



# July 2007

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

Great turn-out for the Annual Meeting of the GBPA! For those of you who did not attend, let me inform you that, as usual, the most important topic was the new budget. This year we departed from the traditional, and infused into the mix a long-term plan designed to pay for the repair or replacement of the association's assets such as the patio, gazebo, floating dock, raft, etc. This portion of the budget is referred to as the "Capital Improvement Fund." Every year we simply put money aside to be used when needed for the upkeep of the assets. The membership agreed with the idea and overwhelmingly approved it along with the rest of the budget. The slate of candidates was voted in; Gary Bazzano and Joe Palmieri were re-elected. New to the Board is Kelly Giuliano; congratulations, thanks, and welcome on board, Kelly. All in all, it was a good meeting. Ideas were exchanged, questions were asked and hopefully answered satisfactorily, and what is very gratifying is the feeling that the membership is supporting the work done by the Board.

Immediately following the Annual Meeting, the new BOG met for the purpose of electing the Officers who will be serving the Association this year. Tony Zimmitti (Chair); Gary Bazzano (Vice Chair); David Brault (Treasurer); Aldor Dubois (Clerk). Please feel free to call on any of the Board members if you have any questions.



Donations have been received for all the "Memorial Benches" and "Memorial Tables." The response has simply been overwhelming. We are grateful to the following families for donating considerable amount of money toward the purchase of the new benches and tables for the patio. The \$500.00 donations for the tables were given by: Ms. Betty Glass; Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Cobb; Mrs. Petra Shearer; Mrs. Rosemary DeLucco Alper. For the benches at \$400.00 by: Mr. & Mrs. David Brault; Mr. & Mrs. Aldor DuBois; Mrs. Lynda Dyson; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Penfield; Mr. & Mrs. John Rossi; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Tracy. Thank you. We are actively working on the project and have asked Bill Zdon for the construction work.

There are other members who wanted to give commemorative donations, however all the benches and tables were spoken for. Consideration is being given to apply the same idea toward other items such as the shed or the gazebo, for example, where families could co-sponsor donations. More information on this will be made available at a later date. We thank you for your generosity.

We now need to recognize and thank several individuals who have been of enormous help to all of us.

The driveway at the patio has been rebuilt. A contractor was hired to break up the old surface and to pour and spread the new concrete.

Every thing also was done by Rick McGinley, his son Patrick, and Rick's brother Gerry. They worked for two solid days: picked up the necessary materials; built and placed the forms; constructed and placed the steel rods reinforcements; coordinated the project so that it would be completed on schedule. On behalf of the Association I want to thank Rick, Patrick and Gerry for all they have done. Thank you.

Incidentally, the driveway has been widened by almost two feet, and constructed to be able to withstand the traffic of heavy equipment. The dangerous step that people always complained about has been eliminated.

Of course this required much more work and concrete. The opening to the beach has also been widened – the unsightly chunk of concrete that had been added to secure the boards for closing the passageway during the winter months has been removed. It will be replaced by a wooden track.

Gary Bazzano and his army, for all the work done to make our recreation area what it is. Did you notice the new swim-area colorful lines, buoys, etc? Thank you. Joe Palmieri for all the work he is doing concerning new benches, tables, plaques, etc. Thank you. John Rossi, for grooming the beach on a daily basis. Thank you. Sue Dubois and Gretchen Rossi and their committee for a wonderful breakfast. Thank you. And thank you to all the people who helped with the area clean-up in May - the Palmieris, the Zimmittis, the Shanleys, the Dyars, the Clements, the Tines, Ann Monarca, Barbara Strada & Robby, Carol Kowalczyk & Ambrose.

Concerning the Association beach, it certainly looked beautiful after it was cleaned and graded. But Mother Nature is not always on our side. The very day after all the work, a “Nor’easter” struck and kept us company for three full days. It did a lot of damage. All the fine sand that had been placed on the portion of the beach in front of the patio simply disappeared. Hopefully some of it will return.

Enjoy a great summer.

**Beach Committee**  
**By Gary Bazzano**

Summer is well upon us and everything is moving along as planned. As some of you may have noticed, we have new swim lines with large swim area markers. The DEP required the Association to have these in order to adhere to Connecticut regulations regarding waterways. Though it was a major expense, it does protect us from liability in the event of an accident within the swim area. I would like to thank Mark and Cameron Lyons and Dave

Brault for their assistance with putting the swim lines in.

The Fourth of July games were again a big hit with many children participating. Kim Hammernick and Dan Carter did a fabulous job of running the games and keeping the children involved, they even had an Easter egg hunt for the very young children.

We are expecting to be showing movies on the beach soon, so please look for signs posted showing the movie of the week and times.

The banners that were such a great idea a couple of years ago have been a disappointment to me. I take full responsibility in the purchase of these and I am working with the printer of these to furnish the Association with new banners at no additional cost. The colors on the banners were supposed to be fade resistant and as anyone can see that has not been the case.

If anyone would like to contact me regarding the Beach Committee or any other Association matters, please call me at 860-604-0500 or email me at [GBAZZ@COX.NET](mailto:GBAZZ@COX.NET).

**Council of Beaches Report**  
**By Gerry Dyar**

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We've had three interesting meetings so far this year and have three more scheduled. Send an email to Menno Marringa at [marringa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marringa@sbcglobal.net) to be added to the email notification list. Check out our website <http://www.westbrookcouncilofbeaches.org/> for meeting details as they're announced. Here's our schedule for the rest of the year:

08/06/07  
09/10/07  
10/01/07



In April, **SSG Christopher Vincent** returned home to from a year long deployment in Afghanistan. We welcome SSG Vincent home and thank him for his service!!



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