

RIVERBAY

June, 2013

FROM THE EDITOR Hello to all Riverbay residents:

Summer on Cape Cod~~ once again on the near horizon. A warm welcome is extended to our new and recent homeowners and welcome back to our seasonal residents. But, then let's not forget to acknowledge our monthly, semi-monthly, biennial and occasional residents/visitors. If a category has been omitted, one of you eagle-eyed residents will let the editor know, I'm sure. Congrats to those who remained in residence and survived and/or thrived during this past Chatham winter. 'Tis always nice to see those lights here in the Riverbay neighborhood---whatever the season.

This will be my final issue as Riverbay Newsletter editor. Believe it or not, I'm running out of words, ideas, and steam. If you want to exercise your vocabulary and show off any journalism skills, here's your opportunity. I am willing to help someone with the transition, so please, don't miss a chance to not only be an editor, but a writer, as well, and put your mark on Riverbay. If 2 of you share a passion for writing, there's room for co-editors for this job. Please contact me if any ?'s. My ream of paper is about gone, my pen is low on ink, the words are jus.. abou...

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PREZ: I only have words of praise and extend a sincere thank you



to Christie Turner, the outgoing Chair of the Riverbay Beautification Committee [RBC]. It was back in 2007 that Christie began mobilizing efforts to improve the gardens at all of the Riverbay entrances. The RBC held its first meeting in July, 2007 and member Ann Randall, master gardener, designed a master plan for the Flagpole [main entrance] gardens. Christie met the challenge wholeheartedly and has served as RBC chair

from 2007 to 2013, except for a one year break for "good behavior" with Ann Reydel stepping up to the plate in 2010. Christie has given many hours of her time to planning, planting, weeding, holding meetings, writing agendas and minutes, dealing with contractors and coordinating a group of RBC volunteers of many talents and OPINIONS. Again, on behalf of the Association, I say, "THANK YOU, Christie. Your contributions to the Riverbay landscape are immeasurable and we cannot thank you enough for all that you have done".
Jack Farrell, President, Riverbay Association

WHAT'S UP WITH MUDDY CREEK

Many Riverbay residents continue to ask, "What's happening with the Muddy Creek project" or "When will they start to build the bridge?" The report on the Muddy Creek Wetland Restoration Project may help to answer some of those questions. It is available for your review on the HOME page of the town's web site—www.chatham-ma.gov. From *Carol Ridley, Director, Pleasant Bay Alliance* [e-mail of 6/3/13] "The Towns of Chatham and Harwich are moving forward with the construction of a bridge to replace a culvert system under Route 28 where it crosses Muddy Creek. The bridge will restore more natural tidal exchange resulting in improved water quality, and improved health of salt marsh and other wetlands, shellfish habitat and wildlife habitat. A bridge existed at this location up until the turn of the 20th century when it was replaced with an earthen dike and culvert system. Work on designing and permitting of the bridge began earlier this year. The Towns currently are pursuing grant funds to help cover the construction costs." For updates, check out the Cape Cod Chronicle--print or online at www.capecodchronicle.com

RIVERBAY: A Community that cares -- 2 stories to share

Sally Davol [Round Cove Road] “DINING for WOMEN”

On a quiet Wednesday evening back in March, fifteen women gathered in Riverbay for a special pot luck dinner. Guests dined on (lentils and vegetables), and  Chicken Bhutua (Chicken Stir Fry), Dal Bhat Takari Gajar Ko Halwa (Carrot Pudding). Before dinner, guests heard a presentation about *Her Turn – A Girls Education and Empowerment Project* based in Nepal. The women learned about the plight of women in Nepal and the Nepal Teacher Training Initiative that provides effective and intensive training to encourage critical thinking, problem solving, and self-advocacy in Nepal’s most disadvantaged schools. These are skills that Nepal’s children, especially girls, need to fulfill their potential in a globalized world and contribute in positive ways to their country’s development. Chatham’s chapter of Dining for Women meets bi-monthly to discuss and educate themselves about the plight of women and children living in extreme poverty. Dining for Women is a dinner giving circle. We "dine in" together once a month, each bringing a dish to share, and send our "dining out" dollars to international programs empowering women. Through our members’ combined dinner donations, we support grass-roots programs for women fostering good health, education, vocational training, micro-credit loans and economic development. By educating our members about the circumstances of women living in some of the poorest countries in the world, our members become agents of change, inspired to make a difference through the power of collective giving. If you would like to learn more about the Chatham chapter of Dining for Women, contact Sally Davol, Chapter Leader, at [508] 945-4023 for more information or to be added to the e-mail list. Additional information is also available at sit www.diningforwomen.org.

RUTH STEEGER [Deer Meadow Lane] “Awesome CoA & RBC VOLUNTEER”

In addition to her 19 years of service to Chatham’s Council on Aging (CoA) as receptionist and “gardner”, Ruth has been a consistent supporter of the Riverbay Beautification Committee. She has taken part in many of the RBC Spring Planting Day events, doing the down ‘n dirty hard work of planting—both spring and fall. Ruth, an avid gardener, has also been a member of the Chatham Garden Club for about twenty years with an adept and creative hand at doing floral arrangements.

