

April 2006

Edited by Janet Dickey and Kelly Giutiano

A message from the Chairman of the Board of Governors.

By Tony Zimmitti

In the March Newsletter I may have given the impression that **Ken Penfield**, our former Treasurer, was leaving the Board. That is not so. Ken is a most valued and needed member of the BOG who continues to assist with financial matters in addition to taking on other responsibilities.

Again, here is one more reminder that the Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2006 at 10:00AM on the patio on Old Mail Trail. You will be receiving the call to the Annual Meeting in mid-May. Please plan on attending.

I am so pleased to inform you that the function of greeting new residents, previously attended to so well by **Jeanne Lovejoy**, has been entrusted to two delightful women: **Gretchen Rossi** and **Peggy Tine**. They will continue to greet newcomers on behalf of the Association and the BOG with a big smile, and will offer the new people a welcome package which includes, among other things, a copy of the Charter, Association Rules, the Newsletter, garbage collection information, etc. Thank

you Peggy and Gretchen, and thank you so much Jeanne.

In other matters, it is unfortunate that this letter will not reach you in time to participate in the clean-up of our area scheduled to take place on April 22, in conjunction with the town wide clean up lead by Jeanne Lovejoy who, several years ago, named it "Pride In Westbrook." However, between now and then, some of you will have received phone calls urging you to "volunteer." As you may know, each year we clean up the Patio, parking area, as well as pick up litter from GBPA area roads and marsh. Try to join us the next time around.

And now something about Garbage. A note for year-round residents: Remember that starting May 1, the garbage pick up will revert to Mondays. For summer residents,

or new home owners who want to join in this community collection, attached to this newsletter is the form to be

completed and mailed out along with the check to Hometown Waste Co. If for any reason the check does not go out

on time, simply call Hometown Waste at 203-245-8840. If there is a problem, you can always call Jeanne Lovejoy at 860-664-0380, she will love to hear from you and resolve it.

On a sad note, **Axel B. Christensen** died Friday, February 12, after a short illness. Mr. Christensen was 103 years old. **Mrs. Jane Lacy** also died this April. Our deepest sympathy go to the respective families.

Beach Preservation Committee Report
By: Rick McGinley

Anticipation!

Swimming

Boating

Fishing

Relaxing

Cookouts

Get-togethers with family and friends:

That's what it is all about...**Summer at**

Grove Beach Point!

That is the subject that I would prefer to talk about. However, as a member of the Board of Governors and Chairman of the Beach Preservation Committee, I am obligated to give a report on **Beach Preservation**.

The winter has done considerable damage and the amount of debris left on the beach is challenging, but we will have it cleaned up as soon as possible.

At first glance it is discouraging that our beach has eroded as much as it has in one winter. However, it certainly has been a terrible winter weather-wise, and we must be thankful that the weather was not much worse. Certainly, when we look around the country and the world, it seems as though the weather is out of control.

As I reported in December, I am optimistic that help is on the way in the form of linking the beach to the dredging of the outer channel. That would give us a source of sand into the future. Then if we can get permission to build more groins, I believe we will have a winning combination. There are things that are in the pipeline and will undoubtedly take some time to accomplish.

Long range planning is a good and responsible thing to do. In the meantime, let's enjoy what we have.

Here's to the summer of 2006...may it be warm, sunny and pleasant!

May we all have a Healthy Happy Summer.

Please read the Newsletters to keep posted on our progress and all the events at "GBP."

Survey Report
By Dana Lombardi

To recap, 49% of the Association members responded to the 2005 survey. This article will report on the courtesy and rules section of the survey.

75% responded to questions concerning dogs. 69% responded to questions concerning the disregard of stop signs and speed limits. 48% were concerned about neighbor's debris, 44% were concerned about noise and 40% commented on litter on the beach and patio.

This section of the survey elicited the greatest number of comments and "DOGS" was the hot topic. What do our members want?

- Dogs on leashes
- Dogs under control
- Dogs quiet
- Dogs off the beach

Most members feel that talking to a dog owner about a problem is the best way to solve it. Filing a complaint with Animal Control came next. Leaving a barking dog while everyone goes to the beach or off some place was the most annoying problem and the next annoyance was letting dogs relieve themselves in gardens and on lawns.

