

# "Back in Business on the Beach!" Supervisor Romaine and Councilman Mazzei Tour Fire Island Pines Community Businesses and Beaches

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**Farmingville, NY** - On July 1, Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilman Tim Mazzei met with Fire Island residents, civics and business owners during a tour of the Fire Island Pines community to highlight the barrier island's recovery from Super Storm Sandy and to declare that Fire Island is open for business. Pictured are Supervisor Romaine (right) and Councilman Mazzei (second from right) addressing the press on the boardwalk of the Fire Island Pines Marina.

"I want to let everyone know that the Fire Island communities are almost fully recovered and open for business," said Supervisor Romaine. "It's important that we get the message out to the tens of thousands of people who come here year after year to enjoy some of the most beautiful beaches in the world. I encourage everyone to visit Fire Island and support the local business owners who rely 100% on the summer season."



Councilman Mazzei said, "Fire Island took the brunt of Super Storm Sandy, but we've come back better than ever. I give a lot of credit to our Town employees for working closely with businesses and home owners to help make a full recovery in time for the summer season. From what I saw today, Fire Island is definitely back in business."

"At Fire Island the boardwalks are considered under Highway Law to be roads, and are used as such for the thousands of people who visit there each year," said Brookhaven Town Superintendent of Highways Dan Losquadro. "I realized in order to help Brookhaven Town maintain economic stability in the wake of Super Storm Sandy and Blizzard Nemo, the Highway Department would need to dedicate substantial time and resources to help rebuild the infrastructure of Fire Island in a short period of time before the summer season was upon us. I am very pleased to say Fire Island is open for business due to the dedicated work of Highway crews working under very tight deadlines to restore walkways, rebuild structures leading to the beach and making the overall infrastructure enjoyable and safe for the public to visit."

Pictured above are (left to right) Jay Pagano, President of the Fire Island Property Owners Association, Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilman Mazzei on the beach at Fire Island Pines.

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