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Is there any yellow quite as yellow as the sudden spray of forsythia across the dormant gray backdrop of March. Isn't it always thrilling, this brilliant burst of color, which announces the beginning of Spring... then daffodils, tulips, magnolias, cherry blossom, dogwood all opening their blossoms practically before our eyes. Lilacs, Azalea, Rhododendron, Lilies... It happens so quickly; We long for the season to linger as it builds to a heartbreaking momentum. The sunlight stretches through out the long day to evening, we shed our shoes and bare our winter skin to the warmth, reveling in the freedom and rightness we feel in as the barriers between us and the natural world melt away. Like flowers reaching for the sun, we become stronger, more resplendent, more connected to the vibrant, beautiful Earth. Then.... Summer arrives!

ASSOCIATION NEWS Despite the sadness that the year held for us as an community and an organization, we have been working hard to make sure that this, our 70th summer is a successful and enjoyable one. The steps at the East Beach are finished and the beach ready for summer fun, thanks to the hard work of volunteers including the Brochatelli family, Paul Piciotti, Andy Petrilak and Chris Gobler. The steps have been completed on the West Beach, and we're hoping that Mother Nature will assist us in covering the rocks that were exposed this Winter, (Usually she deposits a fresh layer of sand with the Spring tides.) Otherwise we will have to use some creativity and muscle to smooth it out! Tags are ready and for sale at the barber shop or through Eileen Cantwell at 744-6487. The staff is gearing up and systems are GO!

New in town? Here's who we are!

The Sound Beach Property Owners Association was founded in 1929 by a group of new landowners. At the time, Sound Beach was predominantly a summer community. The beaches and the cliff property were deeded to the membership, which meant that the S.B.P.O.A would assume responsibility for taxes, maintenance and insurance. Having a beautiful private beach seemed a priority and privilege worth a sacrifice, so the membership voted to collect dues for that purpose. We are still passionately committed to maintaining the beaches and the two cliff access points. We also have a beautiful clubhouse which we use for special events, and rent to community members for their celebrations. As Sound Beach has changed, so have we broadened our goals to include issues of public safety, and community development. The volunteer board meets monthly; all meetings are open to the community. Please call Chairman, Vic Scalone at 744-5678 for meeting times.

Fund Raising Update

Membership Report

Our 1999 Membership Drive has gotten off to a good start, (Thanks to all of you who renewed early!) but it's crucial that we increase our membership this summer...several families have moved away and in order to continue to do what we do... we need to add to the energy and spirit of the Association. Last year we had only 178 households; this Summer we really have to hit the 200 mark!

Please use the form in this newsletter to renew you membership! And most importantly **TALK US UP!** If you have new neighbors, tell them about us! Keep your beach photos prominently on display or direct them to either ramp so that they can see the spectacular view of the Sound. Make sure that new residents know about our organization, our beaches, our great parties...and that we warmly welcome new members!

Thank you again to all who continue to join the S.B.P.O.A! You are our life's blood and no matter how many fund-raisers we struggle to put together throughout the year, it is YOU who make it possible for us to enjoy another summer here. Thank You Thank You Thank You!

For those of you who are new to the area, and would like to know more about us, please call 744-6487 for more information, come to our Open Beach Day, and become a member early in the season, so that your family can take advantage of all that this special place has to offer.

Bulkhead Fund

Every time I see the sturdy new bulkheading protecting the bluffs on the West ramp, I say a silent "thank you" to the people who donated money to this special project and to those who have organized events over the last few years (1/2 of the proceeds go automatically into the Bulkhead fund, 1/2 to the General Fund) And every time I see the old bulkhead, (which has served us well over the last 15 years), now beginning to succumb to the elements, despite the the valiant effort of volunteers who devote time and muscle...repairing, reenforcing and shoring it up, I think "**OUR JOB IS NOT DONE!**" The account is remaining active and the money will be used for future beach and clubhouse repair projects...new bulkheading on both beaches in the near future of course maintenance of the steps is an ongoing project. The Clubhouse is also in need of repairs and improvements so that it will remain an attractive alternative for those who wish to rent it for parties. If you have never contributed to this fund, feel free to do so now, add a little to your membership dues if you can!