As for speeding, most comments called for local police action such as random and periodic speed traps on streets in the Association. Some members want removable speed bumps. Almost all responders are very concerned about the safety of children riding bikes, skating and walking to the beach. The greatest number of comments on drivers who disregard stop signs called for members to take action and report them to the local police.

The consensus approach to dealing with neighbor's debris was, again, to talk to the neighbor about the problem and if this doesn't work ask the BOG to intervene. Contact Blight Control came up on several surveys. Noise control was felt to be a local police issue and the problem of litter on the patio and beach was something that a sign or additional trash receptacles might help.

These concerns engendered the strongest comments of the whole survey. I have not included one-of a-kind comments but I had a few favorites! Having an ombudsman to assist with problems was, perhaps, the most constructive of this group of comments.

Because dogs, speeding, stop signs and debris seem to be the most charged issues in the Association, it might be to all of our advantage to really think about our own participation in either causing the problem or in finding an "agreeable to all" solution to the problem.

Comments anyone? Send to Dana GBPA PO Box 754 Westbrook, CT 06498.

**CT Coalition of Coastal Communities
Report
By Gerry Dyar**

The next Directors meeting of C3 will be at 7:00pm, April 24, 2006, in the Multi

Media Room at the Mulvey Municipal Center in Westbrook. There will be a full review of the status of our property tax valuation reform bill that was introduced by the Finance Committee in the current Legislative Session and voted out to the full Legislature for study by the Planning Committee for presentation at the next session. Your continued support is still of crucial importance. The meeting is open to the public. The C3 web site is www.conncommcoalition.org.

**Council of Beaches Report
By Gerry Dyar**

The first COB meeting of the year will be at 7:00pm, May 1, 2006, in the Multi Media Room at the Mulvey Municipal Center in Westbrook. The format will be Q & A type discussions of a number of topics such as the status of our First Selectman, the Library expansion, the railroad station, the Selectman's budget, the School budget, and the new wastewater control plan. The intention is to bring everyone up to date in preparation for the member Association's annual meetings, most of which take place at the end of May. All members of member Associations are welcome to attend. For information on C3's property tax valuation reform initiative see the previous article. Because the C3 meeting is so near the date of the COB meeting we won't be duplicating the C3 info in the COB meeting. The COB web site is www.westbrookcouncilofbeaches.org

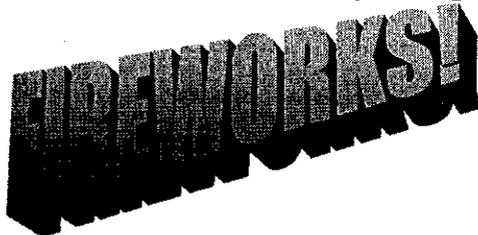
**Septic Committee Report
By Leonard Lombardi**

Spring is here and homeowners are busy cleaning up the debris from the winter, planting flowers and generally making their

property appealing and ready for summer fun. Now is the time to schedule a cleaning of your Septic System. At this time of year it is easier to schedule a cleaning and regular cleanings prevent systems from failing at the most inopportune times, such as a party or family get together. A regular scheduled cleaning prevents obnoxious odors. This makes the environment more pleasant for you and your neighbors. There is no time like the present to call and schedule a cleaning.

Envirotech	860-669-9280
John J. Doerrer , Inc.	860 -669-8752
Mono Flo	869-399-9472
Bill Walters & Son	800-831-2185

A Special Message Regarding



The possession and/or use of fireworks in Connecticut (and at Grove Beach Point) is illegal and subject to criminal penalties under Connecticut law (Section 29-357).

The Grove Beach Point Association Board of Governors does not sanction any fireworks display or discharge, and requests that all personnel at Grove Beach Point (property owners, tenants and guests) refrain from any such display. As you know, fireworks have the potential for liability to the individuals who discharge fireworks and to the Association. Fireworks can cause serious injuries to by-standers.

As many of you know, a child was injured in 1988 by an exploding firecracker. As a result, the Association's liability insurance carrier settled the related law suit for injuries for a substantial sum and chose not to renew our policy. Consequently, the Association's liability insurance costs have increased substantially. Any additional law suits resulting from injuries sustained from fireworks at Grove Beach Point could make liability insurance unobtainable for the Association.

