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The Newsletter of the Sound Beach Property Owners Association P.O. Box 213 Sound Beach, N.Y. 11789

Spring 2008

Dates to Remember:

- June 7&8 Trash and Treasure Sale ✓
- June 14 General Membership Meeting ✓
- June 14&15 Free Beach Days ✓
- July 19—Clam- B- Que ✓
- July 26—Beach Party ✓
- Aug 2—Field Day ✓
- Aug 16—Annual Meeting ✓
- Sept. 13—Worldwide Beach Cleanup Day ✓
- Oct 25—Halloween Party ✓
- Dec 14—Children's Holiday Party ✓

Trash and Treasure

Our Annual Trash and Treasure sale will be held Sat June 7 and Sun June 8th. It's a great way to donate items no longer needed and to peruse the neighbors' trash for some treasures of your own! Drop off for items to be included in the sale is Fri June 6 from 10 AM to 4 PM.

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one of our
upcoming
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Upcoming SBPOA Events

General Membership

Meeting Sat. June 14th.

Any member of SBPOA is welcome to attend this meeting. See how you can get involved, get to know your neighbors, assist with beach and clubhouse projects and volunteer at special events.

Free Beach Days

June 14 & 15

If you live in Sound beach you must be a member of SBPOA to use the beach, you cannot be a guest on someone else's tags. Free beach days are an opportunity to visit the beach before you join. If you have a new

neighbor, this is the weekend to invite them to check out the beach and consider joining! During the summer no one is allowed on the beach without tags.

Clam B Que July 16

The clam b que is a FUNdraiser for SBPOA, put on every year by the Kretschmer's who own a restaurant in Marco Island and spend the summer in Sound Beach. It is a great party at the clubhouse, don't miss it.

Beach Party July 26

Casual party on the beach. Members bring a dish to pass and SBPOA provides the beverages.

Field Day Aug. 2

A day at the beach with food, games, raffles and fun for everyone.

Volunteers are needed and welcome for Trash and Treasure, Field Day, the Beach party and the Clam b que, as well as maintenance of the stairs, the clubhouse and other special projects such as a building a kayak rack this summer. If you are able to lend a hand please call Marty Fullam at 744-9390 and leave your name and number or e-mail annafris@aol.com, or come to the General Meeting.

Seals in The Sound

The seals in the picture below have been spotted in the Sound just off of our beach numerous times this winter. According to the Maritime Center the observed seals are probably harbor seals who have migrated from Maine or Canada for the winter. It is important not to get too close to them or disturb them. The seals often rest on rocks like the ones near our beach. They can stay underwater for as long as twenty eight minutes. For more information about

seals visit the Coastal Research and Education Society of LI web site:

<http://www.cresli.org/cresli/seals/sealpage.html>

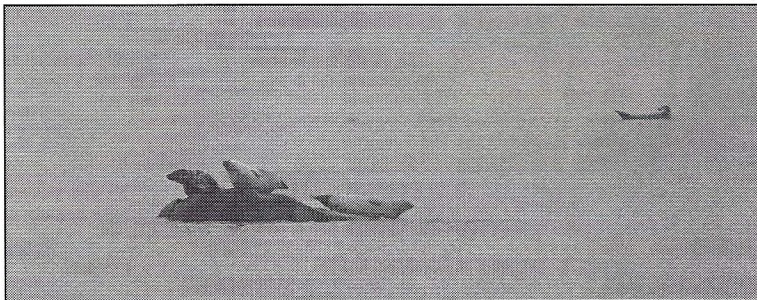
The presence of seals is an encouraging sign that the Sound is getting cleaner. Some tips for those of us who live near and not so near the water were found on the Long Island Sound Study website:

- Use fertilizers sparingly. Lawns and many plants do not need as much fertilizer as you might think. Use organic, slow-release fertilizers. Don't fertilize before a rain storm or a frost.
- Mixing compost with your soil means your plants will need less chemical fertilizer and puts your waste to good use.

