

# SOUNDS FROM THE BEACH

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THE QUARTERLY S.B.P.O.A. NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO SUMMER 1995! We are happy to be sending you this, our 7th issue of SOUNDS from the BEACH, the quarterly newsletter of the SOUND BEACH PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION. For those of you who are familiar with us, we have lots of good news, updates on the progress of various projects and activities of the Board of Directors, and assorted personal items contributed by our readers. For those of you who we are reaching for the first time with this issue, we'd like to introduce ourselves to you, let you know what we're all about, with the hope that you will want to join with us in the work we are doing to keep Sound Beach beautiful, safe and thriving. We believe that Sound Beach is a very special place and that it and the beautiful beaches that we are priveleged to have access to are worth our efforts, our respect and our love. Call or write us with questions, suggestions, comments or good news! Don't be strangers!

Dorothy Cantwell-McCabe  
Dorothy Farrell

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### BEACHES OPEN!

We're Ready! Unbelievable as it may seem to those of us who witnessed the devastation of the cliffs and steps this winter, the beaches are ready, new steps have been built, and every thing is in place for us to enjoy another Summer season in Sound Beach. Many many thanks to all those who pulled together to make this possible. It is only because of the tireless efforts and spirit of the volunteers that we are able to greet this 66th season of the S.B.P.O.A. and continue the tradition that has made our lovely community special and dear to our hearts.

### GENERAL MEETING

THE OPEN HOUSE-GENERAL MEETING was held on May 20th, at the Clubhouse, with approximately 40 people in attendance. Pres. George Fecht gave an update on the construction of the new stairs by volunteers. He also spoke about the Bulkhead Drive. Permits have been obtained, but we must wait to see what the

town is doing about dumping fill and making pipeline repairs. T-shirts and sweat-shirts were sold. Rosemary Nucatola had arranged to have these manufactured. Heavy's Deli has agreed to sell them. The new barber shop also has them on display. Jerry Costanza talked about the door to door membership drive that he was planning to start that afternoon and asked for volunteers to help. "PENNIES FOR THE BEACH" were turned in by several members in an amount totaling \$389.00! And that's just the first collection! All the attendees were friendly and warm and offered many constructive suggestions. Thanks to August Lockwood, a representative of the Village Beacon Record, who attended and wrote an article about our efforts, which appeared in the May 25th edition of the paper.

**HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE  
4TH OF JULY!**



## AND DON'T FORGET.....

### ANNUAL MEETING AUGUST 12TH 10AM CLUBHOUSE

Date of the Annual Meeting has been set for August 12th at 10 AM in the Clubhouse. Reports will be given by the board about finances, The Bulkhead Drive, and next year's budget voted on. The nominating committee will present a slate and elections of the new board will be held. The auditing committee will present its report and its recommendations for the future. Last but not least, the drawing of winners of our Summer lottery will take place. Please make time in your schedule to attend this very important meeting and let your voice be heard!

### END OF SUMMER BEACH PARTY BAR-B-QUE

(Date to be Announced)

Watch the sign in the square and the stores for posters announcing the END OF SUMMER BEACH PARTY BAR-B-QUE in August. This is always a lovely party on the Beach when we congratulate ourselves for overcoming obstacles and getting through another year, thank those who worked so hard to make it possible, and start to say (*sniff!*) farewell to each other and to the last glorious days of Summer. Each one has been graced by spectacular weather and a superb sunset. It always comes too soon, but it's a wonderful event. Please come!



## Ongoing Fundraisers

**BULKHEAD FUND** We are in the process of raising money for a much needed bulkhead on the West Beach. Many thanks to all of you who have donated money towards this goal! Contributions of any size are welcome!

**PENNIES FOR THE BEACH** Every little bit helps! Keep a change jar in your house marked "Pennies for the Beach" and toss in your extra pennies! Then bring it to the Annual meeting and add it to the pot. We already have \$389.00 from our first collection!

