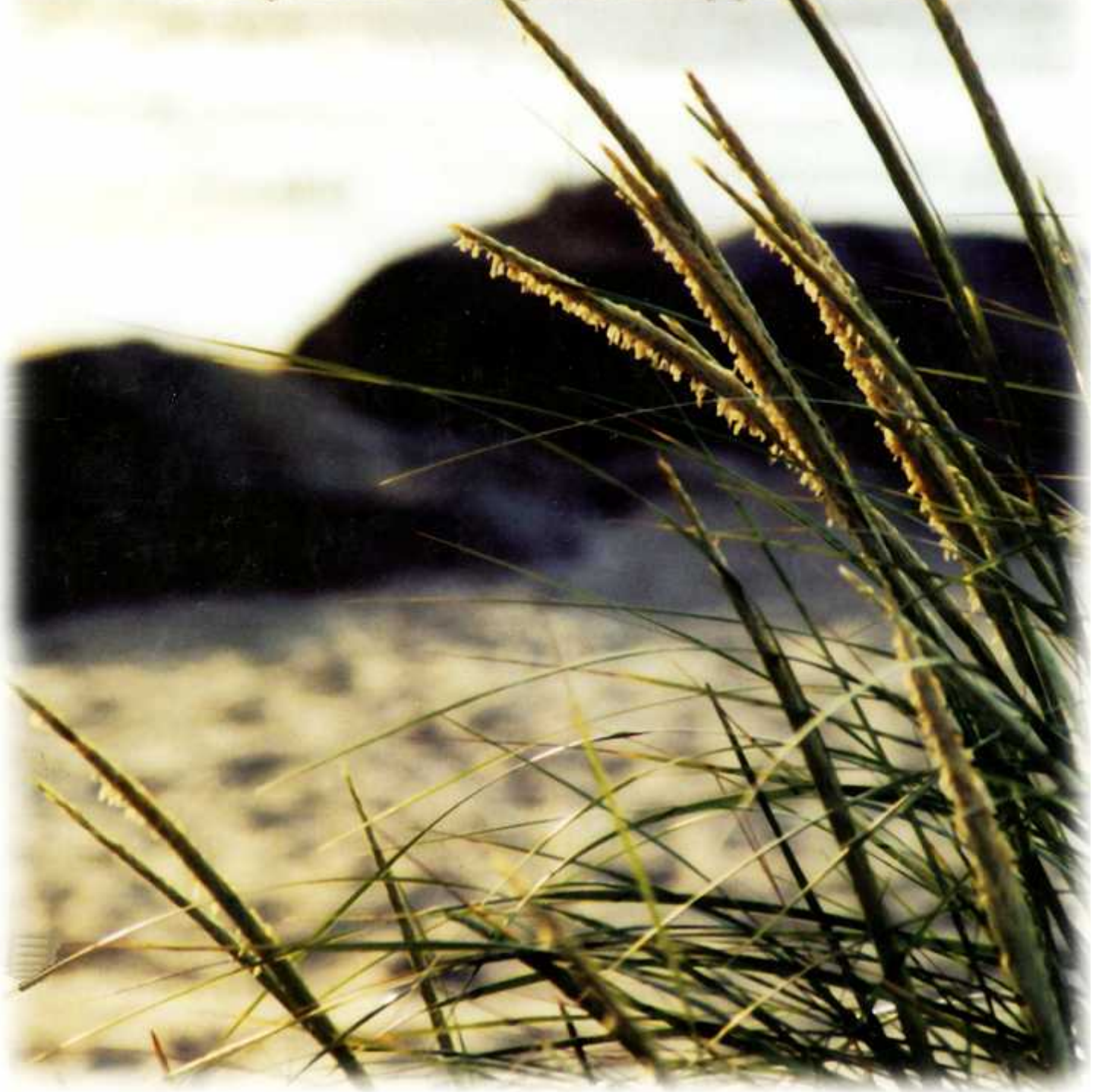


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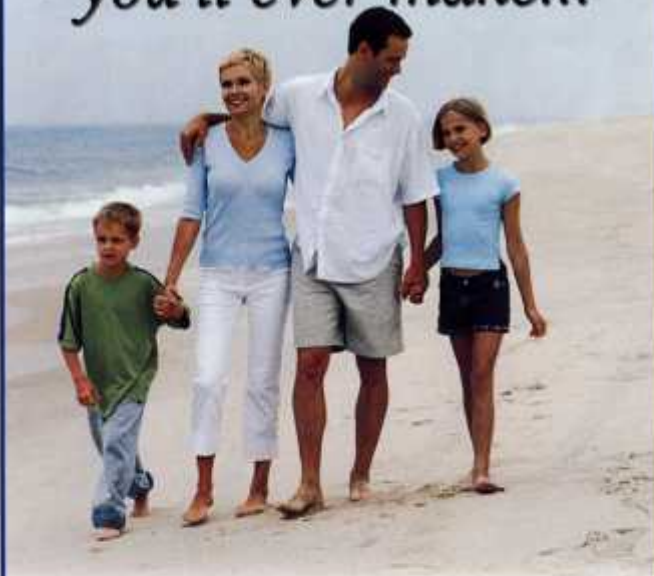
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What Your Membership Dues Are Used For...

