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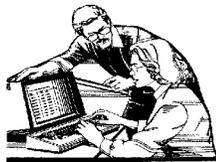
Grove Beach Point Newsletter

Helen Dyar- Editor

August 1, 2005

Summer is moving along too swiftly. We have had some wonderful days (and some not so great with humidity!) I hope you have all become rested and relaxed in our lovely beach environment. I have enjoyed meeting a number of new members at the patio. We heartily welcome you to all of our activities; Independence Day Breakfast, Social Hours, Potluck Supper, and movies.

I hope to get out one more issue of the newsletter before your new editors take over after September. I have thoroughly enjoyed doing the letter and it's been a great way to keep in touch with everything here at GBPA and its members. But after twelve years its time for some new blood. I know Janet and Kelli will do a wonderful job!



NOTES FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

I want to report to you that all committees are working hard at their responsibilities, as you will see from their reports.

The electric power upgrade has been completed, a new flag spotlight installed and patio light is working, a new basketball backboard is installed and the ladder is up on the swim raft. Also the movies on the beach are becoming a reality.

The Fourth of July breakfast went off without a hitch. Wow, did you notice all the volunteers who helped out at this event. Certainly a great deal of cooperation was evident, as was a wonderful sense of community. Thank you so much to all who have made this possible.

By the time you read this, you will have received a survey designed to take the pulse of the Association. The object of this survey is to determine, or at least get a reading, of what the want or expect and to provide a sense of direction. This is the first time this has been attempted. Your input is most valuable. Please complete it and return by August 12th. A stamped addressed envelope is included for your convenience.

The BOG has accepted the resignation of Betty Weber. Betty cited developments which prevented her from residing at the beach on a regular basis. It has been a pleasure working with Betty and we will miss her.

On a similar note, Jack and Peggy Tine have decided to hang up their spikes and will no longer head the Breakfast Committee. What a wonderful job Jack has done the past few years, and we thank he and Peggy for all the work they have put into this event. VOLUNTEERS....?



On a happier note, Jeanne Lovejoy has been kind enough to remain as the person is

charge of the "Welcome Committee", "Social Gatherings" and the "Garbage Administration".

See the Beach Committee report for details on the PotLuck Supper and Bike Parade August 27th.

Enjoy the summer. Now, I would like to yield to my predecessor, Jeanne Lovejoy. In the last newsletter much of her report was inadvertently left out.

A NOTE FROM THE PAST CHAIR

Jeanne Lovejoy

I had some notes I intended to share at the Annual Meeting, but it did not happen. As you know, I have been on the Board of Governors for 12 or 13 years and the chair for the past 2 years. Therefore, I have "worked" with many members of GBPA over the years. These are volunteers that give a lot of their time to make GBPA a better place to enjoy. It is a big commitment, but the Board loves GBPA and therefore does their various "jobs" with enthusiasm. I will continue to do my share for GBPA, not as a Board member but as a member of the Association.

Thank you, Board of Governors, for giving your time and talents for all the membership. And, I personally want to thank the membership for their support during my time as chair of the BOG.

Jeanne's reports follow:

CLEAN UP

Member volunteers arrived at the Patio on June 11th at 9:30 ready to clean up the



Patio, beach by the Patio, the Parking lot and marsh. We shoveled sand back onto the beach, swept, pruned, raked, etc. and carted all to the dump. Thanks to the following volunteers: Aldor & Sue Dubois, John & Gretchen Rossi, Paul, Sr. & Paul, Jr. Ireland, Tony & Gerry Zimmitti, Joe & Scott Palmieri, Dana & Len Lombardi, Jack & Nancy Tracey, Jon & Jeanne Lovejoy.

TORN & TATTERED FLAGS



The scheduled date was postponed and noted on the "Sandwich Board" at the Patio. The new date is Friday, September 3rd at 7pm on the beach, by the Patio. We will have a fire on the beach to burn the torn & tattered flags. This is the 4th year for this impressive ceremony.

GARBAGE & RECYCLABLES

I wrote a letter to Hometown Waste regarding the recyclables being put into the truck with the "garbage". Thanks to some of the members that noticed this happening.

We, here at GBPA, Recycle and expect the Refuse Company to do the same. Please do your part in recycling the proper items, they are posted on the sandwich board. Thank you.

