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Sounds from the Beach

A Letter from the President-

Spring has returned and that means beach season is fast approaching. This is a warm welcome back to previous members and hello to all new!

Tags are available! The SBPOA board is comprised of your friends, neighbors and family all working together to keep our beaches, access points and parklands clean and enjoyable – join us the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm for our board meetings. (Zoom log in info is sent to each member) We encourage all to pick up trash (yours or not) when you see it and please clean up after your dogs. There are some new businesses in our town. PLEASE VISIT AND SUPPORT THEM- small businesses are important for a stable community and we look to them to support our various fundraising efforts.

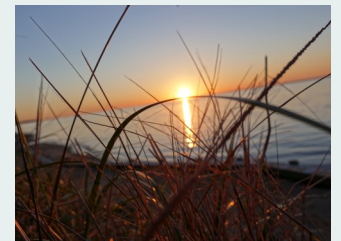
SBPOA will be throwing its annual field day event July 29th – this a fun-filled day with raffles, prizes, games, music and more, more, more- please mark your calendars now. As always, SBPOA board as a group and I in particular wish everyone well and look forward to seeing and chatting with you all!!!

Dorothy Farrell- president

ONGOING WORK PARTIES - VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED!!!

Please remember to bring up anything you may have left at the beach, including plastic bottles and bags. Thank you

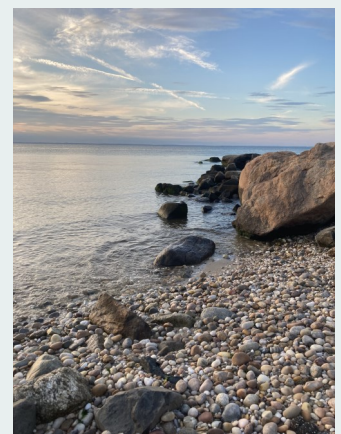
“Coopers little free library at west ramp is open- take a book, leave a book”



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PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR BEACHES CLEAN!!!



Sound Beach Property Owners Association Inc. (SBPOA)

2023 Membership Application

Renewing member (Tag #) New member
I need replacement plastic tags (No tag fee)
(Add \$5)

Name(s):

Sound Beach Address:

Mailing Address (if different):

(When should mailings be sent to this mailing address? Dates? Always?)

Phone(s):

Email address(es): @

@

We/I am a ... Homeowner? or Tenant?

(If a tenant, who is your landlord?)

I hereby apply for the following:

Regular membership @ \$300 (5 tags) for one household (\$275 if paid before April 1)

Discounted memberships:

Veteran Membership @ \$275 (5 tags) for one household (\$250 if paid before April 1)
[US Armed Forces Veteran; proof of veteran status must be submitted once]

Active Service Membership @ \$250 (5 tags) for one household (\$225 if paid before April 1)
[Volunteer Firefighter, Active US Military; proof of current service must be submitted annually]

Senior Membership @ \$225 (5 tags) for one household (\$200 if paid before April 1)
[65 or older, proof of age must be submitted once]

Dues \$ Replacement Tags \$ Kayak second spot fee (\$25)
Total Payment Enclosed \$ I paid online (You still must submit an application.)

Would you add a donation to SBPOA? Thank you!
Donation to the General Fund \$ Donation to the Clubhouse Fund \$

Do you want a spot on the kayak rack this year? You MUST submit a kayak application.

Make checks payable to the Sound Beach Property Owners Association and mail to:
SBPOA, PO Box 213, Sound Beach, NY 11789-0213

This membership is for the sole use of the applicant(s) and members of their immediate household. Memberships are not to be shared or transferred. Your payment of membership dues indicates acceptance of these conditions. Memberships are non-refundable. Membership is for the calendar year regardless of the date joined. Membership email: membership@sbpoa.org