Can and Bottle Drive

The Can and Bottle Drive is beginning again! Drop your redeemable empties at 15 Riverhead Drive Marty Fullam will return them and deposit the proceeds into the bulkhead fund. This fundraiser has been very successful over the last few seasons!

Pennies for the Beach

Yes, we are literally rolling pennies! Many members keep a change jar in their home marked "For the Beach". Family members and sometimes guests toss spare change in throughout the year. Try it! Its a great way to get even the little ones involved in caring for the beach that they love. Then bring the coins to an event, board meeting or call 744-6487 to arrange a pickup. You'll be surprised at how quickly it adds up.

Community and Business News

Why cook? Especially on a Friday night after staying on the beach to watch the Port Jeff Ferry silhouette against the setting sun..... What choices we have right here in town! Stuffed Vegetable Pizza at Rubino's , Szechuan Shrimp and Chicken at The Great Wall Restaurant , Salmon in Dill Sauce at Hartlin's, homemade bread and soup at Gene's Kitchen. Speaking of Gene's...he's expanding! Watch for Gene's Cafe! Mr C's has moved next door in the same building, leaving room for Gene to put in tables and chairs so now you can eat in or take out! When you're finished, browse through the hundreds of items at Korner Bargains. You're sure to find something you need...at a very inexpensive price. Pick up a new release or an old favorite at Mr C's Video ,then head up the hill for a nice bottle of wine at North Shore Wines and Liquors. Stock up on groceries at Handy Pantry!

If you are barbequeing, the cuts of meat (I can say from personal experience that the Black Angus on the grill is a meal to make a memory) and the marinade (an old family recipe we hear) from Prime Butcher will delight your backyard guests. Drop off your laundry at the Washing Well and bring home dessert from the Buddy's Country Cottage Bakery!

Back to the square...Stop in at Deli Express, which has opened in the space of the former Heavy's or, if you go way back , where Sam's Butcher Shop and Grocery thrived (Sam, by the way, is dancing and dining at senior citizen affairs) Across the street, enjoy the added color and beauty that the newly planted flowers add to the area in front of Rubino's, The Great Wall , Special Moments Stationery Store and The Village Square Barber Shoppe (where, incidentally, you can also pick up your beach tickets!) Around the corner, the new hair and nail salon, Shear Style, has opened next to the Sound Beach Deli (noted for their breakfast bacon and egg on a roll).

See Bob Bedrossian for your Real Estate Needs (in the big red building on Northport) and Matt's One Stop for your gas and auto repairs. A special thank you to them for keeping The Children's Park clean and lovely!

We'd love to know what you think would draw business to the remodeled stores on Echo Avenue on the hill...Business offices? Clothing Outlet, a cluster of Antique Stores? Send us your ideas!

After an vigorous petition and letter writing campaign, (a joint effort of the Sound Beach Property Owners Association and the Sound Beach Civic Association) we are waiting for the Town of Brookhaven Highways Department to fulfill its promise to have Sound Beach roads repaved by the end of 1999. We encourage you to press your legislators, (as we will be doing) to keep the ball rolling on this much needed project. Write or call Harold Malkmes, Supt of Highways 732-3571

UPDATE ON "STEINER'S WOODS"

Many of us have been concerned about the beach front parcel of land referred to as "Steiner's Woods," a beautiful lush wooded home for a variety of animals and indigenous plants. Thanks to the efforts of community leaders, the Sound Beach Civic Association and County Legislator Martin Haley, who introduced the bill, it has been placed on a list of parcels to be acquired and preserved in their natural state as a part of the county's Open Space Preservation Program. Suffolk County's Chief Executive Robert Gaffney signed legislation authorizing the preservation of the land and, if negotiations with the current owner are successful, it will remain undeveloped. In addition to preserving the beauty and environmental balance, this will also protect an swale, a depression which provides natural drainage for the area.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

SPRING PLANTING Pull on your Gardening Gloves and lets give Mother Nature a hand! Margaret Von Anken is organizing an ongoing community project to to beautify and reenforce the bluffs and and the clubhouse grounds. Please call 744-8454 if you are able to donate a plant, seedlings or shrubs. Margaret suggests Black Eyed Susans and Rosa Rogosa, but there is room and need for many varieties. This is a great project for children, too ... scout troops, classes are welcome! Plant a tree to commemorate a special occasion in your life!

