



Grove Beach Point Association Newsletter

April 2010

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

Winter is finally over and glad to see Spring is finally here. The past few storms have had some real erosion on the beach but hopefully the beach will improve by the time summer comes along. The BOG has been working on a few different items that were explained in the last newsletter. We are still working on improved security at the patio and want to continue to improve the grounds along the street. A few of the Board members have been keeping abreast of the dredging project and it looks like the Town will be doing some sort of dredging this Spring. I know Ken Penfield will be keeping a close eye on the project for any residual benefits to GBPA.

As summer approaches and we start to clean up our property, please remember to keep up surrounding properties also. If you see litter in other places, please pick it up and dispose of it. The Association property is all of ours and we should be proud of it, so let's keep it that way. We also need to remember our rules and obey the traffic signs.

The BOG has decided to make safety and security a top issue this summer and we hope to see more police patrol and monitoring during the summer months. We will be hiring Chelsea Carter again this summer as our beach monitor who will be working more than just weekends. There have been comments in the past about non-members using our property and discussion by the BOG has ensued about adding more hours for the beach monitor. As a result of those discussions, we intend on increasing those hours at various times of the summer.

The BOG will be meeting on April 8th to work on the annual budget and other pertinent items of GBPA. Also the Annual Meeting will be held on May 29, 2010. Your Annual Meeting packets will be sent out in mid May.

WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE. PLEASE GO TO:
WWW.GROVEBEACHPOINT.ORG. Nancy Waters has done a great job with it and you will find all the information you need in order to enhance your experience at GBPA.

Hope to see you all soon at GBPA and I look forward to hearing any comments you may have. Remember, this is your beach so let's all do our part.

**Website ~ <http://www.grovebeachpoint.org/>
Nancy Waters**

I am pleased to announce that the Grove Beach Point Association has gone over a major overhaul over the winter! The new site offers Latest News, Links to current weather conditions and tide tables; a Calendar of events, link to the Newsletters, History, Photographs of our cherished beach and much, much more!

The BOG invite YOU to be a part of the GBPA Website! There are many links in there to prompt you to share your photographs, stories & memories! You can submit information for any items you are selling (boats, furniture, etc.) and a Lost and Found area, just in case you stumble across something and want to be sure it gets to its rightful owner.

I will do my best to update the website early in the week, as even I am finding things I want to change in there. We hope that you will be able to easily access key information such as Refuse and Recycling information, Committee Updates, Voting Procedures and the Charter itself.

Please take some time to explore the new site and add it to your favorites!

Westbrook Council of Beaches

Nancy Waters

The COB has been quiet over the winter. We will be resuming our meetings in May.

Treasurer's Financial Update David Brault

Perhaps a sign of the times but our members are a little slower paying their tax bills this year, but fortunately our expenses are well below budget in the beach operations fund. So financially we are doing very well compared to budget and we expect to collect most of this tax revenue before the annual meeting in May. The most significant events so far this year are:

1. We received reimbursement from the Town of Westbrook for the dredging project. - \$19,568.
2. We cashed in the U.S. savings bonds. A number of reasons for this which we will report on at the annual meeting.
3. We used some of the proceeds from the savings bonds to pay down the loan with Liberty Bank. The association is now debt free.

Please email me at dbrault@eemaxinc.com or call 860-964-0472 if you have any questions.

	Actual 2009 - 2010	Budget 2009 - 2010	Variance
Beach Operations			
Tax Revenue	\$ 32,103.19	\$ 35,000.00	\$ (2,896.81)
Total Expenses	\$ 32,186.58	\$ 37,440.00	\$ 5,253.42
Net	\$ (83.39)	\$ (2,440.00)	\$ 2,356.61
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Beach Preservation			
Tax Revenue	\$ 16,461.16	\$ 18,100.00	\$ (1,638.84)
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<u>Beach Preservation Expenses</u>			
Expenditures	\$ 3,665.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 1,535.00
Reimb. Town of Westbrook	\$(19,567.50)	\$ (19,567.50)	\$ -
Interest Expense	\$ (193.52)	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,093.52
Principal Payments	\$ 19,184.84	\$ 12,000.00	\$ (7,184.84)
Total Expenses	\$ 3,088.82	\$ (1,467.50)	\$ (4,556.32)
Net	\$ 13,372.34	\$ 19,567.50	\$ (6,195.16)
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Long-term Capital Fund			
Tax Revenue	\$ 7,912.26	\$ 8,700.00	\$ (787.74)
Total Expenses	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Net	\$ 7,912.26	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 2,212.26

Garbage News

For those residents who use or will use **Neelys Waste Removal Company (Hometown Waste, LLC)** please note the changes to the garbage pick up schedule as follows:

The last day for Friday pick up is Friday, April 30, 2010. Garbage pick up will be on Mondays beginning May 3, 2010. Pick up for Memorial Day will be on June 1, 2010. Pick up for July 4th will be on July 5, 2010. Pick up for Labor Day is September 7, 2010. The last pick up for the summer is November 5, 2010.

GARBAGE/RECYCLING COLLECTION

We have been doing the “group” garbage collection from Neelys Waste Removal Company (Hometown Waste, LLC) since October 1, 1996. The monthly fee is now \$22.00. 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 \$88.00

May 1 to November 1 – 6 month plan for \$132.00

The full time residents will be billed directly by Hometown Waste, LLC @ \$22.00 per month.

Garbage and recycling pick up will be on MONDAY starting in May.

NAME: _____

Mailing Address: _____

GBPA Address: _____

Four Month Plan enclose \$88.00 _____ Six Month Plan enclose \$132.00 _____

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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