

SEABROOK BEACH CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Promoting betterment issues to
improve the livability of Seabrook Beach

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The President's Message

As the SBCA finished its current season, I completed my third year as President of the association. It's been very satisfying to chalk up another successful twelve months. A quick recap:

Our accomplishments this year came as a result of the efforts of a great team on the Board of Directors and the work of numerous volunteers for the group.

George Ziady never disappointed us with his guest speakers for the General meetings. Having the opportunity to hear our State And Town representatives and sharing concerns with them was both enjoyable and a unique

learning experience. Thank you, George.

The Sand Sculpture

Competition chaired by Al Cestrono and Joan Gallahue batted 1000% for the second year in a row. We get so many great comments from families about this event. We couldn't have done it without our sponsors' donations. Thanks.

Adopt-a-Highway under Hans Roppel and the Beautification Committee - Roland Jacques, Lee Labrecque, Jack Blackwell, and Pat Mullen - gathered their troops and continued to do outstanding work maintaining Rtes. 1A and 286. We can certainly be proud of their accomplishments.

Paul Lemoine managed our bench donations with his usual efficiency and is overseeing their placement and upkeep. Every time a bench is enjoyed, we have Paul to thank.

Jacqui Lewis continues to do an outstanding job in publishing our newsletter 3-4 times a year.

It is always informative with interesting news for our beach community.

I want to especially thank the following outgoing officers: Al Cestrone, Vice President, Jack Lannan, Treasurer, and Joan Gallahue, Secretary, for their tireless efforts on behalf of the SBCA.

For those computer users among us, check out our new SBCA web site:

www.seabrookbeachcivicsoc.org.

Incoming Vice President, Dick Dodge, will be the administrator of this new venture for us. We hope to keep you well informed of current events for the SBCA. We welcome any comments or suggestions either by e-mail at SBCA@comcast.net or by regular mail to P.O. Box 1601, Seabrook, NH 03874.

Kudos to John Starkey, DPW Director, for the fine job his crews did this year. There was a noticeable improvement in rubbish pick-up and in the continued clean-up of the beach. Protective fences have already been installed in anticipation of winter storms.

Lastly, thanks to you, our members, for your support and

encouragement this past year. Your attendance at our monthly meetings certainly was rewarding for us. I wish you all a safe and happy winter. See you next spring!

Suzanne Manzi



Dateline: Seabrook

The Seabrook Board of Selectmen has announced the town's new Chief of Police. He is William Baker, a former Police Chief in Laconia, NH. He most recently worked for the Federal Government in Washington, D.C., training officers for police departments across the country. Chief Baker will assume his new duties on December 8.

No Lids, Tops in Can Recycling:

The Seabrook Transfer Station wants no lids or tops included with recycled tin cans. Glass bottles and jars should also be washed and separated into untied plastic bags. For information, call 603-474-9765.

Mailboxes:

Be sure your mailbox is accessible to the mail truck after a snowstorm; it's your responsibility to see that the box is dug out after the plows go through. Inform your tenants.

Panel OKs Harbor Dredging:

During a recent meeting in Concord, the Capitol Budget Overview Committee launched The dredging of Seabrook - Hampton Harbor by voting unanimously to use \$235,000 in Pease Development Authority pier maintenance and dredging funds for emergency dredging.

Water Meters

Town voters who thought the approval of last March's warrant question for town-wide water meters meant they'd seen the last of the issue would be disappointed. Town Manager, Fred Welch, said that while preparing bid specifications for The meters, he realized something was wrong with the warrant question. It had been altered from its original wording.

The how continues to remain a mystery. In March 3004, we will again be voting on the article. It

will be amended to remove the 'if' clause so that the appropriated funds can be used for installation of the water meters without depending upon other conditions. As confusing as this situation is, it need not be a negative one. Voting NO on the new warrant article will not result in a reduction in taxes; the \$3,600,000 that was earmarked for the project will revert to the General Fund if not used within five years. Therefore it is necessary for town management to 'make it right' now. Stay tuned.

Seabrook Police Non-emergency Number:
474-5200

Any complaints to the Police Dept. should go through this telephone number. Don't hesitate to use it as often as necessary until your concerns have been addressed. The department is required to follow up on all complaints that come in and pass them on to the Selectmen. Post the number by your telephone and use it judiciously.



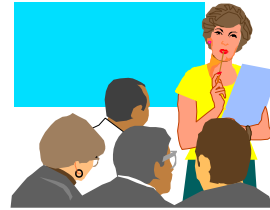
The Sand Sculpture Competition

Following is a list of contributors to the Sand Sculpture Competition. Show your appreciation by frequenting their places of business.

**Seabrook Greyhound Park
Fantini's Restaurant
Markey's Lobster Pound
Eastman's Bar and Grill
Brown's Lobster Pound
Seaside Eatery
Screen Gems Beach Shop
Preston Real Estate
Cristaldi's Pizza
Gateway II Beach Store
Harborside Scooter & Bicycle
Rental
Captain Don's Lobsters
Miss Allison/Joe Tirone:
Lobsters
Eastman's Fishing Fleet
Blockbuster Video
Seacoast Kayak
DiBurro's Market
Wal-Mart
Rte. 286 Dairy Bar
Market Basket
O'Keefe's General Store**

**Judges for the competition were:
Larry Dupont, Katherine Scalisi
and Steve from Boston.**

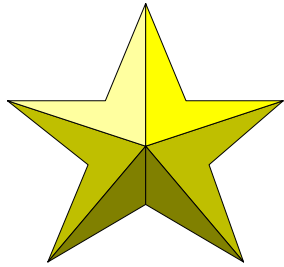
**On site workers:
Maureen Essigmann
Betty DiGeronimo
George Ziady
Frank and Angela Leone
Jacqui Lewis
Roland Jacques
Lee Labrecque**



Editorial Comment

A letter was received by the editor concerning the Winnicunnet High School proposed expansion. After some reflection, the SBCA Board made the decision not to publish the letter.

Because our group tries to remain neutral when it comes to political issues in the community, it was felt that a much better forum for the letter would be the local newspapers, and the distribution will certainly be much broader.



New Audubon Program Takes Off

Habitat conservation in the Seabrook and Hampton areas got a boost recently when the Audubon Society of New Hampshire named the Hampton-Seabrook estuary and Great Bay as important bird areas. Large numbers of waterfowl congregate in the area, which has much of New Hampshire's estuarine habitat. It also harbors a growing summer population of ospreys and other rare endangered birds. The new Audubon program, launched a few months ago with the state's Fish and Game Department and University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, is part of an international drive to identify places most important to birds in an effort to save them.

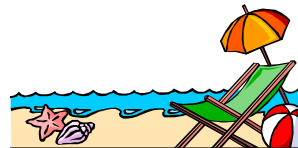
The Boston Globe Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2003



The Board of Selectmen's weekly Meetings are televised each week live on Channel 22. Check for schedules at the Town Hall and in the local newspapers. The tapes of the meetings are repeated four times daily at noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tune in and see how your town government functions.



A very special thank you to Carol Jean Donahue without whose expertise this newsletter wouldn't be arriving in your mailbox.



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