An open letter from Membership Chair, Dick Kirsch

You've stopped, waiting for the light to change at the intersection of Rte. 286 and Ocean Blvd. before taking a left into Seabrook Beach. On the island to your left are three large flower-filled containers, courtesy of the Seabrook Beach Civic Association.

To your right is the fenced-in area with the Seabrook Beach Village District sign. The sign, cut grass and colorful wildflowers are all courtesy of the SBCA.

When you make the turn and head North on Rte. 1, the 'Adopt-a-Highway' sign is on the right. Three to four times each summer, SBCA members/volunteers collect trash on both sides of Ocean Blvd. as outlined by the 'Adopt-a-Highway' federal program.

At the next light at Hookset St., you can't miss the beautiful plantings and grass to your right - the Joyce Cargill Memorial corner, another SBCA project. Beyond the lights and continuing on Rte. 1, the additional plantings along the west side of the roadway were planted and are maintained by SBCA volunteers.

Come to any one of our monthly meetings at the Precinct Building, and you could be hearing one of your many elected and/or appointed local public officials, or a guest speaker with an informative and interesting program. The list goes on and on when it comes to the number of worthwhile projects that the SBCA is involved with.

Make sure that you can be counted as an SBCA member; don't miss the opportunity to help us improve and maintain the quality of life for all the residents of Seabrook Beach. (Your annual \$10 dues adds up to about 80 cents a month.)

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Part of the "crew" waiting to "cast off" on the SBCA Merrimack River Cruise.

SBCA River Cruise

The third time is magic! After two weather-related cancellations of the SBCA Merrimack River Cruise, the anchor of Eastman's cruise ship was lifted at 6:30 on Thursday, July 28, and some 60 plus members and friends prepared to enjoy the perfect sailing weather and some wonderful company on board.

A planned sail through the open chain bridge didn't materialize because of mechanical difficulties, but that was the only glitch, and the SBCA couldn't do much about that.

A cash bar and savory munchies kept everyone's appetite under control as we headed back to watch the fireworks at Hampton Beach.



Jacqui Lewis tells Bill Carroll about the fish she caught. (Sounds like a "fish" tale to me)

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All meetings of the SWC are held at the Seabrook Beach Village District Precinct building at 7pm, unless otherwise noted. New members are always welcome.

2005 Calendar & Programs

Thursday, August 11

Watercolor Demonstration / Janet Labrecque

Thursday, September 8

Exeter Hospice Presentation

Saturday, September 10

Food and Yard Sale / Time TBA

Thursday, October 13

Pot Luck Dinner / Yankee Swap 6pm

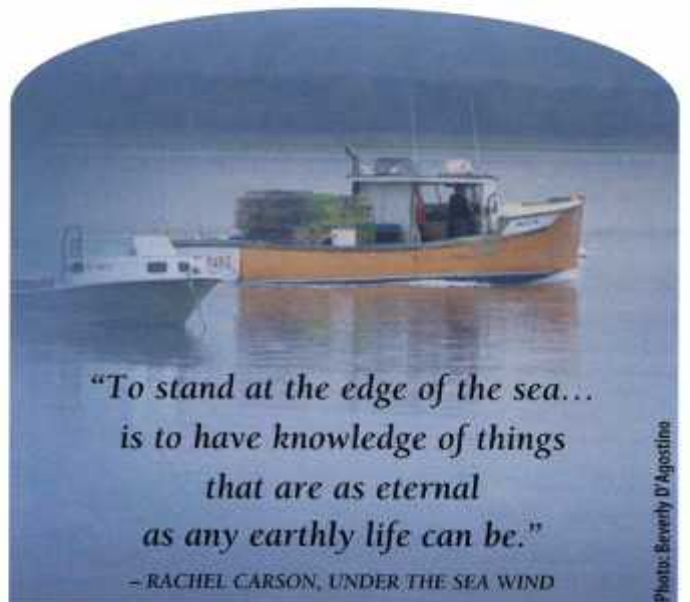
Thursday, November 10

Antiques Appraisal / John McInnes, Auctioneer

Thursday, December 8

Christmas Party

Each year, a \$1000 SWC scholarship is awarded to a deserving Seabrook resident who has attended Winnacunnett High School for four years. Congratulations go to this year's recipient, Amu Antwi Manu.



