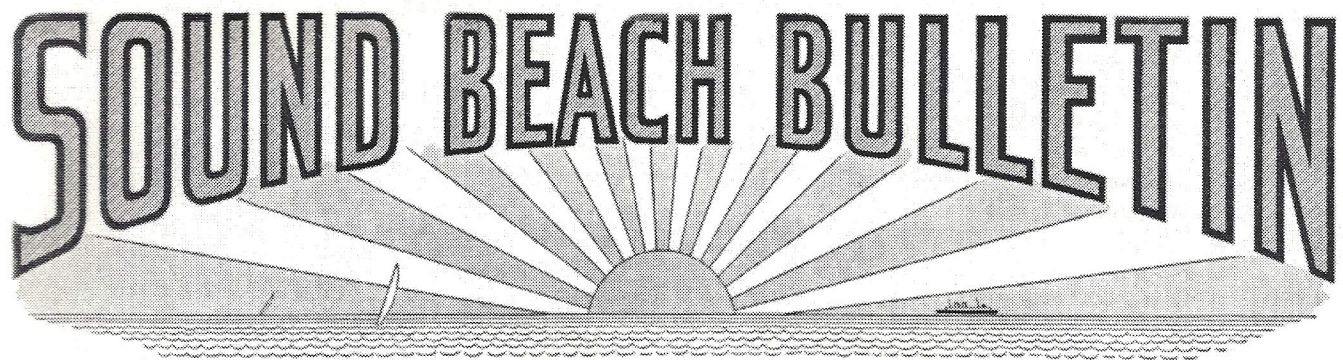


# SOUND BEACH BULLETIN

A stylized illustration of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is a semi-circle on the horizon, with rays extending upwards. A small sailboat is visible on the left side of the water. The entire scene is framed by a decorative border.

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A commemorative logo for Sound Beach's 75th anniversary. The words "SOUND BEACH" are written in a large, bold, serif font, arched over the top. Below this, the word "Celebrates" is written in a smaller, elegant serif font. The number "75" is the central focus, rendered in a large, bold, serif font. To the left of the "75" is a stylized illustration of a beach chair and a beach umbrella. Below the "75" is the word "Years" in a serif font. At the bottom, the years "1929 + 2004" are written in a simple, sans-serif font.

**SOUND BEACH**  
Celebrates  
**75**  
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### Message from the Editor

Have you been down to the beach this past month? If not, you can't imagine what you missed. In addition to the Sound sparkling with spring, the sand was clean and cool, the water birds were swimming and flying and the scent of spring was everywhere. This year, we celebrate 75 years of Sound Beach, and I can't imagine a better spring to lead into our anniversary. It brings both memories and anticipation; we have terrific plans for our anniversary summer. Please take some time to stop by the beach, walk our roads and see why we are all so lucky to call Sound Beach home.

This issue is notable for a name reversion to "Sound Beach Bulletin" and a great history of the Sound Beach area by **Natalie Aurucci Stiefel**. We wish to give her our heartfelt thanks for this wonderful article. I also want to thank **Jefferson Hammer** for clearing up the Dawn's Pass/Dorn's Path mystery for me! We are grateful to all our contributors and thank them for their special effort.

Germaine 'Mimi' Hodges

# Saturday, June 26, 2004

**S.B.P.O.A. CLUBHOUSE, MALBA DRIVE, SOUND BEACH**

**Outdoor Activities 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Volunteers Thank You Party 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.**

## *Music - Games - Contests*

- Opening Ceremony with local dignitaries starting at 12:00-noon at the clubhouse.
- Time Capsule Ceremony - Bring some small artifacts for selection and inclusion
- Classic Car Parade through out the afternoon; starts in the Fire House parking lot
- Children's Games – Castle Bounce, Ring Toss, Spin Art, Surfer Dude Picture Stand (bring camera),  
Basketball, Treasure Hunt
- Cubby the Clown entertainment, magic show and face painting, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Historic Sound Beach Fire Truck will be on display courtesy of the Sound Beach Fire Department
- Portrait Sketching on the clubhouse lawn throughout the afternoon activities.
- Local Craft and Merchant Display Tables, Hot Dogs, Soda and Chips
- Commemorative items available for purchase:

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-Shirts and Tote Bags

18 Month Calendars depicting scenes of historic Sound Beach

1<sup>st</sup> Day Covers – Stamp Cancellation celebrating Sound Beach

Post Cards of historic Sound Beach

### **Design-a-Sign Contest**

Contest for creative house signs reminiscent of the original signs identifying the homes in Sound Beach. Design your own house sign, decorate with your name or nickname, draw an image or create your own style. Bring your sign to the clubhouse on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m., for the contest. Registration forms will be available at the clubhouse. Judging at 3:30 p.m. **Prizes to be awarded.** Multiple entries accepted. All materials accepted, no size limitation. Fees (per entry): Children (12 or under) - \$1.00, All others - \$5.00

Winning signs will be posted on the SBPOA website.

### **Annual SBPOA Volunteers Thank You Party – 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.**

Join us at this annual event, dedicated to the hard working volunteers that have continued in the tradition of the founders of our community. Please bring a hot or cold dish to share with the volunteers and guests. SBPOA will provide beverages and dessert.

Music by **The Jerry Costanzo Quartet.**

# LOOKING BACK AT SOUND BEACH

*Early Settlers*

by Natalie Aurucci Stiefel

The North Shore Beach area was facing a great change in the late 1920's. The Daily Mirror developed the largest tract of land for George and Florence D'Utassy of more than a thousand acres, which they divided into North Shore Beach and Sound Beach. The Daily Mirror was interested in enlarging its circulation of its newspapers with the advertisements to its million readers of *"the charms of a heavily wooded and high cliff section of the North Shore"*. They offered 20 x 200 feet parcels of land for \$89.50 with terms for payment, plus a subscription to the newspaper. Most people bought an average of five lots with \$12.50 down and monthly payments.

The first real estate agent for the Mirror was Cyrus Manniello at Rocky Point. A short time later, Warren and Arthur Smadbeck, a New York City real estate firm, took over for the Mirror. They established a young local man, Ed Olson, as their representative. Ed opened his office on Broadway at the southeast corner of Prince Road in Rocky Point. He also had a real estate office on Echo Avenue, near Shinnecock Drive, in Sound Beach. Early residents in both Rocky Point and Sound Beach pitched tents on their property while building.

There is documentation which indicates there were earlier residents in the Sound Beach area before the Daily Mirror developed the land. Thomas Blythe Scott owned over three hundred and thirty acres from Woodhull Landing to North Country Road. Tom Scott, his wife, Augusta May and son, Thomas B. Scott, Jr. lived there and raised horses on a prosperous farm. His will indicates that he had horses, carriages, wagons, harnesses and machinery on his property. Thomas Blythe Scott died in May of 1920.

The 1870 Beers maps indicate that an "N. Jones" owned property just south of the "blinker light" on what is now known as Sound Beach Blvd. Several years ago this name sparked my interest to research this further. Who was N. Jones? When researching deeds and wills the name "Noah Jones" came to light. "Noah" – a special name in the Rocky Point area, with Noah Hallock 1<sup>st</sup> establishing his home in 1721 on Hallock Landing, His son, Noah Hallock 2<sup>nd</sup> also lived in Rocky Point. The third generation to carry that name was the Reverend Noah Hallock.

A visit to the Seaview Cemetery at Mt. Sinai Congregational Church revealed the answer to the mystery. Right next to the Reverend Noah Hallock's family grave is the William L. Jones' family plot. Clearly, the tombstone reads *"Hetta Jones, daughter of Rev. Noah and Mehitable Hallock. Wife of William L. Jones. Died on September 21, 1817, age 22."* Immediately next to that stands the Noah Jones family plot.

Evidently, Noah Jones was named after his maternal grandfather the Reverend Noah Hallock. There is also evidence in the Hallock Family Cemetery that the Reverend had a son, whom he named Noah, but that boy died at the early age of seven years old, another reason for the name to be perpetuated in the next generation.