The Board will request that local police enforce the criminal statutes with regard to possession and discharge of fireworks.

We ask the cooperation of all, and ask that property owners communicate this message to tenants and guests! Let's have a safe summer – **WITH NO FIREWORKS!**



This article was reproduced from former BoG Chairman Gary Kozlowski's June 7, 1991 letter to the GBPA community.

Potpourri

Summertime is a busy time at GBPA! The Association sponsors numerous activities and events...all of which require lots of volunteer effort. Please contact activity leaders and volunteer your time. It's a fantastic way to meet your neighbors and renew acquaintances...we look forward to seeing you!

Gerry Dyar reports that the New York Times now available for home delivery in our area. The N. Y. Times is using the same carrier that delivers the Courant and after six months of "practice" delivering just the Sunday edition now offers the service seven days a week. Their number is 1-800-414-9333. It took about three months to convince the Times wholesaler to get the paper to the Courant carrier on time but the service has been quite good since then.

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Welcome Spring!



We Need You!

4th of July

Breakfast on the beach

Saturday July 1, 2006

9:00 am

We need volunteers for:

Food shopping

Decorating

Cooking

Set-up and Clean-up

Serving Food

Ticket sales that day

We welcome new faces

**It's a great way to meet other
Grove Beach Point Association**

Members

Call Gretchen Rossi @ 860-669-2681

Susan Dubois @ 860-633-3285

GARBAGE/RECYCLING COLLECTION

We have been doing the "group" garbage collection from Neelys Waste Removal Company (Hometown Waste,LLC) since October 1, 1996. The monthly fee is now \$20.00. The summer residents have a choice of the 4 month plan or the 6 month plan as follows:

May 15 to September 15 – 4 month plan for \$80.00

May 1 to November 1 – 6 month plan for \$120.00

The full time residents will be billed directly by Hometown Waste, LLC @ \$20.00 per month.

We will continue to have the pick up on Monday for both garbage and recyclables.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

GBPA Address _____

**Four Month Plan enclose \$80.00 _____ Six Month Plan enclose \$120.00 _____
(Make checks payable to Hometown Waste LLC)**

Please mail this completed form with your payment in advance to:

**Hometown Waste, LLC
P.O. Box 1340
Madison, Ct. 06443-1340**

If you have any questions concerning your bill please call 203-245-8840

If you have any questions I can help you with or need a recyclable container, please call Jeanne Lovejoy at 860-664-0380.

GROVE BEACH POINT ASSOCIATION

VOTING PROCEDURES

The Board of Governors has established a voting procedure to insure that the annual elections will be accurate and run smoothly. The procedure is as follows:

- Four tables will be set up to represent the streets in the Association.

Table 1 Streets B-Men (Boston Post –Indian Trail-Menunketesuck)

Table 2 Streets Mo-Mohi (Mohawk-Mohican East)

Table 3 Streets O-P (Old Mail Trail-Pequot)

Table 4 Streets R-W (Riverview-Sachem-Uncas-Wangum)

- The voter checks in at their respective table upon arrival at the meeting. The checker validates the voter's name and address and gives the voter a ballot. (Proxy holders do the same for each proxy they hold by using the address of the proxy to check in at the correct table and receive a ballot for the proxy.)
- The ballot will have the pre-printed names of the candidates selected by the Nominating Committee and endorsed by the Board of Governors. It will also have spaces for candidates nominated from the floor.
- When the nominations are closed, all names will be prominently displayed and the voter will choose either to vote for the endorsed candidate or vote by writing in the candidate nominated from the floor.
- The voter will return the ballot to their respective checker for verification. (Proxy holders will return the proxy ballot to the proxy address checker.)

The votes will be counted during the meeting by the checkers and announced before the end of the meeting.

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 9:45A.M.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 10:00A.M.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me by phone at 860-604-0500 or by email at GBAZZ@COX.NET. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in an effort to make the Association's voting process run smooth and effective.

Gary Bazzano

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

C3 Meeting	April 24, 2006	7:00pm	Mulvey Municipal Center
COB Meeting	May 1, 2006	7:00pm	Mulvey Municipal Center
BoG Meeting	May 3, 2006	6:30pm	Dyars'
Annual Meeting	May 27, 2006	10:00am	Patio

