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Greetings Old Stone Dock (OSD) Association Members and Neighbors!!

I know summer has finally arrived because I see the life guards on the beach, the increased activity on Surf Drive, the clean up of the Bathhouse, the beautiful flower boxes on the windows, and the pedestrian crossing signs. We certainly do not pay for the lifeguards (our taxes cover that), but it's your Old Stone Dock Association members and funds that provide the flower boxes and safety crossing stanchions. If it's summer, it's time for our Annual Summer Cookout at the Beach Breeze Inn. Sunday August 1st is the date. Last year we got the biggest tent the area would allow and we filled it! So, don't miss this party and please make you reservations early. (See attached flyer)

The OSDA directors and any other interested members met every month and worked with town officials on numerous matters of behalf of and for the benefit of our Association and neighborhood. Following are some highlights:

Mill Road Resurfacing - The department of public Works (DPW) did a superb job engineering and resurfacing the southern portion of the road. Mill Road was not flooded at all during the winter and spring. It was dry as a bone. We did not have a single puddle. That's the good news. The not so good news is that the drainage system they designed moved the water to a big hole in the Mill Road beach parking lot. That delayed the completion of the project because the engineers had to go back to the Conservation Commission Committee to get permission to drain the water into Salt Pond. All approvals are now in place and work will resume in mid-August. The current plan is to work the parking lot phase first, then the sidewalks and connections to adjoining driveways and roads and then apply the final finish coat.

Triathlon - This year the event will take place on Sunday, July 18, 2010. The race will begin at 7: 30 AM and end at approximately 11: 00 AM. There will be 750 fine athletes competing this year. The athletes will begin assembling at the Beach House parking lot at 5: 30 AM. This is a good business event for the Town of Falmouth and associated hotels, restaurants and shops; but it does pose some inconvenience for those of us residing near Surf Drive beach. Again this year, we have met with and are working very closely with Time Out Productions, the organizers of the triathlon, the Falmouth Police Department and the Beach Superintendent. Thirteen volunteers from your OSDA will be deployed at 5:00 AM as "road guards" at key entry points to the Surf Drive beach area. They will

direct the athletes and their guests to designated parking areas and remind them to be quiet and considerate of the neighborhood. One of the bigger problems we have is the Bywater Court neighborhood, as both entrances to that area are in the middle of the race. We will post volunteers at both entrances. If you must exit during the time of the race please exit at the eastern end of Bywater Court closest to Walker Street. Thank you for your support and cooperation. Time Out Productions donates a sizable amount to the OSDA treasury for our efforts, which we use for scholarships and area beautification projects.

Mae Crossen Memorial Scholarship - This scholarship is awarded annually to the graduating High School Senior whose family has a residence in the OSDA geographical area. Our aim is to foster academic pursuits in our community. Some of our past recipients are Keane Steiding, a graduate of Babson College, Bridget Miskell, senior at American University, and Matt Campbell a sophomore at the University of New Hampshire. Last year Garrett Noonan was selected as a scholarship recipient, but the scholarship was not awarded because Garrett postponed his college career to play junior hockey in Canada. We are now informed that Garrett has recently enrolled in Boston University so we will award the scholarship. Look for Garrett playing hockey for the BU Terriers. Any members interested in this scholarship should contact Jim Crossen (508-548-1579) or Bob McCormick (508-540-5522)

Police Liaison Program - There have been a lot of budget cuts this year in Falmouth and this is one program that did not survive. That simply means that our police liaison officer no longer attends our meetings; but we still maintain contact with him and are still able to communicate our needs and neighbor concerns.

Membership - This is an area that we need to work harder. We have approximately 200 members, about 30% of the families and/or households in our geographical area that are eligible for membership in the OSD. We need to increase our membership. There is strength in numbers. The bigger our organization the stronger our voice when we request Town support. Sign up a neighbor. Also, we need more participation in our monthly meetings and in leadership positions. If anyone is interested please let us know. We sent out several notices for the 2010 yearly dues, only \$25. If you haven't sent it in yet please contact our Treasurer, Rebecca Bevilacqua.

The Old Stone dock is just one of numerous associations in the Town working with the town officials to improve our neighborhoods. We will continue to peruse the resolution of areas of concern proposed by our membership. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE OSDA ANNUAL SUMMER COOKOUT!!!!

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