



# May 2007

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

The Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held on Saturday May 26, 2007, at 10:00 AM, at the Patio on Old Mail Trail. The Call for the meeting will be sent out in mid-May. At that time you will receive the notice for the meeting as well as the proposed budget for 2007-2008, the minutes of last year's Annual Meeting, the minutes of last October's Special Meeting, and the Nominating Committee report with its selection of candidates. Please be aware that the notice page will contain a proxy for you to use should you not be able to attend. On the other hand, try to be there and be a part of this important event.

After many years as an esteemed and admired member of the Board, Helen Dyar has made the decision not to run for reelection at the end of her term this year. I, and others, have not been able to change her mind. During her tenure Helen was instrumental in charting courses of action that proved successful for this Association. This Newsletter is a perfect example: Helen is the person responsible for the success of this publication, she initiated it in its present format, and is presently its Editor Emeritus. She has also been our records keeper; an inexhaustible source of knowledge; our scribe; secretary; committees leader. She has been indefatigable. We offer Helen our thanks for

her leadership and our appreciation for her contribution to this Association.

You will be pleased to know that our appeal of the reassessment of Association owned properties has been rather successful. As a result, the initial reduction of \$74,310.00 was further increased to a total reduction of \$138,780.00. Therefore, the new assessment totals \$236,020.00. This is down from the \$374,800.00 we had previously been taxed on.

You will also be pleased to know that pledges have been received to replace all six benches on the patio. The families are donating \$400.00 each in commemoration of a loved one. Brass plaques will be affixed to the new benches in memory of their family member. The names will be announced after thank-you letters have been sent to all the families involved. It is also a pleasant feeling to inform you that some interest has also been

shown toward donating for the replacement of the patio tables in memory of a loved one. More on this to come; if you are interested, however, please call me at (860) 669-9962, or call any other member of the Board.

**The Annual Meeting will be held  
on**

**SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2007**

**At 10:00 AM**

**On the Patio!**

At this time, on behalf of the GBPA, I would like to extend a grateful thank you to Paul Ingalls. Practically single handed, Paul removed the huge amount of sand that had accumulated on the beach patio and placed it on the beach. With the aid of a rented tractor, he also removed some large pieces of the debris from the beach, disposed two of the benches that were no longer usable, disposed of the old umbrellas, and the day after the storm raked much of the debris that had accumulated on the patio and the road. Thank you, Paul!

While on the topic of clean-up activity, a date some time in May, when more people are available, will be announced for the clean-up of

the patio area, the roads, the marsh, the parking area, etc. As you know, this is an annual ritual, and new faces are surely welcome. Soon, we will also arrange to have the beach groomed and cleaned. More on this to come.

There has been quite a lot of interest shown by many regarding a "Neighborhood Tag Sale." You may call Gerry Zimmitti at (860) 669-9962 for more information.

On a sad note, Mr. Anthony Cacase died on April 16. Mrs. Kay Christie, June Cobb's mother, died in March. Our deepest sympathy go to the respective families.

**GBPA Website**  
**By Gerry Dyar**  
[www.grovebeachpoint.org](http://www.grovebeachpoint.org)

About 2003 Carol Kowalczyk arranged with her family's printing business to make copies of the original 1920 JJS Grove Beach Point Sales brochure and she generously made them available to the members of the Association. Then in 2004 we scanned one of the copies so it could be added to our web site. Early this year Carol went one step further and loaned us the original brochure itself so we could scan that in. Thanks once again to Carol, we now have a much clearer copy of the brochure on our web site. (Click on the link in first paragraph on the web.) NOTE: If you've looked at the brochure before on the web there is a chance that when you go now to look at the new version you'll still get a copy of the old scan in your browser from your hard disc. To be sure you're looking at the latest version use the "Refresh" button on your browser to update each page.

**Connecticut Communities Coalition Report**  
**By Gerry Dyar**  
[www.conncommcoalition.org](http://www.conncommcoalition.org)

In this session the Legislature is stonewalling all efforts at meaningful property tax reform, including C3's. We've never seen so many band-aids in one place outside of a first aid kit. Check out our web site, particularly the one page statement at the beginning, and call your elected representatives. It doesn't take

many calls to effect change but they have to be made for it to happen.

**Council of Beaches Report**  
**By Gerry Dyar**  
[www.westbrookcouncilofbeaches.org](http://www.westbrookcouncilofbeaches.org)

By the time you read this you will probably already know the fate of our petition to phase in the new revaluation over five years. For more detailed information go to "Goals" and "Schedule" on the COB web site.

While you're there check out "dramatic changes" link on the home page to see the recently added 1932 & 1965 aerial photos of the GBPA area and Westbrook shoreline as well as the 1938 hurricane damage. The aerial pictures can all be enlarged to provide spectacular detail, so invest the few minutes it takes to learn how to use the viewer.

### **Potpourri**

On May 4, 2006 Jeanne Lovejoy was honored by the Westbrook Republican Town Committee as this year's Holbrook Award recipient. Jeanne has done so much for the town with her various activities; Christmas Tree Lighting, Town wide clean-up and wherever there was a need.

On Friday June 8, 2007, there will be a Social Gathering at the Patio at 5:30 to honor Jeanne and Jon Lovejoy. The Lovejoys are moving to Portland, CT and, needless to say, we will miss all of the wonderful activities, fun and great ideas they shared with us over the years. Bring a beverage of your choice and an hors d'oeuvres to share. In case of inclement weather, an alternate venue will be posted at the patio. We are all looking forward to a fun evening!

**CORRECTION!**  
**By Kelly Giuliano**

The telephone number for Jim Palumbo at Hometown Waste is (203) 245-8840. This number was printed incorrectly in the previous issue. Sorry for any inconvenience!

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**Household Hazardous Waste Facility  
Estuary Region  
Rt. 9, Exit 4, Dump Road, Essex, CT**

Open for the 2007 season on the following Saturdays, rain or shine, 9:00 AM -1:00PM  
(Off-site collections open to all Estuary Region residents.)

April 21 - Electronics Collection  
(Off-site HHW: CLINTON Department of Public Works Garage, April 28)

May 5

May 12

May 19

June 9

June 16 - Electronics Collection!

June 23

July 7

July 21

August 4

August 11 - Electronics Collection!

August 18

September 22

September 29

October 6 - Electronics Collection!

October 20

October 27

The Estuary Region HHS facility will be closed November - April.

For more information: (860) 388-3497

E-mail: [info@crerpa.org](mailto:info@crerpa.org)

# 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 checkers and announced before the end of the meeting.

**REGISTRATION OPENS AT 9:45 A.M.**

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

*If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me by phone at 860-604-0500 or by e-mail at [GBAZZ@COX.NET](mailto: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