

Kinney Shores Beach Report June 1, 2016

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Finally spring and summer have arrived. It was a relatively mild winter and the ocean damage and erosion has been minimal. Overall the boardwalks look good but all of them are in need of some attention. The street captains will need to organize a work crew to accomplish the maintenance.

The work ahead for the early part of the season is grass trimming, sea rose trimming and some lifting and resetting of sections plus the usual sweeping. All city barrels should be at the top of the boardwalk according to Patrick Fox, Director of the Saco DPW. There are some on the beach now.

Cottage: All composite sections appear in good condition. Signage is posted. The city trash barrel is missing. The stairs and platform at the beach end are in poor condition and should be replaced, the boardwalk has grass growing between slats in some sections, and the dune grass and sea roses are growing over the walk in a few areas. The walk should be lifted and straightened because some sections are heaving which cause a tripping hazard.

Shore Ave: Sections are in good condition with the exception of one broken board. The sections should be lifted and straightened. Sea roses were planted along each side of the walkway and a storm fence erected within the ROW by the Ernst's at 81 Oceanside. The fence is inside the 15 foot easement and the exposed metal rods pose a safety hazard should someone fall onto them due to the narrow pathway. This may be a potential liability. This has been noted for two years and needs to be corrected. The city barrel is at the top of the walkway. Signage is missing the no smoking sign. Doggy Bags are well stocked.

Palmer: All New sections in good condition. Several sections should be leveled and the transition from the boardwalk to the beach is very steep now and there is no handrail to assist beach goers. This section was very slippery because of the sand and slope to the beach. There was a handrail for many years that is now missing. A light sweeping and grass pulled from between some of the slats is all that is needed. Signage is missing the no smoking sign. The city trash barrel is at the top of the boardwalk.

Piney Woods: New walkway in excellent condition. Signage is missing no smoking sign. Sea roses are trimmed on each side, well swept and Doggy Bags are well stocked. City trash can is at the top of the boardwalk.

Dune Ave: All new sections in good condition. Signage is missing no smoking sign. A light sweeping is all that is needed at the beach side. The city trash barrel is on the beach. The stairs leading to the beach are in good condition.

Outlook: All new sections in excellent condition. Sea Roses have been trimmed. Doggy bags are empty. The city trash can is on the beach. The last section of boardwalk at the beach end is covered with sand and slippery. The signage is missing the no smoking sign.