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The President's Letter

Hello All,

As we approach a new summer season in our community, I just wanted to pass on some information about the past year and information about some of the exciting events planned for the near future.

As I am sure you are aware, the **Merriman Park** and playground renovations are now essentially complete. Although most of the members of MBEA are also members of the Manhasset Bay Park District, you may not be aware that, unlike the Beach, where decision making is in the hands of the MBEA, the ultimate decision as to Park renovations is in the hands of the Town of North Hempstead, not with the residents of the Park District. Nevertheless, many of your neighbors as well as MBEA

the Board of Directors put a significant amount of time and energy into the project in an attempt to have the renovations reflect what residents wished to see for the Park.

We now have a completely redone playground with new equipment, all of



which is in conformity with OSHA ("Occupational Safety and Health Administration") standards, a new base for the playground, which is softer and more sanitary than our old sand base, safety fencing around the entire playground, 10 new

Victorian benches set in concrete (these are a distinct improvement over the old aluminum benches), new basketball equipment and a resurfaced court as well as an improved baseball infield, and redone asphalt footpaths throughout the Park. In addition, some grading work has been done around the playground. Within the next few weeks, we expect additional grading work to be done as well as tree work and reestablishment of wood chip walkways throughout the wooded area at the western end of the Park.

Many thanks to **David Spivak**, our park liaison, and to The Town of North Hempstead. David worked with Jerry Olsen and Warren Schein (the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, respectively, of

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Upcoming Events.....

***Annual Beach Party**

Saturday, August 11 — Noon-3:30 pm

***Annual Snapper Derby**

Saturday, September 15, —Noon-2pm

***Community Garage Sale**

Saturday, September 29 —9am-2pm

***Halloween Decorating Contest**

***Third Annual Family Luncheon,**
Sunday, December 9 --- Noon-2:30pm,
Manhasset Bay Yacht Club

From the Beach Chair ...

Annual Light Breakfast & Beach Clean-Up, May 17th

This was a pitch-in event and the families who participated brought their own rakes, shovels, heavy-duty garbage bags, and work gloves. The season began a month earlier this year as we cleared the beach road of tree branches, leaves, and saplings that threatened to block out the sun. We had an excellent turnout of families from all over the neighborhood, and many hands made light work. In all, about 18 people helped out. **Lingfen Kung** provided the refreshments while **Arthur Pellman**, **Lou** and **Harrison Zimmer** provided much of the heavy work.

Lingfen and Arthur are from Fenimore. Pine Street was represented by **Eileen Tyrell** and **Grace Cardano**. Also present were the entire **Weiss** and **Noto** families. **Patty Vunk** brought her children as well. **Tom** and **Donna Powers** joined us. We had nearly a



dozen children who also pitched in. **Lou** and **Harrison**, **Dody Petruskie** and the **McAleers** rounded out the contingent from Amherst. **Jane Walsh** represented Luquer. The Walsh's have sold their home. We hope they will remain nearby.

Congratulations to the **Fazzari's** of Leeds on the recent addition to their family. Brad came by to help out while Erica kept an eye on the baby.



The work of childhood is play.

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New playground equipment

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the Town of North Hempstead Department of Parks and Recreation) and was successful in incorporating, as much as possible, our views for the Park renovation.

Repairs at the Beach

We are now starting the process of making necessary repairs down at the beach, the dock, floating dock, upgrading the bathrooms, and landscaping. Much thanks to Board Members, **Yelcin Tarhan** and **John Tsampas** for searching for the right people to repair the pilings and dock.

Fixing the Bathrooms

Our beach chair has done an outstanding job on coordinating fixing the bathrooms, repairing the beach gate, landscaping, and working on security, which has become a more severe problem.

Dinghy Racks

We have also had to get involved with Town politics to obtain a permit for the dinghy racks and boat storage which we eventually received.

