



# Grove Beach Point Association, Inc. 1.

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## Grove Beach Point Newsletter

Helen Dyar- Editor

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It's hard to believe summer is officially here now. The weather has certainly been inconsistent. Chilly for June but then we get hit with several hot and humid days. The joys of New England weather!!



We hope you have plans to celebrate the 4th of July at our "Annual Breakfast on the Beach" *Saturday*

*July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Plenty of food, plenty of friends and plenty of fun.*

**But, on a more serious note;**

**There are NO FIREWORKS ALLOWED.**

Of course, it is a state law but our insurance goes up any time there is an incident on Association property, as happened a few years ago. Last year a woman was almost burned due to someone setting off fireworks on the beach by the patio. Such thoughtlessness is not only a concern for us all safety wise but it could also mean our taxes go up if a lawsuit ensues. The police should be notified by anyone if there are fireworks on Association property.

### NOTE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Jeanne Lovejoy

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tony Zimmitti, Vice Chair, for running the Annual Meeting in my absence. I was sorry not to be with you on May 29th, but it was nice to

be with our youngest daughter on her birthday, the 29th, in Colorado! Thanks not only to Tony, but to the Board for taking over and doing a great job for all of us here at GBPA.

Well, this is the start of a new year for GBPA and at a recent Board meeting we voted on the officers that will be serving you for the year ending June 2005. They are as follows:

Chair- Jeanne Lovejoy  
Vice Chair - Tony Zimmitti  
Clerk - Gary Bazzano  
Assistant Clerk- Dana Lombardi  
Treasurer- Ken Penfield

Our committees are as follows:

Beach Preservation -Rick McGinley  
Beach Committee-Gary & Susan Bazzano  
Newsletter Editor- Helen Dyar.  
TBA- Betty Weber and Joe Palmieri

As you know there are many other "jobs" which the Board tries to get other people involved in, such as Clean-up Day, the Independence Day Breakfast, Maintenance of GBPA property, the Bike Parade and the Pot Luck Supper.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help on a Committee, please contact any of the Board Members.

I also want to take this time to thank Tom Montiefiore for his many years



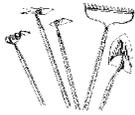
of unselfish dedication to GBPA. We will be calling on you, Tom, for assistance to be sure!

Also, Kris Brault is going off the Board, we will miss you Kris. She has been one hard worker as Chair of the Beach Committee. We are thankful that she will continue with the Beach Committee, just giving up the Chairmanship.

### GBPA CLEAN UP

Jeanne Lovejoy

This year's Clean Up was held on April 24th. We had 11 very hard workers, cleaning the patio with shovels, brooms, rakes, you name it! The parking area was raked & weeded and the marsh was cleaned of litter. Thanks to all that helped and a special thank you to young Paul Ireland, he is a good worker, --- and I have a photo to prove it!



### GARBAGE/RECYCLING

Jeanne Lovejoy

I am sorry I quoted last year's prices in our last Newsletter, but did not hear about the increase until after it went to the press.

As was reported at the Annual Meeting the charge now is \$20.00 per month. For the summer home owners, who have sent their remittance with the former price, Hometown Waste will bill you the balance. If you have any problems please call the office at 203-245-8840 noting that you are from GBPA.



### SOCIAL GATHERINGS

Jeanne Lovejoy

We had our first Social Gathering on June 19th.

The reason for starting this "attraction" was to get to know our neighbors. There were 6 of us (who all know each other very well) attending the June gathering. Will try one for July and if it is not what you care to have as one of the functions, we will omit it after July.

The date is *Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm* on the patio. Please bring a beverage of your choice and an appetizer to share. See you at the Patio.

*All are welcomed- Members, friends and renters.* Please check the "Sandwich Board for cancellations and/or changes.

### TORN & TATTERED US FLAGS

Jeanne Lovejoy

Our 3rd Annual Flag Burning Ceremony took place on June 13th on the beach. This is the proper way to dispose of torn and tattered flags and it gives us the opportunity to do it on our beach together.

It was a small crowd this year. About a dozen flags were put on the fire, each signifying a memory and/or a meaning for those present.



Thank you, Ken Penfield, for digging the hole and getting the wood, etc. It is very much appreciated!!

### SEPTIC SYSTEM CONTRACT

Jeanne Lovejoy

Len Lombardi has agreed to chair this committee. We are looking into getting a contract with a local Septic Company, much like we have done with the Garbage pick ups. There will be more information to come on this subject.

