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Riverbay Association Newsletter Fall 2019

As we feel the crispness of Fall approaching, heralding the changing colors, we think of the warm, beautiful days of summer; fragrant with blossoming gardens, tall willowy grasses and luxurious tree canopies. Now we welcome Fall and the Harvest, those blazing reds, oranges and yellows!!

My husband, Dick, and I are thrilled to have found Riverbay 3 years ago, worked hard renovating our home and along the way, met many neighbors and residents (to become friends) who echo our thoughts: we are so grateful to live in such a lovely, lively area!



Last year, I was asked to be President of the Riverbay Association Board. Please mark your calendars and join us for our Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 26, at the Chatham Community Center. We are delighted that Kevin McLain, Executive Director of the Chatham Orpheum Theater will be our keynote speaker.

Shirwin Pockwinse, President

Highlights from the Board

I thank the Riverbay Association Board for their valuable input from experience and insight, and for their energy and hard work in making Riverbay an established, desirable neighborhood. We encourage residents to attend our bimonthly Socials, to participate in our annual Yard Sale, and Holiday Tree Lighting and Carol Singing on Park Ave.

The Riverbay Association Board met on January 10, March 14, May 16, July 18 and September 26, 2019. 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.

Board members and contact information are listed on p.4 of this newsletter. I will briefly summarize the 2019 Board meeting reports and discussion points:

Membership Chair, Jen Pappalardo, reports that membership in the Riverbay Association has continued to be strong. The Membership renewal mailing returned more than 15 new members. We currently have 239 members.

Treasurer Jack Scheld reported that as of 9/27/2019, Riverbay's account balance is \$10, 227.09. The Board discussed several projects to invest in Riverbay beautification such as revamping the Park Ave. strip or landscaping around the 'Rock'.

Jeff Lanctot, Webmaster, continues to evaluate various software programs in order to integrate the Riverbay Master list with the Riverbay email list, currently on separate software programs.

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Highlights from the Board cont...

Beautification Co-Chair Ann Rydel has submitted her resignation, effective October. For more than 10 years Ann has done a fabulous job planning the Riverbay gardens, seeking and directing volunteers to help plant, weed, and water our gardens, changing the theme at Riverbay's four entrances to enhance our seasons and offering suggestions at our Board meetings to improve the plantings and beauty of Riverbay. She has worked in harmony with Beautification Committee Co-Chair Mike Berg who handles the irrigation, landscapers and large landscaping issues. We will truly miss her talent, her dedication and her sense of humor.

If you are interested in joining the Riverbay Association Board as Beautification Co-Chair, working on garden design, there are many Riverbay volunteers anxious to welcome you! Please contact me at: president@riverbay.org.

Events: Events Chairperson, Dale Eckerman planned and organized 4 Socials; 2 at the UUMH in Chatham Center and 2 at resident sponsored homes/gardens. The June Social was entitled **A Riverview Garden Party** and was hosted by Paula Carroll and Dale Eckerman at their home on Riverview Drive. Even though it was damp outside, the event was a grand success, over 120 residents attended. Certainly, a beautiful home with gorgeous gardens!



The August 24th Social was sponsored by Jen and John Pappalardo, Marian and Paul Dubovic, Lynne and Eric Hartell, Sally and Jack Bohman, and Susan and Leon Jodice at the intersection of Wonkapit and Potonumecot, otherwise known as the ROCK. Sally Davol arranged for the Sound Dunes to play big band music. There was a lot of toe tapping!! Over 160 residents attended. Great fun!!



In addition to the Socials, Dale organizes the Riverbay Annual Yard Sale in May which draws people from all over the Cape. Over 40 homes signed up for the 2019 yard sale which was wonderful. Riverbay is working with the Chatham Police to enforce parking on one side of the narrower streets. Traffic cones were tested at the August social with significant improvement noted in traffic flow and resident safety.

~ Upcoming Riverbay Events ~

Saturday, October 26 Riverbay Annual Meeting 9:30 AM, Chatham Community Center; Keynote speaker will be Kevin McLain, Executive Director, Orpheum Theater.

Thursday, December 5 Riverbay Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Sing. 5:30PM Park Avenue entrance

Little Lending Library: Noble Hansen of 679 Riverview Dr. constructed this little lending library and placed it in their front yard for book exchange. He states “It has been a surprising success, is remarkably self-sustaining and well cared for by the neighbors. The most popular author is James Patterson – by far! The door is made from half of a double hung window and the rest of the library is built around the door.”
Thanks, Noble!!



Flag Report Update. Dick Pockwinse reports: The team of Sally and Steve Davol, Shirwin and Dick Pockwinse and Jack Scheld lowered the flagpole, replaced the ropes and straps, reinstalled the gold ball and unfurled a new flag. A grand Team Effort!!

A Chipping Stone Road resident has extended his existing irrigation lines to include the entire corner at Chipping Stone Road and Old Queen Ann Road.
Thank-you very much!!

Old Comers Rd. High Speed Traffic: Chris Ebel of Old Comers Rd. continues to be very concerned about the high speed of traffic on Old Comers Rd. He has been working with the town (Police and Select Board) since 2015 to address this situation. Riverbay Board members pledged their support and backing for safety upgrades.

Real Estate Corner

According to the Cape Cod and the Islands Multiple Listing Service, there has been very positive real estate activity in Riverbay! Prices have ranged from \$455,300 to \$790,000 with an average selling price of \$618,500. Currently there are four home sales pending, with listing prices ranging between \$449,000 and \$899,000. There are four additional houses on the market listed between \$498,000 and \$675,000.

Four residential building lots are also available within Riverbay listed between \$249,000 and \$325,000.

Real estate remains strong in Chatham with an increase of 40% in sales of single-family homes in August of 2019 vs 2018, although the median sale price has dropped 16%. The average number of days on the market is 81-35% less than last year.

This is all good news for Chatham and Riverbay. As of late, 71% of homes sold for over 95% of list price.

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