Much thanks has to be given also to board member and membership liaison, **Dody Petruskie** along with **Eileen Tyrrell** who handle all of our

parties, including the always superb August beach party. For the last two years

Jennifer Tesman has made the children's holiday party at the Port Washington Yacht Club,

one of the year's top events. In fact, at this past holiday party, I noticed that a number of the members who attended did not even have children at the party. It was a great event to socialize with neighbors. Much thanks to **Marilyn Howland** for setting up and coordinating our past boat trip and wine tasting parties.

Bill Simon, our treasurer, has made things much easier by keeping the books and writing the checks for all of our

necessary expenses, including maintaining the beach with insurance and all necessary repairs.

Steve Darnell has set up a first-rate web page for the association, and we want to welcome **Arthur Pellman** who has taken over the publication of **Tiding**.

I want to personally thank **Rob English** who has done his utmost to help us secure the beach and parking lot.

I cannot end this letter before thanking **Ron Salstein** and his saint of a wife, **Lisa**. Ron not

only does all the cooking for the beach party, usually in oppressive heat, but he also assists me in running the Snapper Derby (although, Ron, it seems, has no luck catching fish.) Lisa helps us with the event signs.

Thanks for Financial Support Above and Beyond

I wish to thank the following generous families who made extra contributions beyond their dues to help the association with unexpected expenses: the **Basultos, Bellons, Benzingers, Boyles, Darnells, Ebenaus, Greenbergs, Hellmans, Kilicyans, Mayers, McAleers, Monacos, Mortons, Senas, Spivaks, Sys,** and the **Walshes.**

Volunteers Needed

We have a number of events scheduled this year. The people I have mentioned above are the ones that make all of our events possible, so a special thanks has to go to each and every one of them. We, however, as an Association, can

use all the help we can get. If any of you want to pitch in, please do not be shy. You can contact any one of us or reach us through our web page, or call us. Our phone numbers are on the last page of this issue. It's a chance to help your community, and a great way to meet and keep up with neighbors and friends. Looking forward to seeing you all. Have a great summer.

Sincerely,
Joseph J. Sciacca, President



Bathrooms in need of repair

MBEA Website and E-Mailing List

MBEA Webmaster, Steve Darnell

The MBEA Website, at www.mbayestates.org, is a valuable resource where MBEA members can:

- View a calendar of upcoming MBEA events
- Find out what the MBEA is and does
- Learn about how to use the MBEA beach for boating and private parties
- View online versions of the MBEA newsletter (*The Tidings*)
- Look at photos of past MBEA events
- Get contact information for MBEA Board members and other volunteers
- Check tide tables for Manhasset Bay
- Link to various other websites of local interest
- Learn about the history of the MBEA

Contributions (such as photos or historical information) and ideas for new features and content are always welcome. Send them to the MBEA Webmaster (Steve Darnell) at webmaster@mbayestates.org.

The MBEA E-Mailing list is used by the MBEA Board to communicate with members in a quick and inexpensive manner. If you have not already submitted your e-mail address(es) to the MBEA, or if your e-mail address has changed in the past year, please send your name and e-mail address to: webmaster@mbayestates.org. This will allow the MBEA Board to notify you of events and issues sooner than via postcard or newsletter. Please note that this list is moderated and secured, so being on the list will not result in your receiving SPAM or any other messages not generated by the MBEA Board. Also, no one other than MBEA Board members will have any knowledge of your e-mail address as a result of your being on the mailing list.

All MBEA members are welcome to submit items to the list moderator (at webmaster@mbayestates.org) for possible inclusion on a future e-mail to all members on the mailing list. These items can include personal notices such as births, weddings, and graduations, warnings about suspicious or criminal behavior in the neighborhood, or any other topic of local interest. Since this is a moderated list, only items approved by the list moderator (Steve Darnell) will actually get sent out to all members of the mailing list.



More Than 60 at TGIF



TGIF in the Park on June 15 was a huge success with over 60 MBEA members and lots of children enjoying the playground, park, food and a beautiful evening. Matt Blass, an MBEA member and owner of Sea Cliff Bagel Cafe, catered the party with terrific food that was enjoyed by all. We wish to thank Eileen Tyrrell for having coordinated such a wonderful event and look forward to another enjoyable party in our great park.



