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Riverbay Association Newsletter
Winter 2014

Snow Falls On Cape!

Twelve years ago, while inspecting the steep driveway of our first home in Riverbay the realtor assured us that 'it never snows on the cape'. This, of course, led to a spontaneous burst of laughter by my wife and me. This winter has proven that dictum grossly optimistic, although I have seen golfers on the Chatham Seaside Links when enough of the snow had melted and the greens were visible enough to give us hope. At least the melt occurs much quicker than at our mid Massachusetts home. For the most part, the streets have been passable and only once did I need the four wheel drive to exit at Chipping Stone. While the Riverbay signs may have been obscured by the snow piles, the street signs were not. As the melt occurs some of the snowplow scars will be made visible and the beautification committee under Mike Berg will be hosting a clearing party in the Spring. The snowfalls did expose to us that the coyotes were prospering leaving footprints and signs of a feast.



Highlights from the Board

The Riverbay Association Board met March 1, 2014. Membership chair Rosemarie Fischer reported our paid membership is just over 50% of the listed homeowners; reminder cards to the remainder will be mailed and comments from those who chose not to join are welcomed and may be submitted at riverbaychat@yahoo.com. Treasurer Audrey Gray noted that the coffers are on course with previous years. The budget was reviewed and approved for the current year. Ass't Webmaster Jan Whittaker reported that the web site continues to be viewed over 1300 times a month and will be updated. Beautification chair Mike Berg noted that the contractor for the fall cleanup of the entranceways submitted bills well under estimate. Bids for Spring and Summer work were solicited from landscapers recommended by member households and other sources. After thorough review by the board, Estates Landscaping & Maintenance was selected. The new contract will go forward. Plans are now being made for spring planting and anyone interested is asked to contact Mike. He was thanked by the board for an excellent presentation and work. Ann Reydel was thanked for her efforts on the project to place signs noting the web site – Riverbay.org --at the entranceways. (cont.)



Board Issues (cont.)

Special projects head Roy Johansen discussed the annual meeting which will be held October 18, 2014 at the community center this year. One of the topics on the agenda at that annual meeting will be whether the Association wants to change the format back to a luncheon held at a local venue with an added charge, this to encourage increased attendance. The board has decided to replace the picnic with several informal gatherings during the year. The first is tentatively scheduled for April 26, 2014 and will be held at the Cape Cod Commercial Fisherman's Association building from 5 to 7 pm. The association will provide soft drinks, paper plates, and cups; members and guests can bring 'pot luck' light fare to share (or not). Besides just getting to know your neighbors, the purpose is an exchange of ideas to make Riverbay a better place to live. Another interesting project will be to have a Riverbay 'Yard Sale Day'. This will not be a multi-family yard sale in one location but a publicized day where homeowners are encouraged to hold their individual yard sale. Again, membership comments are solicited and should be sent to Riverbaychat@yahoo.com. The board is contemplating having an August gathering that will be the replacement for the annual picnic. A tentative date of August 23, 2014 is being pursued. Other items included whether we wished to have an entry in the July 4th parade, and a Riverbay 'open house' or 'open garden' tour in the future. The final major item that the board addressed concerned formalizing the organization as a 'not for profit' (but not charitable) 501-C7 corporation and obtaining liability coverage for the organization and board. These will be investigated for action in the future.

Events (continued)

From Barbara Fouhy: The Eldredge Public Library Spring Learning Series is offering some exciting programs. April brings the amazing Jung Ho Pak, our Cape Cod Symphony conductor, as well as John Whelan and Steve Bornemeier with The Best of Broadway Musicals. Carol Yindra returns discussing Movies and the Arts. John Kennedy will be discussing 1814- Anything but an Ordinary Year. May will bring Karen Moore helping us with Garden Pleasures, Kerry Brown will be back with his popular Shakespeare program, this year on Macbeth. Shannon Griscom will complete the season with her popular discussions of the plays to be performed at the Monomoy Theater. To get the full details with times and dates please click on the following link: <http://www.eldredgelibrary.org/programs-classes-and-events/learning-series/>

Events of Note

Ed. Note: Included here are items of interest that are non-political that may be of interest to our members. Inclusion does not imply endorsement by the association.

From Betsey Stevens: Nauset Neighbors is a Cape-based non-profit organization dedicated to helping the senior community stay independent and safe in their homes as long as possible. Nauset Neighbors – Chatham and their partner-in-planning the Chatham Council on Aging hosted an informational/recruitment meeting event on Wednesday, February 5th at the Chatham Community Center. It has been determined that there is enough interest in both members and volunteers to initiate the program in Chatham. By joining the group for a nominal annual fee (which can be adjusted or waived) members are given access to services where a single call to the office enables a member to request rides to appointments, help with small tasks around the house such as changing screens, help with shopping, outings and other handyman jobs.

