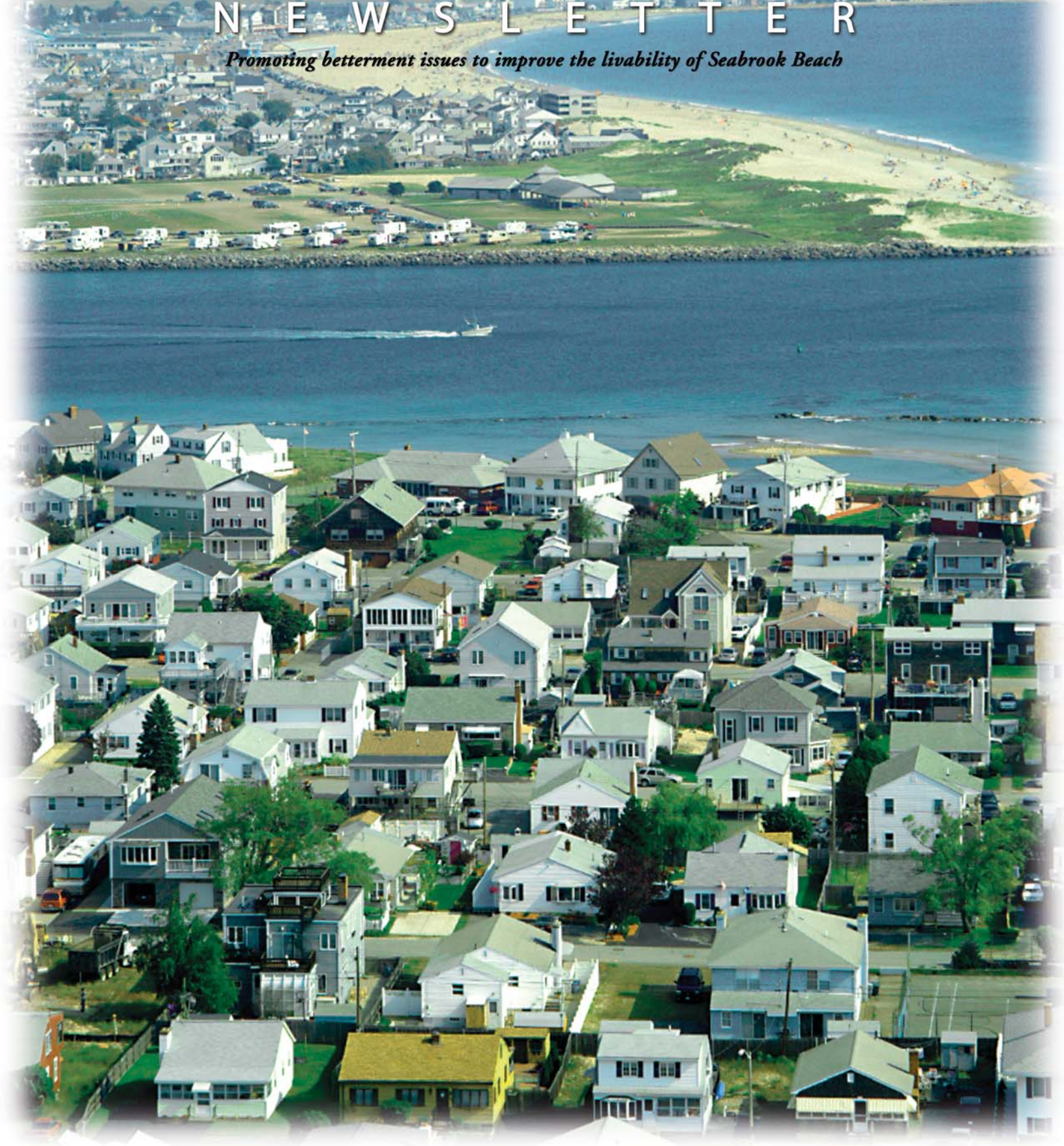


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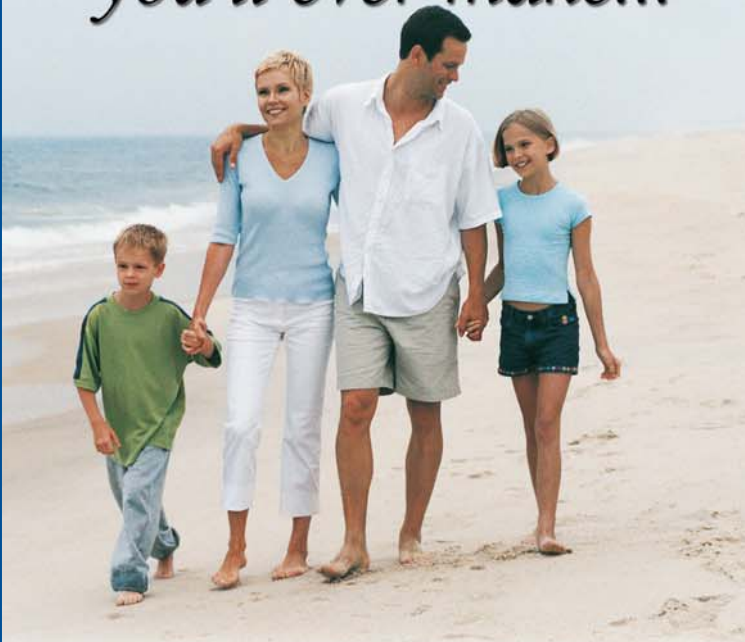
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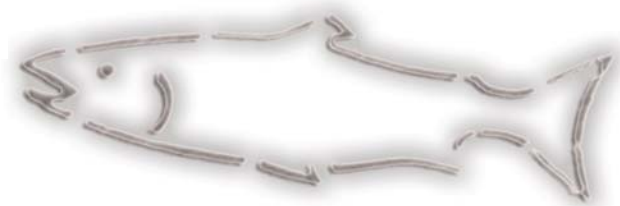
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Volunteers in the group photo are: Back Row- Roland Jacques, George Cole, Sue Manzi, John Starkey of DPW, Dick Dodge and Matt Roney. Middle Row - Jim Lewis, Esther Tanoian, Linda Doherty, Paul LeMoine and Jacqui Lewis. Front is Jim Nelson. Missing from photo is Joan Gallahue who was still peddling away on her bike delivering the door handle notices to each home (shown in below photo).

*Stormwater runoff
is considered the
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in the US!*



Who's making a *difference* ?

Members of the Seabrook Beach Civic Association worked with the Seabrook Department of Public Works and the UNH Sea Grant Extension to protect coastal resources. The volunteers painted the message "Dump No Waste. Drains to Harbor" near storm drains along the beach. Seabrook's storm drains empty into local salt marshes, which connect to the estuary of the Hampton-Seabrook Harbor.

Storm drains are located throughout Seabrook to help protect it from flooding during rain storms. Rain water flows down the drains taking anything on the street, lawn or in the catch basins with it. Many people do not realize that most storm drains flow directly into the nearest body of water! The stenciled messages remind us that what we do in our neighborhoods affects ocean life.

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What You Can Do to Help Protect Water Quality

- Don't dump harmful chemicals (automotive fluids, paints, pesticides, etc.) down storm drains.
- Before it rains, sweep or rake soil, leaves and grass clippings from driveways and lawns and compost them.
- Minimize use of fertilizers and pesticides on lawns and gardens.
- Use de-icing materials sparingly.
- Keep pet waste off the beach and beachside roads.
- Bring your household hazardous waste to Seabrook's transfer station during regular operating hours.
- Drop off leaves, grass clippings and brush at the transfer station also.
- Call 603/944-7996 for more information.

