



July 2008

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

It is with great honor that I write to you as Chairman of GBPA. I have spent 45 summers here and I am very proud of the Association that was created back in 1945. It has been with the hard work of all the volunteers throughout the years that have made Grove Beach Point a wonderful place to live and summer at. My grandparents would be proud to know that I have taken such a firm commitment to make Grove Beach Point a great place for all ages. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tony Zimmitti and Rick McGinley for who have put in so many years of volunteer work to make our Association a better place.

The Board has been very busy this summer working on our goals and objectives list. The Board has been talking to the members of the Association to find out what our members would like to see at the Beach. The Board is finalizing plans for water at the patio, cleaning up the patio parking lot and reviewing our needs for more benches and tables. We are also working with the town to come to some sort of equitable agreement regarding the dredging project of the Patchogue River. The Board did authorize to have a portable restroom at the patio area behind the shed and the response has been mixed with some members enjoying the convenience of having it, while others would rather not have it.

There have been some concerns about security. Items have been stolen right out of members' yards. *Please be cognizant of what is around you and if you see anything suspicious, please call the police.* The Board will continue to address the security issue until we can all feel safe here.

Tony and I met with the Westbrook Traffic Commission to review safety issues that the Association has with some of its roads. They have since painted some new crosswalks and we are hoping for a painted safety area on Menunketesuck Road at the creek area. Please be sure to drive safely, stop at all stop signs and take notice of the posted speed limit. We have asked the Traffic Commission to have police step up enforcement in the Association area. So again, please drive safely. It wouldn't look good if the people being stopped are our own members.

I hope see all of you at the Potluck supper on August 16 and please as always, feel free to contact one of your Board members regarding any issues you may have. We are always here to listen.

**Beach Committee
By Gary Bazzano**

Time for me to put on my Beach Committee hat. While the Fourth of July breakfast was delayed by one day because of rain, (which in my 45 years I never remember happening), it did not stop the people from coming out. The breakfast was great. A thank you goes out to Stephanie Scully for volunteering to Chair the breakfast committee and to all the volunteers that helped make the event so much fun. The games on the beach were once again an overwhelming success with more kids than Kim and Dan had supplies for. We will have to stock up on water balloons and ribbons next year. I would like

to thank Kim Hammernick and Dan Carter for their help once again.

On that same day, at 10:00 a.m. we had the boating course given by Beth Robinson. That too was an overwhelming success. I had expected about 10-12 people and we had 28. Everyone passed the test, so feel safe on the water, knowing that 28 more people will be recognized by the State as having a valid boating certificate. Thanks Beth.

As I had a busy Spring, the raft didn't get in as early as I like, but we did get it in before July 4th. I would like to thank Greg Kowalczyk, Duckworth Grange, David Brault, Jim Brault and Cameron Lyons for helping in launching the raft.

We are still planning the "movies on the beach" beginning August 2. The movies are for everyone so bring your popcorn, soda or other refreshments and come on down to the patio and enjoy a good movie.

**Council of Beaches Report
By Gerry Dyar**

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The next regular meeting of the Westbrook Council of Beach Associations will be at 7:00pm on August 4, 2008, at the Mulvey Municipal Center. All COB meetings are open to the public as well as members of the member associations of the COB.

**Breakfast Committee
By Stephanie Scully**

After a one day rain delay, we celebrated our Annual Breakfast on the Beach. Despite the day being somewhat cloudy, volunteers served breakfast to 148 adults and 38 children. How lucky are we to live in a community with an Association

that can pull in that kind of crowd for an annual breakfast. Special thanks to all the volunteers (and there were many) who shopped, decorated, cooked, served etc. Without your support and ability to pull together to assist with whatever needed to be done, this breakfast would not be possible. Also, we can't forget our new Association Chairman's contribution to the volunteers. Thanks Gary.

This event kicks off the summer and gives people a chance to see each other after the winter. It also gives new members an opportunity to meet their neighbors and become a part of the Grove Beach Point Association. Have a sunny and fun filled summer.

**Pot Luck Supper
By Marion Scherer**

The Annual POT LUCK SUPPER at the Beach will be held on August 16, 2008 with a rain date of August 17, 2008. Anyone interested in joining the planning committee can call me at 860-391-1294.

**Community Safety
By Kelly Giuliano**

We all know that Grove Beach Point is a fantastic place to vacation and relax. Sometimes our relaxed summer attitudes take over and we become a little too carefree. Security is always a concern – even here at Grove Beach Point. A neighbor on Mohawk Road recently reported that a parked car was broken into late at night. Another saw a stranger sitting in another neighbor's parked vehicle around 2 a.m. Let's all remember to take these simple steps to protect ourselves and our property.

- Secure your home and garage at night and when you leave. Lock up even if you are just going to the

beach or making a quick trip to the store.

- Make sure that your vehicle is locked and windows are rolled up. Don't leave personal information or items of value in your car.
- Get to know your neighbors and communicate with them when you feel something is amiss. Ask them to keep an eye on your house and do the same for them.

Finally, **remember to report any unusual or suspicious activities to the Westbrook Police (even if you aren't sure it merits an officer response)**. If, for whatever reason, you are concerned about calling the police, call me (203.318.8207) and I'll do it for you!

Potpourri

Happy birthday to Fran Forde who celebrated her 88th birthday this month!

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