



# Grove Beach Point Association, Inc.

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## Grove Beach Point Newsletter

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Summer is here officially at last! It is fun to see everyone returning. Let's

hope the weather stays as it is today for the rest of the summer- a warm breeze, sun and clear skies.



### NOTED FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Tony Zimmitti

First things first. Personally and also on behalf of the Board of Governors (BOG) I want to express my thanks and gratitude to Jeanne Lovejoy for all the work and unselfish dedication to our Association. Two years ago when she was asked and accepted the leadership of the BOG she made it known that she would step down and "retire" this year. Given how precise Jeanne is with all her commitments, she did. During her twelve years on the Board, Jeanne did all that is humanly possible for the benefit of the Association. From "Garbage Lady" to "Goodwill ambassador" she demonstrated her leadership and "Grit". Thank you, Jeanne and thank you, Jon, for supporting her. Oh, yes! You have volunteered to remain "involved, so you know we'll be calling. Thanks.

This year's Annual Meeting, which followed the Association's first ever petitioned Special Meeting, was complemented by a great turnout. The meeting was rather spirited and much meaningful information was

exchanged. The Board paid full attention to the questions posed by the membership, especially those relating to financial issues, and will develop procedures to ensure better communication. Although there were differences of opinions, evident was also a wonderful spirit of cooperation, both refreshing and needed. After all, this is a family oriented small community. We live in one of the most beautiful areas along the state's coast line, and all of us really want to enjoy it fully. A little consideration for one another will go a long way.

The voting process was definitely not smooth. In fact, it was chaotic, and a great deal of time was wasted. Be assured that for the next time, the Board will have in place a mechanism that will avoid the problems experienced this year.

None the less, much was accomplished. The 2005-2006 budget was approved. Election of BOG members was achieved. Reelected were Tony Zimmitti, Rick McGinley, Betty Weber. New to the Board is Al Dubois- Welcome, Al!



At the first Board meeting, following the Annual Meeting, the Board voted for the officers who will be serving the Association this year. Tony Zimmitti (Chair); Gary Bazzano ( Vice Chair); Ken Penfield ( Treasurer); Al Dubois (Clerk); Dana Lombardi (Assistant Clerk). Please feel free to call any of the Board Members if you have any questions. Have a beautiful summer.

BEACH PRESERVATION  
COMMITTEE

Rick McGinley -Chair



I must admit even though it can be stressfull, having so many people show up for our annual meeting certainly was fun. It has been a joy, to finally see all of us walking the beach again. The new sand had settled in nicely. We are now working on a plan to maintain, and record what happens , so in our continuing effort to maintain our beach, we will be able to keep the DEP informed as to our successes and failures. That they will know exactly how well we are doing. After all, this plan is really theirs, in that they dictate exactly what we are allowed to do. You will recall that we were not allowed to build additional groins until we nourished the beach to see how well it will hold. Only then, might they reconsider.

This, however, can turn out well. We now have the experts watching to see how well their plan works. Even though, I believe that more structures would be ideal, I am optimistic that we will be able to do just fine with a good maintenance plan. And groins or not, maintenance is the answer.

We will maintain our beach and we will stay within our budget.

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

Rick

***Recognition of Jeanne Lovejoy:***

This is what I read to the members at the end of our Annual Meeting in May. As the meeting had run late due to the (to quote Tony) chaotic voting, unfortunately some of the members had already left and I felt everyone should know all the things that

Jeanne Lovejoy has done for our Association so I am printing it for everyone to see.

Helen

May 28, 2005

As Jeanne Lovejoy is resigning from the Board of Governors at the end of this meeting we feel she cannot be allowed leave without her efforts being recognized.

Jeanne has been on the Board of Governors for 12 years serving in many capacities. including extending her term for two more years to serve as chairman.

She greets new members in our Assoc., on behalf of the BOG, with hand-outs of our Charter, Association Rules, info on our garbage collection, and copies of GBP Newsletter. AND FOREMOST HER WARM SMILING WELCOME!.

She arranged for better "group" rates for our garbage collection

Jeanne organized the GBPA yearly clean-up and, not incidentally, heads the yearly town-wide clean-up also.



And she has used her town contacts over the years to our Association's benefits. She came up with the idea years ago of a "Social Hour" at the patio each month so we can get to know more of our members, not just our immediate neighbors. She is always at work on our 4th of July Breakfast, our Potluck Suppers, and painting crews.

I'm sure I missed other things because Jeanne and her contributions to GBP are hard to keep up with. She will certainly be missed on the BOG but I suspect she will continue to be a very active participant in all GBPA

activities.

Thank you for all your work, Jeanne. Now, enjoy a rest for a while!!

Sincerely,

Grove Beach Point Board of Governors

BEACH COMMITTEE

Gary Bazzano

I would first like to thank everyone who attended the Special meeting and the Annual meeting. There were close to 100 attendees at the meeting; quite impressive for our association. I was enlightened by the discussions that took place and realize that Grove Beach Point is enjoyed by all the members present at the meetings.

We have been working hard on some items for the upcoming summer season. James Brault, Dan Carter, Bob Tracy and I took down the basketball backboard on June 4th and we will be installing a new backboard and rim shortly. The raft is in and I would like to thank Greg Kowalczyk, Dan Hamernik, Derick Milkie and especially James Brault and Mike Favreau for braving the jellyfish and water temperature to set the raft in place. The caution banners that were shown at the annual meeting are still in the process of production and we are still working on the hardware to attach them. For all, who were generous enough to order there own, please be patient. The 4th of July games on the beach will be run this year by Kim Hamernik and Dan Carter (who were participants when they were children). Our beach guard will be Ann Lewandowski, who will be working only weekends, so for all of you that go to patio and beach, please help



the Association in monitoring our guests during the week. We will also be having a patio supervisor who will be in charge of setting up the umbrellas and keeping the patio area clean. His name is Matt Solomon, please say hello when you see him. If there are any questions or concerns about any of these items discussed or any other beach matters, please do not direct them to Matt or Ann, instead contact me either by email or visiting me at GBP. You may email me at [GBAZZ@COX.NET](mailto:GBAZZ@COX.NET) (please put as subject GBPA). If anyone has any ideas or would like to help with any programs, please don't hesitate to contact me. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and I look forward to speaking with all of you in the months ahead.