The mystery was becoming a challenge. Although the Hallock Genealogy excludes Hetta from the family tree, there is evidence shown in the Rev. Noah Hallock's will (D-218). *"I give to my daughter, Hetta, now the wife of William L. Jones, and in case of her death to her children, the sum of one thousand dollars and securing the payment the woodland which I formerly bought of Jefffreay Woodhull being a part of one of the long lots."*

Noah H. Jones was born in 1817. He lived just south of the "blinker light" in Sound Beach. He was the son of Hetta Hallock and William H. Jones, who was a famed ship-builder in Port Jefferson. A street bearing the name "Jones Street" stands as a testimony of what he accomplished for the area. The 1883 Port Jefferson Times stated *"Capt. William L. Jones, whose*

*capital and enterprise did much to develop land built up Port Jefferson. He, at one time, owned the whole of what is now a busy portion of the village in Hotel Square."*

Noah H. Jones was 21 years old when he married his 18 year old bride, Adelia Hallock. Eleven months before Noah and Adelia's first child was born, land transactions were recorded, evidently upon their marriage. In consideration of their natural love and affection, William Jones deeded 65 acres to his son, Noah, on January 2, 1838 (Liber 30, pg. 78). There is evidence in the census records showing William Jones living what is known as the Sound Beach area today. On that same day, for the sum of \$1,000 they also transferred "*one half of the Homestead Farm and outlands which the Widow Rev. Noah Hallock resides.*" This indicates that the house could have been older and where the Reverend Noah Hallock once lived. In January of 1874 Noah Jones acquired 40 acres of land which extended to the Wading River Road (Route 25A).

Tragedy struck the family on June 20, 1845 when the young 25 year old wife, Adelia, died just three months after their son, Samuel, was born. She left Noah Jones a widow with a young infant and two daughters, Adriana and Gertrude. Young Samuel grew to be a sailor and in 1874 died at sea at age twenty-nine.

The 1880 State census attests to the agriculture produce on Noah Jones' land in Sound Beach. He was now age 63 and he had tilled 50 acres of land and had 25 acres of orchards. His woodlands consisted of an additional 200 acres. It cost him \$50 to repair his fences that year. His farm was quite an active one as it was valued at \$8,000 which was a considerable amount at that time. Six of his acres produced 300 bushels of Indian Corn, 65 bushels of Oats, 30 bushels of Rye and 60 bushels of wheat were harvested from ten other acres, plus 60 bushels of potatoes. He owned 3 "Milch Cows" and there were 4 calves born that year. He churned 200 lbs of butter and his farm housed over 50 poultry and 4 pigs. He had an apple orchard boasting of 25 trees and he cut 25 cords of wood from the forested portion of his land.

Noah H. Jones died on August 21, 1902 at age 85. His second wife, Sophronia, lived to age ninety-four. The Noah Jones house is no longer standing. It is documented in recorded deeds as early as 1837 as well as Federal and State Census Records. However, the Noah Jones property was evident on old maps and easy to identify as the ancient locust trees give evidence to its location. The 1917 Belcher Hyde map indicates that Charles Steele owned the property which consisted of 277 acres and extended to North Country Road Road . The map indicates there was a two story house, a barn and another small building standing at the time.

The current owner, Florence Gilman Jelliffe, was very gracious to explain that her father, Albert Gilman, purchased the property in 1932 and the current house was built in 1939. Florence explained that the front steps of the house were built from bricks found in the original house foundation. As far as old artifacts, she found a nineteenth century coin when the chimney was built. The two giant locust trees still stand regally in front of the property, where Florence remembers as a child, there stood four locust trees. They mark a time long past, where we may appreciate the early settlers who established the land.