GBPA CHARTER AMENDMENTS

As you know we amended our Charter on August 30, 2003, which was approved by the membership. There are two ways in which a Taxing District can amend its Charter. The original one is by an Act of the General Assembly or the newer way which is called "Home Rule Act". The purpose of the latter is to relieve the General Assembly of the task

of handling and enacting special legislation of local concern. As the Board of Governors preferred to have the amendments approved by an Act of the General Assembly, I contacted our State Representative, Marilyn Giuliano.

Thanks to Marilyn she incorporated our Charter into the Senate Bill 1303. The House of Representatives unanimously passed the bill on June 6, 2005.

Copies of the Charter are available from the Board of Governors.

SOCIAL GATHERINGS

The first for the summer season was Saturday, June 25th on the Patio.

As always, bring an appetizer to share and the liquid refreshment of your choice. It is a good way to meet other members of GBPA and enjoy the very good appetizers!!

The next one will be August 6th. at 5:00 Please check the "Sandwich Board" for any changes and new scheduled dates.

Jeanne Lovejoy

BEACH PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Rick McGinley- Chair

The following excerpts were taken from a letter dated July 14, 2005 and sent from the Department of Environmental Protection, to the town of Westbrook.

“At a meeting at DEP on January 14, 2004 to discuss sediment testing and disposal, requirements for the most recent pending COP application, Westbrook representatives were informed that suitable sediment could be placed on beaches, but until the town provided actual chemical and physical data for the specific sediment to be dredged, the

DEP could not make that determination. In addition, Town representatives stated that a contractor was already scheduled for early May and sediment was likely going to Cornfield Shoals Disposal Site (CSDS).”

“Concurrently, representatives of Grove Beach Point Association were actively seeking a Certificate of Permission and suitable sediment for beach nourishment purposes. The DEP suggested that the Association explore the possibility of using the sand from the outer channel as partial nourishment for the beach and the Association sent the Town a letter to that effect dated January 21, 2004. The Association reported to DEP analyst Mr. Michael Grzywinski by letter that Mr. Lovejoy felt that lack of availability of a hydraulic dredge prevented the Town from placing dredged materials on the adjacent Grove Beach Point Association beach. The Association disputed that assertion and felt the Town was not interested in coordinating the two projects.”

“To avoid any misunderstanding and misinterpretations of intentions, it would be in the best interest of the Town of Westbrook and the Grove Beach Point Association to begin discussions now on coordinating future plans for dredging the channel shoals and placing suitable sediments on the Association beach. Given the ongoing debate over open water disposal of dredged sediments, it is unlikely that suitable beach quality sand from any dredging project including the Patchogue outer channel, will be permitted for open water disposal in the future, the preference being for the beneficial reuse as beach nourishment. The Office of Long Island Sound Programs is willing to assist both parties in developing a mutually beneficial maintenance plan for this area.”

These events are directly related to our efforts to restore and maintain our beach.



If you do nothing in life, nothing good will ever happen. However, when you seek a goal and work diligently after it, you will attain it. It may not look exactly like the goal that you set out for but it will resemble it closely enough that you will recognize it.

We have asked for a meeting with the Town in order to further this discussion and are waiting for a reply.

In all our efforts, it is important to not lose sight of the Goal, which is to get a good stable beach at the least possible cost.

Please read the Newsletters to keep posted on our progress.

C-4 REPORT

Gerry Dyar, VP

We are well along with our plans to reintroduce our property tax relief legislation in the 2006 session and need all the support we can get. Westbrook has already scheduled a revaluation over the next year and the way coastal real estate sales have been going we're sure to be hit just as hard on this one as we were four years ago. We need members and volunteers. Contact either Petra Shearer or myself.

COB REPORT

Gerry Dyar, Pres. & GBPA Rep.

Our regular meeting on September 12, 2005, at 7:00pm at Mulvey will include a presentation by the assessment firm that the Town has retained to do the next property reappraisal. Considering the impact this will have on us this is a very important meeting. This time we need to let the appraisers know ahead of time the kind of mis-classification that occurred last time so we won't have to go to so much trouble to



get things corrected after the fact!

The town of Clinton is in the process of drafting a Coastal Management Plan that includes the stated objective of trying to take over privately held rights of way to provide public access to beach areas in town. We need to watch this closely, since it is far more aggressive than anything involved in the Greenwich decision. Dana Lombardi has researched this and apparently the DEP is behind the effort which might even include the taking of property by eminent domain!

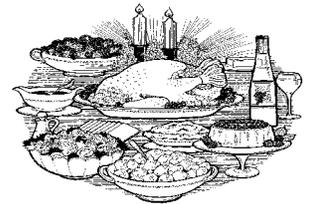
As always, your support and involvement in the COB and C-4 are essential to protecting our personal and Association assets.