- Don't bag grass clippings. Use a mulching lawn mower and naturally fertilize your lawn with the grass clippings.
- Wash your spreader and equipment on a pervious area like the lawn, not on the driveway.
- Maintain a buffer strip of unmowed natural vegetation bordering all water bodies to trap excess fertilizers and sediment.
- If you change your own oil never dispose of used oil down storm drains or sinks, bring it to a recycling center.

For more information check out the website below:

<http://www.longislandsoundstudy.net/pollutionguide/index.htm>



Mother Nature's Wrath

Tom Whiten

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During a Nor'easter last summer, Mother Nature demonstrated her power over man by dragging this fishing boat's mooring and attempting to deposit the boat on our east beach. The two men's valiant efforts were no match in this situation, but sound neighbors came to the rescue and were able to assist and position the boat, anchored off shore awaiting a calmer sea. At dusk, those neighbors came around to tow the stricken vessel back into safety in the Cedar Beach Marina, Mount Sinai. Sound



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volunteering to make our community a great place live.

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A Walk With a Butterfly *a faith experience*

Patrice Perreca

It is summer. The alarm clock remains idle on the night table and the tide clock guides my life. It is two hours past high, a little chancy but I make the descent down the East Beach steps and take the chance that I will not meet up with the water that hasn't ebbed past the bulkheads towards West. I scoot quickly past the wet sand from high tide and begin my walk in always on the lookout for the unusual. I collect broken tiles, pieces of chipped dishware and other assorted treasures that I someday will bring back to life again as a table top. My eye catches a big shell in movement. Its inhabitant is slowly trying to make its way into the sunlight as its claws wiggle its way out of the shell. I quietly warn him to be careful, the sea gulls are all looking for their breakfast and he might not want to come out of hiding or he will be someone's meal. I gently move him back into the water out of sight and continue along my way. The day is glorious and I exchange good mornings with

the occasional jogger or dog walker who passes me. The vastness of the Sound and the brilliance of the sky can't help but be the perfect setting for conversations with God. I have them often during my daily ritual of walking on the beach. Filled with gratitude and appreciation for being able to be and do this, we often chat about my family. Today it was necessary to speak about Lauren, my daughter. I generally seek the wisdom of the Lord in knowing the right thing to say or do. A parent's dilemma He must hear about a great deal! During this particular "prayer time" a beautiful and rather large black and yellow butterfly fluttered nearby. Ah, I joked to myself. Are you following me, God, in the form of a butterfly? I kept walking. A few minutes later, there it was again. I know you are always there for me, God; I thought to myself. But let's see if you are still around when I am at the end of my walk as well! I was past West Beach at this point, the water having

receded far enough to get me almost to Scott's Beach. My pockets were filled with wonderful treasures. I even found a piece of red tile! I also began collecting as many small flat rocks I could carry for a garden bed I am creating for the stately sunflowers that grow there. As I neared the steps at East beach I suddenly stopped short. My butterfly "friend" was there to greet me. He landed on the sand and I simply stared in amazement. You are always there for me, aren't you, God? I stood quietly for a few moments; wanting to preserve the tiny miracle I felt I was witness to. Finally, I began to slowly walk towards the steps while the butterfly remained motionless. I looked back several times. L. The butterfly had not moved. Halfway up the first landing I looked back again. Still there. I smiled and continued all the way up the stairs. My walk today had strengthened my body, and it had also strengthened my soul.

Christmas Party



It was another great Christmas party at the Clubhouse. The turn out was wonderful with about 40 children attending. Lots of smiling faces and anticipatory giggles were heard. Santa was as always the highlight of the afternoon. He arrived with a hearty hello and a bag full of

toys for the kids. Each child had a chance to sit on Santa's lap, receive a present and tell Santa their Christmas wishes. It was a sure fire way to get everyone in the spirit of Christmas. Samantha Picciotti was Santa's helper and did a great job keeping the receiving line in smooth running order.

Liz Petrilak

Kim Picciotti and Liz Petrilak also did a fabulous job setting up the Clubhouse. There were plenty of crafts and goodies for all. A big thanks also goes out to Tom Whiten for making Santa such a big hit! Next year should be just as delightful.

