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Riverbay Association Newsletter
Winter 2016

Signs of Spring in Riverbay

I really do not want to jinx anything- March is a very long month, but on my daily walk I spied snowbells, crocus, daffodils, tulips and sedum! Thoughts of winters past are gone from my mind and I optimistically look forward toward spring.



The other sign of springtime rebirth is the amount of construction happening in our neighborhood- construction dumpsters are filling up, tractor engines are revving up and upstairs dormers are going up! Everyday there is something new to see and admire. Sure does make the walking interesting! *Sally Davol*

Highlights from the Board

The Riverbay Association Board met February 6, 2016. 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 our paid membership is just over 45% of the listed homeowners. This is 5% less than last year and although seemingly a small amount it is a downward trend. If you have not renewed your membership for the 2015-2016 year, please consider doing so now. If there is a specific reason you choose not to become a member, comments are welcomed and may be submitted at riverbaychat@yahoo.com.

Treasurer Barbara Geagan reported that the Riverbay treasury was on par with previous years. It was noted that the water bill was higher than normal, but it was caused by a break in the irrigation system over the summer which has been repaired.

Beautification chair Mike Berg discussed grooming the Park Street entrance and he and Randy Fusaro will discuss a plan with interested residents at the April social.

The board discussed electrifying the Park Street entrance so that the flag pole can be properly lighted and more events such as the Christmas tree lighting can occur. The Town of Chatham owns the land so it is "complicated".

It is time for a new paper directory of Riverbay residents. Email addresses will be solicited at member's discretion. See pg.3.

Meet the New Board Members:

Edward Boyce, Vice President
286 Chipping Stone Road

I have been coming to Chatham for 35 plus years. 15 years ago my wife Carol and I bought a condo in West Chatham. This was a vacation get away for us and our two children Kelly, and Steven.

In September 2014 we purchased our home in RiverBbay. The rest is history of how I became V.P. of the Riverbay Association.

My work history was 31 years in banking operations, for BayBank, Bank Boston, and Fleet bank. I was the installation manager for all ATM installations nationwide.

I currently work for a service company out of Missoula Montana. My role is Account Executive for many of the tier one banks in the northeast.
Feel free to call me, or e-mail me with any questions of concerns.



Linda Ford, Secretary
251 Chipping Stone Road

Raised on the Cape and after retiring from an elementary teaching career in Harwich, Linda Ford, our new secretary, and her husband, Rob, decided the time had come to downsize after residing in an antique Cape for over thirty years. Moving to Riverbay along with their black lab, Jeb, has proven to be a wonderful experience. These days Linda can often be found reading historical fiction, puttering about in the garden, working part time at the Moppet Shop (Orleans), hosting family gatherings, and always savoring any time spent overlooking Pleasant Bay. When asked by her grandson if she and Rob were planning to remain on Cape Cod, her reassuring reply was, "I certainly hope so!"

Real Estate Corner

According to the Cape and Island Multiple Listing Service, there were 14 homes, and one lot sold in Riverbay during 2015.

The average sale price was \$517,336 and the sale prices ranged between \$375,000 and \$699,000. This is up from an average sale of \$493,577 in 2014 representing 13 homes.

The average of days on market was 93 days, an improvement from 172 days on market in 2014.

The average sale price to current list price percentage in 2015 was 95.57%

The lot sold after 227 days on market for \$259,000 which was 86.87% of its current list price.

Year-to-date in 2016 there have been three sales, one for \$420,000 or 93.33% of its current listing price, one for \$455,000 or 91.92% of its current listing price, and one new construction that sold for \$920,000.

There are also four homes currently under agreement as of March 10th after an average of 42 days on the market.

Finally, as of March 10th, there are 11 Riverbay homes for sale, as well as one buildable lot. All in all, the outlook seems good for 2016! If anyone would like additional information about the real estate market in Riverbay, please feel free to contact me.

Carolyn Otis
Riverbay Board Member

Upcoming Riverbay Events

- **Saturday, April 30** Riverbay Saturday Social, *Location to be announced*
- **Saturday, May 28** Riverbay Yard Sale, 9am-3pm

'Beat the Ban' -- the plastic bag ban, that is



CHATHAMRECYCLES (CR) is renewing a focus on promoting the increased use of reusable shopping bags with an initial focus on non-profit organizations and other Chatham groups. The Chatham BOH recently passed a plastic bag ban which restricts the distribution of single-use plastic bags, although vendors have until 1/1/17 to use up current supplies, research alternatives, and purchase new stock. Full details of the ban are available on the Town website.

CR is an all-volunteer group that through education and hosting of special recycling related events, attempts to get the word out about the benefits of recycling and the resulting positive impact on our environment. Education is accomplished through school outreach programs, the **CR** website, a bi-weekly **CR** column in the Cape Cod Chronicle, and Recycling Info Brochure. **CR** special events include the Recycle Fest, the Drop 'n Swap Event, and the recent Book 'n Media Swap held on March 20.

Harwich has also passed a plastic bag ban and as of January, 2017, you will pay 10¢ at Stop & Shop for a reusable plastic bag ***IF*** you don't take along your own reusable bag. To help get in the habit of using reusable shopping bags, it might be a smart idea for Riverbay residents to stash a few of them in the back seat or trunk of our vehicles....

Reusable bags are available at several non-profit organizations and businesses around Chatham, including Chatham Marconi Maritime Center, Eldredge Public Library, the Atwood House Museum, Chatham Village Market, and the Organic Market. It is anticipated that more Chatham businesses and groups will offer reusable bags to sell or as fundraising perks. **CR** hopes to see Riverbay residents around town shopping with their reusable bags--perhaps even one with the classic Riverbay logo.....

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******* Help us update the Riverbay Directory! *******

Email any changes or additions to membership chair Rosemarie Fischer at
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Please include name(s), street address, telephone number and email (optional)

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