



# Grove Beach Point Association, Inc.

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## Grove Beach Point Newsletter

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Can you believe that summer is unofficially over? School has started and the week days are very quiet here at Grove Beach Point. We are having some gorgeous days this week and hopefully it will continue. Aren't we lucky that the last three hurricanes have not come north to us. And I hope those of you who have places in Florida were not in harms way.



### NOTES FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Jeanne Lovejoy

Back to school, shorter days, cooler evenings, the blues are jumping, less people at GBPA. All this means is summer of 2004 is coming to an end! As always the summer went by much too fast.

The Board of Governors met monthly all spring and summer and 4-5 times during the winter. During the summer months Board meetings and other activities are posted on the "Sandwich Board" at the entrance to the patio.

Please watch the Newsletter for dates of importance posted on the back of each issue. (The "sandwich board" will be put in the shed for the winter)

The next Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for Wed., October 13th 6:30pm at the Lovejoy's.

I would appreciate your contacting me if you know of someone new in the GBPA neighborhood. I try to greet them with a "Intro pack" on GBPA. You can reach me at 860-664-0380.

Enjoy the beautiful fall season.

### BEACH PRESERVATION REPORT

Rick McGinley

We have not yet been able to put together all the necessary elements, to say that we will be able to complete our beach nourishment project this winter. But we are still working on it.

We are attempting to coordinate with a project that has not yet been committed to in Clinton. If all goes well we will be able to get all the sand necessary to accomplish our Beach nourishment, *at a price we can afford.*

Lets keep our fingers crossed, and I will keep you posted as to our progress, which as usual seems to be at a snail's pace. I appreciate the patience of ALL. The reward is yet to come.



I would like once again to thank Helen Dyar and her support team, for all the effort they put into make this news letter happen. As a contributor for some time, I have gained the upmost respect, not only for the effort to put out the news letter, but for the content of the

letter. We are very privileged to have someone with the talent and so willing to give the time and effort to make this happen.

**“I think we should double her pay”**

Please read the Newsletter to keep posted on our progress and all the events at “GBP”.

BIKE PARADE

Chairs-Gary & Susan Bazzano

The bike parade on August 14<sup>th</sup>, preceding the Pot Luck Supper, was well attended. Approximately 25 youngsters participated and all received a Daisy ice cream coupon.

POT LUCK SUPPER

Chair- Marion Zito

Despite threats of bad weather, Mother Nature held out for our Annual Potluck Supper.

I would like to thank all those who participated in this event. I am glad to report that the only costs incurred for the supper were from Taylor Rental Center. All other supplies came from the inventory in the shed.



I was glad to see that a few of our new neighbors also came to enjoy the good food and some laughs.

Looking forward to our next get together.

BEACH COMMITTEE

Chairs- Gary & Susan Bazzano

The Arts & Crafts on the patio went well. Many thanks to our beach monitors, Ashley Trantino and Anne Lewandowski, for running the arts ad crafts program. The “movies on the beach” has not been voted on by the BOG as of this letter. We have asked Kris Brault to invite the other two associations near us to participate with sharing the costs and fun. With this information, it will help the BOG to better assess the options available to GBPA. If there are any questions, you may mail me at [GBAZZ@COX.NET](mailto:GBAZZ@COX.NET). ( please put as subject, GBPA).



I hope everyone enjoyed their summer at Grove Beach Point. If anyone has any suggestions on our beach area or other areas, don't hesitate to contact me.

We are always looking for new members for the Beach Committee, so please notify me if you would like to be a member. The Beach Committee is responsible for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July games on the beach, the employment of a beach monitor and many other things in connection with children's activities and the upkeep of the patio/beach area.

SOCIAL GATHERING

Hosts-Dana & Len Lombardi

Teeming rain was the scene for the last social gathering of the season (8/21) but that did not deter the event from taking place!!!! A sign was put up changing the location to Lombardi's house and a swell time was had by all (about twenty-five). It was a perfect time to bid farewell to Nan and Cliff Gilmond who are leaving our association for their home in Hamden. Many speeches were made and we all reminisced about the first time we

met these long time members of our association. We will miss them.

