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**[Test] This Week at Giants Neck Beach**

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# **This Week at Giants Neck Beach**

**June 17, 2024**

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## [Upcoming Meetings/Events](#)

Please take note of several upcoming meetings:



PWC  
MEMBERSHIP  
DINNER

Thursday, June 20

6pm

\$30

RSVP BY JUNE 17  
TO PANDY WOHLER





*Beach Ball*

# BINGO

Join us at the clubhouse for  
Beach Ball Bingo! \$5 a card

**THURSDAY, JUNE 27TH 7PM**

**FUN & PRICES  
GALORE  
GNBA REC  
EVENT**



**Giants Neck Beach  
Men's Club  
Dinner**




Join Us  
**Friday, June 28**  
**6:00 PM – Clubhouse**  
**\$35.00 Per Person**

Enjoy Baby Back Ribs, chicken, pulled pork, mac 'n cheese, Caesar salad, Cole Slaw, assorted desserts and much more!  
Beer, wine, water, and soft drinks will also be provided.

**Feel free to bring other libations and cigars!**



Please RSVP to [mario.harris@gmail.com](mailto:mario.harris@gmail.com) by June 21 if you are attending.  
Any questions, please call Mario Harris (516) 238-8793.  
**We look forward to seeing you at this first 2024 Men's Club Dinner!**  
Rich Corona, Ernie Annibale, Steve Spano, and Mario Harris

## News

Ernie Annibale has been elected a member of the BOG and is leaving the Zoning Commission. For that reason, the Zongg Commission needs a new member. If you would like to volunteer for that position, please contact Marilyn Jacobs, Acting Chair, at [Marilyn.Jacobs@coldwellbankermoves.com](mailto:Marilyn.Jacobs@coldwellbankermoves.com) or Gerry Van Noordennen, BOG Liaison, at [vannordennen@sbcgobal.net](mailto:vannordennen@sbcgobal.net).

## Giants Neck - A Natural Beauty

This last week was a week of turtles for me. First, on June 6, while walking around the neighborhood, I spied a snapping turtle (*Chelydra s. serpentine*) in the mulch beside South Bridebrook—I know that there are a few others of you who also were treated to the show. (They love to be in and around the Upper Pond.) Here and there, the mulch was pushed away from a depression that they used to lay 20-40 creamy white, ping-pong-sized eggs. In May or June, we



often see these prehistoric-looking turtles around the neighborhood laying eggs in sunny and sandy soil. It takes them a decade to reach maturity, they are losing habitat, and predators (raccoons, skunks, and crows) pilfer the eggs from their nest, so I always find it quite the treat to actually be able to watch them. Snapping turtles are omnivores and enjoy a diet of spiders, worms, fish, frogs, other turtles, snakes, birds, crayfish, small mammals, and plants (which actually is about a third of its diet). Although it may seem like a good idea to help them cross the road safely, remember they are called snapping turtles for a good reason! These turtles can live to be 40 or more!



Then, today, on June 14, I had another visit from a different turtle....and in my garden! The painted turtle (*Chrysemys picta picta*) gets its name obviously from its colorful markings and is the most numerous turtle species in Connecticut. It is usually 4 ½ to 6 inches long, with males having long front claws, a longer tail, and smaller than females. These turtles like ponds with soft, muddy bottoms rich in vegetation as they enjoy eating aquatic plants, insects, crayfish, snails, small fish, tadpoles, and mussels. They breed from mid-March to mid-June, laying eggs between May and July. The 2-11 eggs are laid up to a half mile from the pond and are covered with soil layers. They will hatch 72-80 days later. The really cool thing—the sex of the young is determined by the temperature of the nest: cool soil for males and warmer will produce females. Raccoons and skunks also like to eat these eggs—up to 90% of the nests are lost to predators. They also live to be 20-40 years old.

As you carefully drive or walk around our neighborhood, keep your eyes on or near our roads, and you may be lucky enough to see these interesting neighbors! I have seen many turtles run over on the road between the two ponds—it's never how we want to see these interesting neighborhood creatures. Interestingly enough, the turtle was able to escape my garden underneath my fence, which is not to the ground in this space, and within 15 minutes of my taking the picture, he was nowhere to be found! Enjoy Giants Neck—a Natural Beauty!

- Lisa Doggart

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