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Riverbay Association Newsletter Fall 2013

Carole Ridley Addresses Annual Meeting

The 2013 Riverbay Association Annual Meeting featured speaker was Carole Ridley of the Pleasant Bay Alliance.

Ms. Ridley reviewed the nature and structure of the Pleasant Bay Alliance. She then presented a history of the Muddy River culvert augmented by photos from 1871 showing a wooden bridge, 1900 showing an earthen dyke with a single culvert and another from 1930 showing a second culvert addition which is the current status. She also noted there was a sluice gate at the waist of the river (approximate midpoint) which was destroyed in the hurricane of 1938.

She noted that this is a road project undertaken for an environmental and not transportation need. She noted that there will be change in flow as well as salinity which will affect the ecology of the area. There will be a water level change in the river increasing the height of the high tide and depth of the low tide but little change in the area of the wetland (56 acres). She also noted the ecologic sensitivity of the project and impact of construction on the area. The new culvert bridge will be about 100 feet in length and have a sidewalk on the north (pleasant bay) side.

For more information please review:

<http://www.pleasantbay.org/programs-and-projects/wetlands-protection/muddy-creek-restoration>

Addendum: A \$3.7 million dollar grant award for the project and was announced at the October 24 Public Meeting for the 25% Design presentation. The timeline has construction beginning sometime after September 2014 and completed by spring 2015. A six week detour NOT involving Riverbay roads is planned.

TRANSITIONS

Transitions can be a time of dread or opportunity. Having spent the last 29 years doing what I felt destined, the time came to realize change was needed; leaving at the top of my game was optimal. The future will be different but, so far, appears equally enjoyable.

The Riverbay Association Board will be going through the same transition. Board members who are rotating off – Jan Whittaker, Blanche MacMullan, Christie Turner, Jean Carey, and Eric Hartell– have set a high standard to follow and will be missed. Our entranceways are the model for other associations, our web site is flourishing, and our financial status is good.

Our picnic has had mixed reviews so taking some time for a ‘rethink’ may be appropriate. Stay tuned, but please use the volunteer form to make your thoughts known, or email any board member your thoughts.

Please go to the web site [www. Riverbay.org](http://www.Riverbay.org) and click on the link “About US”; a review will remind us of the purpose of the organization → ‘The Riverbay Association was formed to maintain the character of our community, to enhance and protect property rights and to develop neighborhood spirit’ ←. Thanks to all who have helped in the past to do just that.

Finally, my email is open for your comments and thoughts. BPfeifer@comcast.net

Executive Committee 2013-2014

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President:	Bernie Pfeifer
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Secretary:	Ann Marie Hesketh
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BOARD MEMBERS

Rosemarie Fischer	Carolyn Otis
Mike Berg	Andrew McClennen
Ann Reydel	Roy Johansen
and	
Ex officio member-Jack Farrell, past Pres.	

Meet your Board Members

Board Members were asked to write brief biographies to help you know us better. We will publish several in each newsletter.

Ann Marie Hesketh: I have been a resident of Riverbay for over 10 years. I am a retired RN who still enjoys the profession through volunteer work. I have been married for 33 years to a wonderful husband, Paul, with whom I share great times and memories in Chatham. I am also the mother of 2 children, Matt and Meghan and a new daughter-in-law, Kara. I love to garden and master home projects so you will see me outside working with my hands and sometimes with a hammer in hand.

Ann Reydel: I have owned a home in Riverbay Estates since 2003. Originally from Wisconsin and then Weston, MA. I went to Connecticut College with Economics major and I am a Realtor. My career was in Real Estate in the Weston, Wellesley area. I am retired and play bridge, tennis, golf and volunteer at the Chatham Historical Society. And, of course, I am on the Riverbay board, for my fifth year. Chatham is a great.

Keeping Riverbay in Shape

Many Thank You's to The Beautification Committee headed by Christie Turner. In addition, a number of folks have helped with the deadheading and decorations at the entrances. Since she has asked to come off the board, Mike Berg will be assuming direction of the operations. A contract has been let, after review of bids, to Estates Landscape & Maintenance for the heavy Fall and Spring cleanups. Also noted and thank-you's to the folks who have 'adopted corners'. The photo shows that they are being excellently tended. The mini-pumpkins are noted and in keeping with the theme at the entranceways.



