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

It was evident that the people who attended the "Breakfast" had a wonderful time. And why not; the food was excellent, the kids' games were a big hit, the weather just great, and the conversations priceless. Thanks go to "ALL" who made it possible, and many thanks to Sue Dubois, and Gretchen Rossi who directed the event.

Here is more on the effort to slow down traffic on Grove Beach Point roads. Along with Joe Palmieri, I attended the July meeting of the Police Advisory/Traffic Board. Quite a bit of time was dedicated to our Association's needs. Approved was the installation of two additional stop signs: one at the intersection of Indian Trail and Mohawk going south; the other at the same intersection, but on Mohawk going East. A pedestrian crossing has also been approved at the new stop sign on Indian Trail. Additional stop signs as well as several pedestrian crossings are being contemplated. "Painted" sidewalks are also on the agenda. Members of the Traffic Board will be visiting our roads for a first hand look. We feel confident they will approve the above mentioned traffic control aids. More to come. Meanwhile, please drive safely.

As you may be aware, the benches at the patio need to be replaced. The Board has been looking into the matter. Different kinds of maintenance-free materials are being researched. Cost estimates range from \$300.00 to \$400.00 per bench. At the last BOG meeting, the idea came up of asking members if they would be willing to donate a bench in memory of a loved one. Of course, the Association would provide plaques commemorating the donation, and the necessary maintenance. There already have been some positive responses. If this is something that may interest you, please call any member of the Board. Thank you.

We also may need volunteers for the general spruce up of the patio area.

Bushes need to be trimmed, tables and the shed need painting, etc.

A sign will be posted on the bulletin board with date and time.

Please volunteer.

Thank you, and

enjoy the summer.

DID YOU KNOW??

You may submit information for publication in the Newsletter. Send items to kgiuliano@hill-hill.com.

One more thing. Please, when you use the Association's boat dock, have

consideration for others who may want to use the facility but cannot because your boat is there. Follow the rules. Boaters should use the dock only to pick up or drop off passengers, 15 or 20 minutes at the most, and **"not"** to dock and leave the boat there for hours, or for the day or night. Thank you in advance for being a sport and for abiding by the rules.



Beach Committee Report By Gary Bazzano

Well summer is finally upon us and we have had some true summer days. We finally put the raft in on July 2nd. I would like to thank the following people who helped with the process. We had a great crew comprised of Jim, John and David Brault, Greg Kowalczyk, and Dan Hammernick.

One of the major upgrades we will be working on at the patio will be new benches and new umbrellas with the refinishing of the concrete entranceway to follow.

The beach games were a big hit as usual with many children participating and receiving ribbons for their involvement. I would like to thank Kim Hammernik and Dan Carter for their support in running the games. I would also like to thank our ribbon man, John Cacase for his contribution.

The movies will be shown on Friday nights. By the time this newsletter is read, the movies should be close to starting. Watch for signs throughout the Association advertising the movies. You may email me at 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. Enjoy the rest of the summer, and I look forward to speaking with all of you in the months ahead.

Has anyone noticed a larger presence of the police? They're around so be careful and stop for stop signs and don't speed. We have many members in this tight area, and we would not want to see anyone hurt, especially the children, so please be careful and obey the signs and speed limits.



Council of Beaches Report By Gerry Dyar

At our 7/10/06 meeting we released our petition to phase in the results of the 10/1/06 revaluation over five years. The members of the GB BOG have copies of the petition for you to sign. If they don't contact you please contact them. Every signature counts! We're hoping to have as many signatures as possible ready to present to the Board of Selectmen by the end of the month. The Editors of the newsletter, Petra Shearer, our Tax Collector, and I have copies also. If you have friends outside the beach community by all means circulate the petition yourself. You can download your own copy from the COB web site at www.westbrookcouncilofbeaches.org/goals.htm . If you need more information call me at 669-8115.



Voting Privileges for Property Owners in Grove Beach Point Association, Inc. By Petra Shearer

The voting privilege at GBPA, Inc. is based on property ownership, with a property owner defined as an entity listed on the Westbrook Grand List as owning property in the association, excluding those property owners designated as an LLC. Those entities comprised of a person or persons, including trustees, listed as owning property(-ies) individually and as owning property jointly receive one vote relative to all, not each, property(-ies),

owned individually and one vote for all, not each property(-ies) owned jointly. If a joint owner is also an individual owner, another of the joint owners receives the one vote relative to all, not each, of the property(-ies) owned jointly. Entities owning property for which life use has been granted a named individual per the grand list may assign the vote relative to that property to the person granted life use, subject to the allocation of votes relative to overall property ownership for those property owners.

A given person may vote in his name only once and must have a proxy to vote on behalf of absent joint owner(s).



**Chair of Special Projects Report
By Joe Palmieri**

We continue to look into having our own water supply at our beach, both a faucet to wash our feet and also a bubbler for drinking. We will keep you informed. Enjoy the summer.



**Breakfast Committee Report
By Gretchen Rossi and Sue Dubois**

Many Thanks for a Wonderful July 4th Breakfast!

The weather was spectacular and the breakfast was wonderful thanks to all of our generous and enthusiastic volunteers. We were so fortunate to have so many veteran volunteers, as well as so many new faces.

The food was delicious thanks to our many chefs and the spirit of the day was warm and friendly. We would like to personally thank our many volunteers:

**Joe and Scott Palmieri
Mike and Donna Favreau
Ann Monarco
Helen and Gerry Dyar
Lenny and Dana Lombardi
Tony and Gerry Zimmitti
Kristine Brault
Lynda Dyson
John and Katherine Clements
Petra Shearer
Dot, Dan, and Chelsea Carter
Aldor Dubois
Shannon Dubois Rodowicz and Phil Rodowicz
John Rossi
Marion Maruca
Jim McCall
Jon and Jeanne Lovejoy
Richard and Maureen Shanley
Richard and Bonnie Daly**

We sincerely apologize if we have forgotten anyone. Thank you all again for contributing to our Annual 4th of July Breakfast. We could not have done it without you!



MISSING!

A male cat, short haired all gray, with a little nick on his right ear. Gone since 4th of July. A very special cat to us. He is also a "talker"- will meow about anything. He might have gone to sleep in someone's car after the holiday. Please notify Helen Dyar @ 669-1933 or hdyar@sbcglobal.net . Reward offered.

Address Changes/Corrections!

We are hoping to bring our GBPA members names, addresses and phone numbers up-to-date on my data base. If you have any corrections on the present name or address that appears on the newsletter label I would appreciate any and all corrections. I use a more "casual" list for our newsletter than our tax collector, Petra Shearer, who is required to use the town grand list for names and addresses for legal mailings. When up-to-date I will be making copies that will be sent to all our members, hopefully before the end of summer. Please add your phone number for summer and/or winter homes if you would like. Please send it to me--Helen Dyar at hdyar@sbcglobal.net or 24 Pequot Rd. Westbrook,Ct 06498 or 860-669-1933. We all find it helpful to have an updated list of all our members. Thank you for any information you can give me.

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SAVE THE DATE!

The next

Board of Governors Meeting

will be held on **August 9, 2006** at 6:30pm
at 32 Mohawk Road.

GBPA's 10th Annual Pot Luck Supper

will be held on **August 19th**
at 6:00pm on the Patio!

Rain Date: August 20th

Announcements that you would like included in the next Newsletter should be e-mailed to kgiuliano@hill-hill.com no later than **September 9, 2006** for publication on **September 15, 2006**. Space is limited so please keep your submissions short and relevant to the community!

Meet your neighbors on the Patio every Wednesday at 5:30pm throughout the summer. BYOB and an appetizer to share!