

EAST BRAINTREE

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CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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for a better
Braintree*

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EBCA Monthly meetings are held every second Thursday, 7:30 pm at the Braintree Yacht Club on Gordon Road (Excluding the months of July, August, November, December, January and May)*

Our June meeting, unless otherwise noted will be the third Thursday, 7:30 pm.



Chairman's Column



Even though you would never know by the weather, it must be summer, because it's time to send out the 2009 newsletter.

As usual, East Braintree is not without it's issues. One being the "never ending saga " of the Peterson pool which Mayor Sullivan is trying to find a way to fit it in Watson Park. This has led to some "lively debate" at the Recreational Advisory Commission meetings at the "former Watson Library", "Former Braintree Historical Society Watson Research Center" and now Town of Braintree Recreation and Community events building. There are quite a few differing opinions in the East Braintree neighborhoods regarding the location and type of pool.

A second issue is the BELD property on Allen Street. As the new power plant at Potter Road goes onto full operation, BELD has committed to return the

Allen Street property back to the town. EBCA is supporting and encouraging the town to maintain the property as passive green space rather than development. Or that BELD keep a portion for solar power production integrated into an environmentally inspired park.

A third issue that the EBCA has become involved in is the Lantern Lane Property. The families in that neighborhood are trying to keep their lives and properties from being disrupted by a developer. Some of the other issues around the area are the ongoing Greenbush project that has still not completed all of the mitigated requirements, such as the day lighting of the Smelt Creek, the municipal parking lot or the green space and canoe launch on the Weymouth side of the river.

The Towns of Braintree and Weymouth combined forces to apply for a \$2,000,000 PWED grant from the state for Weymouth Landing. If

received, the funds would be used for streetscapes, lighting, sidewalk improvements etc. The Landing could defiantly use a sprucing up. Between the block of businesses in Weymouth that were closed for an as of yet undetermined development and the businesses on the Braintree side that have closed, something has to be done down there to encourage revitalization.

Another item of interest is that a farmers market will be operating each Saturday beginning on June 27th, from 9:00am to 1:00pm at Braintree Town Hall. The Sustainable Braintree organization has put a lot of planning and effort into this and it should be a good opportunity to purchase locally produced produce, meat, bakery products and other food and craft items.

Any one that has email and has changed their email

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BEACH CLEANUP EVEN BIGGER THAN LAST YEAR

The EBCA once again participated in this year's annual **BEAUTIFY BRAINTREE DAY**. This year it was well coordinated between the town and the various associations and businesses. On a cool, but sunny May day we met at the beach parking lot where Tee shirts, pick up tools, gloves and bags were passed out. Along with Town councilor Lee Dingee and district 3 Counselor Tom Bowes, the cleanup captains, were about twenty East Braintree residents. People spread out along the beach and the Toland trail picking up trash, raking leaves and trying to avoid the poison Ivy and ticks. In the few hours that we were there, bags and bags of trash and leaves were picked up separated and then taken to the appropriate drop-off facilities by the town dump trucks.

Mayor Sullivan stopped by and toured the area and neighborhood with a group of participants.

Thank you to the many EBCA members that showed up and for the enthusiasm that they brought with them. I am already looking forward to next year. Thank you to all that participated.

RIVER WALK WAY AND OVERVIEW DEDICATED TO EBCA MEMBER

A newly completed walk way and overview that was part of the BELD Thomas A. Watson Generating Station construction project was dedicated in the memory of EBCA member **Patty Whitehouse**. Patty was an active EBCA member and a shore side neighbor of BELD. She kept an eye on the river and on the power plant. Each spring she would let them know when it was "Time to clean up the beach". A dedication ceremony was held at the overview on a beautiful Saturday, June 13th morning. A

CYNTHIA MORRISSEY SCHOLARSHIP

The two recipients of this year's Cynthia Morrissey Scholarship are: **Ms. Felicia Ruffini** and **Ms. Jennifer Ogle**

Ms. Ruffini will be attending Curry College, as a nursing major.

Ms. Ogle will also be attending Curry College, and also as a nursing major.

We wish these two young recipients luck in pursuing their careers and are happy that we could assist them.

We also are thankful to CITGO for their generous contribution each year that enables us to continue this scholarship program.



EBCA Chairman Dave Oliva, scholarship recipients Felicia Ruffini, Jennifer Ogle and CITGO Terminal Manager Allen Morris.

group of town officials, BELD personnel, Patty's Family and friends were there to participate in the dedication.

Perhaps the walk way will cause those that use it to have the same love and respect for the river that Patty had.



