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

Summer is well upon us (at least by the calendar) and things are going well at GBPA. As of this writing, the Town Attorney and our Attorney are finalizing the settlement of the dredging project and it is my hope that a check will be cut to GBPA within the next week. The Board of Finance approved our settlement on June 17<sup>th</sup>. It was a unanimous vote and everything went smoothly. The Harbor Commission is trying to get to a more balanced amount of commissioners from the political parties. It seems that the Commission is comprised of 8 Republicans and one Democrat. If anyone from GBPA that lives here year round would like to get involved, please contact me about your options. This commission is very important to GBPA and I believe it would be beneficial to have someone from our Association back on the Commission as we once did.

The BOG will be doing a property walk on July 16<sup>th</sup>. We do this every couple of years in order to assess any problems or circumstances that may arise out of association members not knowing their boundaries between association property and a member's private property. Also the BOG will be reviewing any and all claims regarding temporary structures, noise nuisance complaints and traffic concerns raised this season.

The BOG has implemented many improvements this year such as new benches, water at the patio and a portable restroom again this year. We will be removing a couple of old Pines from the patio area that have died and we will continue to make improvements to the whole association property. If there is anything that you see that needs attention, please don't hesitate to contact the BOG.

Movies on the beach should start in August and run until school starts, so look for the signs advertising our movie night. The bike parade will continue along with maybe a new event in lieu of the potluck supper.

Everyone, please enjoy the rest of your summer and drive safely through the neighborhood. It is summer and there are a lot of kids running around. Please stop at ALL stop signs and obey the traffic rules. You never know who might be hiding out looking to give you a ticket. The Police have been notified to patrol and stand at specific areas to watch for speeding and stop sign abuse.

The BOG is still trying to get more use out of the internet with email. Please supply the BOG with your email address so that we may send you the newsletter electronically and any other pertinent information that may come along that would help you as a GBPA member. If there was ever a storm and the BOG wanted to notify you to get to the beach and protect one of your largest investments, email would be the best communication avenue for us to take. So again, please supply us with your email address. If you would like to email me, my email address is gbazz@cox.net.

Enjoy summer.

**BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH  
BIKE PARADE, ETC.**

By Lisa Brault

We couldn't have asked for a better day. It is always nice to celebrate Independence Day on the actual day. Our annual Breakfast on the Beach was a success with the attendance of 153 adults and 50 children. These numbers were up a little from last year. Special Thanks to all the volunteers (too many to list) who helped with the shopping, set up /decorating, cooking, serving and the clean up. Also a special thanks to those who helped move the heavy benches back to their original spot. It was amazing to watch as the breakfast came together. Everyone was so supportive and willing to help with whatever needed to be done. This Breakfast would not be possible without all of our special volunteers. This event gives us a chance to catch up with our summer friends after a long winter. Let's all have a nice summer. See you on the beach!

Since no one came forward to volunteer for the Pot Luck Supper we have decided to do things a little differently. This year we are going to have a Pot Luck Dessert/BYOB. Bring your best dessert along with the recipe and your e-mail address and we will send them to you. This event will be held on Saturday August 8th. The Bike parade will begin at 6:30 with the dessert to follow at 7:00.



## RESPECTING YOUR NEIGHBORS By Gary Bazzano

GBPA has been in existence since the 1940s, with houses dating back in this association to the early 1900s. In 1945 the GBPA became an Association and as such formed a Charter with many provisions.

One of the provisions refers to the rules and regulations set forth for ALL members. The rules and regulations were put in place to assure that every member has the same rights and privileges as their neighbors. These rules were put in place, not as Ordinances, but as guidelines for the Association.

This year the BOG has received numerous complaints about barking dogs, temporary structures on Association property, campers, noise complaints of neighbors, construction after normal business hours, and businesses being run out of households. While some of these are not covered directly under the GBPA Charter, they are covered through town ordinances. It is our responsibility as association members to RESPECT and honor the regulations set out in the GBPA Charter. With that being said, the BOG has sent out numerous letters requesting that members adhere to these rules and regulations. Some members have respected the Board's requests and some have not. I ask that if you do get a letter from the BOG or a neighbor, please respect that request and adhere to the rules and regulations set forth for our Association. Our forefathers had the foresight to put these rules in place for a reason; to keep GBPA a desirable place to live and provide the enjoyment we all benefit from. PLEASE ADHERE TO RULES SET FORTH AND RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBORS BY FOLLOWING THE CHARTER AND TOWN ORDINANCES.

## Displaying the Flag By Kelly Giuliano

The BoG has been contacted on several occasions by members concerned that the U.S. flag be property displayed. The following excerpts are from USFlag.org: a website dedicated to the U.S. Flag. The emphasis is my own.

"It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed

twenty-four hours a day *if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.*"

"The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, *except when an all weather flag is displayed.*"

"The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs."

"When flags of States, cities, or localities, or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States, the latter should always be at the peak."

"The flag should never be displayed with the union down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property."

"The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

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# BIKE PARADE



AND

# DESSERT SOCIAL COCKTAIL PARTY (BYOB)



Bring enough dessert for your family  
and five additional guests

SATURDAY AUGUST 8, 2009

BIKE PARADE 6:30  
(Starting at bottom of hill)  
DESSERT SOCIAL 7:00  
(Patio at the beach)

BRING A DESSERT AND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AND WE WILL EMAIL YOU THE RECIPES.



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