



September 2008

**A message from the Chairman of the
Board of Governors.
By Gary Bazzano**

Even though summer has ended, your Board will continue to work through the winter. The Board has finalized the water project at the patio and work should begin as early as this fall. The intention is to get water to the patio this fall, with a final connection to a shower type fixture next spring.

We intend to bring to the 2009 annual meeting, a description of a real ordinance for some type of hammer law in which construction would only be allowed at certain times. This was brought to my attention this summer from various residents who complained about the constant noise associated with construction.

The Board is looking into improving the parking area at the patio which could include gravel or clearing for better space. If there are any other areas that members would like to see improved, please do not hesitate to contact a Board member.

We will continue to address the security issue through the winter also. As you will see in this newsletter, Al Dubois has been keeping a record of all incidents at GBPA. If anyone has anything to report, please be sure it gets to your Board.

At the time of writing, the Town has not agreed to an equitable solution for GBPA regarding the dredging project. There will be a meeting on October 4, 2008. At that time the Board of Selectman should finalize a settlement with GBPA. As your Chairman, I will continue to work for the best solution

entitled to GBPA. The Town committed 6000 yards of material to GBPA. GBPA believes that approximately 600 yards of sand was placed on the Association's beach. At this point, the GBPA Board is working towards a financial settlement.

The Board continues to compile a list of our member's email addresses. If you haven't already done so, please provide your email address to any Board member so that we may add you to our master list for mailings and any other emergency information. This list is confidential and is provided only to members of the Association.

I wish you all an enjoyable autumn and as always, if anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact me at gbazz@cox.net or you may phone me at 860-604-0500.



**Council of Beaches Report
By Gerry Dyar**

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The last regular meeting of the Westbrook Council of Beach Associations for this year will be on October 6, 2008, at 7:00pm, in the Multi Media Room of the Mulvey Municipal Center. The candidates who are running to represent us in the State Senate and House of Representatives will attend to present their views and answer questions from the audience. This is a great chance to find out where they stand on issues that directly effect us. This meeting will be chaired by Al Quarti from the Grove Beach Improvement Association who is the VP of the COB. For more information you can contact him at 664-0512.



Troubling Incidents at GBPA

By Aldor DuBois

There have been numerous troubling incidents at GBPA that should be of interest and concern to all members of our association. A few of these incidents are as follows:

1. Gas was siphoned from two cars parked near a Pequot Road home.
2. A man was observed one morning passed out on the bench at the Indian Trail boat dock gazebo. He was described as tall, slender, and light-haired in his mid-forties. He later was talking to young children, who reported to parents that they were concerned with this incident. Children sense when something isn't right.
3. A significant hole was made in the front of a home on Mohawk Road by either a large rock or a BB or pellet gun. This followed an incident where the occupant had followed some teenagers, who were suspiciously parked at the end of the street. One teenager had jumped out of their car and laid down on her hood. She reported the license number to the Police, without significant results.
4. A "welcome mat" and a large tube boat were taken from a home on Wangum Road.
5. An ice bucket and ice were taken from the refrigerator of a home on Mohawk Road. Nothing else was taken. Someone, also, entered one of this same resident's unlocked cars, while they were out, and spread some of the contents around the vehicle's interior.
6. A new skateboard was taken from the front porch of a home on Wangum Road. Prior to that the wheels w/tires were taken off the resident's vehicle and the car was placed up on cinderblocks. No one saw or heard anything.
7. Chairs were taken from a patio on a newly renovated home on Mohawk Road. The resident couple was at home, but never heard anything.
8. Wood piled up for an outside fireplace was taken from the back yard of a home on Mohawk Road. Although there was a party at a home behind this house and the occupants were at home, no one saw anything that night.
9. Sticky soda was poured on a car parked in front of a home on Mohawk Road during the evening. The front light had been on all night. The liquid was poured everywhere on the vehicle. No one saw or heard anything.
10. A resident observed a stranger sitting in his neighbor's vehicle on Old Mail Trail late at night.
11. A BOG member reported that on AUG 17th, at approximately 2:30 A. M. two car loads of teen-agers caused a disturbance at the GBPA patio. They were blasting their radios and hung around the beach for over 30 minutes. Several residents called the Westbrook Police. An officer appeared, spoke to the youths and accepted their story that they lived in the area. He didn't ask for identification, but strongly encouraged them to return to their homes. After he left, it was reported that they hung around for a while and then departed in the two cars. It was speculated by the BOG member that they might have been concerned with driving their cars and getting pulled over for DUI. It was, also, noted that two of the youths that left on skateboards and headed toward Island View Beach were the same ones that several residents had described as living in the back part of Island View. One of the vehicles (a dark

