

Monument Beach Newsletter



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2009 Annual Review by Jen Donovan

President's Note

Welcome to 2010! Once again I would like to thank our dedicated crew of Monument Beach for their commitment and hard work in maintaining our beautiful village here in Bourne. Our volunteers are out there sprucing up the gardens, picking up discarded trash, and putting in several hours preparing and hosting our events.

In an effort to get more hands helping in our community garden, check out the schedule of Garden Days on the bulletin board at the M B post office. You may not realize that the gardens at the Post Office and train station are supported by volunteers and the Monument Beach Village Associates. MBCA

Landscaping Funds are used to purchase plants, soil and mulch; a small devoted crew keeps up with the weeding, planting, mulching and watering. It is through their efforts that our village gardens look so lovely. Please join us on one or two of those Garden Days to help us maintain our garden.

Last fall several residents approached our Board with a concern about the lack of access to our Beach. The Massachusetts Coastal Railroad installed a fence section at a path crossing near the dinghy rack and the Town of Bourne put up a "No Trespassing" sign on the gate that most would consider the walking entrance to the Beach. After several discussions with Town Officials and MCRR, it was resolved that the

Town would apply for a permit to have a legal RR crossing at the main gate. The Town Administrator and the Selectmen also said they would pursue an additional crossing at the north end of the fence near the dinghy rack.

We were pleased with the attendance at all our events in 2009, and we look forward to our upcoming season. You will find our events posted at the Monument Beach Post Office and as the date nears be sure to look for our signs highlighting the event, you can find them on Clay Pond Rd and at the train station. If you would like to be involved with any of our events let us know in the space provided on the membership form. Thank you.

Beach Access

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Town, state, railroad agree on rail crossing.

A safe pedestrian crossing of the Buzzards Bay railroad bed off Shore Road, Monument Beach, may be in place by Memorial Day.

Town Administrator Thomas Guerino said there has been progress in talks with the Mass. Coastal Railroad and state transportation officials about a crossing. "To get a permanent crossing, we will need lighting and signaling and that will

represent a cost to the town," Guerino advised selectmen. "That may have to be a special Town Meeting article in May."

Monument Beach residents protested last year when Mass. Coastal blocked off pedestrian access to the sand at the village marina off Shore Road.

The rail company cited increasing train speed and the possibility of accidents along the tracks. The tracks accommodate the trash train each day bound

from Otis Air National Guard Base to SEMASS in Rochester.

Selectmen were persuaded to discuss the access issue with Mass Coastal, which relented on one crossing point outfitted for pedestrians and people in wheelchairs.

The crossing, once it is established and accepted by the state may prove more popular than ever this summer when Bourne Community Boating utilizes the nearby marina as its logistical base.

Events 2010

- Spring Cleanup-Sat-April 24 9 AM
- Children's Craft Fair-Yard Sale—May 29th 9 to 12 AM at MB train station
- Bourne Braves Monument Beach Game—July 2nd at 6 PM
- Fourth of Bourne Parade— Sun July 4th at 10 AM at Buzzards Bay
- Ice Cream Social —Mon-July 12—6 to 7:30 PM at MB Fire station
- Annual Meeting Sat-July 25th-5 to 6 PM followed by.....
- Annual Dinner (\$15 PP) and Dance (No Charge)-July 25th-6 to 9 PM at the Canal Club Room at the Trowbridge Tavern
- Bourne Night Out—Tues, August 3rd at 5:30 PM at Beach St
- Halloween Bash—Sun, October 24th from 1 PM to 3 PM
- Create and Donate Christmas Decorations Nov 30th to Dec 8th

Grab your Partner or friend ... and join us for yet another evening of great enjoyment. Last year everyone who attended had so much fun during our evening of Ballroom Shenanigans that we are hosting another.

We'll have DJ Brett teaching us a few new moves out on the dance floor, (no fear- he tells us exactly what to do). For those who were unable to make it last year be sure to mark your calendar, this event is not to be missed, you'll be laughing and reminiscing right through to next year's event.

Sunday, July 25th, 7-9 pm at the Canal Club at the Trowbridge Tavern.
For more information call Jen Donovan @759-7158 or jbdonovan1@gmail.com

Aptuxet Garden Club

Plant Sale

Pocasset Community Center

Saturday

May 22, 2010 9 AM—1 PM

- **Annuals**
- **Perennials from members**
- **Bake Sale**

Shell fishing?