9th ANNUAL POT LUCK SUPPER

Marion Scherer-Chair

The Pot Luck Supper and Bike Parade will take place on Saturday August 27th at 6:00 (The rain date will be Sunday August 28th.)

A committee member will call you with more details. Hope to see you all there with a good appetite!



The supper will be preceded by the Bike Parade at 5:00. It will start at the top of Menunketesuck Road.

BEACH COMMITTEE

Gary Bazzano-Chair

It has been a very eventful summer so far for the Beach Committee. We have put in a new basketball hoop and backboard, refurbished the ladder for the raft. We are working on the caution signs and fine tuning our "movies on the beach" program.

I would like to thank the following people who were able to lend a hand or two in the erecting of the new backboard and rim, John

Brault, David Brault, Shaun Dyson, Steven Dyson, Peter Dyson, Bob Tracy, Joe Gionfriddo, and especially Dan Carter and Jim Brault for putting in the extra effort in taking down the old backboard as well. As you can see by the list of names, some of these projects don't happen with one person, it takes a whole team to do many of the things that are enjoyed at GBPA.

As of this writing, the caution signs are being distributed and should be hung soon by all who purchased them. For those who were generous enough to purchase their own, thank you. For anyone who would still like to purchase one, the price is \$91 which includes the banner and the hardware. Please contact me at the email address below or give me a call.

We finally have "movies on the beach." With Kris Brault, working on this project for about a year, finally, and with a little teamwork and persuasion, we were able to acquire a projector for this project from Gary Kozlowski. With this projector along with the amplifier and speakers donated by Mike Scherrer, the costs were able to be kept at a minimum while the benefits will be maximized. We had a test run on July 22 and all went well. Stay tuned as to when our premier will be. In order for this to truly succeed, we will need volunteers to administer this project on a regular basis. Please notify me if you would like to participate in this activity.



The beach committee is designing new shirts for association members. We are working with Maryann Granato (a fellow association member) to produce these shirts. The design on the shirts will be the same as the logo on the sign at the "association beach". The shirts will be a fine quality polo and sweatshirt. These should be available for sale in the near future, hopefully for the

potluck supper.

The fourth of July games went well with many children participating. It was wonderful to relive my youth at GBPA seeing the children's expressions during the games. Thanks again, to Kim Hamernik and Dan Carter for running the games. Let's see if we can get even more children to participate next year.

The bike parade will be at 5:00 p.m. on August 28. Following the parade, will be the potluck supper. There will be no theme for the bike parade this year, so decorate as you wish.

If anyone has any ideas or would like to help with any programs, please don't hesitate to contact me. You may email me at GBAZZ@COX.NET (please put as subject GBPA). I hope everyone has a wonderful rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Potluck supper. Independence Day 2005

"BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH"

Jack and Peggy Tine- chairs

Once again we were fortunate to have had wonderful weather for this annual event. We want to make sure we thank the twenty or so people it took to make this happen, not the weather, the breakfast.. In no special order, Sue and Aldor Dubois bought all the groceries, Maureen Shanley bought the paper products and Kris Brault was up early picking up the donuts.

Speaking of up early, everyone was up at the crack of dawn, well, maybe not the crack of dawn, but early enough so that the 22 tables and 150 chairs as well as all the decorations were in place when the people arrived at 9:00. By the way, we have to thank Dana & Lou Lombardi for buying and donating the decorations, as well as placing them so



attractively on the tables. They really add a very festive air to the event.

Franny Ford and Betty Glass were helped this year by Petra Shearer in getting the 300 or so people into the festivities without a hitch.

Helen Dyar, Jeanne Lovejoy and Maureen Shanley made sure there was enough juice and coffee available for everyone. They were ably assisted serving the juice and taking tickets by Katherine Clements. It took a full crew of Gerry Dyar, Tony Zimmitti, John Clements and Aldor Dubois to keep the eggs available ahead of the demand and Aldor has to be thanked for the change from bacon to kielbasa to give us a little variety this year. Peggy Tine, John Rossi and Scott Palmieri were really busy preparing the pancakes, but it looked like an efficiency expert developed their routine for them. Phil Rodowicz did a good job of filling in wherever there was a need. Kristine Brault, Jeanne Lovejoy and Susan Dubois kept an eye on the donuts so that there was a diverse enough selection available.