SOUND BEACH MEMORIES

Beach Cleanup 2022

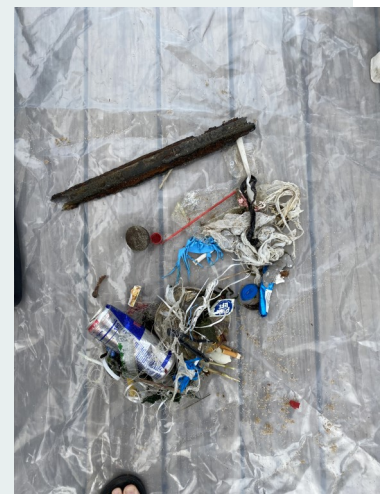
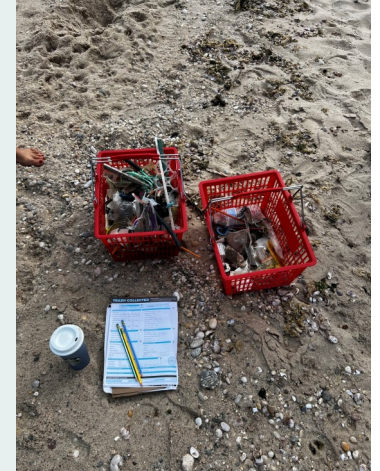
By: Cindy DeLuca

The beach cleanup was held on September 17th in conjunction with the American Littoral Society. Volunteers picked up trash found on SBPOA beaches and the type of trash was tabulated and forwarded to the Littoral Society. The Littoral Society tracks trash trends and our input helps their efforts to communicate with the sources of the trash to help protect marine life in our waters. Thank you to members of SBPOA who take pride in our beautiful shoreline.

The American Littoral Society promotes the study and conservation of marine life and habitat, protects the coast from harm, and empowers others to do the same.

“Since 1961 we have empowered people to care for the coast through advocacy, conservation, and education. We not only provide a voice for the coast, but also give concerned citizens the knowledge and tools they need to raise their voices with us. When we restore habitat, our objective is not only to restore a dune or rebuild an oyster reef, but also to motivate people to invest “sweat equity” into a piece of the coast, take ownership and become committed stewards. When we educate, we don’t merely provide books, CDs, or handouts. We lead students young and old into the water to get their feet wet and their hands muddy. Sitting at a computer or reading a book, people may develop an interest in the coast; standing knee deep in sea foam with sand between their toes, they will develop a passion for the coast.”

<https://www.littoralsociety.org/>



Dear SBPOA Member, **COMMUNITY NEWSFLASH!**

Board Member Cindy DeLuca brought this program to my attention. Homeowners in Sound Beach are eligible, and can receive up to \$500 reimbursement.

Details here: <https://longislandwave.com/news/long-island-regional-planning-council-to-offer-garden-rewards-grant-program-for-homeowners-to-reduce-runoff-and-nitrogen-pollution>



The Board of Directors of the Sound Beach Property Owners Association (SBPOA) invites you to take advantage of our unique community and **join SBPOA for 2023.**

SBPOA is a 94-year old organization formed by the early owners of property in this area who saw a need to band together to facilitate stewardship of the adjoining Long Island Sound shoreline. SBPOA volunteers today work to maintain access to the beaches, organize social events for our community, and maintain our clubhouse.

Benefits of SBPOA membership include:

- Beach access for your household and out-of-town visitors year-round
- Kayak/Paddleboard storage on West Beach racks
- A discounted rental rate for our clubhouse facilities for your private parties
- A voice in decisions that affect SBPOA
- An opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors (*SB property owners only*)
- The chance to be a part of a vital community organization with a friendly and eclectic membership

A membership application is enclosed. You can pay the membership fee by mailing a check (PO Box 213, Sound Beach, NY 11789), or you can pay online (<https://sbpoa.org/pay-annual-dues>) with PayPal. Note that the processing fee that PayPal charges is included if you pay online.

Regardless of how you pay, please return a completed application form so that we can keep the SBPOA database up to date. Renew before April 1 to keep your 2022 tag number. *Note that renewing members will receive **decals** to update the plastic tags received last year. The decals must be placed on the plastic tags to show current membership. Replacement plastic tags cost \$5.*

You must submit a kayak application if you want a spot on the kayak racks at West Beach. Renew before April 1 to keep your 2022 rack location(s) for this season. If you want a second spot, there will be a fee of \$25.

We look forward to hearing from you! Any questions? Email us at membership@sbpoa.org.

