

# SEABROOK BEACH CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Promoting betterment issues to  
improve the livability of Seabrook  
Beach

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## The President's Message:

Welcome Spring and welcome members. The SBCA has received many kudos for its accomplishments in the past few years. We expect this year to be a progressive one and have a number of planned projects that will enhance our beach community. For the association to remain effective, we need the support of each and every member. The whole is only as good as the sum of its parts. Many of you have already indicated on your membership forms that you're ready to help. A heartfelt 'Thank you!'

Among our projects this year will be a new Seabrook Beach sign as you enter from the Hampton Bridge on Ocean Boulevard, beautification plantings in front of the new public

beach house, and continued plantings in front of DiBurro's and Ceal's.

You'll also notice that our publication is now underwritten by the advertisements of local businesses. Please let them know we appreciate their support.

Suzanne Manzi

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## What's New at the Beach?

**Visitor's Center:** The foundation has been poured for the beach restroom facility located in the parking area adjacent to the Seabrook Fishing Co-op on Ocean Boulevard, and the actual construction of the building is progressing well. According to Town Manager, Russ Bailey, we can expect to see completion of the project in approximately four to six weeks.

**Seacoast Kayak, Inc.** has expanded into the available rental space at the south end of the Precinct Building. After a successful launch last year, Bill and Karen Harter predict that 2001 will continue to see a significant growth in their popular sport.

A favorite winter diversion at **The Seaside Eatery** was the monthly 'Reservations Only' theme dinner that often sold out both sittings. In July and August, the popular restaurant will be expanding its hours to include Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Watch for the notices.

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**General Membership Meeting  
Monday, May 21, 7:00 p.m.  
Door prizes and lots of good  
company. Plan to join us!  
Beach Resident Parking  
Permits**

Additional beach parking permits, two per property, are available to owners. These permits may be picked up at the Seabrook Town Hall, and are for beach residents and visitors only. Parking in designated areas is permitted when the card is displayed in the vehicle window. The permits are good for one year from date of issue.

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**Spring Clean-up**

The SBCA is initiating a Neighborhood Sweep with the help of John Starkey, DPW Director. The work is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, June 5. Property owners and residents of Ocean Drive and Atlantic Avenue are encouraged to sweep sand and gravel from driveways, walkways, etc., and put it in piles at the street edge. The DPW will pick it up. The work will continue on other streets on subsequent Tuesdays. Don't forget the public access paths.

For general clean-up, rally your neighbors, choose a day, and plan to spruce up the neighborhood. Grab a plastic trash bag, don a pair of garden gloves, put on your sun screen and get out here and do your bit. If you're walking the beach, the same applies. With the late advent of good weather,

there wasn't time to rake the beach before the Plovers' nesting areas were set in place. As a result, our beautiful shore could use a face-lift. Can we count on you?

PLEASE HELP TO SPREAD THE NEWS.

A reminder: there is no Spring Pick-up for large items (chairs, appliances, etc.)



**Thank You**

A special acknowledgement to Emma Devaney who has stepped down as Membership Chairperson. Emma joined the board last year and her contribution to our group is much appreciated. Paul Lemoine has offered to take over the responsibility for the position.

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**Beach Re-generation  
Program**

In April, a petition was circulated requesting that the wind-blown sand located on the north section of Seabrook Beach be pushed back to the high water line. Also requested was a leveling of the beach sand to its original condition in order to protect the beach from erosion and to enhance its use by all town residents and visitors. In response to this petition that was signed by approximately 150 beach and town residents, the Board of Selectmen voted in favor of

pursuing the project. The following is an excerpt from a letter from Russ Bailey, Town Manager:

“This is to inform you that we are applying to the NHDES for a State permit to replenish and re-grade the beach north of Hookset Street to the Town Line.”

So far, the response from the State has been positive.

## **Seabrook Property Revaluation**

An Update: According to Town Assessor Scott W. Bartlett, revaluation data collection of both residential and commercial properties has been completed.

The next step is the market analysis phase; market data is being reviewed and analyzed to establish benchmarks for valuation purposes. Valuation notices will be sent out in early June indicating Vision Appraisal's proposed fair market value as of April 1. These notices are not tax bills. They will contain a telephone number to call to set up an appointment with Vision Appraisal to review and discuss the values and the information collected. It's recommended that all taxpayers plan to meet with a Vision representative to ensure the accuracy of their assessments.

(The Hampton Union, April 24)

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## **Yard Sale**

## **Treasures**

Mark your calendars - June 16 is the date of the annual SBCA Yard Sale. Now's the time to go through your closets, drawers, and that garage that's been collecting some interesting items. As a recent Boston Globe article stated, 'Let it go, Let it go, Let it go!' As in past years, proceeds from the sale will be put into the SBCA general fund to be used for beautification projects here at the beach. Flyers will be distributed in early June with the particulars of the sale. We hope to make 2001 our most successful year yet.

