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# SOUND BEACH BULLETIN

Sound Beach Property Owners Association, P.O. Box 213, Sound Beach, N.Y. 11789

Summer 2006 <sup>7-6-06</sup>

### Dates to Remember:

- July 8—Thank you Party and Brick Dedication
- July 15—Clam—B—Que
- Aug 5—Field Day
- Aug 19—Annual Meeting
- Sept 16—Beach Cleanup Day
- Oct 28—Halloween Party
- Dec 10—Children's Holiday Party

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Sound Beach Property Owners Association invites you to attend the:

## ***Thank You Party for all our Volunteers and Memorial Brick-Walk Dedication***

***to be held at the SBPOA Clubhouse on Malba Drive***

***Saturday, July 8th, 2006 at 6:00 – 11.00 p.m.***

Please bring a hot or cold dish plus extra for the ***“volunteers.”*** SBPOA will provide a ***Thank You*** sheet cake, coffee, and beverages

For our young residents, there will be face painting. We will preview our DVD video on Sound Beach, 1929 to present.

The Memorial-Brick walkway will be dedicated  
Event guest: Councilman Kevin McCarrick  
Music by Des Burke Entertainment.

Each year, the volunteer thank you party honors all past and present volunteers, whose selfless efforts completed projects such as, stair rebuilding, memorial brick walkway, clubhouse roof replacement, bulkhead repair, website design and maintenance, and numerous other projects.

Visit our web site [www.sbpoa.com](http://www.sbpoa.com)

Guests interested in our community and association are invited.

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Please complete this form and send with a check payable to SBPOA,

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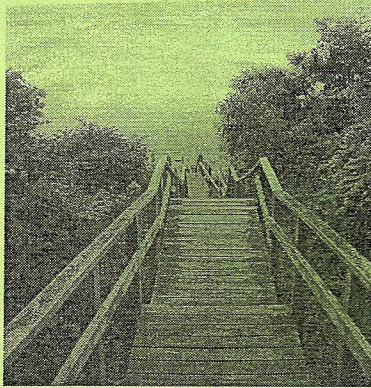
Membership \$150.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Senior \$125.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would like to volunteer my time.  
 Please contact me when volunteers are needed.



### Brick Purchase Form

Bricks that have been installed by the flagpole at the clubhouse will be dedicated on July 8th. However your brick dedications are still welcome as this will be an ongoing project eventually leading to a brick patio off the back of the clubhouse. The cost is \$50 a brick. Fill out the form provided and return with your check for \$50.00 to:

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## Riverhead Road Drainage/Erosion

by Tom Whiten, Chairman of the  
Board, SBPOA

At a recent June 19, 2006 meeting in the Sound Beach Fire House, Highway Supervisor John Rouse spoke to an assembly of local residents concerned about the flooding of local roads and the bluff erosion at the Riverhead Road beach area in Sound Beach. From some of the residents speaking at this meeting, it was apparent that an accurate representation of the circumstances surrounding these problems may not be circulating throughout our community. It always amazes me how perceptions of things not going right or not being done correctly seem to have traction and spread quickly, while the positive actions and activities of people and organizations seem to have more difficulty rising to the same level of community awareness.

“...These easements require the town to maintain the areas...”

In 1965, the SBPOA granted easements to the Town Of Brookhaven at the ends of Riverhead Road and between Amagansett and Brookhaven roads for the purpose of allowing the town to install drainage systems to direct the highway water runoff into the Long Island Sound during major storms. These easements require the town to maintain the areas. At the time, the sensitivity to coastline environmental issues of bulkheads and roadway runoff into the sound had not yet become a government issue. Subsequently, the building of bulkheads and directing of any effluent into natural estuaries have become national hot buttons requiring DEC approvals and permits, and result in time delays due to the lengthy time required to obtain them.

From 1965 onward, the SBPOA maintained a communication link with the town highway department to facilitate the required repairs. This was relatively successful until the aging and the continued hammering of these wooden bulkheads during major storms caused them to fail. The town solution (not supported by the SBPOA) was to build gabions in an attempt to salvage the quickly deteriorating wooden bulkhead structures. Over the years many attempts to rebuild the Riverhead Road drainage area with gabion retainment solutions and in-house piping installations all failed, the systems collapsed and the stairways to the beach went with them.

SBPOA continued to press for re-bulk heading of the two-easement areas, as bulkheads are the only north shore bluff containment system that has proven to be effective against the damaging nor'easter storms that occasion our area. In 2004, we wrote letters to and met with Legislator Dan Losquadro, Councilman Kevin McCarrick and Highway Supervisor John Rouse to expose the dangerous condition that was developing at the Riverhead Road easement, a sinkhole had opened up and the bulkhead/gabion restraint system was in immanent danger of collapse. September 10, 2004, John Rouse and his highway foreman met with us on the beach and we laid out a plan of attack to rebuild the bulkhead, and the drainage system. Estimates were prepared, an engineering firm was contracted to design a proper system, funding was being identified and secured and the DEC was brought on board to affect an approved project.

During the time interval that all this was transpiring, deterioration continued until a series of major rainfalls starting in December 2005 caused the bulkhead to collapse, taking the bluff, drainage system, stairs and surrounding area out into

the sound. Around the clock repair efforts, comprised of blocking off drains on the surrounding streets, dumping sand and installing temporary cement cesspool rings to protect the residences immediately adjacent to the area, temporarily brought some stabilization to the area. There have been major rain events that continued to cause erosion problems, but the town highway department is on top of them as they occur and is maintaining the bluff stability.

