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# Riverbay Association Newsletter Summer 2017

## The close of Summer

The summer has flown by once again, and the school busses will be running this week. It has been another lovely season here in Riverbay, and we continue to be grateful to live in such a lovely spot.



Kayaking on Trout Pond

As my tenure as Riverbay Board President winds down, let me state what an honor it has been to serve. I have gotten to know so many of my neighbors through our events, and I look forward to continuing to be involved in other capacities. Please mark your calendars for our annual meeting to be held at the Chatham Community Center on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker will be Dr. Julie Sieven who will inspire us to continue to live and love life here in Riverbay!

Sally Davol



Please remove your boats from our shared pond access at the end of the season.

## **Highlights from the Board**

The Riverbay Association Board met July 24, 2017. Association meetings are open to any Riverbay resident. If you would like to attend a quarterly meeting, feel free to contact any board member for date and location.

Membership chair Rosemarie Fischer reported that membership in the Riverbay Association has continued to be strong with 244 members representing 64% of Riverbay homes.

Treasurer Barb Geagan reported a healthy balance in the checkbook, due to our strong membership numbers.

Beautification co-chair Ann Reydel reported on the plantings done at the Park Avenue entrance that included gorgeous "Knock-out" roses. The rain sensor and drip irrigation system was also repaired allowing water to get to this shade less garden. The removal of dead limbs also increased the esthetics of the quad area. There is always so much to do-consider joining a weeding or planting party in the future!

You may have noticed work done at the flag pole- It was converted to a pivot system so that we can install and maintain a solar light at the top as there is no electricity on the quad. Keep an eye out for a new flag and light coming soon!

Finally, a concern was brought to the board regarding boats at the ponds. It was exciting to see the ponds getting so much use this summer- kayaking, fishing and even swimming! If you leave your boat overnight, please be careful not to damage trees with chains, or inhibit lateral progress along the shore from other users. Our ponds are a wonderful benefit that we all can share!

## Japanese Knotweed in Riverbay



Riverbay resident Tina Delaney has shared important information about an invasive plant species that is popping up in Riverbay. Like bamboo, Knotweed grows in dense patches up to 10 feet tall. Knotweed offers little habitat value other than cover, and greatly degrades the wildlife habitat value of your plantings. It is the rhizome system that is the real problem. Knotweed's durable rhizomes spread vigorously, expanding the size of the knotweed stand.

#### Read more here:

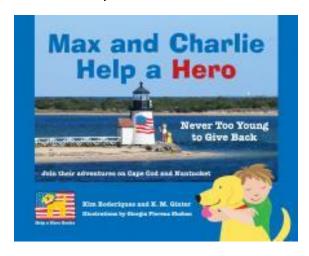
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You may never eradicate knotweed from your property, but you can keep it at a manageable level so it does not impact the habitat value of your plantings.



Please do not feed the Turkeys, foxes and coyotes! They are doing just fine without us!

## Riverbay author: Karen Ginter



Riverbay resident Karen Ginter collaborated with Kim Roderiques for this book based on real life characters who made a difference in their community on Cape Cod and Nantucket. The book is bound to delight children with its intrepid band of characters which are prominently overlaid on photographs of scenic landmarks on Cape Cod, Nantucket, and many feature Chatham. "Max and Charlie Help a Hero" inspires children to value the sacrifices made by those who have served in the military. Children are shown that they have the power to help someone in need and make a difference, even at a young age. These experiences of "giving back" are learning moments that children can take into adulthood. A portion of the proceeds will go to help veterans and shelter animals through: Nantucket Holidays for Heroes, the Nicholas G. Xiarhos Memorial Fund and the Cape Cod MSPCA.

Max and Charlie Help a Hero can be purchased downtown at Yellow Umbrella Books.

## ~ Upcoming Riverbay Events ~

Saturday, October 14 Riverbay Annual Meeting 9:30 AM, Chatham Community Center Thursday, December 7 Riverbay Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Sing 5:30 PM Park Avenue entrance



We witnessed another VERY successful yard sale here in Riverbay last Memorial Day weekend. Thank you to all who sold, bought, organized and directed traffic!













### **Real Estate Corner**

Chatham continues to be an active Real Estate Market for 2017 and Riverbay continues to be a highly sought-after neighborhood. As of Labor Day, there are only two homes and one building lot that are available.

- 313 Deer Meadow Lane is currently listed for \$849,900 and has been on the market for 42 days.
- 88 Round Cove Road is currently listed for \$759,000 and has been on the market for 31 days.
- 39 Monomoyic Way, listed for \$710,000 is under agreement after 4 days on the market.
- 11 Wequasset Way, listed for \$389,000 is under agreement after 5 days on the market.
- 65 Monomoyic Way, listed for \$499,900, sold on 5/24/17 for \$490,00 or 98% SP/LP after 13 days on the market.
- 132 Lakeview Avenue, originally listed for \$489,000, sold on 6/5/17 for \$480,000, or 98.16% SP/LP, after 34 days on the market.
- 257 Round Cove, originally listed for \$489,000 sold on 6/15/17 for \$470,000 or 96% SP/LP, after 140 days on the market.
- 12 Wequasset Way, originally listed for \$599,900, sold on 6/29/17 for \$590,000, or 98.35% SP/LP, after 24 days on the market.
- The lot at 246 Deer Meadow Lane is active, listed for \$325,000 and has been on the market since 10/13/14.

The lack of transactions is due to a lack of inventory, which translates to a strong sellers' market in Riverbay!

As always, if you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact Carolyn Otis, Riverbay resident

# **Summer Socials**

Thank you to Ragnhild Bjerke and Dee Flaherty for hosting our June and August respectively Saturday Socials in their lovely yards. There has been nothing but compliments! Thank you also to Brett Ginter for providing entertainment. We are looking forward to more socials next summer- please let a board member know if you are interested in hosting!











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