**CAN & BOTTLE COLLECTION** Marty Fullam says "If we can do that with pennies, just think what could be done with nickles!" Put your redeemable cans and bottles in a plastic bag and drop them at his house at 15 Riverhead Drive. He'll take them to the beverage center once a week and give the money to the Association!

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**Dear Friends and Members of S.B.P.O.A.,**

**I begin this greeting with great expectations for the Summer of 1995. Once more our stairs have been rebuilt by volunteer members of our association. This year we only had 24 volunteers, but they succeeded in doing the work of the 40 we had two years ago! We moved the stairs to the west to avoid the problems that the town has with the pipelines. We have simplified the approach and set the stairs directly on the slope of the bluff. We intend to terrace both sides of the steps and also on top of the bluff. Come on down to see how it looks and bring a shovel or a plant!**

**Once more - thanks to all the guys who have made it possible for us to enjoy another summer!**

**George Fecht,  
President**

**1995 RECONSTRUCTION  
CREW**

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**MANY THANKS TO  
Eagle Scout Troop  
#244**

(SETH MEIR, SEAN  
MINTON, ROB MARTINO,  
CHRIS STOBIE, BRIAN  
JACOBSON, JORDAN  
MORROW & Assistant  
Scoutmaster, BOB  
MORROW)

They planted 70  
seedlings on the  
bluff of the beach  
and tiered it into  
sections so the young  
plants will have a  
chance to grow.

**STOP BY THE POST OFFICE  
ON SATURDAY MORNINGS TO  
CHAT WITH EVELYN FECHT  
AND MARY ELLEN FULLAM!  
THEY HAVE MEMBERSHIP  
INFORMATION AND  
APPLICATIONS, RAFFLE  
TICKETS AND THE LATEST  
NEWS!**

**SO MUCH WORK HAS  
BEEN DONE TO GIVE US  
ACCESS TO THE BEACHES  
AND TO BEAUTIFY AND  
REENFORCE THE BLUFFS  
AROUND THE STEPS!  
PLEASE DO YOUR PART  
TO TAKE CARE OF THE  
BEACHES AND PROTECT  
THE WORK OF THE  
VOLUNTEERS!  
WORK ON THE EAST  
RAMP IS ONGOING AND  
WE NEED MORE HANDS,  
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## 1995 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

As of this writing, 147 families have joined our association this year. Last year we had 236 members and we hope to reach 300 this year! HEAVY'S DELI is selling tags and the beach guards will have applications. Mary Ellen & Marty Fullam, at 15 Riverhead Drive, near the West Beach, also have tags to sell. As always, you can send in your application or call me at 744-6487 and tags will be mailed or delivered to you. We again are offering a rebate of \$25.00 on your membership if you bring in a new member!

Eileen Cantwell  
Membership Chair

### **IT'S NOT JUST A BEACH TAG, IT'S YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!**

*When you pay your yearly dues to the S.B.P.O.A., you are not just buying beach tags - you are investing in the future of your neighborhood, while maintaining the consistent value of your property!*

*Even if you don't use the beach very often, it is so important that you contribute to the association. "Why should I?", you might ask.*

*Well let me tell you:*

*In 1930, the Sound Beach Property Owner Association was founded and through thick and thin, it has survived! Now, more than ever, we need your support! Sound Beach is not just for Summer residents any more. It's not just a question of maintaining the beach in the Summer, it's keeping Sound Beach a safe place to live, year round. A place where people can raise a family. A place where people would want to buy a home. A place we can be proud to live in.*

*Let's face it, Long Island is not the least expensive place to live in, and good luck, if you are looking for property to buy with YOUR OWN PRIVATE BEACH and a clubhouse that is available year round to the residents! That's right, Sound Beach has so much to offer - a real sense of Community - that we can't afford to lose. The S.B.P.O.A. is working hard to improve your community and face the many challenges yet to come. So please don't take Sound Beach for granted!*

**JERRY COSTANZA**

### **What do you get if you join the S.B.P.O.A.?**

You will receive a membership card with beach tags which will give you and your non-resident guests access to the two beautiful beaches on the Sound, through the steps on Riverhead Drive and Amagansette. The beaches are staffed with trained lifeguards who also give free swimming lessons.