SPECIAL PROJECT

Joe Palmieri

The electric service on the patio will be upgraded to meet the code and a new wooden enclosure will replace the old one.

The box will have a window to display notices. A new spotlight will be put on the pole to illuminate the area and flag.

The carpenter is Alex Maxwell. The electrician is John Morton. The estimated cost is \$1500. This job was budgeted for this year-2005.

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ANNUAL BREAKFAST

Jack and Peggy Tine- Co  
chairs



It'S that time again. *The Grove Beach Point Association Annual Independence Day Breakfast on the Beach* from 9:00 to 10:30 am on Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> (rain date July 3<sup>rd</sup>). The crew of volunteers are working diligently to make it a success. We will be serving all you can eat, eggs, English muffins, bagels, pancakes and donuts. Beverages will include orange juice, milk and coffee.

Childrens' races will start immediately following the breakfast.

All this for \$5.00 and children under 8 years of age are free.

This is a great chance for the regulars to renew friends and acquaintances and for new people to meet the "old timers". Tickets available from Board members or at the "door". We are looking forward to another fun filled event. See you all there.



### SOCIAL HOUR

Our next social hour will be ***Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 on the beach patio.*** All members, their friends and renters are invited. Bring your own beverage of choice and an appetizer to share with others. Come and meet other members and get to know the nice people who live here.

### WESTBROOK COUNCIL OF BEACH ASSOCIATIONS

Gerry Dyar, President & GBPA Representative

Our first meeting was mainly a presentation and Q. & A. about the Town Budget by Tony Palermo, First Selectman and Tony Marino, Chairman of the Finance Committee. We also voted to support the new Stop & Shop on Flat Rock Place, the new, Stop & Shop financed, traffic flow redesign for the Town Center and the re-developers plans for the present Cumberland Farms property, including the abandoned gas station and burned out post office.

Our second meeting was mainly a financial status report by Shirley Lusk, Co-Chair of the New Library Committee. We decided not to offer to host a debate between Save Westbrook and Protect Westbrook since it did not appear we could get all the parties together for it. We did decide to expand the

web site to make it very easy for members to register their opinions with elected officials at the Town, State and National level.

The next COB meeting will be in the Mult-Media Room of the Mulvey Municipal Center on July 11th at 7:00pm. The agenda is still up in the air. To get on the COB email list send an email to Menno Marringa, Corresponding Secretary, at <marringa@sbcglobal.net>.

### CONNECTICUT COASTAL COMMUNITIES COALITION

Gerry Dyar, Vice President

Although our property tax reform bill did not make it out of committee this session we are already making plans for introducing the bill in the next session. Our next meeting is Monday, June 27th, at 7:00pm in the Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library

### BOUQUETS TO

Mike Scherrer for setting up the microphone and sound system so all were able to hear speakers at both the special meeting and our annual meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>. It certainly makes a big difference. Thanks, Mike.



Dennis Flynn who donated all the fine sand from his property to be used on the association beach which will benefit all of us.

Rick McGinley, Ken Penfield, Dennis Flynn and Tony Zimmitti for the humongous job of beach clean-up which saved the Association anywhere from \$1200 to \$1700 by doing it themselves!.

Ed Rakas for taking the broken boat off the beach, putting it in his truck and disposing of it.

Barbara Peet for cleaning Bassett Park Triangle and for cultivating and planting the garden by the GBPA sign at the patio.



### POTPOURRI

CONGRATULATIONS  
TO MARION ZITO AND  
MIKE SCHERRER ON THEIR WEDDING  
SATURDAY JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOEY  
GIONFRIDDO AND JULIE MANCUSO  
ON THEIR WEDDING ON JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>

MAY BOTH COUPLES HAVE MANY  
HAPPY YEARS TOGETHER.

We had a number of members who said they would be willing to edit the Association Newsletter when I “retire” in the fall. Many thanks to all who were willing to give of their time. The Board has chosen Janet Dickey and Kellie Giuliano to take over that task. I will review the newsletter for the Board, as they requested, before it is published. We are still working on the possibility of a new printer. Thank you to all those who answered the “call” for help.

As you know many fireworks are illegal and it is becoming a real issue for many Associations. Too many people are using the illegal ones and causing problems for many homeowners, parents and emergency personnel who can’t get through the cars that park all over the roads to watch displays.

As happened to our Association in the past, someone was hurt and we had to pay a large insurance claim. I don’t think we want anyone hurt, any house on fire or anyone not getting fire or medical attention if needed.

## PLEASE NO FIREWORKS IN OUR ASSOCIATION!!!!

### SMILES

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don’t have film.

Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.



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SAVE THESE GBPA DATES - SEE NEWSLETTER FOR COMPLETE DETAILS

- \* **Sat. June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005, 5:00pm** - Social Gathering On the Patio  
Bring drink of choice and an appetizer to share..
- \* **Sat. July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005, 9:00am -10:30am** - Annual Independence Day Breakfast on the Beach  
Rain date is **Sun., July 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Same Time & Place.
- \* **Mon. July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005, 7:00pm** - Council of Beaches Meeting, Mulvey Municipal Center.
- \* **Wed. July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005, 6:30pm** - BOG Meeting at the Dyar's.