

May 2006

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A message from the Chairman of the Board of Governors. By Tony Zimmitti

In preparation for the Association's Annual Meeting, scheduled to be held Saturday, May 27, 2006, at 10:00AM, at the Patio on Old Mail Trail, soon you will be receiving the notice for the meeting which will also include the proposed 2006-2007 budget, the minutes of last year's Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee's report with its selection of candidates, and the voting instructions. Note that the notice page contains a proxy for you to use in the event you are not able to attend. By all means, however, try to be there and be a part of this important and informative event.

Dana Lombardi has decided not to run for reelection. Time constraints and many other pressing commitments dictated the action. This is not good news for our Association. Dana, our Assistant Clerk, has been a most valuable individual, instrumental in so many undertakings, such as the recent "survey" for example, and has offered so many helpful ideas during her many years on the Board. And she has worked so hard. Her experience and administrative skills will be missed. But I am happy to say that Dana has promised to remain involved in GBPA activities. Personally, and also on behalf of the Board

of Governors, I want to express my thanks and gratitude to Dana Lombardi for all the work and unselfish dedication. Thank you so much Dana.

On a different note, the April 22 "clean up" of our area, turned out just great. At times we worked between rain drops, but the mission was accomplished. Three generations of **McGinleys** showed up: Rick, his son Pat, and grandson Sean. They provided the necessary wisdom, power, and flexibility and did a lot of work. **Gretchen and John Rossi** arrived with all the yard tools they own, and put them to good use. The **Shanleys**: Richard and Maureen were there, with their pick-up that made many trips to the dump loaded to the hilt. **Jeanne Lovejoy**, who lead the town-wide clean up – "Pride in Westbrook" – on the same date, made use of her own

cleaning skills and of her pick-up. And **Gerry Zimmitti**, who went to get coffee and donuts, and then began to uproot the dried up bamboo stalks in back of the basketball court. The game infected the others, all the shoots

were pulled out. **Sean Dyson** used the old truck to cart debris to the dump. **Marion and Michael Sherar** cleaned sections at their end. **Helen Dyar** showed up nursing a bad cold; she was summarily sent home. The day before, the **Lombardis** cleaned Basset Park. The writer was also part of this group. I wonder if I have forgotten anyone. Thank you all. Hopefully, next time around there will be many more volunteers.

The clean up of the beach, on the other hand, is a massive proposition. There is a great amount of debris requiring the aid

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The Association's Charter is available online at www.grovebeachpoint.org under "Important Information for Realtors, New, Potential or Current Residents."

of mechanical equipment. The beach also needs to be graded, and all the sand piled up on the wall moved. We are in the process of hiring a contractor to do the job. Hopefully, this will happen soon, so that all of us can enjoy the beautiful weather and our sandy beach.

CORRECTION: In the last newsletter, I should have reported the death, this past April, of **Mrs. Ruth Mahon, Mrs. Jane Lacy's** mother. My apologies to Mrs. Lacy and her family.

**Beach Preservation Committee Report
By: Rick McGinley**

The heavy beach cleanup is expected to happen the week of May 22, 2006. There will be a pay loader and a dump truck in use. These are dangerous pieces of equipment, and it is very difficult for the operator to see. If you happen to be there ***please do not let the kids on the beach while equipment is working.*** This is not only dangerous, but it slows down the operator, and that costs us money. Also, please refrain from engaging the operator in conversation as that also costs us money. I know that each of us, myself included, get curious when we see such activity, and we want to ask for an update, at times that can be quite a few updates, and nothing gets done.

This is one of the few times that I hope for rain at Grove Beach Point. Please read the Newsletters to keep posted on our progress and all the events at "GBP."

**Survey Report
By Dana Lombardi**

The survey question was "How can the Association enhance your enjoyment of

your year round/seasonal home?" 42% of the 49% responded to this item. 21% had positive comments such as "we like it just the way it is", "ok as is", and "we love it here". 9% commented that keeping the beach and Association property clean, neat and attractive is important, 5% want the Association to work to get tax relief and 5% want the Association to foster greater community spirit. Individuals expressed concerns of non-residents using the beach, greater enforcement of the rules, no playground on the beach, concerns about renters, a walking path to the beach and that name cards for members at the annual meeting would help members get to know one another.

The question on more insurance for fireworks was 50% no! But "no response" was 34%.....mmmm! 46% want to ban fireworks, 27% want fireworks and 19% did not respond. Just a reminder....fireworks on Association property is not allowed!

