

DAMMINIX 2011 DAVIS PARK-OCEAN RIDGE

This year's applications of Damminix will take place in late April and again in late July or early August. It is very important to **get your request back to us by April 11th 2011** so we can notify the vendor which lots are participating. Damminix works best with solid blocks of treated property so that ticks won't be carried from untreated lots to treated ones. 100% participation would be great; we are at about 78% now. If you participated last year and any of your neighbors did not, why not talk to them about joining in 2011. It will protect you and everyone else in the community better.

The program was put out for competitive bid again this year and we have been able to get a very good price in spite of the rising cost of the product. The cost of \$55.00 in Davis Park and \$65.00 in Ocean Ridge per lot for two applications is a very small price to pay to protect you, your family, pets, and tenants. A 10% discount for multiple lot ownership is offered this year. For those of us who occupy our homes during the season the reduction of risk at a nominal cost is self-evident. But, even those of us who do not occupy our homes have a lot to gain. It isn't very good for summer rentals if tenants contract Lyme disease, or even have to worry about it when considering renting in our community. When you compare the average cost of \$60.00 per lot to treat your property against the rental income generated by each house it is laughably small and very cheap insurance.

I would strongly suggest you tell any tenants about the Damminix application you purchase for your property. First, to assure them you have their best interest in mind, and are attempting to solve a potential problem for a member of their family. Second, explain that children and adults are not to go near or play with the tubes they may see around a property for this program to be successful. You may also want to inform your realtor as an added plus to get your house rented.

The application program this year will be performed by Pest Pro in Bohemia. They are available for other "pest" problems as well at 631-661-0900. The application of Damminix is regulated by Federal and State agencies, which state how many tubes may be placed on lots of varying square footage. This explains the difference in prices between Davis Park and Ocean Ridge. The type of property, sandy with little grass as opposed to heavy underbrush and thick ground cover, will also determine the number of tubes per lot. The important thing to keep in mind is that ***most*** tubes ***will*** be placed where you might not be able to see them, but mice looking for nesting material will see them. The second application, by law, may not equal the first. It must be a percentage of the first application, which varies lot to lot.

Please fill out the information on the DPA dues form and make your check payable to the DAVIS PARK ASSOCIATION, INC. and mail it today with your dues payment to 746 Montauk Highway, Bayport, NY 11705.

< **Important, please act prior to April 11th 2011** >

DPA Dues Form: www.davispark.org/DPA-DuesNotice-2011.pdf