CHILDCARE: Keep It In The Family

Calling All MBEA mothers and fathers of young children and teenagers. If you're interested in babysitting, sharing a nanny, or being a nanny, please contact: efazzari@aol.com or 516-570-6319

Enjoy the Beach....



Current association members may use the beach for parties provided you request the date two weeks in advance. **Nancy Weiss**, (516) 883-0897, will handle the reservations again this year and you are urged to plan well ahead to insure that your date is available.

A deposit of \$100 is required to lock in your reservation. Keys to the bathrooms may be picked up the evening before and must be returned after your party.

All trash must be removed immediately following your party at which point the \$100 will be returned to you.

The association and our neighbors request that no trash be left at the beach. Garbage is picked up only once a week generally on Friday.

Raccoons, birds and the wind will scatter that trash in every direction over night and leave a mess to be cleaned up. It's just the right thing to do --- protect the environment we all live in.

Dingy and Kayak Rack

The dinghy rack is also available to current members for a \$25.00 annual charge.

Stickers must be affixed to your dinghy with the current date or the boat will be

removed.

There are a limited number of spaces available on the dinghy racks.

Small boats up to 18' may be stored on the beach in the designated places. A \$50.00 fee is required per season as well as a \$25.00 fee for the trailer.

Current stickers are required for both boat and trailer.

Contact Nat Freedman for more information at 883-3807 or via e-mail at natpearl@msn.com.

Mooring Rights

As owners of 600 feet of waterfront on Manhasset Bay, MBEA members are entitled to

moor boats in the portion of the Bay adjacent to the MBEA beach. All that is required is a permit from the Town of North Hempstead and a mooring.

To get a permit, contact our liaison with the Town, **John Tsampas** (767-6701). Moorings can be purchased or rented from third parties such as Meyran Marine (767-1691).

Transit between the beach and moored boats can be done via dinghy or launch services such as the one operated by Meyran Marine.

Beach Security: Disturbances, Intruders, and Vandalism

Last season four kayaks were taken and one is already missing. Young people have been found attempting to cut through locks and chains to joy ride in the bay at night. Teen drinking has been extensive and broken bottles in the lot and on the beach are a nuisance and a potential danger to adults and children who run on it barefooted. Members who live near the beach tell us that the night visits have increased recently and they are expected to increase dramatically once school lets out.

- ◆ We ask that members refrain from giving beach keys to their children at night. SUV's driving around the parking lot "popping wheelies," playing music loudly is not acceptable.
- ◆ We have made arrangements with the police to patrol the area.
- ◆ The beach closes at dusk as noted on the signage at the beach.
- ◆ No dogs are permitted.

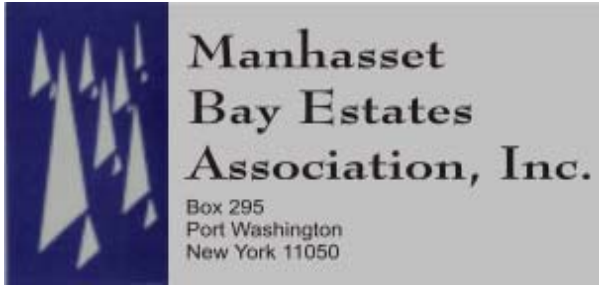


We are asking the police to enforce the rules that have been set down and reiterated by past MBEA boards for the security and enjoyment of all our families.

Compensation will be demanded for any vandalism or theft of property.

Help us maintain the security of our property at the beach by following a few simple rules:

- ✓ **Lock the gate when you are the last to leave.**
- ✓ **MBEA Stickers should be affixed to the rear bumper of your car.**
- ✓ **Guests are permitted but members should be with them.**
- ✓ **Always bring your Beach Key.**
- ✓ **Use a heavy duty chain and lock for your dinghy or kayak.**



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