At the June 19<sup>th</sup> 2006 meeting at the firehouse, John Rouse gave an update on where the project stands today. A recent delay caused by a request from Suffolk County for more engineering has been satisfied. All funding is in place as are all approvals. The project has grown to include all the bluff area that eroded as a direct result of damage from the town's easement drainage site. It will remove the stop gap cesspool rings and rocks at the base of the bluff, provide approximately 250 feet of new bulkhead to close the gap between the existing bulkheads, a new drainage system which will retain contaminants and allow only environmentally friendly water into the sound, restore the bluff face and plant vegetation as well as add catch basins throughout the local road system to drastically reduce flooding and retain the water locally before it makes its way north towards the beach.

We have asked John Rouse to keep us informed so an accurate project status can circulate within our community and we will be able to coordinate our beach activities with the town's construction project anticipated to start in the very near future. Why not stop down to the top of the west beach stairs, enjoy a beautiful sunset and pick up the latest on the restoration project. Hope to see you there.

## News About You....

Collected and edited by Eileen Cantwell

*Linda and Richie Morea* celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary at a gala party with all of their friends and family. There was a lovely renewal of vows ceremony followed by a great dinner and dancing. The happy event was held in a restaurant and catering facility owned by *Jerry Rossi* – a long time friend from Sound Beach.

*Bryan and Lisa Botticelli* renewed their vows on *Andy and Liz Petrilak's* lawn overlooking the Sound this June. They had a beautiful reception and band at their home following the ceremony.

On the 'starting out' side, *Jeanette Rivera and Martin Streeff* were married on June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Miller place Surf Club. The ceremony was held outdoors under a flower filled gazebo. Of course the bride was beautiful, and the groom so handsome. Martin's brother, *Andrew*, (of Hartlins) was best man, and Martin's

two daughters, *Casidhe and Corey* participated in the ceremony, they received gold eternity bracelets to symbolize

the never-ending joining of the families. Jeanette's cousins, sporting beautiful gowns, played important roles in the bridal party. Delicious food and great dancing music added to the enjoyment of the guests. It was such a joy to see all six of the *Streeff* children together again – *Dennis* from Cape Cod, *Steven* from Kansas, *Susan* from California, *Nancy* from Garden City and of course *Martin and Andrew* from Sound Beach, along with good friend, *Steven DeVita* from Provincetown. What a reunion! The Miller Place Surf Club has a wonderful deck, similar to the one we would like to add to our clubhouse (see the 'volunteers needed' section of the newsletter!)

*Mary Tursellino Buhler and Charlie Buhler* celebrated a milestone anniversary. They were married 50 years this spring! Congratulations! This couple met on the beach in Sound Beach

when they were about 13 years old. Their good friends, *Delores Ennis Tursellino and Mattie Tursellino* were part of the same teenage group. They will also celebrate a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this summer.

*Rudy and Gloria Yorio* welcomed their great-grandchild on May 24<sup>th</sup>. *Ryan Anthony Troian*, is the new son of their granddaughter *Melissa* and her husband *Tony Troian*.

Congratulations to *Margaret Smith* on her election to Rocky Point School Board.

*Eileen and Audrey* want to thank everyone who made the Trash and Treasure sale a great success – our long time helpers, and those who donated and those who bought. A big thank you to our caretaker, *Jim Salvatore* who bought two TV's and set them up in the bar in the clubhouse. Also another big thank you to *Jim* for cheerfully, as always, setting up, and cleaning up after the sale.

**Rename the newsletter! I've had several requests to change the name of the newsletter—send in your suggestions—[annafris@aol.com](mailto:annafris@aol.com) and we'll choose the most popular one.**



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## Volunteers

By Anna Fris

I am reluctant to mention names for fear of leaving someone out. So many people work so hard to make this beach and organization the community that it is.

I watched in amazement this past week as a team of at least a dozen volunteers, led by Jerry Milmo, worked for the better part of the day assembling and putting in the ropes at the East and West Beach. Until you see it, you have no idea of the amount of work involved in this seemingly simple task.

Already this year many hours have been spent repairing and replacing stairs at the East and West beaches. Andy Petrilak, single handedly constructed and installed the last part of the stairs at East Beach. A team of volunteers spent

their Saturday lifting and realigning the stairs at West Beach. Jimmy Perrecca cleared a path from Coldspring to Brookhaven Drive to make access to East Beach easier. He has also been working hard supervising, scheduling and organizing our beach attendants and lifeguards.

In addition to the countless hours spent preserving our beach access, many individuals work to maintain the clubhouse. Still others work hard at fundraising. Eileen Cantwell and Audrey Moerlins spent an entire weekend and more this past month, organizing, working and preparing our annual Trash and Treasure sale to raise money for SBPOA.

Ellen and Bruce Kretschmer and many volunteers host the Clam -B-Que fundraiser every year, a great party at the clubhouse with wonderful food, a DJ, and stuff for the kids (this year July 15). Other volunteers serve on the board, host the Halloween and Holiday parties,

work Field Day, collect pennies and cans for return, the list goes on.

I've left out a lot of names just for the sake of space, but I know no one does what they do for recognition. Simple dedication to, and love of, the beach are what drive them.

We would like to assemble a list of others who would like to be involved and in some small way do their part to contribute to our community. We enjoy an amazing and beautiful beach right in our backyard, and it is only through the time and efforts of many individuals working together that we can preserve what we have. If you would like to be put on a list of volunteers to be called when needed for various events and work parties please call or e-mail Marty Fullam at 744- 9390, [mcmert@worldnet.att.net](mailto:mcmert@worldnet.att.net).

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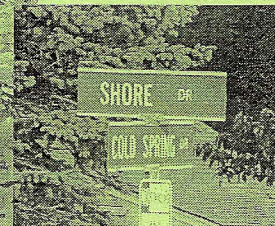
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