## Marge Eastburn

*By Andy and Liz Petrilak*

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This past January 2004, Sound Beach lost a long-time member of the community. **Marge Eastburn** was 96 when she passed away. Since June 2000, she lived at the Atria assisted living facility in Setauket. Although it was very hard for her to make the decision to leave Sound Beach, she knew in her heart that she was unable to care for herself and her home the way she had for over 30 years. For those of us who knew Marge, we understood how important it was to her to keep her property on St. James Road looking well manicured as well as herself. Anytime you saw Marge she always looked put together. Her hair meticulously pulled back in her signature bun that she usually adorned with an outfit-matching bow. You could also count on her to frequently speak her mind...even when you did not ask for it! She was a feisty

woman who definitely enjoyed a good debate from time to time. Marge lived at 34 St. James Road since 1969 when her home was built. She and her husband John had planned to live out their retirement years there. Sadly, her husband died just 2 weeks after moving in. So for 30 years she lived alone in her house on the bluff. She thoroughly enjoyed her view of the Sound and watched many a sunset from her living room windows. She also took great pride in her hands-on approach to maintaining her property. She was certainly not afraid of a hard days work. She was active in senior citizens and would often get together with friends for card games. Marge was blessed with a long and healthy life. Although she will be missed, it is comforting to know that she is now finally back in the arms of her beloved husband John: the one person she always said loved her like no one else.

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## New About You

*By Eileen Cantwell*

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In tune with our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition, let's look back at some columns that **Marge Battillo** wrote in the 70's for the North Shore Record. Some of the names she mentioned are still loyal members of the SBPOA today.

For example, **Bill Tursellino**, **Connie Kamen** and **Eleanor Kaiser** were all reelected to the Board. One hundred people attended the Annual Meeting in August and voted for dues from \$39 to \$45 a year. **Mildred Chianese** was wished a very Happy Birthday.

In 1976, the name **Tom Whiten** appeared as Department Head for Insurance. He soon was named Chairman of the Board and then served for many years. He took a brief hiatus and returned in Fall 2002 as Chairman once again. In '76, **Rose Solazzo** edited the "Sound Beach Bulletin"

– Marge was in charge of the clubhouse – and is still doing that job 30 years later!

In 1978, **Judith Gregg** chaired the SBPOA by-laws committee, and **Hannah Robinson** was on the Erosion Committee and still is!

Although I've focused on members who were in Marge's column in the 70's and are still with us today, there were so many other wonderful people named who worked so hard for our organization – **the Gerrity's, Ferraro's, Gabarino's, Hetherington's, Hafner's, Brennan's, Kuntners** – too many to list. If you would like to add to the list, just send a note and we'll include them in our next issue.

Before we leave the past, we want to mention a lovely visit we had with **Jefferson Hammer and his friend Rita**. Jeff lived on Brookhaven Drive in the 30's and Rita was a close friend of his sister. Jeff sent SBPOA wonderful memorabilia of

Sound Beach in the era, maps and blueprints of our hamlet, a \$1075 bill for the building of his house and an early tax bill of \$1.26! He decided to see for himself the Sound Beach of today and shared many good memories with us. You'll see many of his photos at our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party.

And now we return to the present. In the baby department, we offer our congratulations to **Elizabeth and Andy Petrilak** on the birth of their daughter, **Rachel Elizabeth** on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Aunt **Nancy Paul** spread the good news to all the friends and relatives who were waiting for the big event. A stork on the lawn of **Gina and Matthew Tedfrio** announced the birth of their baby boy in April. **Jennifer and George MacDonald** welcomed son **George Edward MacDonald III**, born on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Grandparents **George and Dale MacDonald** not only welcomed their first Grandchild, but announced other good news. Their son **David, and Jennifer Norton** of Miller Place announced their engagement. David popped the question at the St. Patrick's day parade. Wedding bells chimed for **Patricia Curtin and Jack Barry** in April. Two lovely families were united by this special couples special event. And the bells rang June 6<sup>th</sup> for **Gloria and Rudy Yorio's** granddaughter, **Michele Robertson** and her groom **Rich Sorentino**. **Matthew Whiten** became engaged to **Neysa Anderson** of Grand Island, Nebraska. The couple are planning their wedding for October 17 2004 in Long Beach California.