## BEACH PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Rick McGinley

We have much good news to report for those who were not at the Annual Meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, we received a Certificate of Permission from the Department of Environmental Protection to nourish our beach. We had hoped to move sand before this meeting, however, the permit restricts us from beach nourishing between April 1<sup>st</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup> due to the spawning of horseshoe crabs. Therefore we do not plan on starting until fall or possibly November or December.

We may not have the optimum quantity, however, a cut back program is better than none. On the positive side, there is a possibility that we may be able to get some sand from our neighbors' surplus. And we are still looking for other affordable possibilities.

We attempted to receive the sand from the recently completed channel dredging, however, there was not enough advance notice and we lost out. Although that was unfortunate, I believe our attempt was **very successful**. The town of Westbrook, was put on notice by the DEP, that in any future dredging of the channel, representatives of the **Grove Beach Point Association**, should be notified and in the event they need the sand for beach nourishment, the possibilities should be considered.

Quote from the DEP:

“Please be advised that we encourage you to coordinate future applications for conducting maintenance dredging of this area with representatives of the Grove Beach Point Association. Based on a review of grain size analysis and analytical data of the sediment, the excavated material may be suitable for reuse on the adjacent beach.”

This is *HUGH* for us, because it is *the first time that the two projects have officially been recognized as*



*being related.* And it is a potential source of sand for the future.

So I am optimistic that Our Beach will be

restored by next summer.

Thank you all for your patience and encouragement.

## FOURTH OF JULY “BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH”

It will be on *Saturday July 3rd* at the patio. Jack and Peggy Tine have graciously offered to chair it again. The hours are 9:00 to 10:30. Tickets are \$5.00. Children ten years and under are admitted free. Tickets



will be available from Board members now or can be obtained that morning at the patio entrance. So bring your tickets and a good appetite and join the fun!!

The committee can use some more help so if you'd like to join the crew give Jack & Peggy a call at 669-8329.

## COUNCIL OF BEACHES REPORT

Gerry Dyar- Chair & GBPA Rep.

The next meeting of the Westbrook Council of Beaches will be at 7:00 pm on *Monday, July 12, 2004* in the Multi-Media room at the new Mulvey Municipal Center. In addition to regular Council business the main speaker will be Troy Forman the Chair of the ad-hoc committee that is working on ways to provide tax relief to senior citizens who are in danger of having to sell their homes because of the recent steep increases

in property taxes. All members of any Beach Associations in Westbrook are invited to the Council meetings.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The slate by the committee was voted in at our Annual Meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup> and we are pleased to announce two new members: Joe Palmieri and Gary Bazzano on the Board of Governors with Helen Dyar being re-elected. We were also pleased to have had a nomination from the floor.

### BEACH COMMITTEE

WELCOME to Ashley and Anne!



Our beach monitors are “on duty” now. Anne Lewandowski and Ashley Trantino will be sharing the job. This is

Ashley’s second year and Anne’s first. Be sure to say “hello” to them and be aware that they may ask for your name and/or address when you come on the beach. This is part of their job as they may not know all of our members or renters by sight.

### BIKE PARADE AND POTLUCK SUPPER

Due to the earlier school openings the date for the Potluck had to be CHANGED. It will be on Saturday AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00, following the bike parade at 5:00.

Marian Zito will be chairman for the Potluck. We will have more information for both the Potluck and the Bike Parade in the next newsletter.

### BOUQUETS TO:

Shirley Johnson for helping me fold and stamp our Newsletter to get it out in a timely manner.



Marian Zito and her sister for cleaning up Bassett Park this summer. The garden looks lovely.

Barbara Peet for removing dead plants and planting new ones and some grass at the patio entrance. It is a welcoming sight to our beach.

Brian and Lucille Vibberts for their special additions and the lovely upkeep of our Association turnaround at the end of Old Mail Trail

### POTPOURRI

Now that summer is coming into full swing let’s remember our neighbors and what could be a nuisance to them. Remember it’s not always “the other guy”.

Some examples of complaints we receive:

Garbage not put into containers to prevent animals from strewing it about everyone’s property.

Dogs left out to bark --and bark-- and bark.

Kiddos who leave toys in the street.

Drivers who do not stop at the stop signs.

Drivers who exceed the speed limits.

ITS 20 MPH! Children, being children, do not always look before crossing our streets.

### SMILES

I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, “Where is the self-help section?” She said if she told me that would defeat the purpose.



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