TRASH AND TREASURE SALE

June 5th & 6th 10am to 4pm

Spring Cleaning? Donate to the Trash & Treasure Sale, to be held to benefit the Association. Our organizers, Eileen Cantwell & Audrey Moerlins, who are putting it all together (for the 4th year!) are accepting donations. Call 744-6487 to arrange delivery or to volunteer to help out! Or come and do some treasure hunting!

GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, June 13th 1pm

We'll be hosting a General Meeting at the Clubhouse to report to the membership as the Summer season begins. Refreshments will be served, beach tags will be available, sign up sheets for Summer committees will be posted. Everyone is welcome! We need a hospitality committee of current members to represent us that day (call 744-6487) if you can meet and greet! If you're new in town and would like to know more about us, this will be a good time and place to meet members, ask questions, make suggestions! Watch for more details!

FREE BEACH DAY

June 26th

If you need more convincing, come and enjoy a free day in the sun and salt water on our private beaches on the Sound! On this day, at the beginning of the summer, the beach will be open to folks who would like to see what "Summer, Sound Beach Style" is all about (no long lines of cars, small private and protected strip of beach, friendly community of members of all ages) We hink that once you try it , you'll be back for more.

9TH ANNUAL CLAM-B-QUE

July 17th 6 pm to Midnight

Many of you have already marked the third weekend of July on your calendars! Whether its for the great food, the non-stop dancing, the chance to whoop it up under the stars with summer friends (old and new), the chance of reuniting with a pal from the past, (or all of the above!) folks return to this great party year after year! Organizers Ellen Kretschmer and Carol Hetherington, both known for their expert and creative party giving skills, have given us a tradition to carry on... and we do, with vigor!

FIELD DAY

August 7th West Ramp

Games for young and not so young, Races, Prizes, Raffles, Refreshments. Join us on the beach for a day of friendly competition and fun! This Sound Beach Summer tradition has been going on Forever! Beginning with the cornhusking contest (for the under three's) through the running, crabwalk, potato sack and swimming races it's a great day! Line up a partner and start practicing for a three legged race!

ANNUAL MEETING *August 21st 9am*

All members are urged to attend the annual meeting, to be held at the Clubhouse. The Auditing committee will give its report. The nominated slate for the board of directors and the proposed budget for the coming year will be presented to the membership for a vote. Please come and participate in this important process.

And later ...please join us to celebrate our...

70TH BIRTHDAY PARTY! August 21 4pm
 Honorary Chairman George Fecht is hosting our celebration of 70 years as an association...70 years of working together to make Sound Beach the place we love, the place we raise our families and the place we return to year after year. Festivities will begin at 4pm. There will be displays of memorabilia, invited dignitaries, music, dancing and food! Jan Whiten will be coordinating the menu; please volunteer to help her or lend a hand on one of the other committees (set up, decorations, clean up, etc.) Call some old Sound Beach friends and convince them to make a special appearance! Call 744-4799 for info or to volunteer.



And looking forward...

On September 19th we will again be participating in the American Littoral Society's Beach Cleanup. We will be among many sites along the East coast participating in this important event. Watch for more details.