You will have the chance to rent our spacious clubhouse on Malba Drive for your private parties at a low discounted rate for members.

You will receive this newsletter 4 times a year and will be updated on Association activities and plans.

You will be able to attend board meetings, held monthly throughout the year and be a part of the decisions that are made which will affect our community and association.

You will be eligible to become a member of the Board of Directors.

You will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are one of a group of people committed to maintaining, protecting and making sure that our beach remains the natural treasure it is.

**WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! JOIN US!**

## **WHAT IS THE S.B.P.O.A.?**

THE SOUND BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION was founded in 1929 by a group of new land owners, most of whom had bought their parcels along with a subscription to the New York Daily Mirror. At that time, Sound Beach was predominantly a Summer community and people were industriously building cottages themselves, often over a period of years, depending upon available time, money and materials. Many lived in tents, by the light of gas lanterns, using water drawn from centrally located hand pumps. During those years, meetings were held in Astoria, Queens. The by-laws were written and the beaches and cliff property were deeded to the association. This meant that the the SBPOA would assume responsibility for maintenance, taxes and insurance if steps were built to provide access to the beach. The membership agreed to pay annual dues for that purpose, because having a beautiful, accessible beach for their families to enjoy seemed a priveledge worth struggling for.

Maintaining the beaches and the access thereto is still the main purpose of the S.B.P.O.A., although over the years, as Sound Beach has changed and grown, the concerns and goals of the Association have broadened. Issue of public safety, community development, recreation and goal oriented activities for youth and senior activities have become important. Memberships are what keep us alive and get us from year to year, not only by providing us with the funds to continue our work, but by being the source of energy, spirit and pride in our community.

***Please join us! We are the reason there ARE beaches available for use in Sound Beach. All other access points are blocked by private homes. The town beach is miles away and at the end of a long line of cars!***

***Dues are \$125.00 a year. Compare this with the prices of other private beach clubs in the area. Your dues will go towards maintaining the beach, the steps and the Clubhouse and to paying taxes and insurance.***

***Your only obligation is to treat the beach and those who use it with respect. We hope that those of you who have enjoyed the special magic of the beach, who have enjoyed the serenity and awe of a sunset walk, the peace of early morning fishing, the breathtaking wonder of the last look from the top of the steps have been filled with enough joy that you will want to share the reponsibility with us.***

***We receive no help from government agencies. we think that the only people with enough love for the beach to make it a priority are those who have experienced its enchantment!***

***JOIN US! CALL 744-6487 for immediate membership!***

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DR. LAWRENCE FUCHS, a graduate of Hofstra University and the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, has been practicing medicine in Sound Beach fo 21 years. He and his wife, Mary Ann have two children: Michael, who attends the University of Pennsylvania School of Engineering and Ann, who attends Franklin and Marshall College. His interests besides Dentistry include reading, music, bicycling, photography and computers.



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## **NEWS ABOUT YOU**

Here's what we've heard: Edward Cantwell won the 1st prize for bowling in the Special Olympics at Rocky Point Lanes. Eileen Cantwell is looking forward to sharing Sound Beach with her newest grandson, Jack McCabe, born on May 15th to Dorothy and John McCabe. Caitlin, new granddaughter of Lee and Bill Winniarski was born to Carol and Joe Wilkers on Mother's Day! We heard from Brian O'donohue, currently living in St Petersburg, Florida. He sent his regards to all his friends from Sound Beach, and then made a surprise appearance here while at his Dad's 80th birthday party at Savino's. Tara and Shallyn Gordon passed their qualifying tests for Jr. Black Belt in Karate. They'll be up to see us in July! Halley Kretschmer turned 4, Jenny McCabe turned 3, Dan McCabe 11! Other birthdays included Monica Walsh, and Kathy Barnes. William Shields, grandson of Veronica Shields, son of Bill and Anne Shields, graduated with honors from Wantagh High School! And what about you? Let us know!

