

## **BEACH & DUNES Report, 2019**

2019 has been a year of accessibility.

The new boardwalk handrail was fabricated and installed in early July. The expense of this much needed improvement was shared by matching funds from Community Sales.

Handicap parking spaces have been designated near the boardwalk. The diminished depth of the beach has brought the ocean considerably closer and more accessible to beach goers.

Beach raking/grooming has been done weekly by a new service provider. A more favorable schedule of Friday mornings has been negotiated. Additionally, seaweed is being removed rather than buried as in the past.

Seasonal damage and vandalism to the snow fence was repaired/replaced this spring. Further maintenance will be required/performed later in the fall. The fencing and sea grass continue to play an important role in building and preserving the dune area. While the beach area comes and goes with the tides, the dune provides a backstop to permanent erosion.

Thank you to all who have assisted and welcome to new volunteers.

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