All of the services are provided by volunteers who want to help seniors not only with the necessities of life but with ways to improve the quality of life such as trip to the library or senior center.

Volunteers use online signup to select the type of service they wish to provide and the time that is most convenient for them. Typically volunteers help once or twice a month. If you are interested in becoming a member or a volunteer or want more information, you may call Nauset Neighbors at (508)514-7067.

From Anne Broderick: Our organization, Liberty Forum, is a philanthropic group of area women. We are non-political and non-partisan and some of the charities for which we have raised funds are the Family Pantry of Cape Cod, Wounded Warriors, Cape Cod Council of Churches, Cape Cod Cares 4 The Troops, Support Military Training Dogs to name a few. We are having our Annual Pancake Breakfast Sunday, May 25th (Memorial Day Weekend) at the V.F.W. Post on George Ryder Road, Chatham, MA from 9am to 12pm. Adults are \$8.00, children 6 years old to 10 years old, \$4.00 and children under 6 are FREE. We hope you and your families will attend and help us make this a big success so that others may benefit. Thanks again. For more information: Anne Broderick 61 Wequasset Way 508-945-9709

Meet the board members:

Jack Farrell: I have resided on Training Field Road since 2002. I practiced real estate law in Chatham for 30 years and have been a realtor with Webster's Real Estate for the past 10 years. My wife, Catherine Laurent, is the Director of the D.P.W. for the Town of Mashpee. I have been active in municipal government and currently serve on the Land Bank Open Space Committee. I have been a member at Eastward Ho! since 1979 and enjoy walking nine holes before sunset.

Rosemarie Fischer: My husband, Tony, and I moved to Chatham from Stony Brook, NY in 2001, and enjoy being residents of this wonderful Riverbay community. We have three children and four grandchildren who are young enough to keep us hopping! I hold degrees from Smith College and Columbia University, and, in my working days, had a long and satisfying career in social work. We love our home and are not big travelers save for trips up and down the eastern seaboard to visit family and friends, and/or to enjoy an occasional getaway to our summer cottage in Maine.

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Update on the Monomoy River Project

A combined Chatham and Harwich Conservation Committee meeting was held on February 27, 2014. Secretary Ann Hesketh was present and had the following observations:

- the time period for construction and road closure is expected to be 12 - 15 weeks. (Rt. 28/Orleans road will be closed from Old comers to Bay Rd. for the construction)
- the planners prefer Option #1 but it will depend on the contractor as to whether it is feasible. (this is a top down cutting out of the road that will have less impact on the surrounding area but will be more expensive than option 2 which is a more standard way of building the bridge)
- the "improved public access" refers to the opening of the culvert to the river
- only kayaks and canoes will be allowed through the new opening. Not sure if signs will be posted as to no motorized boats. The depth of the water is shallow through the opening (? amount of feet but not much different than the depth of the river now)
- roadway width will not change and a 5 1/2 foot sidewalk will be added.
- life expectancy of the new channel is 75 years.)
- A "site visit" is planned for March 20 I think around 12 noon (low tide)
- The date of beginning of construction was mentioned as the fall of 2015, though they do not have all permits in hand and it will not go out to bid until that is finalized.



Past Presidents of Riverbay Association

** indicates still living in Riverbay

1968-69	Earle F. Dewey	1987-88	Paul Mansuy
1969-70	Roger Oakman	1988-89	Charles Hathaway
1970-71	William F. Kelley	1990-91	James Amsler
1971-72	Percy Smith	1992-94	Charles Lytle
1972-73	Robert W. Price	1994-95	Thomas Gogan
1973-74	Eugene Macy	1995-96	Roberta Shupe**
1974-75	Leon Eriksen	1996-97	William McGarry
1975-76	Harry Torjesen	1997-98	Dorothy McHugh
1976-77	Selig Bernstein	1998-99	Norb Timmins**
1977-78	Leonard Capone	1999-00	John Randall
1978-79	Arthur Villepique	2000-01	Eunice Geist
1979-80	William Roth	2001-04	Bob Hughes **
1980-81	John Emison **	2004-05	Sal Gionfriddo **
1981-82	Sheldon Flynn	2005-06	Randy VanSickle **
1982-83	J. Harris Lamson	2006-08	Tom Patton **
1983-84	Austin W. Dunham	2009-12	Jan Whittaker **
1984-85	Sigmund Somy	2012-13	Jack Farrell **
1985-86	Joseph Herbert		



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