

Monument Beach Newsletter



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Officers and Directors

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2007 Annual Review by Jen Donovan

President's Note

Best Wishes for 2008. The Monument Beach Civic Associates is again excited for summer. You must have seen the beautiful mural on the wall opposite the Post Office. Last September, the Sheriff's Community Service Work Crew was kind enough to help us with some much needed landscaping in the gardens as well as repainting the wall.

We were also delighted this past year with our well attended events. Beside the usual events we participated in some new events too; the Bourne 4th of July Parade with a (very cool) Sand Castle, we also added our 1st Annual Hal-

loween Bash, and had 100 goblins, cats, spidermans, and princesses parading down Shore Rd. in Monument Beach. Thank you to all the families that helped with our events. Mark your calendars and join us in 2008.

This past December, the MBCA submitted a proposal (second year) for a new piece of playground equipment down at Chester Park. In February, we learned that the CPC, (Community Preservation Committee) was going to send our request to Town Meeting for approval. We are delighted with this first step and hope with Town Meeting approval we will have a new piece of equipment later this summer.

Please plan to attend Town Meeting and show your support.

Be sure to visit Chester Park and have lunch on our new picnic table or relax on the benches that the Bourne Recreation Committee provided for us.

We are looking forward to a great summer and hope you will find some time to join us for one or more of our events, and as always we love our volunteers. Please be sure to mark on your renewal form if you would like to assist with any of our events. Thank you.

See you at Spring Clean Up.

President—Jen Donovan

Vice President—Ken Braley

Secretary—Monice Maurice

Treasurer—Kathy Patton

Directors—Janice Rogers

Charlie Miller

Peter Nelson

Kathleen Cronin

Cathy Grant



A Survey from 2007

The Survey Says...

Thank you to all of our members who responded to our brief survey last year. And thank you for being supportive of the MBCA. We did get some great suggestions for additional events and new ways to increase membership. With regards to increasing membership we will attempt a few of them this year: We will set up a registration booth at the Post Office one Saturday morning, we will look into purchasing a sandwich type board to advertise on-going membership and events and we will have membership

materials available on the bulletin board outside the Post Office.

Regarding Events: We added a few this past year, the Bourne July 4th Parade, a Halloween Bash, and our Christmas Tree Decoration. We had several suggestions for Nature type events (bird watch walks, fishing, clamming, sailing), they are great ideas and if anyone out there has some expertise in any fields we would love to hear from you and maybe together we could develop an event. If you are interested in sailing, may we suggest you check out the

www.bournecommunityboati.org. There were also

several members who suggested a Monument Beach Village Day held down in Chester Park with games and activities. This is similar to what our Halloween Bash was all about, however if a few dedicated individuals wanted to take on this project we would be glad to help with the organization. We are also trying to accommodate our weekend residents and are currently looking into trying to hold some events on the weekend.

Thanks again for all your input. We appreciate your suggestions

Events 2008

Spring Cleanup—Sat-April 26th

Town Meeting—May 5th 7:30 PM

Walking Tour—Sat-May 17th

Ice Cream Social—Mon-July 14

Annual Meeting—Sat-June 28th

Bourne Night Out—Tues, August 5th at 5:30 PM

Block Dance and Party-Sat-Aug 16

Halloween Parade—Sun, October 26th from 1 PM to 3 PM

Christmas Decorate A Tree—December 10th at 3:30 PM

Your Participation

A **BIG** thank you!!!

The Monument Beach Civic Associates would like to acknowledge the generous contributions from the following:

1. **The Whistle Stop** for their ice cream donation for our July Ice Cream Social and the **Bourne Braves players** who provided the excellent "scooping" service.

2. **Robert (Bob) Ronayne and the volunteer firefighters** for opening and manning the village fire station for our use during many of our functions.

3. **Good To Go** for the food preparation and use of their facilities during our Bourne Night Out celebration. Thank you **Rosanne Woolam and Pam Northrop**.

4. **The Grand Union** for their certificate to purchase food for our Bourne Night Out celebration.

