

# **SEABROOK BEACH CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

Promoting betterment issues to  
improve the livability of Seabrook Beach

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## **The President's Message**

Our 2002 season is now history. Looking back from May to October, I realize what a very busy time it was for the SBCA. We managed fundraisers, projects and social activities, many of which were covered in our last newsletter. In August, we celebrated our 5th anniversary with a Fireworks Cruise that drew close to 90 participants.

Thanks to our Program Director, George Ziady, our General Membership Meetings were SRO with a number of guest speakers who addressed a variety of civic interests and issues. Their interesting, informative programs kept us involved and aware of concerns here at the beach: Susan Foote educated us on our marsh environment; a

member of Governor Shaheen's staff brought us up to date on state happenings; from the Town of Seabrook, Police Chief Paul Cronin and Deputy Chief David Currier, Fire Chief Jeff Brown and Eric Small from the Historical Society.

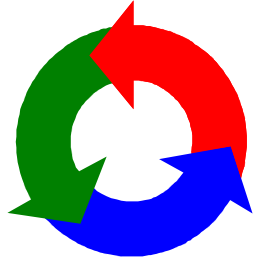
A nod of appreciation to Jack Blackwell, Roland Jacques and Lee Lebreque for their continuing maintenance efforts at our beautification projects on Hooksett St. and Rte. 286, and now the Rest Stop area.

A special mention of DPW Director, John Starkey, who provided people and services to help with our projects this summer.

Jacqui Lewis, newsletter / advertising editor, continues to send out our publication to the membership on a regular basis. Dick Conlin and Paul Lemoine, along with the Adopt-a-Highway accomplishments, have helped with notices for our meetings in the form of sandwich boards at strategic spots. Jacqui has indicated that she'd like some contributing articles for future

issues; aren't there any Jimmy Breslin wannabes out there?

Happy holidays! See you in 2003.  
Suzanne Manzi



### **Town of Seabrook Voting Information:**

There are 4,742 registered voters. More than half - 2, 448 - cast their ballots on November 5. Another 181 residents voted by absentee ballot.

Please mail in the absentee ballot application at the back of this newsletter if you're not going to be in town for the annual Town elections in March, 2003. Our February newsletter will be highlighting important election issues. Make your vote count!

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**Smile, you're on camera!**  
The Board of Selectmen's Meetings will be televised to the public on Channel 22. Check at the Town Hall and in your local newspapers for schedules.

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Following is the text of a letter sent to outgoing Town Manager Russ Bailey.

Mr. Russ Bailey, Town Manager  
Town of Seabrook  
Lafayette Road  
Seabrook, NH 03874

Dear Russ:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Seabrook Beach Civic Association, I want to congratulate you on your accomplishments in your position as Seabrook Town Manager over the past ten years. You have performed your duties under a variety of circumstances in a rapidly changing environment. Our town is experiencing growing pains, and you have handled the challenges on many levels and through some difficult transitions.

Since its inception in 1998, the SBCA has

made many requests of you and the Board of Selectmen. As the number of year-round residents at the beach has increased, so too has our need for town services. Although we represent only a small percentage of town residents, we probably have been more vocal and demanding than most. We feel you have responded to our needs in a fair manner, and wish to acknowledge our gratitude; you've helped us make the Seabrook Beach community a better place in which to live.

Under your direction, Seabrook now has a town-wide sewerage system with a modern treatment plant, as well as a much-needed Rest Stop at Seabrook Harbor. Among the other accomplishments that have been very beneficial to our beach environment are the Dunes Restoration project, the Boardwalks and the Beach Management project.

We wish you well in your new endeavors and hope you find your role as a private citizen in Seabrook a pleasant one.

With best regards,

Suzanne Manzi  
President

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## **What is an American?**

The following was written by an Australian dentist in response to an item published in a Pakistani newspaper offering a reward to anyone who killed an American, any American.

