've been hit with 3 major storms each of which came ashore at high tide, leaving us with major flooding and beach erosion. Beach Avenue and the area around South Beach was totally underwater, leaving a huge amount of sand in the road. When the town Public Works Department arrived to clear the road, I asked them to deposit that sand back on our beach, which they gladly did. We now have very large sand piles that we can spread back onto the beach in the spring. I believe that South Beach will be ok.

The main beach is a different story. We were unable to berm it back in November as there was a beached sailboat left on it. While that boat was eventually moved, the mast and keel were left on the beach until they were removed, but too late to berm. You might recognize that the mast was used along with the raft to create the beautiful holiday display on the beach. In retrospect, it is possible that even if we had bermed the beach, it may not have survived these 3 storms.

Our plan going forward is to monitor the tides washing sand back onto the beach. We will be using Spencer Beers to push that sand higher up the beach as the amount of sand becomes sufficient. We are hopeful that we can recover enough to avoid the need to purchase additional sand, which can become very expensive. By April we should have a better idea as to where we stand.

In addition, there are 3 members of our community who have formed an ad hoc committee to investigate ways that we can prevent further erosion. They are examining the possibility of recovering sand from the bay, which is quite plentiful right now. They are exploring the possibility of help from the town, the state, and the federal government. They will share their findings at the first board meeting on April 2nd at 6:30 PM at the Stand. All residents are invited to attend this meeting to hear what they have learned, as well as all the other board business on the agenda.

I hope this update is helpful. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please send them along to me at TC4266@gmail.com. I welcome all correspondence, and look forward to seeing everyone again.

Thanks, Terry.