## **Summer Mosquito Threat**

The recent wet, soggy winter has provided ideal circumstances for mosquito breeding. At a recent Selectmen's meeting, Town Manager Russ Bailey told the Board that the most effective method of mosquito control is attacking breeding grounds with larvacides, and that the Dragon Mosquito Control Company has already started applying larvacide in town. "Spraying is good for outside activities like ball games, but its effects don't last," he said. "It's also not very cost-effective." Cautioned Bailey, "The estimates from the State are that West Nile Virus will be a threat throughout the southern part of the state this year."

(From Terry Covey / Seacoast Publications)

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## **Newsletter Mailings**

The following March newsletters were returned to the U.S. Post Office as being undeliverable:

**John & Janis Gerety**

9 Quail Run / Lynn, MA

**Allen & Judith Killeen**

4 Hutchins Cove Dr. / Kittery, ME

**Kafka Milton**

26 Pond St. / Sharon, MA

**Shaw Realty Trust**

15 Steiner St. / Lawrence, MA

**Campione, Francis X. & Felicia D.**

4805 NE 1st Ter / Pompano Beach, FL

**Reitano, Marian J.**

13195 Coventry Ave. / Fairfield, OH

Remember, the SBCA uses the Town's Tax List for mailing out the March newsletters.



## The Poets' Corner

A Seabrook Spring  
by Carole Buckley

Sands swept flat by winter's roar,  
Gifts offered from the ocean floor,  
Piping Plovers scurry by,  
On Seabrook Beach, our spirits fly.

Too long was winter's icy hold,  
Our spirits longing to unfold,  
A tapestry of a bright spring day,  
Buds unfold and children play.

Many hands will soon explore  
The treasures left on the sandy shore,  
It finally feels like spring is here,

Goodbye winter, hello new year.

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## Seabrook Beach Village District Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Seabrook Beach Village District was held on Tuesday, April 24, at the Warren West Memorial Building on Ocean Boulevard. Approximately thirty residents of the district attended to elect officers for the coming year, and to approve an operating budget and recommended changes to the district's zoning ordinances.

Thomas Pike was re-elected to a three-year term as District Commissioner, and the following persons to one-year terms: Maureen Essigmann, Clerk; Henry Therriault, Moderator; David Berthiaume, Treasurer. Jack Lannan has stepped down as Treasurer after many years of dedicated service to the district.

An operating budget of just over forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000.) for general expenses and legal fees of the district was unanimously approved after an open discussion period. The commissioners also announced that they do not expect that there will be a need for a district tax this year.

Money has been held in escrow for improvements to the Warren West Memorial building, and it is hoped that the structure will have a 'new' look in the very near future.

All districts residents are reminded that the commissioners meet on the

second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Warren West Memorial Building; your attendance would be most welcome.

Submitted by Dick Maguire,  
Moderator

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## **FYI**

Concerning recyclables: It has been requested that we do NOT place items in plastic bags to sort them in our blue recycling bins; workers have no way of disposing of the bags after the items are put into the appropriate bins on the trucks.

The Warren West Building (The Precinct Building) is available for functions rentals. Contact the Seabrook Beach Building Inspector.

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## **Fond Memories of Seabrook Beach**

By Andrea DeFusco  
Special to The Eagle Tribune  
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The best times of my life were spent in the most idyllic place I know, Seabrook Beach.

Seabrook is not Cape Cod - beach of Clintons and Kennedys, but it has real, beautiful people and unsurpassed charms.

I spent time every summer with my mom and dad, from age one until I graduated from college, in the same cottage at Seabrook Beach. The house was on the ocean, not glamorous by any means, but airy and cool. Even on July nights, an ocean breeze stirred and rattled the bedroom blinds. The air there had therapeutic properties too, because it whetted the appetite during the day, and by night induced the most restful sleep I've ever experienced.

My mom rarely left the kitchen during the time we spent there - all our walking, climbing and swimming left us with voracious appetites.

Seabrook is a stone's throw from the Hampton River, and is an explorer's paradise. There are tidal pools to probe, a seawall to climb, and fishing boats to watch..

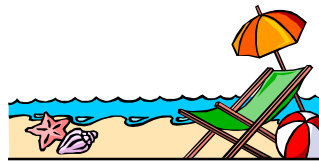
My father and I would go to "the rocks" of the seawall every morning just after dawn. He would show me how to find sanddollars and bleached white clamshells. He showed me how to spot where the seaworms lived, how to read buoys, and to tell if a boat had a good catch by watching for gulls. I bet the boats that we watched leaving Seabrook for the Isles of Shoals fishing trips via the Hampton River are still in service.

We saw a seaskate once, a couple of sharks, innumerable gorgeous shells and seaglass - all treasures. They're all still there. The seawall cornerstone that daddy and I sat on is still there. I

**wonder how many other fathers and children have claimed it as “their rock?”**

**Seabrook’s waters are ideal for children - the surf is gentle. At low tide, even a little chicken like me could have a good time riding the waves. There are no lifeguards at Seabrook, but because it’s a family beach, everyone looks out for everyone else. There is neither a boardwalk nor amusements. If you want nightlife, you go to the beaches immediately north or south of Seabrook on the Atlantic shore, and have your fill. (To be continued in our next issue.)**

**Thank you to Joan Gallahue for sharing this delightful article with us.**



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