

## Letter from Carol Ash

Written by Administrator

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CAROL ASH  
Commissioner

Letter to the Editor:

Now that autumn has arrived, it is only natural that we take the time to reflect on the 2009 summer season.

This season was an especially challenging one. The reality of budgetary constraints made it necessary for us to make some tough decisions that had an effect on all of our programs. With your help, we were able to make the most of a difficult situation. The collaboration between management and The Jones Beach Lifeguard Corp was an incredible achievement that shows what can be accomplished when we all work to achieve a shared goal.

The 2009 season brought many weather related obstacles as well. The storm surge on the shores of Long Island caused extremely dangerous rip currents. It is evident from the number of rescues our lifeguards successfully executed, that this year was a particularly hazardous one. At Jones Beach State Park alone, we recorded 3809 rescues, a record number in at least the last twelve years.

The Jones Beach Lifeguard Corps managed to overcome all of the obstacles placed before them and kept our park visitors safe.

It is with continued respect that I wish you the same success in your off season as you had during the 2009 season.

Thank you and congratulations on a spectacular season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Ash".

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