



# HIGH TIDE

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## WELCOME – SEASON OPENER!

Welcome! After a long and snowy winter it is always a joyous sight to see the road sweepers come through about the time the buds first show on the trees; next comes the landscape trucks and equipment along with the Higgins Beach Garden Genies (Faye Blaise and Chris Poore), amid the sounds of hammers, rakes, wind chimes and birds; the signs of new life poking through as daffodils, tulips and crocus pass – indeed, the tide has turned to High Tide season – it is time for summer at Higgins Beach!

I am honored to be your High Tide Editor, and realize I have big shoes to fill as Melissa and Becca Carrifio pass the baton, I extend my special thanks to their dedication and service to keeping us in tune and in touch with all things Higgins Beach. Should you have news or story ideas, I invite you to find me in my garden or drop a note at my side door.

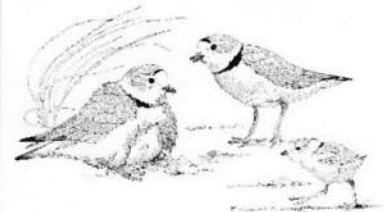
Putting myself in summer-folk shoes (which likely means flip-flops!) some interesting changes have taken place

over the winter. Razed old summer cottages make way for new large seaside homes on small Higgins lots. This presents town permitting challenges. A Higgins Beach Zoning Repair workshop was held June 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> to improve development at Higgins Beach. If you're planning a project, this may be helpful.

Soon wagons, beech chairs, umbrellas, suntan lotion and beach bodies will parade the streets and fill the beach – welcome to summer!

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## HBA

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR ALL THINGS HIGGINS!

How easy it may be to think a finely oiled machine runs effortlessly. Of course we all know that things just don't happen. A lot goes on behind the scenes thanks to many Higgins worker-bee's, hard at work to serve up the very best of all things Higgins.

From Wednesday morning coffee & donuts to Wednesday night dinners, dessert & sandwich nights; Potluck opener and Harvest Dinner season closer, with a parade, concerts and craft fair sandwiched in between, Higgins Beach is a bustle of activity all summer long. We hope to see you!

**June 17<sup>th</sup>** - Wednesday Coffee & Donuts begins (9AM)!

**June 18<sup>th</sup>** – Thursday Beach Raking begins (6AM)

**June 20<sup>th</sup>** – Member Welcome Back Potluck (6PM) – Registration required and space is limited. Please call Lisa Jesmain: 415-4169

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Monday Bridge at the clubhouse begins (1pm)

**June 24<sup>th</sup>** – Haddock Dinner (6PM)  
For tickets please call Phil Conley:  
883-3848

**June 26<sup>th</sup>** – Organizational Meeting (7PM)

**July 1<sup>st</sup>** – Salmon Dinner (6PM) For tickets please call Phil Conley: 883-3848

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** – Parade. Theme: "Patriot Beach Buggies & Toys". (4PM).  
Registration begins at 3:15PM