Chevy) is apparently registered to a resident on Old Clinton Road and another (a Honda) is registered to a resident on Windy Road, which is very close to Old Clinton Road. Old Clinton Road runs parallel to Rt. 95 and is located between exits 64 & 65.

12. A resident made a call to the Resident State Trooper (Westbrook) to ask if he was aware of all or some of these incidents. The Resident Trooper said that there had been no reports of any of these events and that he encouraged anyone and everyone to call the Police so that these incidents can be logged in the Police blotter for investigation. He stated that he would begin to drive through the area and would be happy to meet with the GBPA at a future date. He stated that GBPA is considered one of the nicest beach areas and neighborhoods in Westbrook and is viewed as a highly desirable place to live.

Your BOG is emphatic in encouraging all members of GBPA to report any such incidents or suspicious behavior to the local Police @ 860-399-2100 (this number is to the State Police dispatcher, who will inform the Westbrook constables. Westbrook has a constable law enforcement program.) or our Resident State Trooper @ 860-399-7304. Your BOG member's should also be informed, so that a "neighborhood watch" program, either official or unofficial can be implemented, if deemed necessary in the future. Security and safety are everyone's business at Grove Beach Point. Any comments or additional reports to the BOG are highly encouraged.

Potpourri

Wally Lee, long time GPBA member and past BOG Treasurer has been ill. Our thoughts and prayers go out to him.

Time to Winterize!

The fall equinox is a good time to begin thinking about winterizing your home. Pretty soon, temperatures will be falling towards the freezing mark and you will want to be ready, whether or not you fully close up your home for winter. Don't forget to:

- Have your furnace inspected and clean the ductwork. Consider a programmable thermostat to save money and energy by lowering the temperature during the hours you are away from home.
- Have your chimney swept and inspected.
- Switch out those summer screens for winter storm windows.
- Check the weatherstripping around points of entry.
- Clean out your gutters and downspouts. Make sure they are in good condition.
- Check flashing around your chimney to prevent roof leaks.
- Rake debris and vegetation away from the foundation. Seal up entry points to the crawlspace to prevent animals from entering.
- Drain all garden hoses and stop water to all spigots.
- Replace batteries in and test all smoke alarms.



**Treasurer's Report
By David Brault**

I am happy to report that tax collections are coming in much faster than prior years and expenses are below budget in just about every category. Please see the summary results through September 2008 below:

	Actual 2008/2009	Budget 2008/2009	Variance
<u>Beach Operations</u>			
Tax Collections	\$ 33,944	\$ 35,000	\$ (1,056)
Expenses	\$ 10,278	\$ 35,000	\$ 24,722
Net	<u>\$ 23,666</u>		<u>\$ 23,666</u>
<u>Beach Preservation</u>			
Tax Collections	\$ 17,286	\$ 18,100	\$ (814)
Expenses	\$ 26,138	\$ 35,260	\$ 9,122
Net	<u>\$ (8,852)</u>	<u>\$ (17,160)</u>	<u>\$ 8,308</u>
<u>Capital Fund</u>			
Tax Collections	\$ 8,211	\$ 8,700	\$ (489)
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Net	<u>\$ 8,211</u>	<u>\$ 5,700</u>	<u>\$ 2,511</u>

Dredging
Project



As I outlined at the annual meeting, included in the expenses of beach preservation above is an expenditure for \$21,880 to our contractor for the work he did on the dredging project. We feel there is a very good chance that all of these funds will be reimbursed by the town of Westbrook which would make these results look much better. Please email me at dbrault@interludehome.com or call 860-964-0472 if you have any questions.

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