

# SOUND SHORE BLUFFS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

## Spring 2006 NEWSLETTER

May 11, 2006

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Please direct all communication regarding the Newsletter to the Corresponding Secretary, Jim Teeple, and/or send an e-mail message to [newsletter@ssbpoa.com](mailto:newsletter@ssbpoa.com) (The newsletter will also be posted on the association web site: [www.ssbpoa.com](http://www.ssbpoa.com))

### ***Next General Meeting- June 24<sup>th</sup>***

The spring general meeting will occur on Saturday **June 24<sup>th</sup>** at the beach parking lot. Please arrive at 9:30am for coffee and donuts to meet the new neighbors. The general meeting will start at 10:00am. A special flyer will be distributed prior to the meeting with the agenda and key topics to be discussed and approved by the general membership. (If the weather is bad we will meet down at the Crab Meadow Pavilion)

### ***Board President's Message***

Dear Neighbors,  
Thanks to all who participated in the engraved brick fundraiser! There was an overwhelming response with 86 bricks purchased by over 60 families with \$3,183.00 raised as a profit to support the beach blacktop and beautification project. The money raised has enabled us to go forward as planned. A special thank you to Alex Latham for his design plan and Joe Bica for coordinating with all the contractors. Also, thanks to Nick Prochilo for donating his mason service for installation of a paver walkway into the park.

Since the winter, new signs were installed at the corner of Goodwin and West St. and at the beach property. I would like to thank Kathleen Murphy for permitting the association to put a sign on her property and Ginny Goonan for design and purchase of signs.

As the warmer weather approaches the annual dues bill will be arriving in your mailbox. It would be greatly appreciated if all members pay their dues on time.



This saves us time and money by not having to send out second notices and making extra trips to the bank.

Plans are in the works for our annual association BBQ & Beach Party this summer. We are always looking for volunteers and people with great ideas to add more fun into the day. If you'd like to get involved, email [beachparty@ssbpoa.com](mailto:beachparty@ssbpoa.com) or contact any board member.

As always, the Board welcomes all comments, suggestions or complaints. Utilize your block representative! He/she is your voice at our board meetings. You can also contact any board member or email [bod@ssbpoa.com](mailto:bod@ssbpoa.com). Finally, be sure to check out our website at [www.ssbpoa.com](http://www.ssbpoa.com) for timely news and updates on our association. If there is something you'd like to see on the website or you have any ideas at all, please let us know.

**Keith Smith - President**

### ***Hold the Date – August 5<sup>th</sup>*** ***Annual Summer BBQ & Beach Party***

Nick, Keith, and Joe are considering a rib cook off this year with attendees being the judges. Also if anybody else wants to participate, the more the merrier! If you'd like be on the committee, contact any board member, or send an e-mail message to: [beachparty@ssbpoa.com](mailto:beachparty@ssbpoa.com).

### ***Beach Clean-Up & Social Day*** ***Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm***

Please bring rakes and gloves and help us with the annual beach clean up. Each year after the winter storms, a clean-up is necessary. After this clean-up, the beach person can maintain the area during the summer season. Come help out, and let's have some fun at the same time! Please let Joe Bica, the beach commissioner, know if you can come, or you can send a message to the web site at: [cleanup@ssbpoa.com](mailto:cleanup@ssbpoa.com)

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### ***An Egg-cellent Success!***

Once again this year our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children was a huge success. After being rained out on Saturday, we had a beautiful day on Sunday, April 9. Over 30 children searched for more than 600 eggs at our beach park. You'd be amazed at how quickly the kids can hunt! Afterwards, in addition to stealing some of our kid's candy, we all enjoyed some delicious treats brought by each family. Congratulations to Carl Reinesch for his egg-cellent jelly bean count guess and to The Watts Family for their luck winning the door prize. Both families went home with a beautiful Easter plant. Thanks to all those who participated and a big thank you to Carrie Liebler, Rose Schafer and Laurie Swick for their help with setup and cleanup.

Until next year....

**Michele Bica and Kathy Smith**

### ***Keyspan Update***

Last year there were many complaints about the noise coming from the Keyspan Power Plant. In response, the Board of Directors attended a meeting with the plant manager to discuss decreasing the noise levels. Within a couple of weeks the noise appeared to decrease significantly. The noise was attributed to a release valve on the roof of the plant that was emitting a humming sound. It was determined that because our homes are located at a high elevation and at the same elevation as the power plant roof, our neighborhood is effected by more noise than other areas.

