



The CCOM team sure has been busy this month! We have been out and about doing some incredible work during the month of July. Read on to hear more.

This month, we can't forget how important your support is to our organization. So, thank you.

CCOM memberships and Sustainer Pledges are what allow us to continue expanding our work to protect our waters and beaches and ensure Montauk's environmental sustainability. Whether yours is an [annual membership](#) or a 3-year pledge through our [Sustainer Circle](#) you are helping to make a real difference right here in Montauk. So please take a moment this month to make a meaningful commitment to Montauk.

With thanks,

Laura Tooman

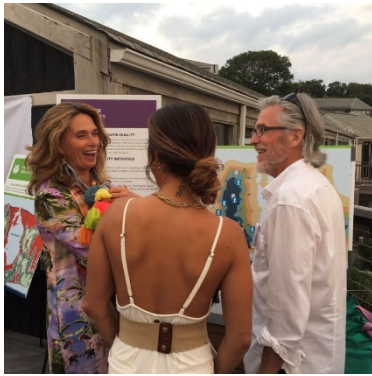
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SUMMER SOIRÉE AT GURNEY'S MONTAUK **OUTPOURING OF MONTAUK COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

We would like to give a huge thank you to the nearly 300 CCOM supporters who attended our Summer Soirée at Gurney's Montauk Resort & Seawater Spa. This

was the first time we were able to meet in-person with the larger Montauk community in nearly 18 months. It was an incredible opportunity to reconnect, reunite and reengage. View our event photo gallery [HERE](#).



BECOME A CCOM MEMBER!

SAVE MONTAUK'S WATERS CCOM TO ROLL OUT NEW PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

To increase the understanding of the water quality issues in Montauk's local waters and the steps that can be taken now to address them, CCOM is launching a comprehensive public awareness campaign.

[Our scientific testing of the waters in Montauk's lakes, ponds and beaches and leadership on the remediation steps](#) that have already begun in Fort Pond and Lake Montauk will provide the background to a series of public events over the next 2 months that will encourage greater public awareness and involvement in this important work. Stay tuned for upcoming events to participate in!

7.24 TEEN BEACH CLEANUP THIRD YEAR PROVES HUGE SUCCESS

This past Saturday our stellar group of CCOM summer interns held our most successful Teen Beach Cleanup event yet!

They were stationed at Ditch Plains Beach and had an incredible 38 participants who filled 7 large bags of debris. Camille Newman and Layla Pluhowski, who have worked together to organize the event for the last three years, did an incredible job and we applaud these young environmental leaders for an excellent job well done. Fisher Hirsch, our photography intern, documented the event for us – his photos can be viewed [HERE](#).

A big **THANK YOU** to all of those who stopped by to help clean the beach!



INTERN SPOTLIGHT

Camille is an incoming freshman at Wellesley College hoping to major in Environmental Studies and possibly Sociology. She is very happy with the turnout for this year's beach cleanup, noting "I have been picking up trash with my family for many years trying to keep Montauk clean, so I'm happy that other people have the same goal too!"



RENEW YOUR CCOM MEMBERSHIP!

FORT POND FLOATING WETLANDS EDUCATIONAL PUBLIC SIGN UNVEILED



On Wednesday, July 14th, representatives from CCOM and the Town of East Hampton met on the shores of Fort Pond to unveil the educational sign for our floating wetlands water quality improvement project.

We invite you to [see the sign](#) in person at the north end of the pond on Industrial Road.

UPCOMING EVENTS

8.4.2021 | WEBINAR

FLOATING WETLANDS & WATER QUALITY REMEDIATION

Please join us on Wednesday, August 4th from 4-5 pm to learn about our pilot floating wetlands installation in Montauk's Fort Pond. Participants can expect to hear about the nutrient removal capabilities of the technology, Fort Pond installation details, and how we hope this project will help reduce the nutrient load in the pond and lessen the extent and severity of the harmful algal blooms (HABs).

PARTICIPANTS:

Laura Tooman | CCOM President

Kate Rossi-Snook | CCOM Environmental Advocate

Steve Beeman | Beemats Floating Wetlands

Pre-registration is required to attend this webinar. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view recorded webinar.

8.12.2021 | CCOM Table @ Montauk Farmers Market

Come meet with our CCOM team to hear more about our water quality work.

9.18.2021 | Family Picnic @ Fort Pond House

128 Second House Rd. MTK | Time: TBD

Join us for a family picnic! Help us celebrate one of CCOM's founders, Carol Morrison, and our work in saving Fort Pond House and improving the water quality in Fort Pond. More details to come.

SEPTIC REPLACEMENT INFORMATION

START TODAY!

Earlier this month CCOM held two in-person sessions with East Hampton Town Natural Resources Department to share information on the process for replacing traditional septic systems with new nitrogen-reducing systems to help improve water quality.

The Town, Suffolk County, and NY State all offer programs to help with the cost of these upgrades and we want to help you! If you were unable to see us at the Montauk Farmer's Market or at EH Town Hall, we will be offering more of these outdoor in-person opportunities, so stay tuned.

If you aren't able to see us in-person, we would be happy to arrange for a personal Zoom meeting to help you get started! Let us know how we can help you today – email us at info@preservemontauk.org. In the meantime, [check out our website's Resources page](#) and scroll down to "SEPTIC UPGRADE INFORMATION."



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We are looking for a locally based fundraising and development consultant. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please visit our [HERE](#).

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