**Mickey and Joe Loiacano** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in May. Their Senior Club presented a boutonniere to the groom and a corsage to the bride and a big wedding cake that was enjoyed by all the members.

**Monica Walsh** enjoyed her birthday at a surprise party at the home of **Jimmy and Lorraine Perazzo**. Monica brought a gift, thinking she was going to **Amy Perazzo's** Sweet 16 bash. **John Cruse** was feted again and again by friends and family on the occasion of his special birthday. (We won't tell his lucky number). **Audrey Moerlins** celebrated her June 5 birthday by working hard all day at the Trash and Treasure sale. The team managed to squeeze a little time out to sing "Happy Birthday" and let her blow out the candles on her cake.

Best wishes on their graduation to **Danny White** who will head for Chaminade High School in the fall. We also congratulate **Danny and Joey Termini** graduating from Rocky Point High School, and **Lauren Perazzo** who received her degree from Stony Brook University. Another graduate, **Ted Glinka**, had the honor of being chosen Valedictorian at his graduation from Mercy High School in Riverhead. He starts his freshman year at Stony Brook. In the fall, **Dorothy Villarans'** grandson **Timothy** received his wings from the Air Force Academy in Tucson, Arizona. He is now a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, specializing in atmospheric science.

Many blessings to **Colin Bonomi** and **Brian Cruse** on their First Communion and **Christopher Costanzo** on his Confirmation. **Michael Pantozzi** and **Joan Stenson** were honored at the St. Louis de Montfort Stewards dinner in May. They were presented with the Grignon Award for the many years of service to the Parish.

We proudly mention the appearance of **Daniel McCabe** in the play **Trust** at the York Theatre in Theatre Row and **Jessica Kearns** lovely vocals on a radio station in Connecticut near her college of Sacred Heart.

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We have sad news to report too. Our condolences go to the families of **Charles Strittmatter** and **Richard Hartig** who passed away within a week of each other.

**Charles** wanted to be remembered as *Charlie the Plumber* and as a friend of St. Patrick's Parade. (He looked great in his top hat at the Parade). We always enjoyed Charlie coming to solve our plumbing problems, while he shared the news of our town over a cup of

coffee. He was a long time member of SBPOA, and he and his family could always be called upon to help with our activities.

**Richie Hartig** was one of the owners of Hartlin's. He could always be counted on to treat his customers with friendship and respect. He enjoyed people and they enjoyed spending time with him. He also was a friend of St. Patrick and an officer in the Mount Sinai Yacht Club. SBPOA is very grateful to him for all the support he gave us. He always contributed to all our events and was particularly helpful at 'Clam - B - Que' time.

Both men will be missed.



We would like to spread our wings to include many more of our Sound Beach residents. Tell us the "**News About You**" by writing to SBPOA, P.O. Box 213 Sound Beach, NY 11789. Attention: Newsletter

## Business News

*By Eileen Cantwell*

I've always been told to start with the positive first. And so I will. All of our businesses in town are operated by pleasant, efficient individuals who keep their places clean and well stocked. You don't have to go out of town to get great sandwiches and staples from any one of our three delis.

Want a sit-down or take-out meal? Again, you don't have to go out of town. You can enjoy **Rubino's** Pizza, Sweet and Sour Shrimp from the **Great Wall**, Saurbraten at **Hartlins**, and late night meals at **Mumbles** For help in reading the menus, get stylish new glasses from **Echo Optical**. You

would rather cook? Pick up a steak at **Antonio's**. The thoughtful owner is open on Sundays when unexpected company may arrive at your door. (They close on Mondays). Top off any meal with wine from **North Country Wines and Liquors**. To look your best, get your clothes cleaned at **Angel Touch** in the square. (If you pay in advance, you get a discount). Now that your clothes are all spruced up, get yourself a haircut at the **Sound Beach Barber Shop** (pick up your beach tags while you are there) or **Impressive Cuts**. For special occasions, you can get beautiful at **Shear Style or Shear Extacy**. And they are all right here in Sound Beach. Your car needs

