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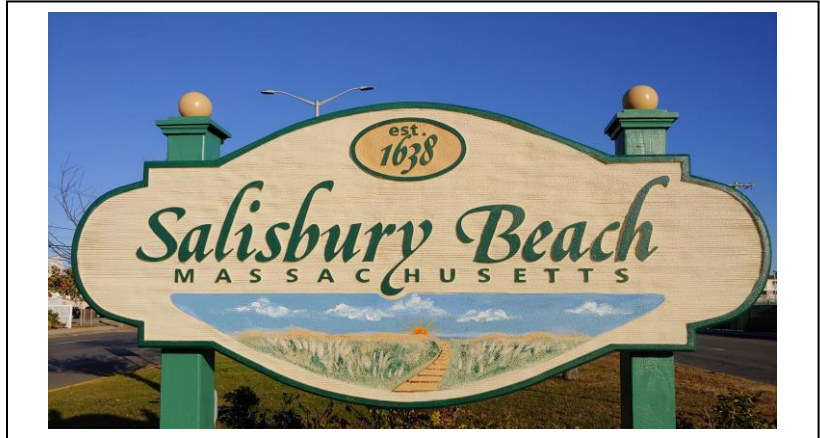
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Greetings from Our President

Dear SBBA Members,

During this difficult time in the face of the global health pandemic and economic crisis, I want to extend my best wishes to you and your families for your health, safety, and wellbeing.

We've made it through a very unusual spring. It is going to be a particularly challenging year for the SBBA, but we, the Board of Directors, can deliver our best with your sincere support and cooperation.

The pandemic virus trends will become an increasing concern. We may not have our traditional gatherings, but we remain committed to doing all we can to support you during this unprecedented time.

As president, I want our members to look at our work and evaluate what we do. If you see things that we should do, please tell us, because constructive criticism will help our association to progress.

We may not always agree, but when a decision is made for the betterment of the majority, we "agree to disagree" and move forward.

The SBBA, through its membership, will always strive to be the best steward it can to promote a high quality of life for the people of Salisbury Beach. This includes supporting local small businesses. After all, the people who own these businesses are often our friends and neighbors. We can't think of a better time to pay it forward by supporting small businesses that have always been there for us.

The coming days and months will continue to bring us great trials, but will also provide moments of hope. It is in these moments of hope, when we need to stay at safe distances, that we are brought together as one family standing together to build a better future.

God Bless,

Ray Champagne
President SBBA



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Beautification Committee

Happy Spring to All!

The Beautification Committee has been busy planting pots on North End Boulevard, as well as at the triangle at the south end, the comfort station at the center, and under the sign at 286. We have also made a donation to the Salisbury Beach Partnership for flowers for the pots at the beach center. Our house tour, which was planned for June 20th, has been postponed to June 19th, 2021. Mark your calendars!

A special Thank You to Peter Benoit, again this year, for installing the American Flags around the beach.

We continue to look for additional people to join us. Anyone interested may contact Edna Marggraf at 978-463-3672.

As always, we appreciate your support to our Committee. Thank you for your generosity.

Edna Marggraf
Chair of the Salisbury Beach
Betterment Association
Beautification Committee

Town Meeting - June 22nd

The May Annual Town Meeting had to be postponed because of Covid-19. It has been rescheduled for June 22nd at the Salisbury

Elementary School. The Special Town Meeting will begin at 7:00 PM and the Annual Town Meeting at 7:30PM.

The town is working on a seating arrangement to provide for proper social distancing seating.

There are several important Warrant Articles on the agenda, including one for the construction of a Visitors Center and two Public Restrooms to be built on the Broadway Mall and in the Town parking lot.



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2020 SBBA Scholarship Recipients:

Top Row - Left to Right: John Galvin Jr., Jillian Atwood, Sean Bellamy
Middle Row: Anna Rozzi, Chris O'Donnell, Ana Kevorkian
Bottom Row: Daniel Hornby, Gianna Conte, Alex Miller

2020 SBBA Scholarships

We sincerely regret the need to cancel our annual June Fundraiser. But it is important for the SBBA Scholarship Committee to emphasize that we remain dedicated to ensuring that our academic mission continues through this challenging time. As we move forward, we are grateful for your generous donations.

