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Dear Neighbors of Harbor, Booker and Fishing Creek Parking areas:

We have had multiple inquiries about cars parked at these two lots for extended periods. Some have been made anonymously, so we have been unable to know who to respond to the complainant directly.

Thus, I am sending this letter to all the neighbors of those parking areas.

Oyster Harbor has a severe shortage of parking on its roads. In order to curb flooding issues, we discourage parking on swales. This winter has been especially bad with extensive icy/flooded areas. To this end, some residents have been asked by the Board to park in the parking lots at Booker, Fishing Creek, and Harbor, at least for this winter, to make the community a safer place.

The Oyster Harbor Board has re-affirmed the parking rules as follows:

- 1) The primary use of the parking areas are for use of the facilities (playground, beach, piers, etc.) adjacent to those parking areas.
- 2) The parking areas are open for use for any resident for overflow parking. Such overflow needs may range from a few hour place for party guests to park, to children home from college for the summer.
- 3) In the off-season, these parking areas may be used more extensively for overflow parking.
- 4) Where a situation requires a need for longer duration (multi-day) overflow parking at one of these locations, the Community Leadership should be contacted to ensure the vehicle is not towed.
- 5) Community Leadership may request that a resident park their car in one of these locations to relieve a burden on another section of the community.
- 6) **Long term or permanent parking is not allowed in these areas.** This statement is required in order to give the Community Leadership the right to tow vehicles that abuse these parking areas. However, we must also understand that controlling on-street parking in swales is a safety factor for the community and comes first and foremost.
- 7) If lots become full, the Board may need to prioritize who may park in these lots, even if all those parking have justifiable needs.
- 8) Non-residents, that are not guests of a resident, may not park in these lots.

A subset of these rules are posted on signs at the piers, as is legally required to enable the Board to tow vehicles.

It is the goal of the Board to balance the use of these lots to best service the community. For this winter, additional vehicles may need to make use of these lots.

As always, if you feel a vehicle is illegally parked, please report it on the Oyster Harbor website, community rules violation form. We follow-up on every report and if your contact information is given, will keep you apprised of the status.

Thank you for your care of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Eric D. Epstein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "E".