Sincerely,
Board of Directors, SBPOA

Enclosures

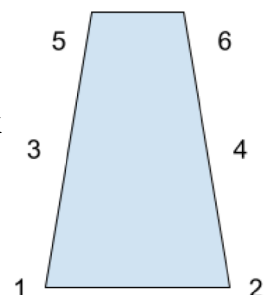
You must submit a kayak application if you want a rack spot.

“Announcement”



Kayak spots will be in numerical order not by tag number!

"Each rack has been painted according to this plan. Kayak owners are notified as to their *position* on a specific rack."



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If you would like to place an ad, please contact us via email at sbpoainfo@sbpoa.org or call / text at 631-965-7301. Thank you again for your continued support of our local organization.

In February, the Rocky Point Sound Beach Chamber of Commerce held their Business Awards Gala.

Nicole Dionne-Kehlenbeck represented the SBPOA and won the Moeller "Spirit of Sound Beach" Award. The picture is of her and the RPSB Chambers President Gary Pollakusky.



“Have You Seen Me?”

By Pat Grove



Photo: Cynthia DeLuca

This shell, familiar to all who walk the shoreline in Sound Beach, was produced by a type of snail, the Atlantic limpet — a member of the same larger biological group as the clam and the mussel. The underside of the shell has a shelf-like projection, sort of resembling a bedroom slipper, hence the common name, slipper shell. Judging from the number of shells that wash up on our shore, the Atlantic limpet likes Sound Beach!

Crepidula, as biologists know it, has a very interesting life history. The animal lives in the shallow water just off shore, feeding on small food items that it filters from the water. But like many marine animals, it starts its life as part of the plankton, very small floaters that move primarily with the waves and currents. When the Atlantic limpet matures, it settles to the bottom, attaches to a rock or another shell, and begins the process of forming its shell by pulling minerals from the seawater. The shell can grow up to 1.5 inches long.

Have you ever seen these animals layered in stacks or chains in the water? What you are seeing is a mixed-sex group that can number up to a dozen snails. The larger females are lower in the pile, the smaller males on top. Each limpet starts its adult life as a male, able to produce sperm. Later in its life, it becomes female, able to produce eggs.

Most Atlantic limpet mating occurs in May and June. The males release sperm into the females. Fertilized eggs (numbering 70-100 per female) are attached to a solid surface. The single-celled zygote, as it is called, copies its cells over and over until becomes a larger but still microscopic swimming animal called a larva. The larva drifts in Long Island Sound until it reaches the size to settle and start the transition to shelled adulthood.

Oyster farmers on eastern Long Island in the 19th century used the shells of these snails as a foundation for oyster beds, but today the Atlantic limpet is considered a nuisance species with few predators, one that competes with oysters for living space. I have seen reports that the Atlantic limpet is quite delicious to eat, so they may well become one of our seafood choices in the future.

“Special Announcements”

Field day will be July 29, 2023
(rain date: July 30)



— SBPOA was delighted to participate in the Rocky Point-Sound Beach Chamber of Commerce Spring Fling held in the SB “Square” on April 22. It was a lovely day with plenty of opportunities to meet and talk with members of our community. Children had fun decorating shells and rocks. Pat Grove, Patrice Perreca, Liza Murphy, and Dot Farrell staffed the information table, distributing membership materials and brochures, selling our branded merchandise, and running a raffle for 2 passes to Urban Air (donated by Dot Farrell). Congratulations to Luca Calo, our winner of the day!

“SBPOA is aiming to reset the memorial bricks by the clubhouse fall 2023. Please be on look out for info and call out for work party”.

**Sound Beach
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Association**

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SBPOA'S ANNUAL TRASH + TREASURE

**SATURDAY
JUNE 3, 2023**

The Sound Beach Property Owners Association will be holding its annual Trash & Treasure at the Club House on Malba Drive on Saturday, June 3rd from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. In the event of rain, it will be the following week on the 10th.

You may bring your donations to the club house on Wednesday 5/31, Thursday 6/1 and Friday 6/2 between the hours of 4-6 PM. Please bring items in fair to good condition. If these hours do not work for you, please contact Patrice Perreca (631-807-0662) to arrange a convenient time.

We will also be renting outdoor table space for \$25.00 in the event that you would like to sell new, handmade or vintage items. We look forward to our first fundraiser of the season!