We have recently noticed that the noise level has increased again. We contacted the plant manager in the

beginning of April to investigate this new constant noise that sounds like a diesel engine. We have been told that this noise is coming from giant fans that run on two speeds; the noise is heard only when the fans run at high speed. Apparently, these fans need to be operated at the high speed when the energy demands are high.

We have taken a position that any constant noise is unacceptable and Keyspan must rectify the situation. We have had a good response to our complaints from Keyspan in the past. We want you to know that we will continue to follow-up on the noise issue and this topic will be discussed at the next general meeting. If you hear high noise levels coming from the Keyspan power plant it is important that you contact us so we can keep track and forward all complaints directly to the plant manager. Complaints can be emailed to [noise@ssbpoa.com](mailto:noise@ssbpoa.com) or if you do not have access to email, contact Keith Smith at 754-0816.

### ***Beach & Lake Commissioner's Report***

As the weather steadily improves, we are working hard to complete the projects at the Beach Park and make sure our properties are in great shape for the summer. The blacktop project is progressing on schedule. Thanks to a successful fundraising campaign (and other donations), we have been able to add to the original scope of the project to further improve the property while remaining on budget. By the time we meet at the Spring General Meeting, all work should be complete. Until then, we would like to ask for everyone's cooperation in not using the properties while contractors are actively working. We also ask that children be reminded to stay clear of the newly seeded grass areas until a new lawn is established.

Spring is also the time of year where we begin our search for a beach person to help maintain the property throughout the summer. This is a paid position. We are looking for a reliable, hard working candidate. For information on the beach person responsibilities, or to apply for the position, please contact me directly.

As always, if you have any suggestions on how we can improve the safety, appearance or enjoyment of our common properties, please bring them to our attention. All suggestions are welcome and will be discussed by the board for possible implementation.

I look forward to seeing you all more often as the weather improves.

**Joe Bica, Beach and Lake Commissioner 757-9854**

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### Financial Secretary Report

**SSBPOA annual dues for June 2006 - May 2007 are again \$125 and will be mailed shortly. Help us save time and money by paying your dues on time!**

### Membership Dues Statistics

As of 5/9/2006

We're about to close out the 2005-2006 dues collection with 92% of dues paid. The final block-by-block competition is as follows:

| Block         | # of Homes | Homes Outstanding | % Paid     |
|---------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Goodwin       | 16         | 0                 | 100%       |
| Hewitt        | 20         | 0                 | 100%       |
| West          | 28         | 1                 | 96%        |
| Blanchard     | 12         | 1                 | 92%        |
| Heather       | 11         | 1                 | 91%        |
| Oelsner       | 26         | 3                 | 88%        |
| W. Waterview  | 29         | 6                 | 79%        |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>142</b> | <b>12</b>         | <b>92%</b> |

### Owe back dues?

Are you one of the handful of people not paying your dues? Why not do something about it this spring? It's never too late to start paying your dues again. Contact me and we can work out a payment plan that meets your budget. You can email me at [dues@ssbpoa.com](mailto:dues@ssbpoa.com) or call 754-0816.

### Are you selling your house?

Please make sure your dues are paid in full and contact me for a letter of clear title at least a few days prior to your closing. Don't let back dues hold up the sale of your house! The block reps are always on the lookout for houses going on the market and 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.  
**Kathy Smith - Financial Secretary**

**Summer Job** – Beach person needed to help maintain our two properties – very flexible hours – Contact Joe Bica, Beach Commissioner 757-9854

### Other Association News / Issues

**Web Site:** [www.ssbpoa.com](http://www.ssbpoa.com)

Please continue to check out the association web site. Kathy Smith is doing a great job posting new material and providing a valuable resource for everyone in our community. The web site will contain the most current SSBPOA information and will help fill in the gaps between newsletters. Please send any suggestions or comments regarding the web site to the following e-mail address: [bod@ssbpoa.com](mailto:bod@ssbpoa.com)

### **Vandalism at the Lake and Beach Property:**

Each year we seem to experience some vandalism to our properties from what appears to be "friends" of young people from our community. Sidewalk pavers were broken and thrown in the lake, and the hand rail was broken at the beach and used in a fire. Parents, please remind your children that any vandalism at our association properties will be reported and filed with the police. Your help, either by reinforcing this with your kids and their friends, or by looking out for this activity, is much appreciated.

### **Newest Members of our Community:**

If you want to have a baby it seems you should join the SSBPOA board of directors! Four of our board members have recently welcomed new babies into their families. We'd like to congratulate...