This is the final report on the survey of 2005. The results indicated that the newsletter is widely read (92%) and that "man's best friend" can be somewhat better trained (75%). We notice that some people ignore stop signs and we have grave concerns about safety because of speeders (20mph on our roads). We also seem to like things the way they are! So that's the way it is. The End.

*Comments anyone? Send to Dana
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**CT Coalition of Coastal Communities
Report
By Gerry Dyar**

Our property valuation reform initiative made it to the floor of the Senate in this session but was not voted on which kills it until next year. That's the bad news.

The good news is that it made it out of two committees to the floor of the legislature and was made part of their overall tax reform package by the House Democrats. We learned a lot about the Legislative process and are already making plans to reintroduce our bill next year and to build up even more State wide support before then. Please continue your support by renewing your memberships when they come due. The next meeting of C3 is at the Groton Public Library on June 26th, at 7:00pm. Check the web site www.conncommcoalition.org for details.

Council of Beaches Report By Gerry Dyar

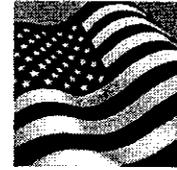
At the May 3, 2006 meeting, eleven of our 17 member Associations were represented. We heard updates from the Library Committee and the Board of Education. There was a lot of discussion about other Town issues and we voted for two resolutions asking the Boards of Selectmen, Finance and Education why our costs were so high and asking for an explanation at the next Town budget meeting. Our next meeting will be on June 5th, at 7:00pm in the Multi Media Room at the Mulvey Municipal Center. Check the web site www.westbrookcouncilofbeaches.org for details.

Unserviceable United States Flags By Jeanne Lovejoy

The "Flag Etiquette" book suggests that a flag that has served its useful purpose (is tattered and torn from flying here at GBP in the wind!) should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. WE will have our fifth annual

ceremony on our beach, Friday, June 16th at 7pm.

If you have any questions you can call me, Jeanne Lovejoy at (860) 664-0380.



Garbage and Recycling By Jeanne Lovejoy

We are back in the summer mode with the pickup on Monday. The form was included in the last Newsletter for the summer residents to fill out and return with their check to Home Town Waste. If you need a form you can still e-mail me at jeanne.lovejoy@snet.net and I will send you one.

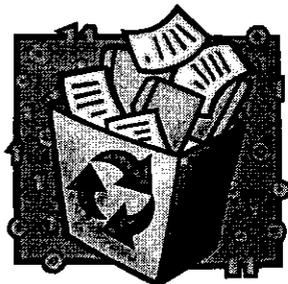
The Home Town Waste will now provide a recycling container for the full time residents. GBPA will provide one to any member just joining the "neighborhood garbage pickup." Unfortunately, we will not be replacing any that have been lost or broken.

Special Rules Regarding RECYCLING!

Spring is upon us. Although optimists may see flowers blooming and sunny days returning, pessimists (like me) can only think of allergies and the dreaded spring cleaning. As you prepare to de-clutter your closets and cabinets we encourage you to heed the following Rules on Recycling.

1. Newspapers and Magazines should be placed in brown paper bags or bundled with twine and placed next to the bin.
2. Cardboard boxes should be flattened into pieces no larger than 3' x 3' and placed next to the bin.
3. Plastic beverage containers should be rinsed, cleaned and uncapped.
4. Only glass *food and beverage* containers will be accepted. Please pre-rinse these containers.
5. Only metal *food and beverage* containers will be accepted. Please rinse these items before recycling them.
6. The following items will NOT be accepted for recycling:
 - a. Shoes/sneakers;
 - b. Pizza boxes;
 - c. Glass products other than food and beverage containers;
 - d. Metal products other than food and beverage containers;
 - e. Wood products;
 - f. Plastic bags;
 - g. Garment hangers
 - h. Household products that are no longer serviceable (ie: household scrap metal or broken kitchen glasses).

Thanks for your consideration!
Happy cleaning!



Potpourri

On May 4, 2006 **Mildred Clements** was honored by the Westbrook Republican Town Committee as this years Holbrook

Award recipient for her tireless work and involvement on the committee.
Congratulations Mildred!

WE NEED YOU! The 4th of July Breakfast at the beach will be July 1 at 9:00am. Volunteers are needed to make this event run smoothly. Please call Gretchen Rossi (860-669-2681) or Susan Dubois (860-633-3285) to volunteer.

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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



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Meetings and Events Meetings and Events

The GBPA Annual Meeting will be held on May 27, 2006 on the beach patio. The meeting will begin at 10:00am. *Please come early to check in and register to vote!*

NOTICE: The Annual Meeting
will be held on May 27th, RAIN
OR SHINE.