Halloween Party

The Halloween party was once again a smashing success with candy, delicious food, games and prizes. Thank you for a job

well done to Nancy Paul and her crew of dedicated volunteers for annually taking on this tremendous task and creating a memorable night for all.



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We are happy to hear that Marge Batillo is 'Home at last!' (her exact words). Marge spent seven long months in the hospital and nursing home. She is still having therapy in her home, and getting stronger every day. She thanks everyone for their prayers, care, and concern. Marge has worked tirelessly for the St. Louis DeMont-

fort Church, the S.B.P.O.A. and the Fire Department among other causes. Welcome home Marge!



Ellen Kretschmer celebrated a special birthday (we won't tell!) this February. Twenty four friends and family members joined her on a short cruise which included stops at Key West and Cozumel.

Eileen Cantwell

Twelve of her fellow travelers were from Sound Beach. Everyone had a great time! There will be lots of reminiscing on the beach this summer.

Wish John and Rose Perazzo a "Happy Anniversary" when you see them. They are married 33 years and still living 'happily ever after'.



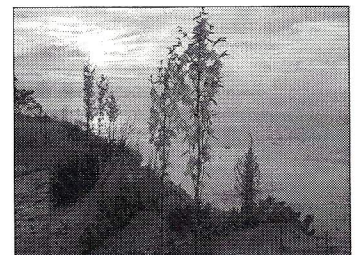
In Loving Memory of Arnt Arntsen

Elsie Arntsen

It is with great sadness to tell you that my father, Arnt Arntsen, passed away on January 21, 2008. He and my mother began visiting friends in Sound Beach in 1954 and then decided to buy land in 1960. A home was built by himself with the help of his friends. We have spent every summer here since the first plywood went up- even without running water or windows. I know I was just born but I have pictures! There are so many stories to be told but one of my favorites is when in 1961 my father bought my

mother a cement mixer for her birthday! Sound Beach was my father's pride and joy. He even made it to the beach last summer at least four times. There are numerous memories such as: hanging up the American and Norwegian Flag religiously, the clanging of horseshoes, cooking bacon on the porch as the smell teased all the dogs who got their morning walks, always wanting to cut down a tree to bring in more sunlight and for all those who got to sit on the porch and share a Skal-which one...orange

juice or Arnt juice? A piece of my father will always live in all the lives he touched and every friendship that he made. We will never forget for it is a privilege to remember.



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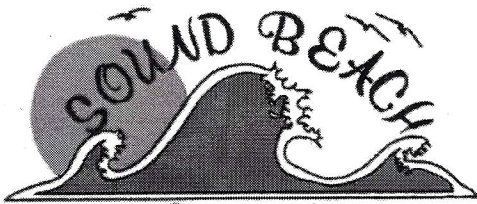
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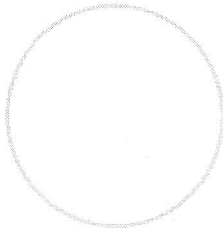
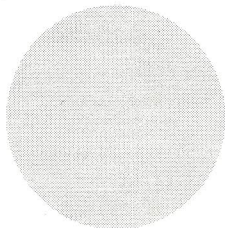
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Read anything good lately?

Last summer many on the beach enjoyed, The Kite Runner, A Thousand Splendid Suns, Kitchen Privileges, Nighttime is My Time, After This, and The Secret Life of Bees.

Send us your suggestions and we'll pass them on.

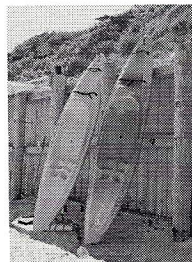


Betty and Monica enjoying a relaxing afternoon on the beach. They are both reading the same book—the latest Harry Potter novel. But, they can't talk about it because they are at different points in the book! They'll just have to wait until they are both finished!

Complete your membership form and mail it with your dues today!!!