5. The **Bourne Honor Students** who assisted at our Halloween Parade and Party.

6. The **Lobster Trap** for their generous donation for our annual Lobster Raffle.

A thank you to all.



The Bourne Council on Aging offers many options for transportation services to area hospitals as well as to Boston hospitals. Check out their website for additional information www.bournecouncilonaging.org

A Letter from the Treasurer Kathleen Patton

Thank you everyone for your help with events, membership dues and additional contributions for our landscaping and scholarship funds. Without your help and volunteering none of the events and garden presentations would be possible.

Phyllis McLaughlin has been our staple in the continuing effort to keep the garden across from the

post office and the planting around the post office parking lot gloriously beautiful. With a generous contribution each year from the Aptuxet Garden Club and your contributions to the landscaping fund, she has been able to replenish flowers, bulbs and has added many new shrubs.

There are many more projects the association would like to initiate that would

additionally enhance our village that have been addressed by Jen Donovan in her recap on page one. In order to meet the financial needs of these projects and the continuing events we felt a small increase in dues to the association would help us meet our goals. The increase is noted on the dues renewal form.

Thank you all again for your continued support.

COME OUT AND MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS! Join us for our annual meeting on June 28th from 5 to 8 PM at the Weary Travelers. Have dinner, drinks, good conversation and find out what is happening in Monument Beach this summer. PLEASE pre-purchase your tickets so we may have an accurate count for food. Thank you very much and see you there.

Our Local Business - An Update

Paine's Patio
429 Shore Road

is enjoying the start of their 6th season on Cape Cod. The Paine's sales staff is knowledgeable, energetic and committed to its customers. ..

www.painespatio.com

508-563-7557

Whistle Stop

435 Shore Road Is looking forward to starting it's 24th year of serving you fine, homemade ice cream. We hope your winter was good and will see you at the end of April when the weather is warmer.

508-759-8958

Village Market

441 Shore Road—Our newest business Is worth a visit with a large selection of specialty food

items. 508-759-3877

The Paddler's Shop

420 Shore Road Buy-Rent-Tours-Lessons. Check out the large selection of kayaks and gear at our local shop

508-759-0330

It's Good To Go

Beach St

Check out the fast food alternative for breakfast, lunch and dinner. 508-759-5593

Four Star Video

436 Shore Road-A great selection of the latest DVD and video titles. 508-759-9594

Mad Cutter Hair Salon-

Visit the full salon service. Walk-ins welcome Call to set up an appointment.

508-759-2994

Canalside Printing

443 Shore Road—A full service print shop for all your personal and business needs.

508-759-4141

Cape House Salon & Spa

45 Beach St—Visit the full service salon and spa right here in Monument Beach. Call to set up an appointment 508-759-4260

www.capehousesalon.com

The Lobster Trap

290 Shore Road—Live lobsters, fresh fish, local shell fish and restaurant 508-759-7600



Every Village Needs a Christmas tree!

During this last holiday season, did you notice our Mo Beach Christmas tree?

The large spruce tree in the garden by the post office was lighted (with solar lights) and decorated (by the village children).

The 4 units of solar lights were purchased with MBCA funds (supported by your dues) and strung in time for the holidays. We initially experienced an operational problem and only 2 of the units were functional. All problems have been solved ... so look for a brighter, lighted tree this next holiday season.

We held a "Tree Decorating" party at the Whistle Stop (a thank-you to Linda Perry for letting us use her store during her off season). Children and parents from around the village made decorations and then moved across the street to hang their products on our lighted tree.



A BIG THANK YOU to Nancy Pratt of Monument Beach who has been solely responsible for revitalizing the plot of land at the corner of County Rd. and Clay Pond Rd. We truly appreciate her initiative and her green thumb. It is lovely.

THROW out the first pitch at the Bourne Braves/Monument Beach Game.