Help control stormwater runoff by:

- Planting trees, shrubs and ground cover.
 - Using a rain barrel to catch and store water for gardens. Cover it with a screen to prevent mosquitos.
 - Redirecting downspouts from paved areas to vegetated areas.
 - Using wooden planks, bricks or interlocking stones instead of asphalt for walkways and patios.
- They allow water to infiltrate the soil.



This project was funded in part by a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services as authorized by the US Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Section 319 of the Clean Water Act. For more information about storm drain stenciling projects in the Seacoast, contact UNH Sea Grant Extension at 603/749-1565.

Progress on EZ Pass

Susan Morse/*The Hampton Union*

The Executive Council approved \$16.6M in a three-year contract for customer service centers and \$2.1M to purchase vehicle transponders.

The EZ Pass system is scheduled to be phased in beginning in January-to-March 2005, according to Bill Boynton, a spokesman for the Department of Transportation.

EZ Pass allows drivers to move through the tollbooths without stopping. Customers purchase a transponder for their vehicles, at an estimated cost of \$40 each. It is read by equipment at the tollbooth, much like a bar code.

The \$2.1M will purchase 90,000 transponders. The fee for their purchase will go into a special account to buy more transponders.

Each pass through the toll will be charged against a customer's account. The tollbooth rate for those who have a transponder has yet to be determined. The rate will be

discounted, so that drivers will not pay the full toll price, but will likely not be as inexpensive as the current 50 % discount for those purchasing tokens.

"One of the big selling points," said Boynton, "is that you'll be able to use that on 21 toll systems on the Eastern Seaboard. You'll at least be able to go from Maine to Virginia by this time next year."

ACS State and Local Solution Inc. out of Washington, D.C. will manage the EZ Pass System and three customer service centers will be located in Hookset, Nashua and Hampton. The firm will sign people up for EZ Pass by fax, e-mail or the Internet.

"The big key is that you can process many more cars per hour than you can through automated toll machines or manned tollbooths," said Boynton. "In addition to making it more convenient for motorists, it should help to relieve congestion."

The Latest SBCA Project

At the October SBCA board meeting, it was decided to go ahead with plans to erect a flagpole at the Seabrook Beach Welcome sign on Rte. 286. The 25' flagpole will have an inside mechanism for raising and lowering the flag, and will be illuminated, allowing the flag to remain flying at all times. (Regulations governing public flagpoles require illumination if the flag is to remain aloft after sunset.)

Although the SBCA treasury has sufficient funds to cover the expenses – estimated cost is \$2300 to \$2500 – the board is encouraging donations for the project. A suitable donors' plaque will be placed at the site.

Local Politics in Action

The final General Meeting of the current season featured local guest speakers from the Republican and Democrat parties, both incumbents and candidates for the November elections. A spirited discussion was followed by a question and answer period and proved to be an interesting demonstration of democracy in action.

This newsletter issue contains an Absentee Ballot application. If you plan to travel this winter, use it to assure your participation in the Town of Seabrook annual elections in March. Applications can also be obtained at the Town Hall.

:: Like our new look? ::

Patrick Carey and Carey & Giampa Real Estate have made several resources available to the SBCA for publishing our newsletter. These include the graphic design services of Sierra Designs, and the support of the real estate office staff to get us on track to get those newsletters to you. Most important has been a financial infusion enabling us to bring you a new and exciting publication.

In the next few issues we'll be working to polish our package, and welcome any feedback you may have for us.

Our thanks to Patrick and to Jim Giampa for coming forward to support our group. They join other loyal local businesses in making sure that we remain viable.

:: YOUR INPUT ::

Much of the material in the newsletters, especially the column covering newsworthy happenings at the beach, is submitted by readers passing on interesting and current information. If you have something you think would be appropriate, don't hesitate to call or e-mail any member of the SBCA board. Remember, we're not paid reporters, just volunteers depending on you for the content of our newsletters.

