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Grove Beach Point Newsletter

Helen Dyar- Editor

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It certainly looks like our summer season is ending. The streets are quite so empty of people and cars. We will look forward to seeing everyone again in the Spring. It feels like, looks and smells like fall already, even to a chill in the air today. This is often the best time of year here for many.

As this will be my last newsletter I want to wish all our members a wonderful fall, winter, and the upcoming holidays. I know you will enjoy having Janet Dickey and Kelli Giuliano doing the newsletter. Our thanks to you both for volunteering to be joint editors for GBPA.

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Tony Zimmitti



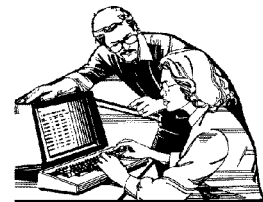
It is a pleasure to live at Grove Beach Point. It gives an affinity with coastal community life.

Consequently, the Gulf Coast disaster that has taken so many lives and caused so much devastation, hits us a little harder. I feel that everyone here wants to do something to help. We can by making donations to the Red Cross, Salvation Army, or other organizations that can assist those who are suffering. We should. Thank you.

On a different note, I am pleased to inform you that David Brault has been asked and has accepted to serve on the Board of Governors,

filling the vacancy that resulted from Betty Weber's resignation. David is a CPA and was chosen because of his financial background from among several members who have shown interest in serving on the Board. David will eventually assume the demanding and crucial position of Treasurer. We thank David for volunteering his time and expertise, and welcome him aboard.

The response to the survey has been very high and they are still coming in. Because of this, it was not possible to have the meeting on the Labor Day week-end to share and discuss the information gathered. Your thoughts and suggestions are too important to rush through. Dana Lombardi will have more details on this in her report that follows in this newsletter and in others to come. Thank you for taking the time and please keep sending them in.



It certainly was a beautiful day for the bike parade. And did you see all those kids with their bikes, carts, scooters and what not on wheels, beautifully decorated, parade down the hill? The little ones had lots of fun as did the grown-ups. And then there was the pot-luck supper. What a setting, and all the different variety of scrumptious dishes made it a wonderful experience. And Frank Sinatra, too!

Finally, I must tell you that the movies at the beach have been a hit. At the last showing there have been approximately sixty to seventy people. Lots of kids but also some

older kids. Even our constable stopped by for a while, and with the rest of us enjoyed the show. For this we have Gary Bazzano, Dan Carter, and Gary Kozlowski to thank.

One more thing; There is indisputable evidence that one of the two osprey nests has finally been claimed. A beautiful young looking osprey has been observed perched on the nest site, and there is evidence of nest building. Should not be too long before the other nest will attract tenants.



Almost forgot; The Association sign on the corner of Indian Trail and Route One has finally been installed by the DOT. They had removed it when the bridge was rebuilt.

Hope your Labor Day weekend was a good one.

SURVEY INFORMATION & RESULTS

Dana Lombardi- chair

At this time, we have a response to the survey of 47% of our members and surveys are still trickling in! So far, 92% of the respondents have said that they read the newsletter. This was the highest percentage for any one item in the survey and many added kudos for Helen Dyar who has eleven years tenure as Editor. It appears that the newsletter is the best way to disseminate the results of the survey so in this and each subsequent newsletter, the results of one or more survey questions will be profiled.

The first item concerned property values and are there actions that the association can take to raise them? 31% responded to this item. 12% of the responders commented and these comments, generally, fell into three groups:

* Maintain association property, keep our neighborhoods clean and neat, encourage community spirit

* Higher property values increase taxes , monitor the town budget

* Support clean water projects on Long Island Sound , septic system cleaning

In retrospect, the question should have dealt with maintaining property values rather than raising them. However, the comments pointed to very important issues for all of us to work toward.

In the next issue, we will go over the survey items on property development and use of the current association property. Also for those creative suggestions for the newsletter, they will be forwarded to the new editors Janet Dickey and Kelli Giuliano who now know that they have a very attentive readership!!

For any new thoughts or comments on these items or others, send a note to GBPA, PO Box 754, ATTN: Dana

BEACH PRESERVATION REPORT

Rick McGinley- Chair

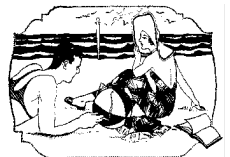
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BEACH COMMITTEE REPORT

Gary Bazzano-Chair

Wow! That is the only way to describe this past Labor Day weekend's weather.

The beach committee had a very busy summer with all its activities and projects. The caution signs were all purchased and hung. **Was it my imagination, or was traffic moving slower**



throughout the association? If it cautions just one person, then the signs are working. Thanks again, to everyone who participated in this project. Please remember, that if you purchased a sign, it is your responsibility to take it down and hang it seasonally. Those hot summer days contributed to some damage to the banners, if anyone still has a damaged banner, please contact me at the email address listed below.