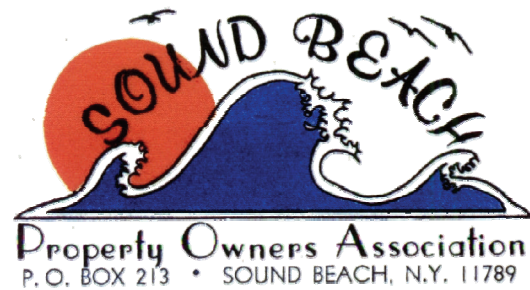
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Group Kayaking

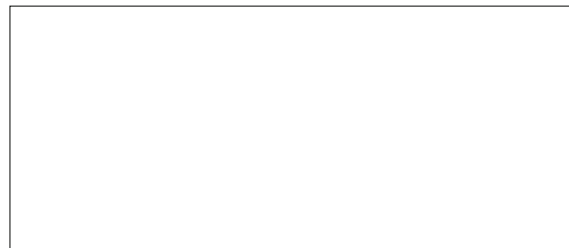


Anyone with an interest in forming a day trip group, possibly kayaking to Shoreham, or Pt. Jefferson (or any other suggestions) for lunch or an exploratory trip

on a day with calm weather, e-mail your name and phone number to annafris@aol.com



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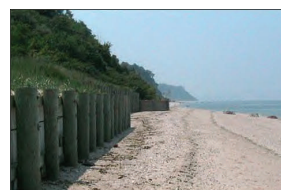
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Field Day Raffles

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Dates to Remember:

- November 22– Potluck Dinner
- Dec 14—Children's Holiday Party
- March 1 2009— date dues should be paid to keep number and space on kayak rack



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Kayak Rack

A big THANK YOU goes out to all the folks who helped build the kayak racks! The number of kayaks has exploded this year, with a couple canoes and rowboats thrown in for good measure. What a great way to exercise, socialize and enjoy our wonderful beach.

The SBPOA recommends **REMOVING** your boat by the middle of November at the latest. Winter storms can wreak havoc on our shorelines and the potential for losing your boat to a storm is



much greater during this time. In addition, the racks that we worked so hard to build will be more likely to make it through any storm nature may throw at us,



WITHOUT boats attached. If you would like to keep your number and your spot on the rack we are asking that you **renew your membership** for 2009, by **March 1, 2009**. If you do not renew by this date we cannot guarantee a spot for your boat. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Potluck Dinner

Join us for a night of congeniality with friends and neighbors at our Covered Dish Pot Luck Dinner **Saturday Nov 22 at 5:30**

p.m. at the clubhouse on Malba Drive. We provide the table settings, soda and dessert, you bring a covered dish and refreshment that suits

your personal drinking pleasure.

Beach Clean Up

On Sept. 13th, 40 students from Rocky Point High School, went down to the west ramp for international coastal clean-up. The group consisted of members of the B.A.N.N. club (Be a Nicer Neighbor) under the

guidance of RP teacher, Mr. Brooke Bonomi (who is also a member of SBPOA) Many different items were found including parts of a car! They all worked hard to help keep our beach clean.



Marge Batillo—The Passing of a Legend *Tom Whiten*

The firehouse bulletin board reads, "In loving Memory of Margaret Battillo, 45 years of service, Ladies Auxiliary", purple and black bunting is draped along the front of the firehouse, flags all over Sound Beach fly at half-mast, Davis funeral home is filled to capacity, viewing after viewing, honor guards standing rigid and majestically at her side, St Louis De Montfort Church is filled to capacity for the funeral mass, pews are identified for the organizations members whose hearts she so endeared, an American flag hangs draped from a cable strung between two fire trucks. Who is this lady named Margie

Battillo (as I was once corrected when I called her Margaret) who has drawn out so many to pay their respect and say their final good-bye? She was a woman married to Sound Beach, in heart and soul, until death do us part.

Margie was a board member of the SBPOA for over 40 years, coordinating clubhouse rentals and relentlessly promoting Sound Beach and the SBPOA. She loved her family, her church and her community; her passing will create a void in the lives of so many. May she rest in peace.



...Marge Batillo was an integral part of this community we all love and she will be greatly missed..