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address or has not had an email message from me in the past month, please email me at EBCA@beld.net so that I can update my address book and you can receive periodic messages pertaining to EBCA Business. Often when I send out mass notices, any bad email address blocks the message from going out to the rest of the recipients. The only remedy is to delete the bad email addresses from my list. If you would like to receive any email messages pertaining to EBCA issues, various meetings in town or any of the still pending Greenbush or Weymouth Landing issues, it is important that I have your current email address. Per our by-laws, the EBCA will not pass any member's email address, street address or phone number to any other organization, business or the general public.

See you at the EBCA beach party on July 11th.

Rain Date July 20th.

And the concert on August 6th.

Thanks,
Dave

At both the EBCA beach party and the Smith's beach concert, there will be receptacles for non-perishable food items for the Marge Crispin food pantry. For anyone wishing to donate items for the food bank, we will see that they are collected and delivered to the food bank. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

EBCA BEACH PARTY JULY 11th.

Our Annual EBCA beach party at Smith's beach will be Saturday, July 11th. There will be free pails and shovels for the kids. Plus free popcorn and cotton candy. A D.J., contests, games and a sand castle contest.

For just a dollar, you can get a hot dog, chips and a drink.

This a great family event sponsored by the EBCA in cooperation with the Braintree Park Department.

Come by and bring your family for a day of relaxation and fun at Braintree's only salt- water beach. See you there.

Rain date: Sunday, July 12th.

SMITH'S BEACH CONCERT AUGUST 6th.



"Back Eddy Bluegrass Group" will once again be featured at the Smith's beach concert on August 6th. From 5:45 to 7:45pm.

Thank you to the Braintree Recreation and Community Events Commission and BELD who make the concert series possible.

In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military industrial complex.

The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist.

We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes. We should take nothing for granted. Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals, so that security and liberty may prosper together.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower, January 1961

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

June 27th through October 31st. Each Saturday, Braintree Farmer's Market. 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

July 11th. - EBCA BEACH PARTY, 12:00 – 5 PM.

August 6th. - SMITH'S BEACH CONCERT, 5:45 – 7:45 PM.

September 26th. – FALL FLING, VIKING CLUB, 7:30 – 11:30 PM.

EBCA NOT TAKING OFFICIAL POSITION ON PETERSON POOL

Mayor Joe Sullivan was the guest speaker at our October 2008 EBCA meeting. At that meeting, he introduced a plan to place the Peterson pool in Watson Park.

As reflected in the ongoing meetings between the residents and the Braintree Recreation Commission, both the location and the type of pool to be installed are a volatile subject. The opinions of the various residents, of which many are EBCA members, vary from absolutely not in the park to Absolutely yes in the park no matter what. Because of the sensitivity of this subject and the desire of the EBCA to advocate for the well being and fair treatment of all its members and neighbors, as an association, we cannot in fairness take a definite stand on this issue, and only hope that some kind of an equitable compromise solution can be reached to

fulfill Captain Peterson's wishes.

One thing that the EBCA is certain of is: That unless the Town remedies the parking problems in the neighborhood they will have no cooperation to do anything in the park.

The EBCA website is in the process of being updated. New member Mike Gillis went to our website and discovered that it had not been maintained for quite some time. He has volunteered to take on the challenge of bringing it up to date and maintaining it. We will start posting EBCA information, schedules and announcements on the website soon. Thank you Mike for jumping in to help.

Our September 10th meeting will be held at the BELD plant. With Bill Bottiggi as a speaker. The next Saturday, Sept. 12th, the EBCA members will be invited to a tour of the recently completed Thomas Watson Generating Station from: 9:00 to 10:00AM.

EAST BRAINTREE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The top three reasons to join or renew your membership with the East Braintree Civic Association (EBCA)...

- 1) FIND OUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD...Greenbush, how it affects you and your family.
- 2) GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS...As in many neighborhoods, there has been an influx of new residents to East Braintree - come and meet a few.
- 3) BECOME INVOLVED... the extent of your involvement is up to you.

The EBCA would like to encourage all of the new and existing residents of East Braintree to find out what is going on in your section of town and to get to know some of your neighbors by joining the East Braintree Civic Association.

Meetings (optional) are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Braintree Yacht Club on Gordon Road. Unless otherwise noted.

We also have an EBCA website located at www.neighborhood.com/org/ebca - check us out online.

Yearly membership dues are only \$10.00 per family and cover the period September 1st through August 31st.



Membership Form:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (day) _____ (eve) _____ (FAX) _____

E-MAIL _____

☐ Do not share my membership information with any other groups or associations.

Household member names you would like listed on the membership:

Please Check:

My membership is a renewal ☐ My membership is a new membership ☐

Please make checks payable to: **East Braintree Civic Association**
And mail payment with this form to: 288 Grove St, Suite 175
Braintree, MA 02184

