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## Beach Access Case Updates

*CfAR would like to update our members on some court cases and issues pertaining to the beaches in East Hampton.*

### *Macklowe Case (aka Georgica Beach 1st Jetty)*

A ruling on the case was issued on March 2nd. The good news is that on the eve of the trial, the plaintiffs dropped their claim of ownership to the beach. They were unable to prove their ownership of the beach and therefore the Trustees (the public) will retain ownership of the beach in this case, for now. The court did, however, rule in favor of the plaintiffs on several other issues in the case. The end result of the court's ruling is that the Trustees are losing beach along the northern property of the beach and the southern property line of the beach front homeowners. The court ruled that a property line is not a fixed location, and can move based on vegetation, in this case, beach grass. As the beach grass moves south, the homeowners gain land and the trustees lose land. This case will set a precedent for the other cases.

### *White Sands\Seaview (aka Napeague Beach)*

No major updates on this case. The legal parties are still in the process of scheduling depositions in preparation for the trial. No trial date has been set. CfAR continues to look into cameras that were

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#### Beach Cleanup

May 19th  
Napeague Lane  
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#### Annual Fundraiser

May 19th  
Stephen Talkhouse  
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placed in the dunes in front of the White Sands hotel. CfAR will be presenting a resolution to the new Town Board in the month of May.

### *Georgica Beach*

Close eyes are being kept on Georgica as Mother Nature replishes the beachfront. The Village of East Hampton is holding off on any decisions as to whether to open this beach for the summer months. As far as the legal battle, the case of The People of the State of New York vs. Mollie Zweig and Robert Sullivan is still in the court system and has yet to be arraigned. There is still no word from the DEC as a result of their compliance conference, but they are working together with the village and the trustees on the case. The Trustees are in the process of doing a title search as it pertains to the case and are encouraged by their findings.

### *Beach Plum Park*

There is no change on Beach Plum Park parcel of land that was recently brought to the attention of the Town Board. The town board has said it will look into the situation and will try to rectify the situation. CfAR will be asking the town board for updates on the situation at an upcoming Board Meeting.

## Membership Renewal

CfAR is now renewing all members for 2012. Memberships may now be renewed ONLINE. [Click here](#) to go directly to our online registration form. Citizens for Access Rights, an official not-for-profit organization, now has the following membership requirements: all members 18 years of age and over pay dues of \$20 annually; junior members under 18 are not required to pay dues; all voting members must have their primary residence in the Town of East Hampton. Donated funds are used for operating costs of CfAR and surplus funds will be donated to the Town Trustees for stewardship of the local beaches. Membership dues will also be accepted at all CfAR events. All 2012 members will receive a CfAR tire gauge with membership renewal. The new membership form may be found on our website at [www.citizensforaccessrights.com](http://www.citizensforaccessrights.com).

## News from CfAR

**Citizens for Access Rights** has gotten off to a great start for 2012! We have continued to keep the issue of protecting public beach access at the forefront of everyone's minds. Our first event of 2012 was a Trivia Night. In the quiet month of March, CfAR brought



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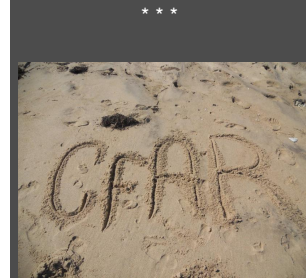


together trivia buffs for a night of trivia and fun! The event was a success raising over \$1500 for our cause! We plan to make the event an annual one, so keep studying your trivia.

Did you happen to catch a beach ball at the St. Patty's Parade? That was us! CfAR made their float debut in *Montauk St. Patrick's Day Parade* with a family friendly beach scene and fun CfAR beach balls for the crowds. We saw lots of fans out there cheering us on, thanks for your support!

Our next fundraising events will be a beach cleanup and the *annual event* at The Stephen Talkhouse on May 19th. The beach cleanup will be focusing on the Napeague area on the morning of May 19th, followed by the evening event at The Talkhouse featuring music, silent auction, raffles and fun! We are currently seeking silent auction items so if you know a business who is interested in donating, please contact us at [citizensforaccessrights@gmail.com](mailto:citizensforaccessrights@gmail.com).

As we mentioned in our first quarter newsletter, we endeavor to send these updates quarterly. Look for eblasts leading up to our events and always check in to our [Facebook page](#) for constant updates. Thank you for supporting CfAR, each and every supporter makes a difference!



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