



Grove Beach Point Association, Inc. ***April 2012 Newsletter***

A Message from the Chairman of the Board of Governors **By Gary Bazzano**

It was a great winter and hope that the summer months will prove to be great also. After last fall's storm Irene and then the Halloween snowstorm, there weren't many of us that ever expected the winter we had. After Irene, I went back to South Windsor because of no power in Westbrook and then after the Halloween storm, I found myself back in Westbrook, for I had no power in South Windsor for eight days. I must say it was quite an interesting end to the summer and beginning of the fall. With all that behind us now many are still cleaning up from the two storms and as good neighbors, let's be patient with them. Many have had mass devastation and even with the mild winter we had, there are those that still need to have insurances squared away and improvements done to make their homes safe again. So even though many of us were fortunate enough to have minimal or no damage, let's be cognizant and caring of our neighbors and lend them a hand when we can.

The BOG met through the winter as we continued to discuss the ongoing improvements to the patio area and continually monitored the cleanup of the Association property. Some items the BOG elected to spend additional money on were as follows: extra security after Irene, additional dumpsters to aid in the removal of debris, and cleanup of the turnaround and marsh areas south of Pequot and Mohican Rd. near the creek area. I believe at this time we are almost fully cleaned up and only request that the town come in periodically to clean Old Mail Trail. I believe at the time of this writing, the town had just come in for another sweeping.

The mild winter afforded the contractors constructing the stone wall and fence a great opportunity to finish in a timely fashion. The stone contractor was conscientious as he took the time needed to build such a fine wall. As he was finishing, the fence contractor came in and measured exactly to the wall and columns specs and constructed a beautiful fence to complement the stone wall. I hope you are all as pleased as the BOG is with how tastefully done the wall and fence came out. The BOG will be contracting with one of our maintenance contractors to clean up the remaining debris and sand left at the patio.

We will continue to maintain security for the upcoming summer along with providing the port-a-potty for our members that utilize the beach and patio. One thing new that we will be adding is a regularly scheduled screening of the entire Association beach. The company that screened the beach for the Association last year has agreed to work a deal with GBPA, so that the beach will be cleaned sometime in June and then will be maintained weekly also. I'm sure you all enjoyed the screening of the beach last summer and as such, the BOG thought the beach could continue to be screened throughout the summer months. I'm sure you will continue to be pleased with the outcome.

The BOG is looking into a survey for some of the Association properties in order to assure that none of the Association property is being encroached upon. This is part of the Association's ongoing Capital Improvement Fund. We have completed to date the water at the patio and the new shed.

The BOG is currently working on the budget. As we deliberate, rest assured, we are cognizant of the times we are living in and hope for a budget we can all afford. The BOG believes that most of the expenses will stay in line with last year's budget and will only be adding in the a few new items, such as the beach screening, but we believe, that expense could be covered in the beach cleanup/grading budget item.

We will be looking for people to run the "games on the beach" at the July 4th breakfast and also be looking for someone to run the "movies on the beach" on Saturday nights. Without volunteers, this Association would have nothing. I would like to thank all the volunteers who put tireless hours into making sure our association stays beautiful and safe and a premier beach community along the Connecticut shore. Also, thanks to the Morris', for again, volunteering to Chair the 4th of July breakfast this year.

A couple final notes. As this is one of our only paper newsletters, please be sure you have signed up for our email newsletter. I believe Nancy Waters, the Association Webmaster and Tax Collector has set up an easy way to record and update your information for the Association. Please be sure to complete your rubbish form attached and send it in to the contractor so that you will get your pickups when scheduled.

As always, I look forward to seeing all of you at the Annual Meeting on May 26. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 860-604-0500 or at gbazz@cox.net.

Member Updates **By Nancy Waters**

The GBPA BOG is constantly trying to keep GBPA Member records current. We are happy to announce the launch of a special member update page accessible from our website (<http://www.grovebeachpoint.org/>)! This form allows you a secure site to update your contact information, email addresses and newsletter preferences, as well as identify your interest in any of our committees!

The Member update page is accessible from our main site, or the direct address is:

<http://www.grovebeachpoint.org/GBPAMemberUpdate.htm>

So far we have received 30 or so response, the details of which are being tallied up. If you have selected interest on a committee, rest assured someone will be in touch with you to discuss details.