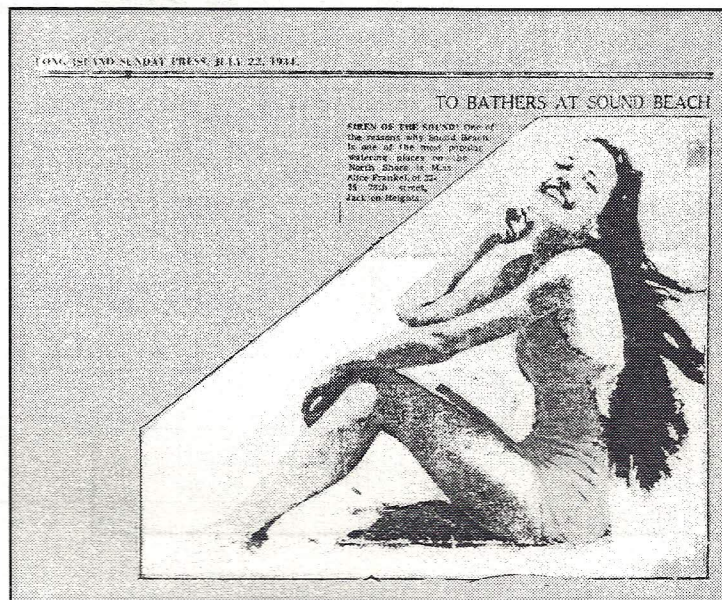


repairs or just gas? **Matt's Collision, Matt's One Stop or Nascar** are ready to help you right here in our town. A problem with your plumbing? Call **Schwambs Plumbing**. They respond quickly. Wash all the towels you used to clean up with at the **Washing Well Laundromat**. You may need a second bathroom, or another bedroom or a whole new house. Contact **Bob Bedrossian Real Estate**. Ouch! A toothache? See **Dr. Fuchs**. Getting baptized? Married? Confused? Your spiritual needs can be met at **St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church**, or **Sound Beach Community Church**. (Don't you just love their Bulleting Board? Example "Sign broken – Message inside")

Again, I repeat, you do not have to go out of town for any of these services. BUT, I did have to go out of town for First Communion Cards, a birthday cake, washers for my hose, a video, books, CD's, pet supplies, grass seed, a prescription and a big chocolate sundae.

It wasn't always this way. In the very early years, there was a *Bohacks* and *Caggiano's Drug Store* where **Mumbles** is now. *Calace's Superior Market* occupied the space just vacated by **Rubinos'** and *Scotty's* grocery was on Echo Ave.

In the 50's there was *Marvin's Sweet Shop* in the square, where everyone hung out. Next to it was a *Variety Store* which sold EVERYTHING (*Ed.'s note: I used to live in that store – I bought every Spalding – pronounced 'Spaldeen' – they had!*) *Hometown Hardware* was in the space now occupied by the barber and the tailor (formerly a card store). Later, Marvin's was replaced by a video store. Another Video Store – *Mr. C's* – moved into the Echo Ave. complex and *Paperclip Stationery* was nearby. Today, with all the empty stores in town, why don't enterprising entrepreneur shopkeepers look at our needs and supply them? Then, we will never have to leave town!



## A Very Short Story by a Young Boy About a Very Important Man

*By Jefferson J. Hammer*

When I was about five years old (1938), my father told me about Mr. Dorn and the path that he had made for all of us to get to the beach on the east section of Sound Beach. I never saw Mr. Dorn, nor did I ever know his first name, but a child of five should not know the first name of an important man. I did know, however, where Mr. Dorn lived. It was on the same road as my home, Brookhaven Drive. Everyday that I went to the beach and came back from a day of swimming, I would pass Mr. Dorn's house. As I said, he lived on Brookhaven Drive, and as I now look at a map of the area, it was somewhere around Lot 222.

Dorn's path to the beach was located around Lot 26, facing the Sound and between Brookhaven and Amagansett Drives. Later, our means of getting to the beach was changed to the northern end of Amagansett Drive.

No longer would I use Dorn's path to go to the beach, but for a very long time, this kid would never forget Mr. Dorn and his path.



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