*"To stand at the edge of the sea...
 is to have knowledge of things
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 as any earthly life can be."*

— RACHEL CARSON, UNDER THE SEA WIND

Photo: Beverly D'Agostino



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Bristol Street Rolls Out the **Red** Carpet

In late May, Peter and Vicki Mitchell extended a warm welcome to the six families who are new homeowners on Bristol Street. Current residents were also invited, resulting in a total turnout of twenty-seven beach enthusiasts. Nametags were worn so that short term memory wasn't a problem (Vicki's words!)

Unexpected donations of food and gift items from local businesses were a big hit, contributing to an appreciation of the support of these establishments for something that seemed so natural to do – welcoming new neighbors. Preston Real Estate donated a large canvas beach bag, a plaque proclaiming 'Home is Where the Beach Is,' three bottles of wine from the New Hampshire Wine and Liquor Outlet, and tickets for a drawing for those in attendance. Winners are pictured: Sal, Ellen, Mary and Frank.

Sharon's Sea Grille stopped by with enough delicious White Chicken Chili chowder for all, and Ida Mae's Deli contributed an enormous carrot cake.

In the Mitchells' own words, "It doesn't take much to make a neighborhood feel like it has always been home."

We say, "Amen to that!"

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Lawmakers OK Emissions Inspection System

B. GARRY RAYNO *Union Leader Staff*

CONCORD — Lawmakers have given final approval to an auto emissions inspection system that is already in place, but currently only advisory.

The House and Senate approved a compromise version of HB 513 that does not cap what service stations charge for the test or for what it costs to repair a vehicle that fails. The House passed the bill on a 273-35 vote, while the Senate approved it on an 18-5 vote.

Under the program, mechanics check on-board diagnostic (OBD) readings on vehicles from the 1996 model year and newer. Until May 1, 2006, the tests are advisory, so car owners would not have to make the repairs in order to pass the annual inspection, but they will be charged for the test.

At one time, lawmakers capped the cost of the testing fee at \$15, but federal officials said they would not approve the plan with the limit.

The advisory period also gives state officials time to develop a program of waivers so low-income car owners don't have to make expensive repairs if their vehicle fails the emissions test. Federal law includes a formula that would set the maximum cost at slightly more than \$700.

House Transportation Committee Chairman Sherman Packard said, "If you kill this bill, you will be hurting the citizens of this state because you will be killing the OBD program." He said there are protections for citizens under the bill.

The tests are required because of a 1998 agreement the state reached with the federal Environmental Protection Agency after the state exceeded maximum air pollution levels in four southern counties.

The OBD system became controversial this winter when service station owners complained the testing equipment was too expensive and would impose an unnecessary burden on their customers.

Stations pay Gordon-Darby, a Kentucky company under contract with the state, for each OBD inspection. The charge is \$5 each but stations often charge more for the tests.



The 2005 SBCA Yard Sale



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Seabrook Beach in the News...

Bob and Colleen Gossett's ocean front gardens on Atlantic Avenue were featured in the March/April issue of ACCENT magazine, a popular home-decorating New Hampshire publication.

Their beachfront yard is only 50 by 100 square feet, but it bursts with color and delights the eye. "The ocean views are spectacular," says Colleen, "but landscaping was a challenge from day one." A husband/wife landscaping team was called in to transform the area. The results speak for themselves, with a well-thought-out combination of perennials and annuals that bring color from April to October, and Colleen admits that she likes the surprise of not knowing what's going to bloom next. ACCENT March/April 2005

An early June airing of **Chronicle** on New Hampshire's Channel 9 featured Ceal's Clam Stand, the local establishment that's been a favorite for beach residents and visitors since 1948.

