

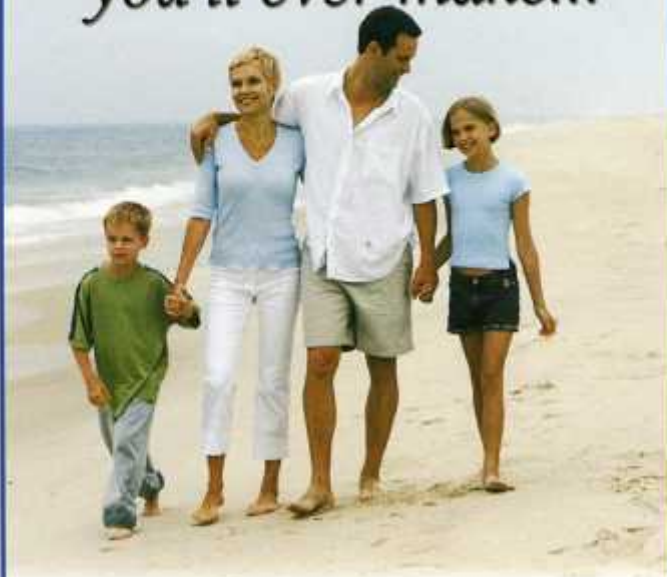
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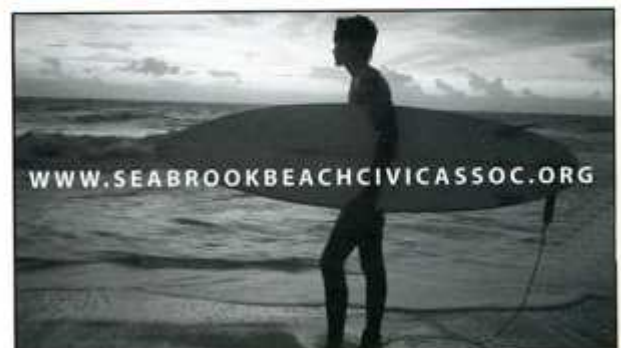
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Board of Selectmen's Meetings**



July 17	Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup Chairperson Hans Roppel
July 19	SBCA General Membership Meeting
July 24/25	SBCA Sand Castle Sculpture Contest Chairs Al Cestrono & Joan Gallahue
August 16	SBCA General Membership Meeting
August 25	Fireworks / Cruise
September 6	Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup Chairperson Hans Roppel
September 20	SBCA General Membership Meeting
October 20	SBCA General Membership Meeting

All meetings are held at the Warren West Memorial Building/Precinct Building at 7pm unless noted otherwise.



Remembering George

Alice Ziady said it best - he was a wonderful man.

Last month our beach community lost a dear friend, a smart, dedicated and incredibly organized charter member of the SBCA. George Ziady kept us all on our toes. He never wasted time on unnecessary discussions. When board meetings got bogged down, George would sit back and bide his time until we all had a chance to vent. Then, in his inimitable way, he would offer his views - usually right on target.

George was the author of our Constitution and By-laws when the SBCA was founded seven years ago. Currently, as chairman of the Program and Nominating Committees, George kept our group active and involved.

We'll miss his professionalism, his persuasive manner, his enthusiasm.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Alice, their son and daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren and extended family.

George, it was a joy and a privilege knowing you...

Seabrook Beach Village District Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of the Seabrook Beach Village District, election results were as follows:

Commissioner (3 Years) - Tom Pike

Clerk (2 Years) - Maureen Essigman

Moderator (1 Year) - Paul Kelley

Treasurer (1 Year) - LeeAnne Falvey

The 2004 budget was set at \$69,770.

Other issues voted on included:

- Approval to construct an addition to the Warren West Memorial Building for storage purposes.
- Majority opposition to fund construction of a flagpole at the foot of Rte. 286; requested by the Seabrook Beach Civic Association.
- Majority opposition to the proposal to form a five-member volunteer committee to study the possibility of separating the district from the Town of Seabrook.

Seabrook Police Non-Emergency Number: 474-5200

Any complaints to the Police Dept. should go through this telephone number. Don't hesitate to use it as often as necessary until your concerns have been addressed. The department is required to follow up on all complaints that come in and pass them on to the Selectmen. Post the number by your telephone and use it judiciously.

Citing a lack of support from the majority of the Board of Selectmen - Cora Stockbridge and Asa Knowles - after the elections in March, Police Chief Bill Baker offered his letter of resignation, effective 21 May 2004. The ensuing controversy has sharply divided the town. A search for a new candidate will be undertaken in the near future.



What's New At The Beach?

It's been a busy winter and spring at Seabrook Beach. Several new business establishments have opened their doors in anticipation of an active summer season.

The **New Hampshire Wine and Liquor Store** has moved into the space previously tenanted by Screen Gems and offers a fine collection of domestic and imported wines and spirits at not-to-be-matched New Hampshire prices.

In the single building just north of Preston Real Estate, **Zapstix Surf Shop** has an impressive inventory of everything needed for a fun day at the beach: surfboards, wetsuits, boogie boards, bikinis, backpacks, sandals, just to name a few. Owners, Mike Paugh and Linda Novak also offer private and group lessons.

Next to the Laundramat, **Ida Mae's Deli** tempts the palate with a variety of sandwiches, subs, wraps, ice cream and home-made pastries. It's the perfect stop when you don't want to be bothered packing a picnic lunch.

Every Sunday evening this summer, enjoy Italian cuisine at **The Seaside Eatery**, with dishes prepared by Chef Kevin Harrington. Hours are 4 to 8pm, BYOB.

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Messy Beach? Here's Why!

If residents don't like the way Seabrook Beach looks, they can blame it on the piping plovers, according to DPW Manager John Starkey.

