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The SMA 2025 Season Begins



Middletown Avenue Beach is graded and cleaned up, all ready for the summer months. Photo by Rosario Savastra

The weather is getting warmer, the days are getting longer and the sun is shining. It is Springtime at the Manor, and in only a few weeks, the 2025 summer season will begin.

If you are reading this, then you have already received the 2025 Annual Spring Letter via our Gmail account, which has all pertinent information for the upcoming season. If you have a neighbor who did not receive the letter, or if you know anyone who just moved into the neighborhood, please contact us and we will get to work on it.

Please refer to the letter and the recycling brochure for all the details.

'At a Glance'...May 2025

- Clubhouse Cleanup – May 17, 10 a.m.
- Cleanup Rain Date – May 18, 10 a.m.
- Memorial Day Weekend – May 24-26

Events Calendar

We have several events scheduled for the season. There are other possible events in the works...stay tuned.

Clubhouse Cleanup Day – Saturday, May 17, 10:00 a.m. (rain date, Sunday, May 18). This is our annual effort to spruce up the inside and outside of the Clubhouse, along with the Clubhouse Property. Volunteers are needed. Please bring paper towels and glass cleaner.

Fourth of July – Friday, July 4 (as if you did not know the date), 10:00 am

Parade - The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 4th. If you and your bicycle/golf cart are participating in the parade, please meet at the parade starting point by the beach end of Middletown Ave. Children of all ages should decorate themselves and their bikes to join in the fun.

Hot Dog Cookout - The parade ends at the Saybrook Manor Clubhouse where hot dogs will be served.



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Cornhole – July 19, 1:00 p.m.

The Fourth Annual SMA Cornhole Tournament will take place at the Clubhouse. There is no entry fee, but teams must sign up in advance, so we can plan accordingly. Contact Rosario Savastra with your team's name and the names of your team members: rsavastra13@gmail.com .

Bingo, Bango, Bongo – July 5, 11, 26

We have **three** Bingo Nights scheduled for this season, all commencing at **7:00 p.m.** in the Clubhouse.

Saturday, July 5

Friday, July 11

Saturday, July 26

For all BINGO nights, donations of prizes and/or gift cards are much appreciated. Please contact a Board Member if you wish to donate.

There may be other events on the horizon so stay tuned. And we are always looking for volunteers to help.

In Memoriam – Carol Perrone

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of Carol Perrone, sister of our Board Chair Jeanne Boggs. Carol formerly lived on Middletown Avenue before moving to a home on the Oyster River in the Cove. Our sympathy goes out to Jeanne and her family during this difficult time.

Fireworks

We promised not to bring up fireworks in the Sentinel, but 'tis the season,' so we feel compelled to reiterate the Association's stand on this matter. **Saybrook Manor Association does not sanction or support any fireworks events at any time, location, or venue in the association, public or private.**

We understand that some members have concerns for their personal property. We hear you and understand your concerns. The Board has had multiple conversations with Chief Spera of the Old Saybrook Police Department about fireworks. He advised that members are welcome to call the police at any time and voice any concerns they may have regarding this issue. Although Chief Spera is transitioning out of his role with OSPD, his basic advice on this matter remains intact.

Also, it goes without saying that harassment of board members is unacceptable for any reason, fireworks or otherwise. Period. Board members contribute a lot of their own time and money on behalf of the association, with very limited resources and absolutely no compensation.

Again, the SMA Board does not sanction, support or sponsor any pyrotechnical events, so questions or concerns should be directed to OSPD. Thank you for your cooperation.



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Saybrook Manor Pictures Through The Years

By Bill Abbate, with Roy McDougall

Bill Abbate is our resident Saybrook Manor "historian." In addition to his wealth of knowledge of the area's past, he recently provided several photos and commentary from the "olden days." All the captions/narrative are directly from Bill.

These will be published in a series of installments over the next couple of months. Many thanks to Bill and also to Roy McDougall, who helped facilitate the preparation of this material.



These photos are circa 1924. The little one on the right is Lucy Vasques Wadsworth, who lived on 97 Middletown Avenue. The girl on the left is unknown.



This picture was probably taken the same time/day as the previous one, but looking down Middletown Avenue. The cottage appears to be the original of the current one on the beach, right side, at the end of Middletown Avenue.

The next picture of young ladies on the current Cove Beach, in front of the old Clubhouse, dated 1927. The Clubhouse was lost in the hurricane of 1938 and was never rebuilt.





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Photos From 2024 Events



Kevin and George sport their trophy for the third straight year. Will the "Crab Masters" get 'de-clawed' this year, or will they take their fourth straight win? Sign up for a team or just come and watch as they defend their winning streak.



Here's the whole cornhole gang after a really fun afternoon. Looks like Aiden's team didn't do so well, because he literally "lost his shirt". C'mon over on July 19th.

"Top Dog" Rosario grills up them doggies while Rich waits for the next batch to be cooked and delivered. Our servers Doreen ("only one per customer") and Alyssa ("come and get 'em") wait for the masses to arrive.



Happy 249th Birthday USA.