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THE SEABROOK BEACH CIVIC ASSOCIATION

3rd Annual Amateur Sand Sculpture Competition

On July 24, an enthusiastic crowd met at the Hookset St. entrance to the beach to take part in the third annual SBCA Sand Sculpture Competition. Chaired by Al Cestrone and Joan Gallahue, the event generated lots of friendly rivalry, and the end results were well worth the wait. Ideal weather and temperatures contributed to an enjoyable outing, and the festivities were climaxed by hot dogs and soft drinks for all.

OFFICIAL WINNERS

ADULTS

1st Place	Carmen and Deni	"Finding Nemo"
2nd Place	Mat Pollard	"Pyramid"
3rd Place	Saba Family	"Lobster"

FAMILY

1st Place	Tie: Houle Family and Gillespie Family	
2nd Place	Quinn Family	"Olympics"
3rd Place	Cestrone Family	"Mermaid"

KIDS

1st Place	Tie: Catalano kids & Zack	"Dedication to Iraq"
	Harter kids	"Pinball"
2nd Place	Megan, Bobby, Kathleen, & Tony "Pompeii"	
3rd Place	Danny Essigman	

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fireworks cruise

Wednesday, August 25, saw approximately 115 SBCA members and friends board the newest fishing boat at Eastman's docks for a fun-filled evening fireworks cruise.

The boat traveled to the mouth of the Merrimack River in Newburyport and then returned in time to watch the fireworks at Hampton Beach.

In spite of chilly ocean breezes, a great time was enjoyed by all. An on-board cash bar offered liquid refreshment, and an array of hearty hors d'oeuvres completed the picture.



Dune Clean Up

The crews of the DPW, under the able leadership of John Starkey recently undertook the cleanup of the beachside dunes, a first-time endeavor. The task yielded several truck loads of debris.

:: membership ::

Chairman Dick Kirsch reports that, to date, the member tally is 303.

What's New At The Beach?

The **Seabrook Village Market**, formerly **DiBurro's**, is under new ownership in a joint venture of brothers Wynn Grubbs and Glenn Grubbs, Jr. Wynn will be the silent partner and Glenn the on-site manager. Glenn's two sons, Kenneth and Eric will be working on the day-to-day operations. As the seasonal business slows down, the market will be catering to the winter residents, with a full complement of convenience store products and an improved deli section offering hot soups and sandwiches. To accomplish these ambitions, renovations will be ongoing for the next several months; the store will remain open and welcomes your patronage. Stop in and watch the progress.

Beautification Update

The island along the parking area on Rte. 1A needs periodic weeding during the summer season. Beautification Chair, Roland Jacques, has marked and numbered each fifty-foot section and has assigned these to volunteers. Twelve of the sixteen areas have already been spoken for. He's looking for four more volunteers to cap the list. Initially, it takes approximately one hour to weed a section. Maintenance (probably every three to four weeks during the summer) takes a considerably shorter time. Already signed up: John and Lorraine Maguire, Ken Clark, Pat Mullen, Ann Wilk, Bill Carroll, Jack and Claire Blackwell, Don Quatrala, Lee Labreque, Chuck DeFrancesco, Roland Jacques, Ester Tanoian and Sue Manzi.

Roland reports that all sections have now been weeded and extends his thanks to all volunteers.

THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND ITS

thanks to the following *'good neighbors'*

- Joe and Pat Santomassino who provide and maintain flower pots at the Hookset St. entrance to the beach.
- Norman Raymond who keeps the Tilton St. beach access in pristine order.
- Conrad and Pat Stone whose flower pots and their maintenance at Ashland St. provide a colorful beach welcome.
- A special thank you to all of you who daily pick up beach trash, leaving our shore a more beautiful vista to be enjoyed by all.

