



## Old Stone Dock Association Fall Newsletter

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Dear Old Stone Dock Association (OSDA) Neighbors and Members:

We had a great summer and are having such a beautiful fall in Falmouth I find it difficult to believe that I am sending out the flyer for our eighth annual "After the Parade Christmas Party". It seems like we just had our summer social which was very well attended. We had approximately 170 Old Stone Dock members and friends attend. It was a great opportunity to meet and socialize with neighbors and Town officials and to enjoy the music and fine food. It was covered by the Falmouth Enterprise and photos and details are included on our website. Many thanks to Don Filiault, the manager and owner of the Beach Breeze Inn; his work, hospitality and contributions, made this event the outstanding success that it was.

A new slate of Officers and Directors was elected for the 2011-2012 season. I am honored to serve as your President; Kevin Doyle is VP, Madeline Marken, Secretary and Rebecca Bevilacqua, Treasurer. The Directors and Committee members can be found in our new website.

We have been talking about and planning an OSDA web site for a long time. Well, we finally hired a web designer and now we have a professional website ([www.oldstonedock.com](http://www.oldstonedock.com)) that we all can be proud of. Board member Terry Saunders volunteered to be our Web Administrator and invites all members to add comments, notices, and photos for inclusion. Terry's email address is [info@oldstonedock.com](mailto:info@oldstonedock.com). Please visit the site and we welcome any recommendations to improve or enrich the site.

Another big improvement is the way we communicate with our members. In the past we relied mainly on the mail to send out newsletters and flyers. It is expensive and labor intensive. Now, approximately 70% of our members have e-mail, so we upgraded our computer skills (not easy for old folks like us) and communicate via e-mail. If we don't have your e-mail address, please provide it.

There was a lot of concern about the potential impact of Hurricane Irene; but, as many of you know, there was minimum damage from wind or storm tides to homes or property in the Old Stone Dock neighborhood. The beach sustained some damage. Considerable sand over washed Surf Drive and was immediately cleared to the edge of the road. Your Board has been working with the DPW and Beach authorities to replenish

the sand and ensure that the Surf Drive beach is appropriately maintained as the jewel it is. We have invited Don Hoffer, the Falmouth Beach Superintendent, and Linda Davis from the Beach Betterment Program to join us at our next meeting. Director Rocco Maffei is the Chairman of the newly established beach betterment committee. The objective of this committee is to work with Town representatives and other village associations to rejuvenate and improve the overall condition of our beaches and the Surf Drive Beach House. Beach improvement actions will be a major thrust of our association this coming year.

We are occasionally asked about our finances. We certainly don't have a large treasury. Our funds are derived primarily from your dues with periodic donations from members. We use the funds for scholarships, neighborhood beautification and safety, and large OSDA membership functions. In the past few years we have experienced some tardiness in the payment of the annual dues. We thought it might be because some members may be at their winter residences far from beautiful Falmouth. So, we changed our fiscal year to June 1 – May 31, hoping that the request for dues payment will get to you when Falmouth is in your sight, hearts and minds, prompting an immediate response. Thank you.

We recently updated and ratified the OSDA by-laws. You can read them on the website.

Scholarships were awarded to Kimberly Kjellman and Martin Monk Jr, both high school graduates who began their college education this past September. The Mae Crossen Memorial Scholarships are competitive and available to relatives of any OSDA member. Any OSDA member interested in this scholarship should contact Jim Crossen (508-548-1579).

Lastly, stay in touch with the OSDA by going to the website. We will do our best to keep it updated with the latest information. We welcome and urge you to attend some of the meetings. The same few people attend the meetings and carry the load. We could do more with more people.

Your continued membership is important. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. You can e-mail me via the website.

Thanks, I hope to see you at the OSDA Holiday Party on December 4 (See attached flyer). Please help us by replying soon if you plan to attend.

Bob McCormick, President  
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