



July 5, 2011

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

We had a bad spring, but the summer of 2011 is coming on strong. As I write this, Surf Drive beach is alive with bright, multi-colored umbrellas.

As usual, you all have had an in-put into the clean-up and beautification of the beach scene. The window flower boxes and pedestrian crossing signs are funded and provided by OSDA. The Annual Summer Meeting and Cookout will be held at the Beach Breeze Inn and will be on Sunday, July 31st. (See attached flyer). Last year's cookout was a good time. It was well attended; so please make your reservations early so we can plan accordingly.

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

Mill Road – The great news is that the project is completed and working great!! In early spring we had a serious rain storm severely flooding Surf Drive, near Salt Pond. A major television network was on site broadcasting live on the damage and severity of the flooding. Through all of that, Mill Road was always dry. The resurfacing and more importantly the drainage system was well engineered and superbly constructed by our Department of Public Works (DPW). We, OSDA, published a letter in the Falmouth paper thanking the DPW. OSDA members meet and worked very closely with Town Officials for over four years on this project.

Triathlon - This year, the event will take place on Sunday, July 17, 2011. The race will begin at 7: 30 AM and end at approximately 11: 30 AM. The company that runs the event has changed from Time Out Productions to Without Limits Productions. We have been in touch with the new management team and expect to meet with them soon to insure that community concerns are covered and to provide the same assistance we provided in the past.

Mae Crossen Memorial Scholarship - This scholarship is awarded annually to the graduating High School Senior who has a family member that has a residence in the OSDA geographical area. We usually award two scholarships per year. We have not selected our recipients for this year and nominations are still being accepted. Any

members interested in this scholarship should contact Jim Crossen (508-548-1579) or Bob McCormick (508-540-5522)

Old Stone Dock Association Web Site – We finally decided to have our own, professional developed web site. We hired and are working with Morningstar Design to develop the site. We expect to be on-line in about two weeks. We will send out a notice when we go on-line

Membership - This is still an area that we need to work harder. If we don't have a strong base our fight for already scarce and dwindling town resources will not be successful. Our membership is approximately 33% of the eligible families and/or households in our geographical area. 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.

Yearly Dues - We sent out several notices for the 2011 yearly \$25 dues. The responses were rather slow. If you haven't sent your dues in, please contact our Treasurer, Rebecca Bevilacqua (funee@verizon.com). We have decided to change our yearly membership/dues request cycle to July, instead of January, beginning July 2012. This was done so that when we send the notices out in July, instead of January, we will hopefully catch you on the Cape and there may be more motivation to send the dues in promptly.

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

Lastly, this has been my last year serving as your president. I would like to claim term limits, but it's just time for new leadership. I have enjoyed working for all of you and will continue working for the organization. Bob McCormick has been nominated to serve as president and I know he will do a fantastic job because he does most of the work now. You might say this was a co-presidency. I certainly appreciate all the support he and many others have provided. But, he will need all our support. Get involved, it's a lot less work and more fun if we have more hands.

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

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