Although she had retired as volunteer CoA receptionist, Ruth plans to continue with limited garden caretaker duties at the Stony Hill facility. Some of the shrubs and plants there were started from cuttings made by her late husband, Henry. From Christie Turner, RBC Chair, “I thank Ruth for her continuing support in making the entrances to Riverbay look better every year. It has been a pleasure to work with her. We would not succeed without people like Ruth.”

DUES NEWS ♦ Annual dues to continue at \$30 ♦ New dues notices to be sent in August
♦ Change in timing allows coordination with Association Fiscal Year [October to September]

 **NEW Irrigation at Chipping Stone Rd. entrance** Thank you to Karen and Paul Bosynak who have extended their lawn irrigation system and installed a sprinkler head to help with the watering of the Chipping Stone entrance. It has been a challenging location to water and keep the plants looking good at that corner. Drought tolerant plants are being utilized as much as possible at all entrances, but even those types of plants need a “drink” every now and then. The generosity of the Bosynaks is very much appreciated!

 **HELP--New RBC chairperson needed** After 5 years as the RBC Chair, Christie Turner is hanging up her supervisory garden cap and trowel. Her term will end Sept. 30, but she will continue on the RBC and be available for consultation. If you have an interest in gardening and would like to put your mark on the Riverbay gardens, please contact either Christie [christie199@comcast.net (508) 945 – 3149] or Jack Farrell, Riverbay Association President [jack@webstersrealestate.com] (508) 945 – 0990] to let either of them know. If you enjoy gardening, here is a real chance to show off your green thumb.

 **Summer Maintenance at Park Avenue**

- Volunteers needed to help with garden maintenance at the Park Ave. entrance
- 1 or 2 volunteers per week –about an hour to help weed and deadhead
- No set day for weeding--first part of the week is preferable
- Works well in keeping the main entrance garden beds neat and tidy
- Compliments continue to come in about our gardens --thanks to our volunteers!
- See list below for open weeks—it’s not too late for you to be a RBC “Garden Buddy”
- Contact Christie Turner to volunteer christie199@comcast.net or (508) 945 – 3149

Thanks to those who have signed up thus far—we  all RBC volunteers! Please don’t hesitate to volunteer--there are changes and times when even more than 2 are needed.

<u>Week of:</u>	<u>Volunteer(s)</u>
➤ June 16	Mary & Jeff Lanctot
➤ June 23	Carol Knapp & Jan Whittaker
➤ June 30	Janice & Ken Travis
➤ July 7	Pam & Tom Patton
➤ July 14	Sally & Steve Davol
➤ July 21	Lynne & Eric Hartell
➤ July 28	Rosemarie Fischer
➤ August 4	--OPEN--
➤ August 11	Ann Reydel & Ruth Steeger
➤ August 18	--OPEN--
➤ August 25	Bonnie & John Hausner
➤ September 1	Rich Morgano

 **2013 Spring Planting & Clean-up Day** Christie Turner, RBC Chair, reported a fortuitous turnout of 13 “lucky” volunteers on May 25th for this year’s Riverbay Spring Planting & Clean-up Day. With skill and enthusiasm, this hardy group weeded, planted, pruned, and raked the main entrance at the flagpole and the first Park Ave. island. Debris disposal was ably handled by Assoc. VP, Bernie Pfeifer and Ted Whittaker, via 4 runs to the Transfer Station, using the rugged Pfeifer Toyota ½ tonner. The “Park” looks good and will look even better as the flowers start to bloom. Thank you to the other Riverbay worker bees who helped out on a holiday week-end: Pat & Mike Barry, Joyce & Len Calabro Bob Dohn, Tom Ela, Bob Hughes, Andrew McClennen, Ann Reydel, Christie Turner, & Jan Whittaker.

 **NEW “RBC Yucca Patrol”** Yucca “cacti” abound here and there in Riverbay. If you would like help in removing the tough stalks after blooming, please contact Christie to arrange for a visit from the Rivera Yucca Patrol: christie199@comcast.net or by tel. at [508] 945 – 3149 FYI: the yucca is not a true cacti; it is a member of the succulent family.

2013 CHATHAM GARDEN TOUR Two Riverbay residents, Lorie Messner and Joanna Schurmann, opened their gardens for this year’s Spring Garden Tour on June 14th. As advertised, “RAIN or SHINE” the event went on that day even with less-than-cooperative weather. The garden tour was sponsored by two well-known local organizations: Chatham Garden Club & Women’s Club of Chatham. The Spring Garden tour was a fundraising event for both groups. Proceeds help to support the beautification projects maintained by the Garden Club around Chatham and the Community Grants program of the Women’s Club of Chatham.



Schurmann front
and back yards



Messner Garden





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