Tursellino Anniversary

On June 15, a group of people gathered on the dock of the "Martha Jefferson" waiting to board and begin the celebration of Jean and Bill Tursellino's 60th Wedding Anniversary. On their 25th, 40th, and 50th it was their children who had hosted the parties. This time it was Jean and Bill who hosted the party to thank all their family. It was a motley crew, their ten children (8 girls and 2 boys) 8 husbands, 16 grand-children and 2 great grand children. There were

also the four members of the wedding party who have all spent their childhood through college years in Sound Beach: Jane Sweeney Weith (Maid of Honor), Matthew Tursellino (Best Man), Christine Mehlmann Wylie (Bride's Maid), John Wylie (Usher). This group have continued to be close friends with Jean and Bill throughout the years. If raising a large family was not enough to keep this couple busy, they have never too busy to help our community any time they have

been asked. For over 26 years Bill was a member of the Rocky Point School Board and served the S.B. P.O.A. in many positions as many of his children did during their teen years. Bill not only contributed so much to our community but for over 25 years he was a New York City Fire Department Captain. We are grateful to this family for all they have contributed to our community. We wish them health and happiness for many years to come.

Jane Weith

SBPOA Board



Many thanks to Linda Cuomo and John Foley for their years of service as members of the SBPOA Board . A warm welcome to new

members Hardy Schmidt , Tom Casey, and Mimi Hodges.

Halloween Party

Thanks to Nancy, Hope , Liz and Andy for decorating the Clubhouse and arranging the Halloween party this year. A big thank you also goes out to Veronica (Sissy)

Lane for cooking all of the delicious food for the party. Costumed kids enjoyed food, games, prizes and dancing.



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News About You

❖ Daniel White graduated from Chaminade and will be attending Catholic University on a football scholarship

❖ Erin Metcalf graduated this past spring from the University of New Haven. She plans to pursue her Master's in accounting at the same school.

❖ Matthew DeCiello, grandson of Rose Solazzo, graduated from Bridgewater Raritan HS in NJ this past June. He played clarinet in the HS Marching Band, Wind Ensemble and Orchestra Winds. He also performed with the Raritan Valley Symphonic Band, and is now attending Muhlenberg College in PA, where he was awarded a Presidential Scholarship and a Talent Grant for Music.

❖ Sarah Fris graduated from high school this year and is attending Alfred University.

❖ Mary Ellen and Marty Fullam were busy this past spring with two college graduations and one high school graduation. Joseph Fullam graduated from Stevens Institute in NJ and Allison Petrone graduated from Gordon College in MA. Dennis Foley graduated from Comsewogue HS.

❖ This summer Halley Kretschmer travelled to Costa Rica with the volunteer program Rustic Pathways. For two weeks she lived with the indigenous Maleku tribe, working on

various community service projects; painting houses and teaching English to children.

❖ Jenny McCabe spent several weeks in Spain, living with a host family. She took courses at a nearby university. She was part of a group of 12 from school sharing this experience.

❖ Recently met Pat O'Neill, a long time SBPOA member at the playground in SB. She was babysitting her grandson who was keeping her on the run. The little boy, John Joseph O'Neil was named after his father – a former Sound Beach lifeguard. His mom is Marie and his sister is Juliana. Pat's daughter, Jennifer also a former lifeguard – has three children; Alyssa-7, Michael-5, and Sean- 20 months. The years sure go by quickly!

❖ Sound Beach is a place where generations keep coming and coming. This came to mind the other day when we met Merilee Hoge coming down to the beach with her two children Maggie and Jack. Going back, Merilee's mother is Greta Healy and her grandmother was Margaret Kuntner- whose husband Rudy was the first president of SBPOA! Her sister Lorilee Crafta has four children; the oldest James Crafta graduated from high school this year and is attending Hamilton College.

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Bernadette Criscio

As many of you are already aware, this past January Sound Beach lost one of its' long time "summer residents" – Bernadette Criscio. She'll be remembered for years to come for her great sense of humor, Italian cooking and for telling it like it is. On behalf of my

entire family I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to our Sound Beach family for all of your love and support.

DeDominic & Grasso Family



Eileen Cantwell

❖ Gloria and Rudy Yorio welcomed a great granddaughter Mia Rose Yorio in March. Son Rudy Yorio married Suzanne LaBelle on a yacht. They became engaged earlier on a diving excursion, while underwater!