Thanks and keep those updates coming!

Website and Electronic mail
By Nancy Waters

Our GPBA Website has been “refreshed” in order to kick off the 2012 season! Check back from time to time to get the latest and greatest updates on news and events.

Feel free to send any news or questions to our email address:

GroveBeachPoint@comcast.net.

If you have Items for sale, Rentals, Lost and Found etc. you can email them to that address as well. I will work with you to add your information to the appropriate page on our website.

Keep an eye in your inbox for news and information!

From the Tax Collector
By Nancy Waters

My first year as Tax Collector certainly had its challenges and I truly appreciate your patience as I worked through this process. I am hopeful that this year’s Tax Bill process will flow much smoother. A formal report from the past years collections will be made available for the Annual meeting.

Beach Preservation and Woods Hole Study
By Ken Penfield

The Board was provided with a 120-page “draft” report from The Woods Hole Group regarding the Coastal Processes Evaluation and Alternative Assessment for Grove Beach Point Association in March 2012. We met with our team leader, Kirk Bosma, of Woods Hole in March and spent nearly 2 hours reviewing the report and asking questions.

The report covers several topics including Background Geology and History, Historical Shoreline Change, Wave Transformation, Alongshore Sediment Transport, and Alternative Analysis of options to consider for our beach and a Summary with Conclusions.

The goals we had proposed when this study started were as follows:

1. To protect the coastal infrastructure (homes, cottages, recreational assets) along the

association beach.

2. Maintain or improve the beach for recreational use.
3. Reduce overall maintenance of the beach and existing roadways.
4. Maximize the performance (service life) of any potential solution.
5. Determine the most cost-effective solution over a minimum of 50-year time frame.
6. Determine the relative effectiveness of the existing coastal structures along the association beach.

This report addresses our goals, and the details will be provided to the members of Grove Beach Point Association in a more formal Q&A presentation made by Kirk Bosma at a meeting likely to happen soon after our Annual Meeting in May.

It was evident that the first step is to nourish our beach, and the report will tell us why as well as provide potential options and sources.

We are on the radar of the US Army Corps of Engineers, and they are well aware of our interest in obtaining nourishment from future dredging in our area. The Patchogue River is scheduled to be dredged in the late fall/winter of 2012. This will result in approximately 34,000 cubic yards of material. Unfortunately, the material is not compatible for beach use. It will be dumped off of Cornfield Point.

There is a meeting regarding the dredging of the Patchogue on April 11th with Town Officials and the Army Corps of Engineers which I plan to attend, a last ditch effort to confirm the sand is not compatible and to network with officials for future dredgings.

GBPA Patio Fence

By Nate Lee



The new patio fence for GBPA was finished this winter and we hope that it serves our community well and for the long haul. The site prep was performed by Chris Hallahan, a Westbrook resident. The masonry was built by James Johnstone, of Old Saybrook. He spent many days laying up the rocks. Each one was installed by hand. Finally, John Uvino of Cornerstone Fence installed the fence. Thank you for your patience with this project, we sincerely hope that you find it attractive and functional. Enjoy!

GARBAGE/RECYCLING COLLECTION

GBPA has been having “group” garbage collection from Neelys Waste Removal Company (Hometown Waste, LLC) since October 1, 1996. The monthly fee for garbage and recycling service is now \$23.00. The summer residents have a choice of the 4 month plan or the 6 month plan as follows:

May 15 to September 15 – 4 month plan for \$92.00

May 1 to November 1 – 6 month plan for \$138.00

The full time residents will be billed directly by Hometown Waste, LLC @ \$23.00 per month.

Garbage and recycling pick up will be on Mondays from May 11, 2012 through November 1, 2012. Pick up is on Friday for the rest of the year.

On Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day weeks garbage service will be on the Tuesday following the holiday.

NAME: _____

Mailing Address: _____

GBPA Address: _____

Four Month Plan enclose \$92.00 _____ Six Month Plan enclose \$138.00 _____

Make Checks Payable to Hometown Waste, LLC

Please mail this completed form with your payment in advance to:

Hometown Waste, LLC

P.O. Box 1340

Madison, CT 06443

If you have any questions concerning your bill please call 203.245.8840.

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