**CONGRATULATIONS AND HEARTFELT THANKS FROM ALL OF US TO  
OUR HEROS AT THE SOUND BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT  
CELEBRATING THEIR 65TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR!**

### **MEMORIES OF OLD SOUND BEACH** from a letter by Theresa Tursellino to her family & friends, reminiscing about family beach parties on SOUND BEACH

*Remember .....the excitement we shared all day at the thought of the Beach Party that night!  
We had to make five or six trips up the steps to carry everything down for the party  
You stubbed your toe wearing flipflops. Ouch!  
We sat on the beach with Mom and Dad late in the evening and did not have a care in the world. Sound Beach was where life started and ended. As far as we were concerned, nothing else existed.  
Swimming out to the end of the ropes at flood high, crystal clear of course, when it was just getting dark and the sun was setting.  
The rusty pin on your bathing suit at the end of the summer from your beach tag  
Running up the stairs at the sound of the ice cream man  
Having salty skin and damp hair, sitting by the fire, toasting marshmallows  
Collecting wood during the day (hello, kids of today!)  
Clay Mountain  
Field day down at the East Ramp  
Your friends from the city  
Those incredible sunsets  
Just a few thoughts to share and never forget. Sound Beach IS where it all starts and hopefully will never end!  
Lets enjoy with our growing families what we once cherished and all still do deeeeeeep down inside.*

**Do you have memories of Sound Beach that you would like to share? News about you and your family? Information or questions about old friends? Let us know! We welcome contributions!**



## FUN FOR ALL!

### ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUE'S TRIVIA

1. The Community House, on the corner of Northport Road, was used in a variety of ways: as a Fire House, as a Catholic Church, as a Community Center, where BINGO, dances, and meetings were held. For several years, a "Pre Teen Club" met there on summer evenings, where girls and boys from the ages of 8-12 could socialize, listen to music, play games (knock hockey tournaments were very exciting!) and make friends while they anticipated the Teen Club dances at the Clubhouse. A belated thank you to the adults who gave their time to organize and chaperone these events!

2. Evelyn Fecht has shared this little known information with us about famous people who spent time in Sound Beach. The President of Marymount Manhattan College, Regina Peruggi spent summers at her grandmother's house in Sound Beach. Her cousin, the 107th Mayor of N.Y.C., also spent Summers here. You guessed it! He is Rudy Guiliani! Also, Barbara Goldbach spent summers enjoying the beach. She lived in Rosedale, but vacationed with her cousins, the Ackerts. She became a model and a movie star and is now married to Ringo Starr. Come on folks, send in info about former Sound Beach people you hear from, famous or not! EVELYN FECHT.

We've heard that the actor who played "Satch" on the BOWERY BOYS had a house near the Square. Can anyone confirm or elaborate?

### SOUND BEACH TRIVIA?

1. What was ex S.B. Businessman ERNIE OEST(sp?) famous for?

*In the 1950's, Delores Italiano met Michael Barry at a dance at the Clubhouse. They discovered that they were in the same High School in Bayside and that both families had Summer homes in Sound Beach. They have been married now for 35 years, have two sons and still summer in Sound Beach at their home on Amagansette Drive.*

2. Did IT happen for you in Sound Beach?. Many happy marriages began under the stars here! Would you like to share your love story with us?

APOLOGIES TO THOSE OF YOU WHO LABORED TO SOLVE THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE IN OUR LAST ISSUE. I BOTCHED IT AS I TRANSFERED IT TO PRINT. SORRY! DCM

### WHERE ARE THE BEACHES?

Here's a mini map for those of you who are new to the area.

