Riverbay Association Newsletter ~Spring, 2009

No more WRINKLE BAY!! No more LIVER BAY!!
AND, for sure, Riverbay is <u>NOT</u> a cemetery with the lights on

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BUT, it is our home for 4 seasons
and not a bad place, at that….

SPRING

SUMMER

FALL

WINTER

Greetings to all!! Your new Riverbay Association president, Jan Whittaker, says it is time to put these negative descriptions and perceptions of Riverbay to rest!!! We are a lovely and quiet (blessedly so) community. There are many accomplished residents amongst us who are active in charitable, professional and civic organizations and who participate in Town government---both as elected and appointed officials. Riverbay is also home to a number of artists, musicians, writers, gardeners and other craftsmen. Many of us are still "working folk"—both young and old--who choose to live in Riverbay in spite of its previous labels or reputation. And, yes, even young families, basketball hoops and school buses have been observed within the tangle of streets here in Riverbay. Thus far, Riverbay Association has kept a low profile in Town and we do not make the front pages of the Chatham Chronicle, though there is an occasional reference to Riverbay with a negative overtone. Perhaps it's time for our community/Association to move above the radar. Who knows---shall we propose Riverbay as the site of the first residential wind turbine in Chatham. WHOA---I'm only kidding, of course…..

These are very belated greetings from your new Riverbay Association (RBA) President, Jan Whittaker. Your new Riverbay Association Board of Directors was elected at the Annual Meeting held last October at the Town of Chatham Community Center. Tom Patton, past president of the Association for 2 years, willingly passed along the gavel to me. Sincere thanks are extended to Tom for his work and service over the past several years.

At this time, I would like to introduce the new Board officers and members.

President: Jan Whittaker
Vice President: Ron Holmes
Secretary: Jean Carey
Treasurer: Audrey Gray

Board members--1 year term
--Bill Burley
--Judy Chesley
--John Randall

Board members---2 year term
--Eric Hartell
--Harry Howard
--Ann Reydel

The Board of Directors has met several times and is in the process of establishing goals and developing a calendar of 2009 Riverbay Association activities. Some of our goals and plans are discussed on the following pages..

?? THE FUTURE IN RIVERBAY ??

'Ties up to us. We will be conducting a survey in June to gather information about your concerns here in Riverbay. In the interim, if you have questions, please e-mail them to me at riverbaychat@yahoo.com and I will share them with the Board and try to provide you with answers or information.

Have a good spring !!
Your new prez, Jan Whittaker

eRIVERBAY COMMITTEE

This is a major focus of the Board with Ron Holmes chairing the group. Goals of the e-Riverbay committee include an updated/improved Web site and increased use of e-mail for communication with Riverbay residents. Since last fall, 3 e-mail messages have been sent to those Association members who have provided us with e-mail addresses. E-mail topics included: announcement of the fall bulb-planting event at the main entrance, notification of a Monomoy River hearing, and the proposed establishment of a Riverbay Walkers Group.

Some residents have reported that they are not receiving e-mail from RBA. Please check your SPAM CATCHER to allow mail from riverbaychat@yahoo.com. You may also want to check to see if we have your current e-mail address. Judy Chesley has graciously volunteered to maintain and update the Riverbay e-mail list. Please see the back page for contact and sign-up information.

RIVERBAY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE (RBC)

Ann Reydel, one of our new Board members, is also the new chairperson of the RBC. Ann took the leadership reins from Christie Turner in 2008. Many thanks to Christie for all of her dedicated efforts and hard work in establishing and overseeing this Committee.

Landscaping beautification efforts continue in Riverbay. Approximately $1,000 in donations were received for this purpose and put to work this past year. Over 150 annuals and perennials were planted in May, '08 and over 1,000 bulbs went in the ground in October, '08 at the Park Avenue main entrance area. A sizable number of Riverbay residents volunteered and worked hard at both events.

The RBC met in early April to plan ongoing beautification efforts. The RBC will continue work at the main entrance at Park Street utilizing the design plan developed by Ann Randall last year. Discussion is ongoing about other possible areas in Riverbay that need to be addressed. A Riverbay Spring Planting and Mulching Day has been scheduled for May 16th at 10:00 a.m. and all residents are welcome to participate. Please notify Ann if you can help--call (508) 945-1988 or send her a note at reydel@comcast.net.

The Board has also reviewed the mowing services contract that was in place for Riverbay. Some of you had expressed concern about the quality and/or quantity of work provided by the current landscaper. The Board solicited 3 bids from other landscape companies and voted to use Estates Landscape and Maintenance of Brewster, MA for the upcoming year. Mr. Due and his staff will also be performing a spring clean-up of all the mowing areas within Riverbay.

RIVERBAY WALKERS GROUP

Marian Dubovik, a Registered Dietitian and Riverbay resident, has completed planning for a Riverbay Walkers Group. Plans called for a 3-mile walking loop in Riverbay----starting at the Flagpole area, winding thru several streets in RB and ending up back at the Flagpole. If you have interest in walking or helping with the group, please contact Marian at (508)945 – 3897 or marianpaul@comcast.net

CALENDAR OF RIVERBAY ACTIVITIES

This is a work in progress. Currently scheduled thus far is the Association Annual meeting on Saturday, October 3, 2009, to be held again at the Community Center. Board meetings are being held monthly. We are still discussing the annual picnic, annual luncheon and/or other possible neighborhood events.

THANK YOU's – KUDOS – APPRECIATION

It is only with a willing spirit and body can we improve our community here in Riverbay. Thank you's are extended to new members who volunteered to serve on the Board of Directors—Jean Carey, Audrey Gray, Eric Hartell, Ron Holmes, Harry Howard, and Ann Reydel. We express our appreciation to Ann Randall for her efforts in doing the design plan for the main entrance and to Marion Dubovik for her offer and willingness to establish the Riverbay Walkers group. Thanks to all of you who helped with the 2008 Spring and Fall plantings at Park Avenue—those were major projects and definitely many hands helped to make light work. Extra thank you's to Pat Carden, Cindy Knight, Christie Turner and Jan Whittaker, who along with their hard work, donated all the seasonal decorations displayed at the Riverview Drive/Training Field Rd. entrance. Many positive comments were heard about their Fall display, in particular. Yes, Riverbay is a very nice place to live…..

YOO HOO!! WANTED!!

E-mail addresses of Riverbay residents

Help us to: --SAVE $$$ --GO GREEN

-- IMPROVE RIVERBAY COMMUNICATION

So far, over 175 Riverbay households have taken the leap

Please send your e-mail address to Judy Chesley at:

riverbaychat@yahoo.com