**July 8<sup>th</sup>** – BBQ Dinner (6PM). For

tickets please call Phil Conley: 883-3848

**July 10<sup>th</sup>** – Broadway Comes to Higgins (7PM) Maura Gwyer and Jeffrey Caron present “Steppin Out”

**July 14<sup>th</sup>** – Tuesday Night Concert: Tiki Thom Starkey (6:45PM) Bring your lawn chair!

**July 15<sup>th</sup>** – Italian Dinner (6PM). For tickets and reservations please call Phil Conley: 883-3848

**July 25<sup>th</sup>** – Saturday Lobster Dinner (6PM). \$16/person. For tickets please call John Veltri: 883-3585

**July 29<sup>th</sup>** – Prime Rib Dinner (6PM). For tickets please call Phil Conley: 883-3848

**July 31<sup>st</sup>** – August 1<sup>st</sup> – Craft Fair – crafts, bake sale, raffle and more!

**August 4<sup>th</sup>** – Tuesday Night Concert: Tony Boffa (6:45PM). Bring your lawn chair!

**August 5<sup>th</sup>** – Turkey Dinner (6PM). For tickets please call Phil Conley: 883-3848

**August 11<sup>th</sup>** – Tuesday Night Concert: Don Campbell Trio (6:45PM). Bring your lawn chair!

**August 12<sup>th</sup>** – Haddock Dinner (6PM). For tickets please call John Veltri: 883-3585

**August 19<sup>th</sup>** – Chicken Marsala Dinner (6PM). FMI: 883-3585



## Rules of the beach:

### **Piping Plover Protection:**

The eastern end of Higgins Beach (down by the Spurwink River) is owned by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife. Please note that this property has been roped off with “No Trespassing” signs to protect our nesting and roosting endangered Piping Plovers. Beach walkers are asked to respect the roped off area and be advised that department biologists and volunteer monitors will be easily identifiable to answer any questions may have.

### **\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\***

From April 1 – Labor Day, Dogs are prohibited from trespassing on the eastern end of the beach beyond Champion Street.

### **Dogs on the Beach:**

From Champion Street to the west end of Higgins Beach the following rules apply:

**Dawn – 9AM:** Dogs are allowed OFF LEASH under voice and sight control.

**9AM – 5PM:** Dogs are prohibited.

**5PM – Dusk:** Dogs are allowed ON LEASH.

**Dusk – Dawn:** Dogs are prohibited



### **Reminders and tips:**

- All scheduled events are held at the clubhouse (except for beach raking!)
- Make your reservations; Dinners sell out quickly! \$10/adult, \$5 under 12
- The clubhouse is available June 7 – Columbus day (excluding HBA events). Members wishing to hold a private event should call Sue Naiden: 883-0206

## MONDAY BRIDGE & WORKSHOP TOO!

Weekly Monday Bridge Game returns to Higgins Beach this summer, with instruction to boot! If you haven't played bridge in a while or would like to improve your game this is for you!

From June 22nd until mid-September

come play Bridge at 1pm every Monday at the Clubhouse. You don't need a partner; all skill levels welcome.

From June 22<sup>nd</sup> until July 13<sup>th</sup> there will be an optional workshop at 12:30PM. The workshops will cover the basics of

bridge, including a few basic techniques. No reservation is necessary; there is no cost. Monday Bridge is open to all Higgins Beach residents, renters and visitors. Parking is free in front of the clubhouse. FMI call or e-mail David Haskell: 885-9958, dfhbridge@aol.com

## 40TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Higgins Beach International Golf Tournament started by Bo Martin offers up fun competition based on the average net score of Canadian versus US players as well as the overall individual low net.

There is a 20-player maximum. Name, phone #, Golf index or Handicap is needed. If you would like to play, call or e-mail Tom Murphy – 207-883-2246, [tmurphy04074@aol.com](mailto:tmurphy04074@aol.com).

Dates are as follows:

**July 30, 10AM:** Dune Grass Golf Club, Old Orchard Beach.

**August 6, 10AM:** Nonesuch River, Scarborough Rt. 114

**Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:30AM:** Valhala, Cumberland.

## IN MEMORY:

**Susan Shannon White**

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**Nate Sattenstall**

We remember those who have gone before us this past year. May they rest in peace and may we think of them always here at heart at Higgins Beach.

## PLANNING AHEAD...

The Higgins Beach Annual Bake Sale is July 31 – August 1: Start thinking: What shall I bake this year? The bake sale is a big fundraiser for HBA – Thank you in advance for your yummy support!



News stories, announcements, photos are always welcome! All material is subject to edit due to timeliness and space. Deadline for material is the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month (June – September). Photo credits: Lisa Jesmain and Steve Seabury for clubhouse photo (pg. 2), Susan Osborne bake sale photo, (pg.3)

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