Email Jbdonovan1@comcast.net with your name or call 508-759-7158

Community News

The Waters of Monument Beach

by Charlie Miller

After a year of delay and much frustration, the boat ramp and area under the Toby Island bridge has been dredged. The County dredge "Codfish" did the work. This will allow vessels to be launched at low tide, resulting in less damage to boats and trailers. By dredging under the bridge, Little Bay can now have tidal flushing continuously. The sand that was removed has been used to replenish the beach and after some raking and redistribution, should result in much improvement for bathers.

In recent years, silting had been building up to a point where there was little water movement under the bridge. This could lead to excess nitrogen in the water, algae build-up and possibly affect the shellfish. By restoring the flow of water, more nutrients should be available for one of the prime shellfish areas in Bourne. In the past, Little Bay held scallops, quahogs, soft shelled clams (steamers) and oysters. The DNR has been working to restore some of these resources. Last year, a new oyster bed was established with oysters relayed from the Pocasset River.

Unfortunately, there were a few problems encountered that made the job more difficult than expected. The water main to Toby Island was installed in the early 1950s, at about the time the Town acquired the area for public use, and the pipe's exact location was unknown. While improving the depth of the waters just inside the bay from the bridge, the pipe was ruptured. The water company said this was of an older, composition type and quite brittle. A new water main was laid from Emmons Road, under the channel, and well into the island. There should not be any doubt about its location in the future.

While working on repairing the water pipe, one of the vehicles bumped into the utility pole feeding electricity to the island. It seems the pole was pretty rotten and snapped. Power was lost for about nine hours but now a new pole is installed. At least the residents of Toby Island will have some improved utilities.

With the rebuilding of the dock, painting and repairs to the marina, removal of some of the invasive brush and restoration of the beach and some of our natural resources, the waters of Monument Beach have had a good year.

Who are the Bourne Braves?

We are part of the **Cape Cod Baseball League**, the #1 summer collegiate league in the country where 1 out of 7 **MLB** baseball players have their roots. We are an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that relies solely on the generosity of our local citizens and businesses throughout the year. We are currently looking for local families to host our players from June 7 through August 15th. If you are interested in opening your home to one of these young men, a potential Major League Baseball player, this summer please contact Tony Dingmann at Philip.Dingmann@us.army.mil.

FAQs Where do the Braves play? You can see some of the best college baseball right up at Doran Park, located behind the UCT school building on Sandwich Road.

How much is admission? All games are FREE! We have a quality concessions stand that sells hotdogs, hamburgers, pizza, sausages, and much more. Along with a souvenir stand and play by play commentary by Kevin McGonagle and Darin Weeks from our press box.

Where do I get a schedule? Visit our website or many local establishments will have schedules at their checkout counters beginning June 1st.

Bourne Braves Monument Beach Village Day is Thursday, June 26th @ 5:00 AND Bourne Braves @ the Mo Beach Ice Cream Social Monday, July 14th

We also hope to see you at Doran Park for some great baseball this summer. **Go Braves!!**

Please visit our website @ www.bournebraves.org to see how you too can get involved with a winning local organization.

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T-Shirts and Hats are available. They may be purchased at all our events or by calling Jen Donovan at 508-759-7158.



CHESTER PARK RENOVATIONS

The objectives and purposes for which the Monument Beach Civic Associates, Inc. is formed are as follows:

To enhance the village of Monument Beach and the lives of its residents, and so lessen the burden of government; by sponsorship and promotion of public expeditions, festivals, entertainment and symposia; by encouraging the conservation and preservation of lands and natural resources and the maintenance of public parks and historical structures, so as to combat community deterioration: by granting scholarships to deserving students.



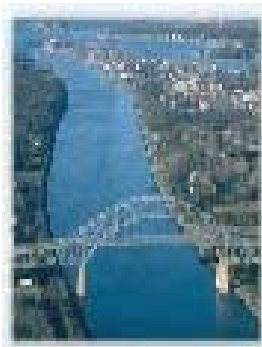
Hope to see you all at the
Ice Cream Social on Monday
July 14th at 6:00 PM at the
fire station.—Janice

The 2007 Monument Beach Civic Associates Richard Prince Scholarships were awarded to Victoria Rogers and Nickolas Bova

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