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**A message from the Chairman of the Board
of Governors.
By Tony Zimmitti**

The Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 24, 2008, at 10:00 AM, at the Patio on Old Mail Trail. The Call for the meeting will be sent out in mid-May. With the Call, you will be receiving the notice for the meeting, the proposed 2008-2009 budget, the minutes of last year's Annual Meeting, and the Nominating Committee report with its selection of candidates. Note that the notice page contains a proxy for you to use should you not be able to attend. Try to make it, however, and be part of this important and informative event.

I am not thrilled at all to report to you that Mr. Rick McGinley has decided not to run for reelection to the BOG. Rick has been on the Board for many years, and I remember when way back he was asked to chair the "Beach Reclamation Committee" he, very reluctantly, accepted. I know now that he must have envisioned the headaches and tribulations to come. And they did. I often offered my deepest apologies to Rick for having pushed him to accept. But look what he has accomplished! Rick is the one person with the experience and know-how required to be able to deal and negotiate with contractors, engineers, DEP personnel whose only word they have ever learned and uttered is "NO!", politicians, and the many others who make up the humongous bureaucracy whose approval is required even for the movement of just one grain of sand. He has been able to deal with myriad obstacles and prevailed, and the beautiful condition of the Association's beach attests to that. The forthcoming tons of free sand that any day now will be pumped on the Association beach is none other than the result of his stick-to-it

attitude, and hard work. On behalf of the Association I say thank you, Rick.

Incidentally, I also...."will not seek, nor will I accept".....As it is true in Rick's case, this coming May will be the end of my three year term. Time for me to retire; I have been a member of the BOG far to long. It's been fun, a pleasure and a privilege to work with you and the members of the BOG.

And now a little follow-up on the dredging. The work should have started earlier, but due to problems of logistics concerning the transportation of the dredging machine, which have caused delays, the operation should get underway around the 9th of April. Don't be alarmed if the sand initially looks black -- the small amount of silt mixed with it causes it; eventually the sun will bleach it out, and we will all enjoy layers upon layers of fine sand.

With respect to traffic safety at Grove Beach Point, I have been in contact with Ms. Wininger, Chairman of the Police Advisory/Traffic Authority Board, regarding the traffic control, and pedestrian safety measures that were approved, but not yet implemented. We have discussed the matter of installation of one additional stop sign at a key location, and painted crossings and walkways, that will increase safety at Grove Beach Point. We are hopeful to have this work done this spring.

Ann (Vincent) Lee, wife of Wally Lee, died on March 28, 2008. Our deepest sympathy goes the Lee Family.



**Social Committee
By Sue DuBois**

The GBPA social committee is seeking co-chairpersons for the 4th of July Breakfast-on-the-Beach. This is a traditional, annual event, which is always a success and helps to kick-off the summer season. There are numerous experienced volunteers ready, willing and able to help out. It's a great way to meet people in our association and to experience the wonderful cooperative spirit of this group.

Anyone interested, please call Sue Dubois at 860-633-3285.



**GBPA Women's Auxillary
By Sue DuBois**

Calling all women who belong to the GBPA to an informal meeting at the home of Gerry Zimmitti (74 Menunketesuck Rd. Westbrook) at 10:00A.M. on Saturday, May 3, 2008. We'd like to begin the summer season with a possible neighborhood tag sale. Please feel free to join us and bring your ideas for events or activities. If you are unable to join us but would like to be a part of this informal group or have some ideas you'd like passed along, you may call Gerry at 860-669-9962 or Sue Dubois at 860-633-3285.



**Beach Committee
By Gary Bazzano**

With summer soon approaching the idea of boating is on many of our minds. The beach committee will be offering a safe boating course on July 6, 2008 at the patio. One of our members, Beth Robinson (Mongillo) is a certified instructor and she has offered to teach a one day course on July 6. Upon passing of the course, participants will be able to receive their safe boating certificate. The price has not yet been decided. I will report back in the next newsletter with more details. If you would like to participate, please contact me at gbazz@cox.net.



**Council of Beaches
By Gerry Dyar**

The Board of Finance has scheduled a meeting at the Mulvey Municipal Center, on 4/24/08 at 7:30pm for public comment on the proposed 2008-2009 town budget. The budget includes an \$8,000 item from the Traffic Authority for equipment to help control

speeding, particularly South of US1. In addition to this we should also be vocal on the need for the budget to go to a referendum with enough time allowed for absentee ballots.

The first meeting of the COB for 2008 will be on May 5th in the Multi Media Room at the Mulvey Municipal Center at 7:00pm. Representatives of the Board of Finance and Board of Education will attend to answer questions about the Budget.



**SWEITZER/HOMETOWN WASTE PICKUP
SCHEDULE
FOR GROVE BEACH POINT ASSOCIATION**

In the winter trash is picked up on Fridays because there are fewer people, mostly year rounders, here and that is the day Swetizer picks up in Westbrook anyway. In the summer because there are many more people here and Sweitzer has agreed to pick up at GBPA on Mondays so the waste that is left out by weekenders is not sitting at the curb all week long waiting to be picked up. Here are the details for this year.

The last winter Friday pick up of 2007-2008 will be on May 2nd.

The first summer Monday pick up in 2008 will be on May 5th.

Memorial Day week the pick up will be on Tuesday, May 27th.

Fourth of July week the pick up will be on Monday, July 7th, as usual.

Labor Day week the pick up will be on Tuesday, September 2nd.

The last summer Monday pick up in 2008 will be on October 27th.

The first winter Friday pick up of 2008-2009 will be on October 31st.

Christmas week the pick up will be on December 26th.

New Years week, 2009, the pick up will be on January 2nd.

Sweitzer's phone number is 860-669-5506.

This schedule and related information is kept up to date on the Association's web site at www.grovebeachpoint.org.



THANK YOU!!!!....

.....To the eight people who signed up to receive the Newsletter by e-mail last month!! If you would be willing to sign up to receive the newsletter via e-mail, ***please*** contact Kelly Giuliano at kgiuliano@hill-hill.com.



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WE NEED YOU...



TO HELP WITH THE 4TH OF JULY BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH!

The Social Committee is looking for volunteers willing to Chair and arrange this event.

Please contact Sue DuBois at 860-633-3285 for more details!