Recording Secretary Rose Schafer and her husband Scott on the birth of Aidan Russell, born November 25, 2005. He joins big sister Nicole and big brother Evan.

Blanchard Block Representative Carolyn Cooney and her husband John on the birth of Patrick Edward, born March 2, 2006. He joins big brothers Christopher and John.

Treasurer Joe Gold and his wife Maija on the birth of their first child, Lucas Peter, born April 18, 2006.

Hewitt Block Representative Pete Ferrara and his wife Julie on the birth of Samantha Grace born April 20, 2006. She joins big brother Peter.

Other new babies in the neighborhood are: Alexandra, born December 28, 2005 to Andrea & Louis Curatolo on Goodwin place; twins Kaitlyn and Sean born March 15, 2006 to Tracy, Steven and big brother Andrew Kiffer on West Street; Joseph born April 17, 2006 to Jennifer & Joe Welsh on West Street.



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Congratulations to everyone! If you'd like a birth announcement, engagement, wedding or any other announcement in future newsletters, please email [news@ssbpoa.com](mailto:news@ssbpoa.com) or contact any board member with your news.

### **Community Members serving in the Military:**

USMC Lance Corporal, Jason Prochilo  
stationed at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

### **Special Thanks to:**

Ø Jim Bileci for his tall sea grass and laurel bush donation to the park

### **Note from former resident – Kathy Aherne (Milius):**

We received a lovely note from Kathy Aherne (Milius)  
The following is a summary –

My dad Robert E. Aherne passed away this past winter and lived at 15 Hewitt Drive for almost 43 years. He lived there with his wife Nancy Aherne (who passed away exactly two years ago), my sister Karen Aherne (Tursi) and me, Kathy Aherne (Milius). My sister and I both got married and moved away. Not too far - my sister to East Northport and me to Selden. But my parents would never sell the house. His house was his pride and joy and loved the neighborhood. My sister and I have many fond memories of growing up in the neighborhood, swimming at the private beach and ice-skating at the lake... One of my favorite memories was participating in the annual "Beach Party" that was held each August when I was growing up. At that time we had many neighbors who only lived there from Memorial Day to Labor Day so I was fortunate to have "summer" friends as well... My sister and I were never bored!! Our parents never had to drive us to a friend's house; we had plenty of friends to play with...

After my Mom passed away in 2004, it was hard for my Dad to live there by himself. Too many memories, but still would not sell the house!! He used to rave to me about your "newsletter" and how active and social everyone was and how the neighborhood was growing with new families moving in.

It will be the end of an era for me and my family and maybe new beginnings for a new family to join your community. How lucky for them if they can have the same wonderful memories I cherish growing up in such a wonderful neighborhood as this!!

Kathy Aherne (Milius)

### **Board of Directors Meetings:**

The Board of Directors met and conducted official association business on the following dates:  
**January 9<sup>th</sup>, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

### **Meeting Schedule for the remainder of 2006:**

Monday, July 10, 2006  
Monday, September 11, 2006  
Monday, November 13, 2006

Please work with your block representative if you have any topic you would like to bring before the board of directors.

### **Board of Directors:**

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| President                   | Keith Smith  |
| Vice President              | Ginny Goonan |
| Recording Secretary         | Rose Schafer |
| Treasurer                   | Joe Gold     |
| Corresponding Secretary     | Jim Teeple   |
| Financial Secretary         | Kathy Smith  |
| Beach and Lake Commissioner | Joe Bica     |

### **Block Representatives:**

|              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| Heather      | Julia Labuskes |
| West         | Ken Kroll      |
| Oelsner      | Nick Prochilo  |
| W. Waterview | Jeanne Schwarz |
| Goodwin      | Ed Swick       |
| Blanchard    | Carolyn Cooney |
| Hewitt       | Peter Ferrara  |

### **Advertising in our newsletter and on the web site:**

We are investigating the idea of including advertising to help off-set the cost of printing and internet hosting. If you know of a contractor / service provider who might be interested in buying ad space, please let me know. We are still working through the details, so any additional ideas or suggestions are welcome. (Please contact Jim Teeple, Corresponding Secretary – 757-4030 or send a message to the web site at [advertising@ssbpoa.com](mailto:advertising@ssbpoa.com))

**Dog Alert!** We are again a community with many small children. We have been asked by several parents to ask all pet owners to please clean up after their dogs and to make sure they are on a leash.