



AVALON PARK AND PRESERVE

Head of the Harbor Neighbors,

Late this spring and summer, we are reintroducing quail to Avalon Park.

We have hired a specialist to write up a prescribed burn proposal and have filed for a permit with New York State DEC. With the help and support of the St. James Fire Department, we have arranged for that specialist to organize and oversee the burn.

If you are not familiar with the park, there are five fields on either side of Shep Jones Lane. Our plan is to burn 1/3 of each field, totaling about 5 acres. The remaining acres that would not be burned will be mowed prior to the fire.

The reason for burning is to give the quail the best possible habitat available. There are four vital functions for improving quail habitat by burning. 1. Litter has been removed from the ground level, which aids the birds movement. 2. Burned areas attract more insects. 3. Seed production is greater. 4. The ability of the birds to feed on the seeds is improved.

There will be an open meeting for the community on April 27 at 7 P.M. at the Head of the Harbor Village Hall, located at 500 North Country Rd., St. James. We invite anyone to attend with questions or concerns. Our specialist, a representative from the St. James Fire Department, members of the Board of Trustees, and employees of Avalon Park will be attending.

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