



Old Stone Dock Association Fall Newsletter
November 2008

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

It's hard to believe that the 2008 season is over and we are looking at our final event for this year, the OSD Christmas Party. The Christmas party will be held at ShoreWay Acres Inn on Shore Street 2-4 PM December 7, 2008 after the Falmouth Christmas Parade. (see Attached Flyer). It's a great time to warm up after the parade and to exchange good holiday cheer and pleasantries with your OSD neighbors and Falmouth Officials. You can park at ShoreWay Acres, watch the parade and enjoy some holiday celebration. How easy is that!!

It has been a very productive year for the Association. Following is a brief summary of some of the activities and accomplishments that your OSD Association is involved in:

Membership. Currently we boast 197 members in OSD. While that's the highest number we have had in a while, it only represents about 29% of the families and/or households eligible for membership in OSD. We have a membership committee and are working on plans to increase our membership. Associations are very powerful in persuading Falmouth Officials to commit scarce resources to necessary civic projects in our neighborhood. The bigger our association, the more powerful our voice.

Surf Drive Bath House. Have you noticed how beautiful the Surf Drive bath house was this year with the very colorful window planters and flowers. All that was paid for by the OSDA and planted by OSD members. In addition, the pedestrian crossing signs at each of the crosswalks, near the bath house, were bought and paid for by your OSDA.

Police Liaison. After discussions with the Falmouth Chief of Police, a program was established to assign a Police Officer to Falmouth Associations to act as a liaison with the Chief and to facilitate the direct communications of community concerns to the Police. An Officer has been assigned to the OSD Association and attends our monthly meetings to hear our concerns and to discuss solutions. We address safety, traffic control,

noise abatement, trash collection, and security problems, just to name a few.

Triathlon. This popular event was brought back to the Surf Drive Beach in July 2007, thanks to the negotiations that we conducted with the organizers of the event. The triathlon had been cancelled for several years because of the early morning noise of the participants and the nuisance of the cars being parked in the OSDA neighborhood. We worked with Timeout Productions, the organizer of the event, to develop a plan that would require the participants of the triathlon to park on Main Street and bike to the event on the beach. Volunteers from OSDA acted as noise monitors. They positioned themselves in key spots and reminded the event participants to be considerate of the neighbors. The Triathlon was viewed as a success. The neighbors voiced no complaints after the event and, in thanks, Timeout productions donated a sizable amount to the treasury of the OSDA. It was a win/win situation.

The Mae Crossen Memorial Scholarship. The Mae Crossen Memorial Scholarship is a scholarship awarded yearly to a graduating High School senior whose family resides in the OSDA geographical area. Last years recipient was Kerianne Ketterer, presently a freshman at Boston University. Any member interested in this scholarship should contact the Scholarship Committee Chairman, Jim Crossen 508-548-1579.

Mill Road Project. We have been urging Town Officials, for over two years, to fix the flooding problem on the south end of Mill Road. They finally studied the situation, recognized the severity of the problem, and appropriated funds to reconstruct that portion of the road. Construction was scheduled to begin this Fall. As of this date construction has not begun and town officials have recently provided the following status: "The Mill Road project is awaiting completion of the storm water plan which is being prepared by our consultant. We will then file the Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission. The recent implementation of new storm water regulations has expanded the submittal requirements under the Wetlands Act and we are working our way through these new requirements." It now looks like Spring is the new start date.

Fresh River Clean-Up. This is another project we have been working on for several years. We have had several meetings with Town Officials and they indicated they would remove the decaying seaweed this year. Progress is slow and there are still a lot of conservation and wild life issues that need to be addressed. They are coordinating with a contractor with a vacuum truck removal system to work out a schedule.

Summer Social and Annual General Meeting. If you didn't attend this event you missed a great party and a great meal. We had an excellent showing and it was a superb opportunity to socialize with OSDA neighbors and Town Officials. Many thanks to Don Filiault, the manager and owner, of the Beach Breeze Inn for his work, hospitality and contributions in making this event the outstanding success that it was.

I hope this newsletter gives you some appreciation of what The Old Stone Dock Association is all about. Simply put, it's just neighbors banding together looking after each other. The Association will continue to pursue the resolution of areas of concern which are proposed by our membership

Your continued membership is important. If you are not a member please consider becoming part of this civic-minded neighborhood organization. If you are a member, get you neighbors involved.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks, I hope to see you at the OSDA Christmas Party.

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