

# SOUND SHORE BLUFFS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION WINTER 2005 NEWSLETTER

## ***Greetings Association Members!***

Happy New Year 2005! Now that we've survived the big "Blizzard of 2005", it's time for the Sound Shore Bluffs Winter Newsletter.

We're pleased to report that we have some great things planned for the upcoming year and the Board has recently approved a large property improvement project at the Lake.

The stairs and walls around the Lake, which have been in dire need of repair, are part of this project.



The Beach Park's playground, which is a big hit among the neighborhood children, will be getting a new, softer

ground cover underneath - to cushion any falls.

Both Beach Park and the Lake will be undergoing seasonal clean up. Thanks again to our Beach & Lake Commissioner, Joe Bica, who is in charge of overseeing our maintenance and repair projects.

## ***Help Wanted***

We have a seasonal part-time position available for anyone 16 years or older for a beach person. This person will report directly to the Beach & Lake Commissioner and will be responsible for beach and lake litter clean up and other maintenance projects. It would also include bringing the trash bins to the curb for pick up twice a week. If you would like to be considered for the position, please speak to the Association President, John Sapienza, Beach & Lake Commissioner, Joe Bica or your Block Rep.

## ***SSBPOA Dinner***

A SSBPOA neighborhood dinner is scheduled for Saturday night, February 5<sup>th</sup>, from 7-11pm at the Crab Meadow Golf Course restaurant. The cost is \$48 per person which includes buffet dinner, unlimited beer, wine and soda, dessert, tax and gratuity. It's not too late to join your neighbors for an enjoyable night out. Please call Carolyn at 757-2694, or Amy at 651-9639. Reservations and payments required BEFORE Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks Carolyn and Amy for setting up this special event.



## ***2005 Budget***

This year's budget will be issued later in the year.

## ***Volunteers Needed***

If you would like to volunteer your services for beach or lake improvement or have any great ideas for events, parties or projects, please let us know. You should speak to your Block Rep or any Board member - we would love to have more members actively involved.

Remember that if you would like to hold an event on behalf of the Association, and that uses the SSBPOA name, you must get pre-approval from the Board of Directors.

## ***Membership Dues Statistics***

We currently have 143 members in our association. So far, for the current year, we have 90% of the homes paid up. Are you one of the members who has not yet paid your dues? Please, write a check, mail it today and be done with it. We need your dues to help pay for the upkeep and maintenance of the Lake and Beach Park. It breaks down to only \$12.50 per month, a bargain by any standard!

If you haven't paid dues in a while, pay for the current year and we can work out a convenient and flexible payment plan for what you owe in arrears.

Don't forget, effective August 1, 2004 the board approved adding 10% interest to all outstanding balances. You will see this reflected when you get the invoice for next years dues in June.

To avoid this, the current year's dues must be paid and a payment plan for back dues must be agreed to and started immediately.

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### ***Are you selling your house?***

Please make sure your dues are paid in full before you contact Kathy Smith for a letter of clear title. You must request this letter at least 48 hours in advance.

Don't let back dues hold up the sale of your house! When we see houses go up for sale we do check your account to see if back dues are owed. We will contact you, your real estate agent and/or attorney if need be to collect back dues.

If you wish set up a payment plan, request a letter for closing or have questions about your account standing you can write to the P.O. Box or send an email to [dues@soundshorebluffs.com](mailto:dues@soundshorebluffs.com).

### ***Storm Water Run-off into the Lake***

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Thomas McMahon, District Manager of the Suffolk County Soil and Water Conservation Committee, was contacted about storm water run-off (via a waste pipe) that is causing pollution to run directly into Blanchard Lake. His team will be doing a site inspection and will get back to us with their recommendations and design improvements.

Attached is a postcard you can sign to show your support on this issue.

### ***Key Span Noise Issue***

It has also been brought to our attention that the KeySpan facility has been making an inordinate amount of noise (including the occasional blasts that sound as if a 747 is crashing through the neighborhood). If you are not familiar with these blasts, they can be quite frightening, to say the least! Needless to say, this problem is having a negative effect on our quality of life.

There is also a postcard attached for your comments/feedback. These postcards will be included in a letter to KeySpan.

Please send postcards back to the PO Box listed below OR drop off in the mailbox at 20 Goodwin Place.

### ***Let your voice be heard!***

There are many ways to contact the Association (1) in person, (2) in writing to the PO Box listed below, (3) via email, (4) at a General Meeting or (5) post your

comments on our website bulletin board. I have made it possible to leave anonymous postings on the bulletin board - just in case you're shy about sending in your suggestions. Remember our website is for members only.

### ***Association email addresses are:***

(financial/dues related) [dues@soundshorebluffs.com](mailto:dues@soundshorebluffs.com)  
(general comments) [directors@soundshorebluffs.com](mailto:directors@soundshorebluffs.com)  
(newsletter/ website) [editor@soundshorebluffs.com](mailto:editor@soundshorebluffs.com)

### ***Board of Directors***

President - John Sapienza  
Vice President - Rick Schwarz  
Treasurer - Joe Gold  
Financial Secretary - Kathy Smith  
Lake & Beach Commissioner - Joe Bica  
Recording Secretary - Ginny Mallon-Ackermann  
Corresponding Secretary - vacant position

### ***Block Representatives:***

Ken Kroll - West Street  
Ginny Goonan - Oelsner & Heather  
Jeanne Schwarz - West Waterview  
Keith Smith - Goodwin  
Jim Teeple & Kathy Burke - Hewitt  
Nick Zaffiris - Blanchard

### ***Elections to the Board of Directors***

Board of Directors terms are for two years and positions are open to ALL Association Members in good standing. If you are interested in joining the Board, please speak to your Block Rep, President, John Sapienza or write to the Board of Directors at: [directors@soundshorebluffs.com](mailto:directors@soundshorebluffs.com).