Seabrook Town, EPA Settle Water Issue

The town will have to improve the disinfecting system at its waste-water treatment plant after reaching a \$31,000 settlement with the federal government for violating the Clean Water Act. Under a settlement with the US Environmental Protection Agency reached earlier this year, the town must also file a plan to improve the maintenance of its sewer system and create a long-term preventive maintenance program for its waste-water treatment plant and waste-water collection system.

Claire Kittredge / *Boston Globe*

Terns Return to Maine's Outer Green Island

The roseate tern, a nationally endangered seabird, has found a home on Outer Green Island in Maine for the first time in 91 years.

The nesting site is one of the five Maine islands with roseate terns, but, until the National Audubon Society began a seabird restoration program three years ago, gulls had scared the terns away. Gulls arrive on the island earlier than terns and they eat eggs, chicks and even adult terns, said Audubon program director Stephen Kress.

"The problem that roseate terns face is that they don't nest on very many islands and when something goes wrong, like an oil spill or a mink (preys on the birds), it has a big effect," Kress said.

In 1989, 31 pairs of roseate terns were counted on all of the Maine coast islands. By 2003, researchers spotted 203 tern pairs.

Kress' staff has driven gulls from Outer Green Island by making loud noises and setting off firecrackers. Two people live on the rocky island, a place frequented by wind storms and covered with toxic plants; they create decoys and record vocalizations that attract terns.

"You're living among these incredibly beautiful birds, these terns, and you know that if you weren't there, they wouldn't have a chance," Kress said.

The Audubon Society has set up a live seabird camera on Outer Green Island; you can access it at www.projectpuffin.org.

Jessica T. Lee *Boston Globe* / July 20, 2004





Seabrook Residents Get Ready For Planned Water Meter

By Susan Morse *The Hampton Union*

SEABROOK - Water meters are being installed in all residences, with the first water bill expected to go out in 2006.

The Water and Sewer Department is starting the installation in mobile homes, before their owners leave for Florida. The town will be finished within a year, according to Water and Sewer Department Superintendent Warner Knowles.

Currently, Seabrook charges homeowners a flat rate for water and sewer; \$60 a year for each.

Knowles said he would like to see the water and sewer rates charged to residents remain comparable to that figure, once the meters go on line.

Knowles proposes using a conservative figure for the gallons of water used. If the average home uses 85,000 gallons a year, he would pick 70,000 gallons as a base, charging the equivalent of \$60 a year for that, with rates rising for usage over that amount.

This will encourage people to conserve water, Knowles said. Those who want to use more water can still do so, but they will pay a higher rate.

"If people have expensive lawns they want to water," he said, "they will pay."

The town has three rates for water: residential; industrial and commercial, and out-of-town, such as businesses on Route 1 in Hampton Falls, which are hooked to Seabrook's supply.

This is the first time Seabrook homeowners will be charged by the amount of water they use. The water-meter system, in some cases, is also connecting individuals who rent or lease property and who do not currently receive a water bill.

In the case of mobile-home parks, the water department will hold the owner of the park responsible for any unpaid water bills of individual residents, even though each mobile home will have its own meter, said Knowles.

Any new home plan submitted after June 2 will require the homeowner or the builder to install the meter, said Knowles.

The Board of Selectmen is responsible for setting the residential water rate once all of the meters are installed.

"The Board of Selectmen have catered to the people of Seabrook," Knowles said. "We have the cheapest rate in the state. I would think we would continue that."

Two years ago, residents approved the installation of water meters in their homes. The state was pressuring the town to conserve water and to find out where it's going. Seabrook, which gets all of its water from 10 town wells, has a notoriously low water supply. Only this summer, the Board of Selectmen partially lifted a two-year-old mandatory ban on all outside watering.

Crews will continue installing meters throughout the winter, said Knowles. Notices are being sent out to homeowners informing them when a worker will be there. There must be an adult present.

An average of six to seven meters are being installed daily. Knowles said he expects that number to increase to 16 a day.

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