The cleanup goes especially well since many people chip in and help fold tables and chairs as well as the serving pieces. Helen is certainly welcome at the Food Kitchen at Old Lyme Congregational Church every year when she shows up with the leftovers. Helen tells me that the food barely made it in the door before it was gone. It is very nice of her to take time out of her day after all the work at the breakfast to take the food there.

I am sure I have left someone out, and I hope they know we all appreciate their efforts in putting this fun filled breakfast together. It is a wonderful opportunity to renew old acquaintances and meet new neighbors. Thanks again to everyone, especially all the people who attended.

We are looking for some new people to take over this function next year. We "old fogies" have had a great time doing this over the years, but we feel that some new people can bring some new ideas to this event next year. Please contact the Board of Governors and we can fill you in on what has been done and how, so that you can use that as base on which you can build a bigger and better event. The people here really enjoy this event and we should be sure to keep it going.

ELECTRIC SERVICE INSTALLATION COMMITTEE

Joe Palmieri- Chair

The new cedar enclosure for the electric service is installed. It was built by Alex Maxwell and his son AJ. The enclosure will have a notice board placed on the side shortly.

The 200 ampere service box is installed with a total of 20 circuits available for the future needs. A spot light was also added to illuminate the flag. The electric work was completed by John Morton.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

Len Lombardi- Chair

The town of Westbrook's Water Pollution Control Commission (WPC) is in the process of drafting a new ordinance that will regulate and enforce septic system requirements. Included in this draft is the requirement that homeowners pump out their septic tanks and cesspools at least once every five years as well as requirements that system upgrades and expansions be installed when a home is being winterized and/or being expanded.

The final draft of the ordinance should be ready for review by the end of August and the next step after that is to schedule a public meeting on the ordinance and then a town

meeting vote. All homeowners are eligible to vote on the approval of this ordinance.

Considering the proposed new ordinance home owners should consider having their septic systems cleaned and inspected for possible infractions to that ordinance as well as preventing a breakdown of the system at an inopportune time.

MILESTONES

I had only recently heard that Robert Glass, died in February. He was Betty Glass and Callie Capellaro's brother as well as Bonnie's Dad. The Glass family has been a GBPA member for many years. We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Betty and her family.

Ann Murphy also a long time member of GBP has passed away. Our deepest sympathy to Ann's family at this time.

"Big" congratulations to Grandparents Marty and Susan Unger whose daughter had a baby girl three weeks ago.

BOUQUETS TO:



John Rossi for sorting our rubbish for disposal after the 4th Breakfast and also for his regularly cleaning up debris left on the beach by weather and/or people, when he is down there.

Dana and Len Lombardi for creating, publishing and posting the survey sent to all members.

Scott Roxbrough and Matt Griffin for mowing our gazebo grounds.

The Carter family for mowing there also and for watering the plants on the gazebo.

Barbara Peet and Len Lombardi for cleaning up Bassett Park.

Joe Tata for watering the plants in our window boxes on the shed.

Jack and Peggy Tine for a great job chairing the 4th of July breakfasts for six years!!

So many hands combine to make our Association a very attractive one

POTPOURRI

It has been a concern to our members that some people are going the wrong way on the ONE WAY part of Indian Trail that runs from Mohawk Road to the top of Menunketesuck Road.. There are children living on that street. It is not only a danger to the children but also an accident waiting to happen to others. Please DO NOT take a short cut there.

SMILES

Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.



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SAVE THESE GBPA DATES - SEE NEWSLETTER FOR COMPLETE DETAILS

- * **Sat. Aug. 6th, 2005, 5:00pm** - Social Gathering On the Patio.
Bring drink of choice and an appetizer to share..
- * **Wed. Aug. 17th, 2005, 6:30pm** - BOG at Lombardis
- * **Sat. Aug. 27th, 2005, 5:00pm** - Bike Parade, **6:00pm** Pot Luck Supper
Rain date is **Sun., Aug. 28th** , Same Times & Place.
- * **Fri. Sept. 3rd, 2005, 7:00pm** - Tattered & Torn Flag Burning on the Patio Beach.
- * **Mon. Sept. 12th, 2005, 7:00pm** - COB, New Assessment Presentation, Mulvey Municipal Center.
- * **Wed. Sept. 14th, 2005, 6:30pm** - BOG Meeting, Location to be announced..
- * **Mon. Sept. 26th, 2005, 7:00pm** - C4 Meeting, Location to be announced.