NEWS ABOUT YOU

Sometimes Marco Island, Florida seems like a dream in which you see the people in your life all together (and in their bathing suits!) in a completely different setting. It's no dream... it's just the seasonal migration which continued this winter. Many of our members dropped in at Kretch's to sample the food that tastes so good at the Clam-b-Que! In addition to family members, Gloria & Rudy Yorio, Bill & Lee Winniarski, Linda & Richie Morea, Betty Mayer, John Foley, Michele & Walter Demerle, John Cruse, Pat & John O'Neill, Colleen Termini, and more! Sissy Lane & her son, Matt went to Marco Island to visit Melissa, who cooked in Kretch's, learning the culinary secrets of Chef Bruce Kretschmer. Back in S.B., lots has happened over the Winter. Welcome to Jared Thomas Farrell, born Jan 31st to Dorothy & Mike Farrell, Matthew Joseph Saulle, born Nov. 16th, to Danielle & Matthew Saulle, and to Joseph Thomas Chianese, born Feb. 4th to Jeanne & Tom Chianese. Grandmother Millie Chianese deserves congratulations on two counts, her new grandchild and on her retirement from the Post Office after many years of service. At the P.O., Millie had such a wonderful smile on her face and such helpful ways... and she knew everyone. We wish her much happiness! Congratulations to our local dentist, Dr. Laurence Fuchs & his wife, Maryanne, who are celebrating the 25th year of his practice in Sound Beach! Congratulations to all this year's First Communicants, including Halley Kretschmer, Cassidhe & Corey Streeff. We know there are more.. please send news about your special occasions! Dorothy Boerste is travelling the world again, this time in a professional capacity. She's making a presentation on the treatment of sexually reactive children at International Psychological Conferences in Prince George, Canada and in Aberdeen, Scotland, detailing a group treatment that she developed and has implemented in San Francisco, where she lives with her daughter Molly. Sue Streeff, also living in S.F. is studying ESL Education in anticipation of a move to Brazil!

Sound Beach lost several of its long time residents this year. We extend our sympathy to the families of
Joe Villaren, Tom Hetherington, Richard De Santis and Ginny Myatt Cruse

The Sound Beach Property Owner's Association, a 70 year old community organization is open to new and renewing members. With your membership you get:

Beach Rights for Your Family and Any Out of Town Visitors

Discounted Rental Rate of our Clubhouse Facilities for your Private Parties

A Voice in Decision Making About Issues That Will Affect Your Community

Opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors

*A Chance to Be a Part of a Vital Community Organization With a Friendly,
Dedicated and Eclectic Membership!*

*Your Only Responsibility 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 stairs have been filled with enough joy that you will want to share the responsibility with us!*

Membership Dues are what keeps us going year after year. We are responsible for taxes and insurance. There are monthly operating expenses for the Clubhouse. Then there are substantial seasonal expenses for the beaches ... permits, maintenance security and lifeguards! Please help us maintain and preserve the Beaches!

Application for 1999 S.B.P.O.A. Membership.

Please complete and send Check Payable to the S.B.P.O.A. to P.O. Box 213, Sound Beach, N.Y., 11789, Att: Membership

Name: _____

CIRCLE ONE

Address: _____

Reg membership \$150

Senior Membership \$125

Phone: _____

Contribution to Reserve Fund _____

In Memoriam Thomas Hetherington

Our President, Thomas Hetherington passed away suddenly on April 24. Tom had been president for less than three years, but in that time he had accomplished much.

He was proactive in his responsibilities to make the association better and more fulfilling. The vision of a stronger association built on smart fiscal management had revived our organization. I personally enjoyed working with Tom, whether it was planning the agenda for a meeting with local officials or building stairs for our beloved beaches. I came to know him as a friend as well as an associate. He was always there when needed. His loss is a great one for us and the future will be a greater challenge without him. Hopefully, we will pick up the torch he has laid down and continue the dream. Rest in peace, Tom, and thank you for contributing so much in such a short time....Vic Scalone

Thank you to Prudential Real Estate for running the Sound Beach Photography contest. The winners were:

1st place: Edith Kelly

2nd place: Mike Broszczak

3rd place: Kathleen Takami

4th Place : Anne Hetherington

We would love to feature photos at our 70th Anniversary Celebration! Please call 744-6487 if you have memorabilia, photos or ideas for this display.

Thank you to representative Martin Haley securing a grant to the S.B.P.O.A. for Clubhouse improvements

Ginny Myatt Cruse came to Sound Beach with her parents, brothers and sisters in the early 30's. What wonderful happy times they had growing up in the house on Mincola Road. When Ginny married, she and her husband, John, bought their house on Glenn Drive.

Their own three children, Susan, Gerard and Eileen grew to love summers in Sound Beach and now their eight grandchildren are building their own memories. It was said of Ginny that whenever she made a friend she made a friend for life. All her friends benefited from her loyalty, her sense of humor, her good advice, her capacity for kindness and love. We can still see her coming down the stairs in her Rheingold hat, joining the circle with a remark that had us laughing even before she sat down.

We will miss her.

Eileen Lavin Cantwell