The Association has a newly designed embroidered logo on shirts. These shirts are available in the following styles; polo, sweat, youth sweat, and t-shirt. They come in many sizes and colors. Please contact me if you would like to order some. They are all made to order so there are no extras on hand. Association members have purchased over \$1000.00 worth of these shirts, so get your selection in for the holidays or at the annual meeting in May.

The bike parade was a big hit this year with over 40 participants and daisy coupons given to all participants. Next year we are contemplating starting the bike parade at the turnaround, what do you think?



Finally, the "movies on the beach", **What an outstanding success!** We had four showings with an average attendance of 45 people and on some nights as many as 60+. It was

wonderful to see people of all ages enjoying the movies and looking forward to the movies each week. Once again, I would like to thank Dan Carter and Gary Kozlowski, without them, this wouldn't have been made possible. Their kindness and ambition to get something done has created a lot of smiling faces on Friday nights in August. Hope to see you all next summer when we will continue this activity, (with maybe a popcorn machine next year). To the adults that think this is only for kids, try it out next year.

I would like to thank everyone who assisted in all the events and projects this summer. I would need another page to list all of you, but you know who you are, and I hope everyone else knows too. Again folks, it is these people that make things happen at GBPA, **without all of them, GBPA would just be another association.**

I wish everyone a happy fall and promise to keep all members informed on any beach committee activities that are forthcoming.

If anyone would like to send me their email address, please email me a hello at gbazz@cox.net. This would help communicate any kind of news generated by GBPA or the town of Westbrook.

Gary Bazzano
Beach committee

POTLUCK SUPPER REPORT Marion Scherer- Chair



I hope you that you all enjoyed yourselves at the 9th Annual Pot Luck Supper. I know many who agree that it turned out to be one of the "best". The Food-The Music-The Weather.

I would like to thank "the Committee" for all of their help as well as those who shared some great food with us. Maybe we should think again about creating a recipe book.

I look forward to our next gathering.

SPECIAL PROJECTS Joe Palmieri-Chair

The Electrical service on the beach was inspected and approved by Building Inspector Roger Zito. He commented on the excellent job that was done. So again I will give you the names of the vendors that did this job. The carpenter was Alex Maxwell of Clinton

and the electrician was John Morton of Clinton.

TORN & TATTERED FLAGS

Jeanne Lovejoy

The 4th annual "Torn & Tattered Flag Ceremony" was held on the Association Beach, Friday, September 2nd. It was a small group of concerned members, each saying a few words before throwing their flag into the flames. Many prayers and concerns were for the victims of hurricane Katrina and for our service men and women all over the world. We had about 15 flags disposed of in this impressive ceremony. It was a beautiful evening on our beach.

SOCIAL GATHERINGS

Jeanne Lovejoy-Chair

No dates have been set for the fall and winter gatherings at private homes. Hopefully, we will have one in the months of November, January, March and perhaps April. If you are interested in hosting a gathering, please let me know and it will be announced in our newsletter as well as on the bulletin board at the patio.

COUNCIL OF BEACHES

Gerry Dyar - Pres. & Grove Beach Rep.

Important reminders if you're going to be away from Westbrook this winter!

* Be sure to take Absentee Voting applications with you. For full information go to www.westbrookcouncilofbeaches.org and click on "Absentee Balloting". There will probably be votes on the new sewer regs, the train station and the library to name a few maybe even the budget. The way things are going I don't think all these votes will saved for when you're back in town like they were last year.

* Send your email address to the COB's

Corresponding Secretary, Menno Marringa at <marringa@sbcglobal.net> so you will keep up to date on all these and other important issues.

BOUQUETS TO:

Barbara Peet for fixing up the patio garden and adding the lovely mums for our Fall enjoyment



Shirley Johnson for her continued help folding, stamping and addressing the Newsletters with me each issue.

Gerry Dyar for his computer expertise. He was always at my beck and call with any problems I had and also for doing all the labels for the newsletters each issue.

All the BOG members for getting in pertinent information to me on time for each issue. (Sometimes with prodding, but cheerfully none the less.) :)

Gary Bazzano, Dan Carter and Gary Kozlowski for the success of the movies.

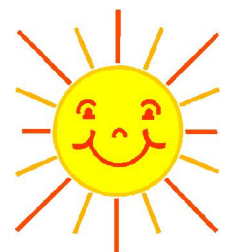
To all the many people who volunteer time and money to help the many victims of the Katrina disaster.

SMILE

Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.

If it weren't for STRESS I'd have no energy at all.

For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.





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