

RIVERBAY

Riverbay Association Newsletter - late Summer, 2010

A message from the Prez as SUMMER sails on ~~~~~



Summer sails on with a brisk and HOT wind this year. I hope all is well with Riverbay residents and owners---whether you are here full-time, part-time, seasonally, or only visiting. The cooling summer ocean breezes have not materialized here in Chatham as much this year as in the past, but just think of all that increased beach and boating time you have had this year. Great summer weather a la Chamber of Commerce!

Your Riverbay Association Board has been busy since the beginning of the year although members keep a low profile. Several projects are underway and are highlighted on pgs. 2 & 3.

One other item—Board members have granted me a presidential pardon for the inaccuracy of the Riverbay speed limit that was included in the spring, 2010 Newsletter---should have been 30 mph and NOT 35 mph. A few of you with sharp eyes and steel trap minds caught my error and let me know. So, the prez says, “mea culpa” and I apologize.

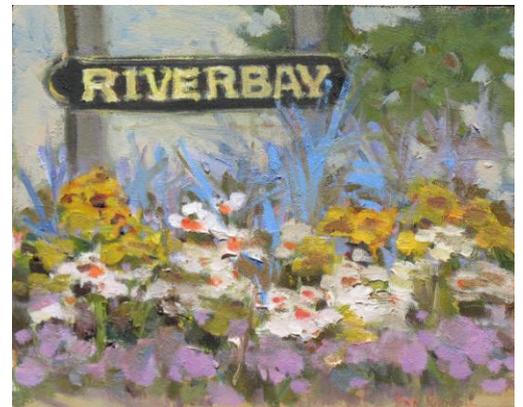
Do enjoy the rest of the summer and we look forward to seeing you at the Riverbay Association Annual meeting on Saturday, October 2nd at the Chatham Community Center. After a short business meeting, hear Dougie Bohman, our guest speaker, share tales from her many years of serving on the Chatham Board of Selectman. Please save the date: Oct. 2nd at 10:00 a.m.

Your “prez”-- Jan Whittaker

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NEW RESIDENT WELCOME PACKET

A Welcome-to-Riverbay folder has been completed and ready for distribution to new residents. Jean Carey, Membership Committee chairperson, and Jean Zilliox, Association secretary, have worked diligently on this project and are thanked for all their time and efforts. Our gratitude is also extended to Ann Randall, an RBC member and one of a number of artists living here in Riverbay, for allowing us to use a copy of her painting of the Riverbay quarter board on the cover of the Welcome packet. New residents will begin to receive the folders in September, 2010.



RIVERBAY.org---Updated web site launched in May

Feedback about the site has been favorable with a number of positive comments about the HOME PAGE--particularly inclusion of the National Weather Service forecast for Chatham---and the LINKS page. So, why not make the Riverbay.org HOME PAGE a favorite on your PC and have the 7-day Chatham weather forecast available at your fingertips. Comments and suggestions about the web site are invited. Your ideas and input are needed to make the Association web site informative and as useful to Riverbay residents as possible.

Riverbay E-mail UPDATE

Several inquiries have been received about the privacy aspect of the Riverbay e-mail list. We are in the process of transferring the Riverbay e-mail group to Cape Cod Computer, our web site host. Your e-mail addresses will be much more secure on the Cape Cod Computer server than on an individual's PC. Our current e-mail account with YAHOO limits the number of messages to 20 that can be sent at one time. When the changeover is complete, one key stroke will allow a message to be sent to everyone on the list at the same time—Hurrah!



COMING SOON --- NEW RESIDENT DIRECTORY

Many of you continue to ask for a copy of the Riverbay Directory—the last version was issued in April, 2004. The Directory update is nearly complete and will be available sometime this fall to members of the Riverbay Association.