The tiny birds - listed by the federal government as threatened - have made their annual return to nest on area beaches. While the birds are there, Starkey said, he and his crews can't clean up the beach because of regulations surrounding plover nesting areas. Starkey said the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have forbidden him to put any vehicles on the beach or to rake away the debris and seaweed deposited there. The agencies fear the work could harm the birds.

"In the seaweed, there are bugs that the chicks eat," Starkey said, "and the agencies don't want us to take away the chicks' food. So, we can't clean the beach."


The two wildlife agencies are discriminatory about who is and who isn't allowed to drive on the beach, said Town Manager Fred Welch. They won't even let emergency vehicles drive on the sand. Many restrictions on the beaches remain in effect as long as the birds remain, not just for the hatching season.

Starkey said that some parent plovers have hatched their broods already, while other plover families are still coming to Seabrook to roost.

"Plovers love Seabrook," Starkey said. "They're still arriving."

Conservation Commission Chairman Susan Foote said that the hatching period for the beach birds isn't over yet. Occasionally, if the first eggs don't hatch well, a second breeding period occurs. "Plovers could be laying their eggs here until the end of June," Foote said.

Angeljean Chiaramida
The Eagle Tribune / June 10, 2004



Seabrook Water and Sewer Advisory Committee

Tips on Saving Water

(Getting ready for metered use)

The amounts of water used for domestic purposes depends on where the individual lives. The average resident of Los Angeles uses 122 gallons of water daily, while a New York city resident averages 75 gallons (but the average for the state of New York is 112). In Iowa the average resident uses just 65 gallons per day, but next door in Illinois the average is 90. But you can save wherever you live. If the owners of a typical 10-year-old home installed water-efficient toilets, dishwasher and clothes washer, they could save 18,700 gallons yearly, the U.S. Dept. of Energy says. If every American home were outfitted that way, the annual savings would equal the average flow of the Mississippi River into the Gulf of Mexico for five days. Also, every month, a family of four can save the following amounts by:

- Fixing faucets and toilets that flush themselves: **500 gallons**
- Running your washing machine only when it's full: **up to 2,400 gallons**
- Keeping your shower under five minutes: **up to 1,000 gallons**
- Installing low-volume toilets: **about 480 gallons**
- Installing a low-flow showerhead: **more than 2,000 gallons**
- Turning off water while brushing teeth: **800 gallons**
- Ensuring that your toilet flapper isn't sticking when flushing: **900 gallons or more**
- Turning off the water while you shave: **more than 400 gallons**

TOTAL SAVED MONTHLY: more than 8,500 gallons.

Don Hinrichsen

National Wildlife June/July 2004

Against the unanimous recommendation of the Seabrook Water and Sewer Advisory Committee, the latest engineering contract was awarded to the company with the highest bid. As a result, two members have resigned from the committee and the town has not yet given the remainder of the group their charge or directives to continue. There are still many ongoing issues which the Advisory Committee need to address, but have been told by a majority of the Selectmen to wait for a charge from the town.

Refer to our website for further information:

www.SeabrookBeachCivicAssoc.org

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Police Aim to Muffle Vehicle Noise

Police across the region say the #1 summertime complaint is excessive noise coming from motorcycles and cars. Starting the week-end of June 11, police began setting up checkpoints across the seacoast to enforce local and state noise control laws.

Hampton Police Chief William Wrenn is advocating a two-prong approach - education and enforcement. Officers will use decibel meters to detect loud noise from motorcycle and car exhaust systems, or cars playing loud music. Generally prohibited are rapid acceleration and deceleration, peeling rubber, etc.

If a vehicle is pulled over, police will go through various steps to make sure the muffler is legal. The majority of drivers will be given a warning and an educational pamphlet. Those vehicles in "flagrant violation" of the law will be issued a \$43 ticket. "Our primary aim is to issue warnings and educate drivers," Wrenn said. "It's not our aim to target any one group."

According to state law, drivers are not allowed to modify the exhaust system of a motor vehicle to increase noise emitted by the vehicle's original muffler. 106 Decibels is the maximum level of noise allowed from motorcycle mufflers.

The towns participating in the program are Hampton, Newmarket, Greenland, Newington, Seabrook, Exeter, North Hampton, New Castle, Rye, Stratham and Portsmouth.

Emily Aronson

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Beach Management Committee

The Seabrook/Sun Valley Beach Management Committee is nearly finished with a written plan to be presented to the Department of Environmental Services; this is due by June 30.

There was a public hearing on May 13 where some residents' concerns were expressed. In addition, a petition was sent to the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen as well as to the Beach Management Committee regarding future plans for the beach. The committee has considered all concerns and adjusted the plan accordingly. The next step is for the DES to hold a public hearing before approving the plan and associated permit.



Committee Reports

In mid May, the Beautification Committee, under the direction of Roland Jacques, did a fine job of weeding and mulching the plantings on Rte. 1 along the harbor.

The planters at 286 and the Warren West Memorial Building are welcoming beach visitors, thanks to Claire Blackwell and Pat Mullins.

Membership numbers are far below the level that Chairman Dick Kirsch is satisfied with. If you haven't renewed, please take the time to send your application and a check for \$10 to the SBCA. The address is at the end of this newsletter.

Hans Roppel and his loyal volunteers have done a superb job with their Adopt-a-Highway Cleanups. Get on board for the next sweep on July 17.

Beach Resident Parking Permits

These additional permits (2 per property) may be picked up at the Seabrook Town Hall and are only for beach residents and their visitors. The permits are good until May 1, 2005.

Beach Management Committee

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Chairman and Seabrook Beach Resident

Sue Foote

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Paul Garand

Town of Seabrook Health Enforcement

John Hangen

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