❖ Betty and John Foley journeyed to Hawaii in August for the wedding of John's son.

❖ Dorothy Villaran celebrated her 86th birthday with her family at the Hartlin Inn. Hank Sien has been friends with Dot for over 80 years!

❖ Cathy Mc Clernon's son, Kevin was recalled to Iraq.

❖ Kearns, son of Jean and Joey Kearns, brother of Jessica and grandson of Audrey and John Moerlins is also stationed in Iraq, although he was lucky to be granted a short leave to Camp Lejeune recently. The family has been active in the Port Jefferson based Jacob's Light Foundation. This nonprofit organization sends care packages to American soldiers. On Flag Day of this past year the family was part of a ceremony that raised an American flag that had been shipped to and flown in Iraq and returned to Sound Beach. The Flag is a part of the new memorial that is the first phase of the Sound Beach Civic Association's plan to create a larger Veterans' Memorial.

Clam B Que



Ellen and Bruce Kretschmer and their hardworking crew of friends and family once again put on the Annual Clam B Que fundraiser at the Clubhouse. As always the event was full of delicious food and drink, dancing and socializing. A great time was had by all!! Thank you Ellen and Bruce—you are amazing! Sound Beach appreciates all you do!

Buy a Brick for the Clubhouse

Consider purchasing a brick for the clubhouse walkway. It's a great way to contribute to the improvement of the SBPOA clubhouse and make a lasting dedication, thank you or memorial to a loved one. The cost is \$50 a brick. Fill out the form provided and return with your check for \$50.00 to:

I would like to donate a brick...

Name _____

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Phone _____

Print message below (i.e. - in memory of...dedicated to... etc) You have three lines 14 spaces/line – no punctuation.

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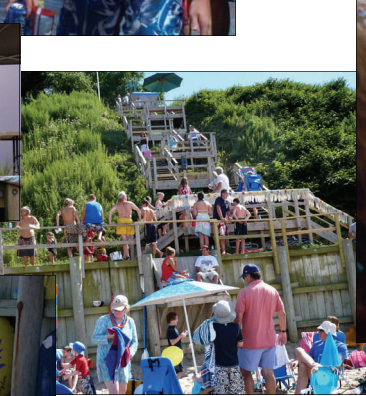
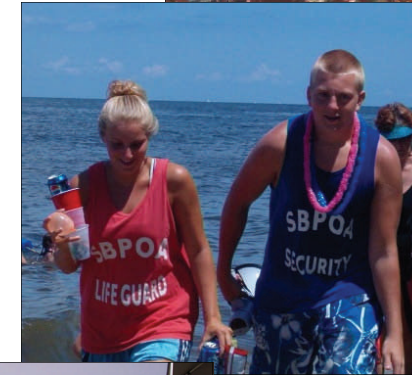
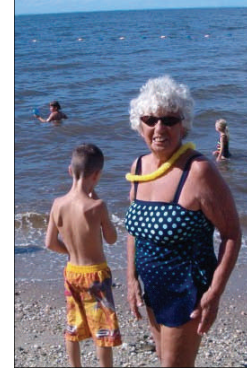
Great big thanks goes out to Betty Carbo for running Field Day this year!! It was a Fabulous Field Day Luau!!

Unfortunately on Saturday the weather did not cooperate and volunteers had to rescue Field Day and all of the various paraphernalia from blowing out into the Sound! It was a day to remember! The next day everyone who was able was back with twice as much enthusiasm and willingness to help, as well as extra ideas to make the day even better than planned; including Andy who brought his Luau music, and Ellen with a margarita maker.

Betty would like to thank all of the countless volunteers who carried everything up and down the stairs not once but twice!

Special thanks to:

- Andy and his crew for the gigantic 16 foot picnic table.
- Ellen and her crew for doing the cooking.
- Jerry and Andy for their excellent beer tapping expertise and equipment.
- Jan and Corin for eagerly selling raffle tickets.
- Erin and all of the beach guards for help and for doing an excellent job of running the games.
- John for his Hawaiian theme idea, as well as building the cool Tiki Bar and Palm trees!
- The moral support offered by all.



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