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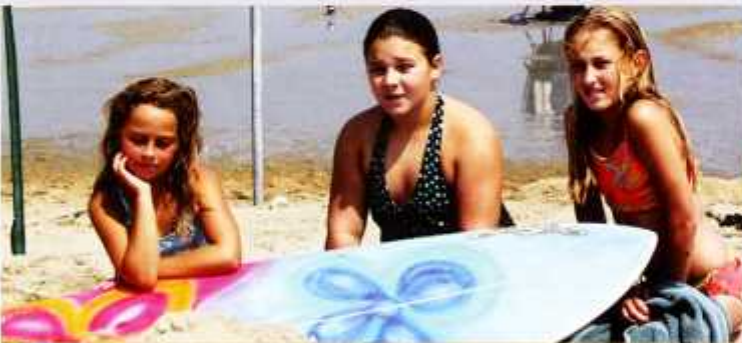
- 1st Place Saba Family "Land Shark"
- 2nd Place Pigott Family "Fenway Park"

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- 1st Place Tie: Gallahue/Gillespie "Tom the Turtle"
- Manning "Jack Manning Memorial Bridge"
- 2nd Place Ciarletta "Octopus"
- 3rd Place Barron/Stone "Turtle"

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Sand Sculpture Photos: Frank Leone

A Big Day for NH Motorists

By GARRY RAYNO *Union Leader Staff*

Technology allowing easier toll collection and auto registration has arrived in New Hampshire, but there may be delays and long lines at Division of Motor Vehicles registration stations while the bugs are worked out of the new registration and title system.

In May, a changeover in software in anticipation of the new system caused the agency's 18 offices and about 80 town hall systems that process car registrations to shut down. The day-and-a-half computer glitch also caused long delays for people seeking licenses.

E-ZPass got its start at 5 a.m. on Monday, July 11. Motorists with E-ZPass accounts were able to cruise through the Hooksett and Bedford toll plazas without stopping.

"Testing continues, but we're pretty confident everything is in place," Department of Transportation public information officer Bill Boynton said of the electronic toll collection system. "The Hampton toll plaza is not the first to accept E-ZPass (transactions), because it has the highest volume (of traffic), and we want to make sure it runs correctly."

Other toll plazas were phased in over the next few weeks, with a goal of having the entire system up and running by Labor Day. People who have signed up for E-ZPass accounts should be receiving transponders for their vehicles, Boynton said. After July 11, they can be used at the New Hampshire plazas and in other states from Maine to Virginia.

As of yesterday (July 7) 37,887 accounts had been set up, with 65,589 transponders ordered, according to Boynton.

"We're pleased by the amount of interest shown so far. Now we'll have to wait and see how many people use them. We also have a built-in customer base of out-of-state users of E-ZPass that will be there right from the beginning as well," he said.

People can sign up for the program on the Internet at www.ezpassnh.com or by phone at 1-877-643-9727, or at sign-in centers just north of the Hooksett tolls, at the Nashua Welcome Center on the Everett Turnpike and the Interstate 95 northbound Welcome Center in Seabrook.

After July 15, the price of the transponders will increase from \$5 to \$27.50 due to a provision of the state budget approved by lawmakers. Gov. John Lynch and the Executive Council wanted to continue turnpike tokens and their 50 percent discount until July 1, 2007, but lawmakers voted to end sales Sept. 30 and end their use Dec. 31.

The New Hampshire E-ZPass system will provide a 30 percent discount to private users and a 10 percent discount to commercial users.

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Photo: Richard



Curbside Rubbish Pickup

Building Inspector, Steve Keany, sent the following letter to local R.E. offices:

I have received several complaints regarding curbside rubbish pickup. Under our current zoning ordinances, garbage must be stored in closed receptacles and left at the curbside on the day of collection. (It is acceptable to do this the night before.) Many residents have called my office complaining of garbage sitting on the roadside for several days. I know that the majority of rentals are from Saturday to Saturday, and that the trash is left by the departing tenants. Although the practice is convenient for the tenant and property owner, it is anything but for residents in the area.

I would like you as the rental agency to notify tenants and owners of the ordinances and insist that those responsible for the problems discontinue their actions. I have made it clear to anyone who observes rubbish along the street that has either been placed there too early or stored improperly (not in covered barrels) to call my office immediately. If the problem continues, I will be forced to begin fining the responsible parties.

We all know that Seabrook Beach is a beautiful place to live and vacation. With a little effort, we can eliminate the trash problem and keep our neighborhoods clean and safe.

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Thanks to Tom Manzi Dodge of Lawrence, MA, and Tom and Sue Manzi for the donation of those tickets. A grand total of \$840.00 was raised, with the proceeds going to fund SBCA beautification projects.



Photo: Beverly D'Agostino

Beach Cleanup

Early season beach cleanup was given a major boost by several area groups, and included students from Winnacunnet and Dover High Schools, and Girl Scouts from Nashua.

Cathy Silver, a Winnacunnet teacher, provided us with the data cards issued by The Ocean Conservancy, and used by her students to analyze data and record debris. Having been involved with this since 1996, the students have a heightened awareness of their surroundings, and are learning to appreciate the value of anti-littering regulations.

Ms. Silver will be bringing the classes to our beaches again in mid September.



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