“An American is English or

**French, or Italian, or Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. An American may also be Canadian, Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Australian, Iranian, Asian or Arab, or Pakistani, or Afghan. An American may also be a Cherokee, Osage, Blackfoot, Navaho, Apache, or one of the other tribes known as Native Americans.**

**An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish, or Buddhist or Muslim. In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America, they are free to worship as they choose. An American is also free to believe in no religion. For that, he will answer only to God, not to the government or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.**

**An American is from the most prosperous land in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God-given right of each man and woman to**

**the pursuit of happiness.**

**An American is generous. Americans have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need. When Afghanistan was overrun by the Soviet army 20 years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country. As of the morning of September 11, 2002, Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan.**

**Americans welcome the best - the best products, the best books, the best food, etc. They also welcome the least. The national symbol of America, the Statue of Liberty, welcomes 'your tired, your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed.' Those, in fact, are the people who built America. Some of them were working in the Twin Towers on 9/11, earning a better life for their families. The victims were from at least 30 other countries; their cultures and first languages even included those who aided and abetted the terrorists.**

**So you can try to kill an American, if you must. Hitler did. So did Stalin, General Tojo and Mao Tse-Tung, and every other tyrant in the history of the world. However, in doing so you would just be killing yourself, because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American."**



**Store the porch furniture,  
Pull out the fleece.  
Savor the solitude  
As you wander the beach.**

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## **New Around Town**



**Do yourself a favor and visit 'Capers' at the Seaside Eatery for fine casual evening dining. Orchestrated by chef Earl Gallaway, and sous chef Long Hong, the menu is innovative and well thought out. (BYOB) Tuesday - Saturday / 5-9 p.m.**

**\$5 OFF  
COUPON**

## **Water Conservation Update**

**The Town of Seabrook, with the help of the newly formed Water Conservation Committee,**

**continues to struggle with the water shortage problems facing the area. The recent rain has done little to replenish the supply. As previously reported, any state aid will be withheld until water meters are installed. The state has granted a temporary permit for an additional well which will probably be operational for about six months. This is only a band-aid approach, however. Stay tuned...**

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**2 advertisements**

## 2003 Warrant Articles

It's budget time again, and the selectmen have begun reviewing department budgets and warrant articles. To date, the following items have been approved:

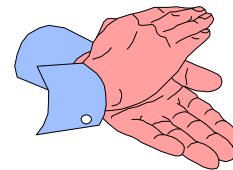
- **Police warrant articles for two cruisers, one animal control vehicle and a decibel noise reader. The cost is not yet available.**
- **Recreation Department warrant article for \$10,000 for a divider/air conditioner at the Seabrook Community Center, and also an expansion of gym lockers.**
- **Warrants have also been approved for \$45,000 for a medical vehicle for the Fire Department; \$55,000 for a**

**forestry vehicle; \$150,000 for a third ambulance and \$35,000 for assorted gear.**

- **The town also wants to hire an additional firefighter so that the department will have an extra person on each shift.**

**Voters need to approve the budget items on the ballot in March.**

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From the Newburyport News  
November 18, 2002  
By Angeljean Chiaramida

## Resident offers vehicle to police

SEABROOK - After meeting with police department leadership earlier this year, a beach resident has made an offer to selectmen through the President of the Beach Civic Association, Suzanne Manzi.

Manzi informed selectmen Wednesday night that a member of the community is willing to purchase a new all-terrain vehicle for the

police department for use in town, as long as it will be used, and not left idle. Manzi also said she was pleased to hear selectmen had approved a police hire budget which allows for the hiring of extra seasonal, part-time police personnel to be employed throughout the town and beach district. This should help schedule part-time police for extra patrols, instead of paying full-time personnel overtime.

Should the town budget pass at the polls next March, Manzi said a \$7000 4-wheel ATV will be purchased for the town's police department.

Selectmen Oliver Carter, Jr., and Karen Knight said they were pleased with the option and explained that selectmen must first accept such a donation on behalf of the town. They said they do not expect that to be a problem. Similar scenarios have occurred. Recently, Grace Fogg donated part of her land to the town and a 50s-era Chevy Bel-Air was given to the town for the police department for use with local youth.

Manzi said the town has had and used an ATV in past years. She said it was a very effective presence on the beach and at other events, like local parades. That was a 3-wheeled vehicle, however, and she learned from Chief Cronin that it's considered unsafe. Deputy Police Chief Currier found information on an approved ATV and sent the information to Manzi who passed the cost and specifications to the anonymous donor.

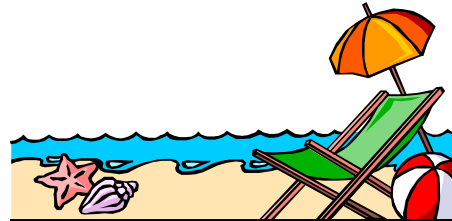
"She still agrees to give the ATV, but only on the condition it be used," Manzi said.

Selectmen didn't see a problem with that condition, and may be approving such a donation within the near future.

Manzi said the donor does not want to be recognized at this time, but just wants to help

the town be a safer place.

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