



# September 2007

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Correction – In the last newsletter I incorrectly reported the name of Ms. Barbara Scala, one of the volunteers for the area clean-up. Hope this sets the record straight.



## **A message from the Chairman of the Board of Governors.**

**By Tony Zimmitti**

There have been many pleasant comments made regarding how “nice” the recreation areas look. There are reasons why. For starters, we have a brand new entrance driveway to the patio; brand new benches and tables; new gravel stones at the turnaround; new and colorful swim-lines and buoys; well groomed beach; etc, etc,. Ok, the umbrellas did not fare too well and all but one were returned because they were damaged. (We need to take better care of these next time around.) But all in all things look much better than before thanks to so many people who have worked hard. Of course, there is more to be done, and it will.

On a different topic, the BOG feels it would be a good thing to have another Association meeting this year. This is a first, but the feedback thus far has been very positive. Hence, the meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, October 7, 2007, at 1:00 pm at the beach patio. The aim of this informal meeting is to bring the membership up to date on what has taken place this year, exchange ideas and information, and to acknowledge the families who have donated the benches and tables. Please make an effort to attend.

Now, for all of you who have asked, “How did you ever get Bill Zdon to...?” The answer is “I don’t know.” True, Bill is a busy guy, however, he has expressed the desire to “do something for the Association”, and just look at what he has done. A perfectionist craftsman created a perfect work of art. The tables and benches are absolutely beautiful. Bill donated his time and skills, working late into the evening hours and finished the job in record time. Thank you so much, Bill.

## **Beach Committee By Gary Bazzano**

It was a fun summer at GBP. Our attendance for all activities was high as was witnessed by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July games and the bike parade. We will be working on establishing some different activities for next summer, so if anyone has any ideas, we would welcome them.

The raft will be taken out in the next few weeks and the ladder will be replaced for next season. Thank you in advance to those who will assist in taking the raft out of the water.

One new item we will be offering next year will be the State of Connecticut Safe Boating Class. One of our long time members, Beth Robinson (Mongillo) who is a State of Connecticut certified instructor has offered to teach the class in a one day format sometime in late June. If anyone is interested in taking the class, please contact me and we can get you the instruction manual so you may have it to study over the winter. We are thinking of offering this class the weekend after Father’s Day.

As always, if anyone has any questions or concerns, they may contact me at 860-604-0500 or by email at [gbazz@cox.net](mailto:gbazz@cox.net). Have a great year and see you all soon.



## **Helping Hands Builds Character Special Projects Committee By: Joe Palmieri**

The benches and picnic tables on the patio will be completed by the middle of the

month. Thanks to the leadership and tireless efforts of Bill Zdon, who was helped by many "helping hands." This is what a small beach community can achieve.

The wood used for the benches and picnic tables is Brazilian hardwood (a/k/a Ipe) with an oil finish that will last for years.

I will mention Mark Bieulieu (Duckworth Grange's nephew), who helped me unload the trucks of wood at my house, and my son Scot who helped me drill, counterbore and router the slats for the benches and tables. The patio looks so good. The plaques are in and will be put in place.

A great big thank you to: Dave and Alex Brault, Michael Bazzano and Robbie Suriani.

God bless.



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

[www.westbrookcouncilofbeaches.org](http://www.westbrookcouncilofbeaches.org)

Our next COB meeting will be 10/1/07 at 7:00pm in the Multi Media Room at the Mulvey Municipal Center.

All four candidates have confirmed they will attend our 10/01/07 meeting to present themselves and their agenda and to answer questions. The candidates will be: Noel Bishop (R) Incumbent First Selectman and Candidate for reelection; Marie Farrell (D) First Selectman Candidate; Robert Mulvihill (R) Incumbent Second Selectman and Candidate for reelection; Jim Crawford (D) Second Selectman Candidate.

I'd like to send some questions to them in advance of our October meeting so email them to me at [tgdyar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tgdyar@sbcglobal.net).



### **Pot Luck Supper Committee By Marion Scherer**

Good food, good weather and the support of our members made the GBPA 11th Annual Pot Luck Supper a huge success. Thank you for your participation.



### **Dog Talk**

Guess what? Complaints have been rolling in. Why?

1. Because there is too much "DOG POOP" on our beach.
2. There are too many unleashed/roaming dogs.
3. There is too much barking!

Please be mindful of the following rules regarding dogs on the beach:

1. "Dogs must be on a leash and "deposits" picked up by dog walker."
2. "No dogs allowed on the beach between 10:00am and 4:00pm."

There was a time when dogs were not allowed on the beach. Several years ago, the Board amended the rules and allowed dogs on the beach. The thinking supporting the change centered on the premise that dog owners would exercise care and consideration for others. We believe most dog lovers in fact do. For the ones who may not be always so attentive, please control your dog and clean up after it. It makes sense.

Also, it's against the law to allow your dog to roam freely. For the benefit of all, here are excerpts from a pamphlet published by The Foundation For Animal Protection, Inc.:

"A Leash Promotes Good Neighbors – If you didn't own a dog, would you like one digging holes, damaging your garden or shrubs, biting or frightening your children, maybe killing your cat or rabbit, or that biggest complaint of all: using YOUR yard as its toilet?

"A leash protects joggers,...cyclists,...also mail carriers, meter readers,...delivery men,...and you from lawsuits."

Finally, we all know that dogs bark, but there are several in this neighborhood that bark incessantly! Please do your best to keep your dog quiet.

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# Association Meeting!

There will be an informal association meeting on

# Sunday, October 7, 2007!

1:00pm  
On GBPA's Patio.

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