We Want You -- We Need You 2010 Dues -- still due from some of you

Your home may be one of your largest investments. For just pennies--less than 9 cents a day-- you have The Riverbay Association working for you and keeping an eye on Riverbay Estates. Our Board of Directors is composed of volunteers and they work hard for you. Some of you may wonder why even bother to join the Association---what does the Board do anyway. Here goes:

- Maintain the 4 signed entrance areas
- Write/mail periodic Association newsletters
- Contract/monitor mowing/irrigation services
- Plant and maintain several flower beds
- Interact with residents with concerns, questions
- Maintain the Association web site
- Provide notification of events impacting Riverbay
- Update mailing and group e-mail lists

Such a deal--especially for part-time and seasonal residents. You can sleep better at night knowing that someone is taking care of business here in Riverbay. The Association keeps an eye out for everyone here in Riverbay Estates. Please consider joining or re-joining the Association. The cut-off date for listings in the Riverbay directory will be September 15, 2010. Copies of the new Directory will be available to Association members who attend the Annual Meeting (October 2, 2010) and upon a member's request after that date. To those of you who have already joined the Riverbay Association and paid your dues for this year, we say **THANK YOU!**





RIVERBAY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE (RBC)



The RBC, under the leadership of Ann Reydel, continues to work hard at maintaining the flower beds at the main entrance at Park Avenue and the other smaller gardens at the 3 signed entrances. The prolonged hot and dry weather this summer has made gardening a challenge for all of us. Even with the change-over of the irrigation system to drip lines in the flower beds, it has been tough to keep up with the very thirsty plants.

Planting/Clean-up Day (May 22nd) went well with 15 energetic residents planting both new and replacement annuals. Along with the fun of planting, our garden volunteers raked, weeded, pruned and mulched at “The Park” and ½ of the first island of the Park Avenue corridor. Additional mulching was completed by 7 dedicated volunteers on June 6th. Due to volunteer “burn-out” (in more ways than one), our landscaper completed the Park Avenue island clean-up.

The 1st Annual Riverbay Plant Swap/Give-away Day was also held in conjunction with Spring Planting Day on May 22nd. Participation in the Plant Swap was limited but about fifteen plants found new homes. We hope for an increased turn-out next year. There are many lovely gardens and great gardeners here in Riverbay so why not share plants, especially those in need of thinning, with your neighbors.

Sincere thank you's to our hardy crew: Suzanne Burley, Jean Carey, Chris Ebel, Rosemarie Fischer, Bonnie Hausner, Lynne & Eric Hartell, Carol & Hal Knapp, Ruth Lund, Rich Morgano, Ann Reydel, Lesley & Steve Russo, Vera Russo, Sandra Forrester Shelton, Ruth Steeger, Christie Turner and Jan & Ted Whittaker. A great team made a Riverbay garden happen! We are also most grateful to those Riverbay residents who have given so generously over the past few years to support the work of the RBC—your donations are truly appreciated.

Also, an extra round of thanks to:

- Hal Kanpp--who continues to serve as Riverbay liaison with our irrigation contractor, Seaview Landscaping. His contribution of time and patience in dealing with the “cranky controller” is very much appreciated!
- Karen and Paul Bosynak--who help with the weeding at the Chipping Stone entrance and provide watering for that corner via their lawn irrigation system.
- Karen and Brent Ginter -- see below

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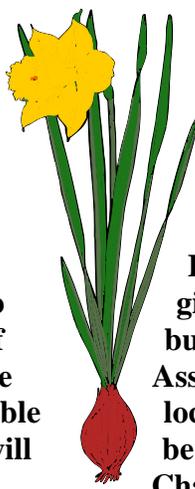
Adopt-a-Corner



When you have a minute, do drive by and check out the intersection of Lakeview Ave. and Round Cove Rd. Kudos to Karen Ginter for her work there. She was one of the first to step up to the Adopt-a-Corner call from the RBC. Karen has done a terrific job and that corner has sprung to life with color and texture. If you would like to Adopt-a-Corner or have questions about the process, members of the Beautification Committee are ready to give you guidance. Please contact Ann Reydel at (508)945-1988 or reydel@comcast.net for info.

DAFFIES-to-GO

To help beautify the streetscape in Riverbay, the Riverbay Beautification Committee will hold a daffodil bulb give-away at the Annual Association Meeting on October 2, 2010. One package of each household in attendance at the Association meeting will be offered to the bulbs be planted in a street visible location on your property. As almost all of Riverbay is private property, this will be another way to increase the physical beauty of our community. The Chatham Chamber of Commerce did this several years ago when bulbs were given to merchants and businesses around town and it was a huge success. The RBC requests your participation in this 1st time endeavor.



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There are a number of vibrant corners in Riverbay. As you drive around, please take time to cast your eye here and there and “smell the roses”. Beauty is all around us—don’t miss it!



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