Have you wondered what is happening out on our shores at low tide?

Have you wanted to try shell fishing yourself or just wanted to learn something about it.

The Town of Bourne Department of Natural Resources will be holding an "Introduction to Shell fishing" clinic on June 26th at 12 noon. If you are interested you must pre-register by calling 508-759-0621 ext. 504.

The class is open to anyone and is limited to 35 participants.

Get involved with the Monument Beach Civic Associates Inc.

If you feel a sense of community responsibility and involvement we are looking for new board members and event coordinators. The time involved is minimal but the rewards are satisfying. Please call Jen Donovan at 508-759-7158.



Our next generation of Monument Beach Civic Associates directors

We are excited to welcome Bourne Community Boating (BCB) program to Monument Beach!

"This organization is providing an opportunity to people of all ages, abilities and background to enrich their lives through on-the-water educational and recreational experiences."

Please visit the www.bournecommunityboating.org website to learn more about this great organization.

There will be a recognition ceremony to honor members of the watercolor group "The Painted Ladies" on Friday, May 14, 2010 at 10:00 AM. The Painted Ladies include Lynne Valeri, Avis Glasheen and Fran Bogden. The "Ladies" painted a mural of Phinneys Harbor at the Monument Beach Post Office in January 2010. They donated their time and materials for the project which has received numerous favorable comments. The Monument Beach Post Office is proud to acknowledge the community spirit which is evident throughout the community.

With thanks, Jeff Hyman, Postmaster, Monument Beach

Our Local Business Members - An Update

Trowbridge Tavern

100 Trowbridge Rd
508-759-1776

Paine's Patio

429 Shore Rd
508-563-7557
www.painespatio.com

Whistle Stop

435 Shore Rd
508-759-8958

Beach Street Bakery & Pizza

Beach St
508-759-3210

Cape Cod Stuffed Quahog

18 Beach St
508-759-5820
www.ccsq.com

The Paddler's Shop

420 Shore Rd
508-759-0330

Mad Cutter Hair Salon-

Beach St
508-759-2994

Canal side Printing

443 Shore Rd
508-759-4141

Cape House Salon & Spa

45 Beach St
508-759-4260
www.capehousesalon.com

The Lobster Trap

290 Shore Road
508-759-7600
www.lobstertrap.net

Falmouth Toyota

MacArthur Blvd
508-759-1300

Cape Cod Bait and Tackle

173 Clay Pond Road
508-759-6555

Pizza by Evans

170 Clay Pond Road
508-759-9111

Spencer's Gardens

171 Clay Pond Road
508-759-7070

Bourne Taxi

508-759-4004

Monument Beach Cash & Carry

Shore Rd
508-759-3244

Monument Wine & Spirits

170 Clay Pond Road
508-759-1951

Deb's Veggie Depot

440 Shore Road
508-743-5057

Throw out the first pitch at the Bourne Braves/Monument Beach Game on July 2nd.

Email jbdonovan1@gmail.com with your name or call 508-759-7158 to be entered into the drawing.

Monument Beach Happenings

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Kids Craft Fair - Children of all ages are invited to participate in a children's craft fair/yard sale. Our 2nd "Cash for Kids" will be held Saturday, May 29th from 9 am-12 pm (Memorial Day Weekend). This is a great opportunity to do some spring cleaning, learn a little about entrepreneurship and earn some summer spending money. Just pack up those items you no longer use, or bring your wares and sell, sell, sell. Please reserve your table by calling Jen Donovan @ 508-759-7158 or email jbdonovan1@gmail.com.

Bourne Recreation Day Camps, Swim Lessons and Tennis Lessons (ages 6-13) are available through the Town Of Bourne Recreation and open to all Bourne Residents. For more information please visit their website at www.townofbourne.com and click on Recreation Dept or call 508-743-3003 Tennis court use is available during the daylight hours in Monument Beach on a first come basis.