It is our pleasure to present the 2020 Scholarship recipients:

John Galvin Jr. in the grandson of Jeannette and Joseph Salvo and he plans to attend Bridgewater State College; **Jillian Atwood** is the granddaughter of Richard and Sheryl Quinn and plans to attend Rollins College; **Sean P. Bellamy** is the grandson of Richard and Sheryl Quinn and plans to attend Fairfield College; **Anna Rozzi** is the granddaughter of Jack and Susan Gavin and plans to attend the University of Greenwich; **Chris O'Donnell** is the grandson of Ray and Donna Champagne and plans to attend St. Lawrence University; **Ana Kevorkian** is the granddaughter of Evelyn and Tom Burke and plans to attend Tufts University; **Daniel Hornby** is the grandson of Patricia Hornby and plans to attend Syracuse University; **Gianna Conte** is the granddaughter of Jean and Dave Conte and plans to attend UMass Lowell; **Alex Miller** is the grandson of Joseph and Jeannette Salvo and plans to attend UMass Amherst.

A heartfelt reminder to our recipients: What you have accomplished over the last few years of your life can never be taken from you. *Do not allow a delayed ceremony or a virus rob you of that reality.*

On behalf of the SBBA Scholarship, stay positive, stay informed, act responsibly, and most of all, stay safe.

Donna Champagne
Chair, Scholarship Committee

Conservation Commission Rejects Big Block Development Plan

A developer's plan to build a 235-unit condominium/apartment complex at the corner of Broadway and Ocean front South, The Big Block, was turned down on a vote of 5 against and 1 for the project. The developer plans to appeal the decision to the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Zoom Public Forum

The Town of Salisbury Manager Neil Harrington held a two-hour virtual Zoom public forum which was broadcast on SCTV. Many residents, including members of this board, called into the forum to express their opinions as to how to conduct the 2020 Summer Season.

Opinions on crowds, concerts and fireworks were expressed. Harrington stated, " We will be making a public statement and making some specific comments on some of the guidance and what we intend to do going forward. Also, what we expect residents and tenants and renters to do this summer. Obviously, the town can't do everything."

We are awaiting these guidelines so that we can put them on our Facebook page and our Website.

Merrimack River Beach Alliance (MRBA)

The SBBA has attended several MRBA meetings over the past year. At the most recent meeting in March, the Army Corp of Engineers (ACE) discussed a project which is designed to replace eroded sand on Salisbury Beach. This project currently is in the feasibility phase, with a project information report scheduled for completion in 2020. The initial approved funding for this project is limited to \$40,000 in Federal funds.

The following is a summary of its status from ACE:

o We have \$40,000 to complete the project information report, and we are planning on submitting this report to our Division Office this spring. If we get approval to implement the work, we will then request funding to design and construct the project. The amount of sand to be replaced is calculated to be 31,000 cubic yards. Currently we are considering sources for the sand, including upland quarried sources and dredged sand from the Newburyport Federal Navigation Project.

Also, during this meeting, Senator Bruce Tarr provided an update on a Salisbury Beach pilot project for sand harvesting or sand scraping that Representative Kelcourse discussed at the previous meeting. He stated that there has been little to no progress, primarily because approvals are needed from both DCR and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to undertake such an endeavor.

As a result of our ongoing discussions, during this past year DCR installed over 3200 feet of sand fencing along Salisbury Beach which was funded with Preservation Trust Fund monies.

This year, DCR is planning on upgrading and installing significant portions of Mobi-Mats to make our beaches more accessible for people with disabling conditions. The SBBA would like to thank DCR for their outstanding efforts on these projects.

Bill Greilich
Committee Chairman

Mobi-Mats

DCR began installing Mobi-Mats at many of the Public Access Points along the beach. As of this writing mats have been installed at Ocean Street, Access # 2, 11, 12, 13 and at the State Line Access # 14.



The mats will make walking to the beach a lot easier especially for people with disabilities, walkers, elderly visitors or parents with strollers and children pulling wagons or toys to the beach.

Annual SBBA Meeting

The Annual Summer meeting of the SBBA has been cancelled because Covid-19. The Executive Board continues to meet and discuss issues that are important to the membership and will post these on our Facebook page and Website.

Covid-19

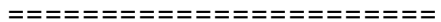
Government Regulations regarding the opening and closing of businesses, services, activities, and restaurants are constantly changing. Currently we are in Phase 2 of the State's Plan for reopening the Commonwealth. The plan is constantly evolving. As research and data on the coronavirus continue, the plan will be updated to reflect the latest information.

For more information go to www.mass.gov/reopening



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