### SEPTIC SYSTEM COMMITTEE

Chair-Len Lombardi

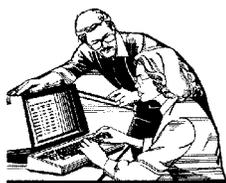
Within the year, two of our association members have had to have new expensive septic systems installed due to failure. There are many ways to extend the life of your septic system. We will be giving suggestions on how this might be accomplished in each newsletter. One of the things that should be avoided at this time of year is putting anti-freeze in the toilets and traps as this will kill the helpful bacteria in your septic tank.

There is never an opportune time for a septic system failure. It is best to keep your system in good condition and the committee hopes to help you in this regard.

### COUNCIL OF BEACHES REPORT

Gerry Dyar-Pres. & GBPA Rep.

GBPA now has a web page of its own on the COB site. The URL is <http://www.westbrookcouncilofbeaches.org/GBPACOBPage.htm>



At our 8/2/04 meeting the COB voted to ask the town for two changes in referendum policy. First, to hold non-emergency referendums between 6/1 and 9/30. This will be attempted but we'll have to stay on top of it.

And, second, to provide mail notification of referendums to all eligible voters no less than 30 days in advance. Tony Palermo has already started to investigate the most practical way to accomplish this. The objective is to have a mailing to all taxpayers. What is being investigated is a post card with the referendum information. The costs of doing this, if deemed possible, will be part of the 2005-2006

budget that will go to referendum next Spring.

At our 9/13/04 meeting our main topic was illegal fireworks and the increasing hazard they represent to life, limb and property along our beach fronts.. Our guests were First Selectman Tony Palermo, Resident Trooper Rob Hart of the Resident Troopers Office and Asst. Chief Ralph Buck of the Fire Department. It was agreed that these same town representatives would meet with Gerry Dyar in April of next year to map out a fireworks containment strategy to be presented at the COB May '04 meeting based on the many ideas that came out of this meeting.

Our final meeting for this year will be on 10/4/04 at 7:00pm in the Multi Media Room at the Mulvey Municipal Center.

### **Message from Joe and Bonnie Palmieri**

The proposed parking lot (Lenny & Joe's) has been denied by the Inland Wetland Watercourses Commission. The property is across from Marty's next to Dairy Queen on the Post Rd.

A THANK YOU to all concerned about the wetlands, wild life and our septic systems.

(This may not be the end of it!).

Bonnie & Joe

### MILESTONES

Holley and Greg Kowalczyk are the proud parents of twins born Aug. 8, 2003. Their names are Aidan Paul and Sadye Quinn. They live on Mohican Rd. E. Their Grandmother Carol Kowalczyk lives year round on Uncas Rd. E. We only received the news after the last Newsletter and they are now a year old so we



send our belated *Heartiest Congratulations* to Holley and Greg and also Carol.

Alexander J. Rakas, a long time member of GBPA died August 13th. We extend our sympathies to his family on their loss.

### BOUQUETS

With red-face I included Rick's note about the editor of this newsletter but I would also like to add my thanks along with Rick's, to everyone who works so hard in various roles



and will then write up the interesting news items for our members. They make my job easy!

### POTOURRI

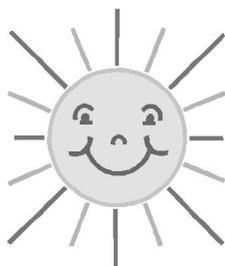
*A request from a member;*

PLEASE DO NOT abandon pets, (apparently kittens) when leaving GBP for the winter. If you decide not to keep that "cute little kitty" call the Humane Society. Do not leave them on their own to starve or be injured.

Our next "Social Gathering" will be on Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the Dyars, 24 Pequot Rd. As usual, bring a beverage of your choice and an appetizer to share. Everyone welcomed.

### SMILE

On a Southwest flight (Sw has no assigned seating, you just sit where you want)



passengers were apparently having a hard time choosing, when a flight attendant announced "People, people we're not picking out furniture here, find a seat and get in it!"

On another flight of SW. "Welcome aboard Southwest Flight 245 to Tampa. To operate your seat belt, insert the metal tab into the buckle, and pull tight. It works just like every other seat belt, and if you don't know how to operate one, you probably shouldn't be out in public unsupervised"

### Board of Governors:

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