BOURNE BRAVES HOME GAME SCHEDULE 2010

Monday	June 14 th	6 pm	Falmouth
Wednesday	June 16 th	6 pm	Wareham
Friday	June 18 th	6 pm	Falmouth
Saturday (DH)	June 19 th	4 pm	Yarmouth-Dennis
Thursday	June 24 th	6 pm	Cotuit
Saturday	June 26 th	5:30 pm	Harwich
Monday	June 28 th	6 pm	Hyannis
Friday	July 2 nd	6 pm	Brewster
Sunday	July 4 th	2 pm	Wareham
Wednesday	July 7 th	6 pm	Hyannis
Thursday	July 8 th	6 pm	Chatham
Sunday	July 11 th	5:30 pm	Orleans
Monday	July 12 th	6 pm	Brewster
Thursday	July 15 th	6 pm	Cotuit
Friday	July 16 th	6 pm	Hyannis
Saturday	July 17 th	5:30 pm	Wareham
Friday	July 23 rd	6 pm	Chatham
Sunday	July 25 th	5:30 pm	Orleans
Monday	July 26 th	6 pm	Falmouth
Sunday	August 1 st	5:30 pm	Harwich
Monday	August 2 nd	6 pm	Cotuit
Playoffs August 6 th - August 14 th			

Many Thanks - We want to say thanks to all of the many people who have helped with our events, our plantings and our beach cleaning.

To name a few, Linda Perry of the Whistle Stop for the ice cream at the Ice Cream Social, to MaryEllen at the Trowbridge Tavern for her support with the Annual meeting and Dinner/Dance and also to the Lobster trap for donating gift certificates for our annual scholarship raffle. Also to the Aptucxet Garden Club for their donation to our flower planting.

Thank you to the Monument Beach Call Firefighters for the generous donation in memory of Ed Braley and also to the Coates Family in memory of Lex and Vicki Coates.

Joyful Voices

For the past several years Anne Wilde has organized a children's singing group to visit the Bourne Manor and the Cape Cod Senior Residences to brighten their winter holidays. In addition she was even able to gather the children in July for Patriotic Songs at the Bourne Manor. Last year the Monument Beach Civic Associates provided supplies and the children made homemade presents for all of the nursing home/assisted living residents. We will do this again so mark your calendar for creating and donating gifts on Nov. 30th and Dec. 8. This is a great opportunity for children to celebrate the season of giving as the residents are truly grateful to see and hear the kids. The group is called Joyful Voices and Anne encourages anyone who would like their children to be involved in either a Patriotic or Holiday Event to contact her at 508-563-0142 or

annewilde123@comcast.net

Bourne Braves to Hold Championship Ring Raffle

The Bourne Braves will raffle off two 2009 Cape Cod Championship Rings!!! The rings are the same ones the players, coaches, and other team members received. Only 1,000 raffle tickets will be sold for chances to win two rings. Tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00. the drawing will be held at the Braves home game on August 1st, 2010 at Doran Park. You need not be present to win. Those interested in buying tickets can do so by seeing any of the Bourne Braves Board of Directors (www.bournebraves.org) or at all Braves home games this summer!!!

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Annual Meeting and Dinner

Hope to see you all at the Annual Meeting 5:00 - 6:00
Followed by Dinner (\$15 pp) 6 - 7 PM, Dance to follow

(see Grab your Partner) on Sunday, July 25th at the Canal Club at Trowbridge Tavern.

Your advanced reservation is greatly appreciated for the dinner-please reserve your spot on the membership form.

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.



Railroad Bridge Information

Cape Cod Canal - Railroad Bridge Carries rail traffic Crosses [Cape Cod Canal](#) Locale [Bourne, Massachusetts](#) Maintained by [United States Army Corps of Engineers](#) Design [steel Lift bridge](#) Width 27 feet (8.2 m)^[1] Height 271 feet (83 m) (towers)^[1] Longest span 544 feet (166 m)^[1] Clearance below 135 feet (41 m) (raised)^[1] Beginning date of construction December 18, 1933^[2] Opened December 29, 1935^[2] [Coordinates](#) [41°44'31.16"N 70°36'49.15"W](#)

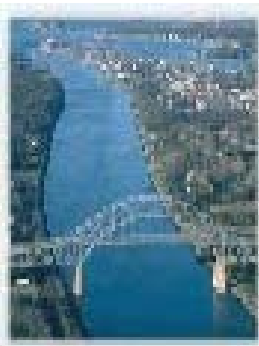
The 2009 Monument Beach Civic Associates Richard Prince Scholarships were awarded to Melanie Kelley and Jordan McGonagle

We wish them both continued success.

Monument Beach Civic Associates Inc.

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