Doggie Bags: a Scat-o-logic Tale

At the annual meeting a member commented on a doggie bag left on the side of the road. In the course of my morning walks, I remembered seeing some scat in that area and a day later, the scat had been 'bagged up', apparently in hope that the culprit would remove it. Then a few days later, a similar deposit appeared between the ponds. Then it disappeared. Several thoughts emerge: First, dog walkers are to be complimented as a single deposit created such news – they are rare, thank you. Second, I now carry a pick up stick and bag so I do not perpetuate the problem by leaving it in place. Third, since I had seen a fox in the area, I blame him anyway. Case Closed!

Board Members (Cont.)

Carolyn Otis: Grew up in Connecticut, went to Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Lived and worked in New York City at IBM and for The Bank of New York for 13 years. My husband and I also lived in Tampa for 7 years and had a summer home in Orleans. Then when our son turned school age, we decided to move here year round. He is now 15 and goes to the Sturgis Public Charter School in Hyannis. We had a home in Orleans for 12 years and have lived in Riverbay since Feb 2012. We are both realtors with William Raveis Real Estate, are actively involved in St. Christopher's Church, belong to Eastward Ho! and the Orleans Yacht Club, The League Club.

The Board wishes to acknowledge and thank the Wequassett Inn for providing a \$100 donation to the Riverbay Association in the form of a gift certificate to acknowledge the presentation of Carole Ridley to the 2013 Annual Meeting.

A comment on services provided by one of our sponsors..... "Ed Cunha came on a Sunday two weeks ago when we had a water pipe break in the basement and came within an hour of our call!" Audrey Gray

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A Dangerous Intersection?

The secondary entranceway at Riverview Drive and Old Queen Anne was brought to our attention at the annual meeting. A second call from a different member was received regarding the line of sight being infringed by homeowner construction. Town of Chatham Officials were present on the scene when I went to ascertain the issues. The Building inspector and Town will handle the issues involved with the construction. This intersection and the intersection of Park Ave. and Lakeview Ave. will be discussed at the upcoming board meeting.

Please be careful and do not become a statistic.

Welcome New Neighbors

174 Lakeview Avenue -- Eric Brazer Jr. and Amy Morris
99 Potonumecot Road -- John B. and Cheryl Dufault
61 Chipping Stone Road -- Janet Puccelli
196 Joshua Jethro Lane -- Leon J. and Rose A. Jodice
251 Chipping Stone Road -- Robert H. and Linda D. Ford
80 Deer Meadow Lane -- Noelle L. Freeman
31 Joshua Jethro Way -- Wendy Carter Taylor
110 Round Cove Road -- William & Marian Horton
114 Potonumecot Road -- Wm. Aschenbach & Hae Suk Suh
283 Round Cove Road -- Thomas Coughlin & Randy Fusaro
269 Deer Meadow Lane -- Rene O. and Erma LaPierre
280 Riverview Drive -- Peter F. Munro

Additional Notes from the October 26, 2013 Board Meeting

- Drop down signs with our web site address will be installed at 3 entrances to Riverbay after application and approval for permit and the making of the sign is completed.
 - The directory of members will be updated with e-mail addresses. The association will continue to solicit new members through mailings. Presently have 140 paid members.
 - Riverbay entrances will continue to be maintained with plantings by volunteers. The spring and fall clean-up will be contracted out. Presently awaiting bids for a new contract for the upcoming year.
 - Presently looking into establishing a “Bulletin Board” on the web site where members of the association can post, with approval from designated members of the Board, events, items for sale, etc. Specific criteria will be drawn up noting what is an acceptable listing.
 - In place of the annual picnic, the possibility of a Garden Tour followed by a social at Eastward Ho is being considered.
 - A letter will be crafted requesting the Highway Dept. to consider one of the following at the corner of Riverview Dr. and Old Queen Anne Rd: a stop sign, a right turn only sign, dangerous intersection, or reducing the speed on Old Queen Anne Rd in that area.
 - Any questions or concerns can be made to Bernie Pfeifer, Association President, at BPfeifer@comcast.net.
- Submitted by Ann Marie Hesketh, Sec.

