



High tide

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4th of July Patriot Beach buggies and toys!

Special thanks to all the Patriot Beach Buggies and Toys that paraded the Higgins Beach streets for the July 4th celebration.

The day was filled with fun for all - participants, observers, judges and volunteers filled the streets, beach, and clubhouse lawn with joy for our Independence Day celebration. The judges have decided! Congratulations to our winners (page 4).



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~ On the menu ~

Forget cooking! Join neighbors and friends at the clubhouse on Wednesday nights for dinner at 6PM. Adults \$10, children (under 12) \$5. For reservations and tickets call Glennis Chabot – 883-3925 or John Veltri –

LOBSTER!

The always-popular Saturday night Lobster Dinner held July 25th at 6PM is sold out for this year. As with many dinners – make plans early!

883-3585. Here's what's cooking:

July 29th: Prime Rib

August 5th: Turkey

August 12th: Haddock

August 19th: Chicken Marsala

DONUTS & MORE!

Breakfast every Wednesday until Aug. 19th - 9AM at the clubhouse for \$1.00 – coffee, donuts, juice or muffin. HB wear available for purchase!

~ Concerts ~

Ahhh – tunes! Tuesday nights 6:45 PM on the lawn at the clubhouse – come, bring your lawn chairs and sit back and enjoy.

July 14th –Tiki Thom Starkey

August 4th –Tony Boffa

August 11th – Don Campbell Trio

~ Craft Fair & Bake Sale ~

What better way to shop for unique handcrafted local gifts and indulge in delicious homemade baked goods right here at Higgins Beach! **July 31 &**

August 1st at the clubhouse. All proceeds from the bake sale go to the HBA. Consider baking your favorite desert for the cause! FMI email Susan: osbornesd@aol.com

~ Golf ~

40th Annual Higgins Beach

International Golf

Tournament:

July 30th – 10AM Dune

Grass, OOB

August 6th – 10AM

Nonesuch River, Scarb.

August 13th – 10:30AM

Valhala, Cumberland

FMI -Tom Murphy 883-2246

~ Bridge ~

Monday's at 1PM at the

clubhouse. FMI – David

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1897- An Important Year in History for Higgins Beach

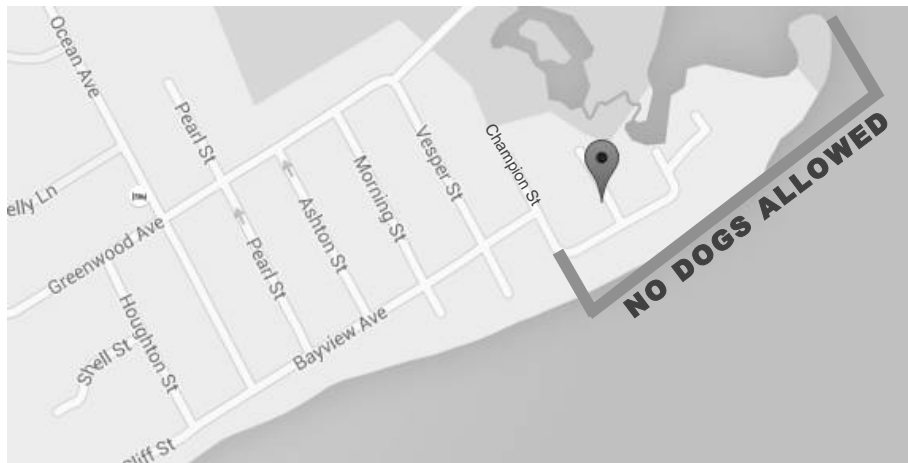
by Rodney Laughton

The earliest cottages at Higgins Beach were built in the 1870's in a crescent shape along the high ground that runs from Vesper to Shell Street. They all faced the ocean.

Individual families financed the cottage construction, but did not own the land. Hiram Higgins, who was the last man to own Higgins Beach in it's entirety would not sell any of his property, but leased lots for cottage construction. After Hiram's death in 1882 his three children set in motion a plan to subdivide the property and sell their inheritance.

In 1887 a subdivision plan was

recorded at the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds. Streets were constructed and lots were sold. Many of the original cottages were turned to face the streets. The official subdivision and street construction was the beginning of our community as we know it today. (This is why 1897 was used on the HB Merchandise this year). Also on August 11, 1897 the Howard Middleton grounded in heavy fog at the mouth of the Spurwink River. Attempts were made to pull the vessel free, but they failed. A September storm that year drove the vessel further inland until it came to rest where remains are still seen today.



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:

- The clubhouse is available June 7 – Columbus day (excluding HBA events). Members wishing to hold a private event should call Sue Naiden: 883-0206
- Piping Plovers – we love them! The Spurwink river (east end of the beach) is roped off – for the endangered shore birds. Watch your step. Please fill holes, remove trash, and don't feed seagulls. Thank you!
- HB Mugs, Shirts and more available for purchase at Wednesday breakfasts.

News Tid-Bits – HB Where Generations Gather

Higgins Beach is a special place! Whether your family has been coming here for many generations, or you are experiencing Higgins Beach for the first time, the Higgins Beach Association welcomes you! Here’s what’s happening in the Higgins Beach news from neighbors and friends:

Birth: Congratulations to Sarah and Patrick Hornung, on the birth of their son. Louis is the great grandchild of Arlene and Bill Eager of 22 Houghton Street. Proud grandparents, Bill and Mary

Eager are long time visitors to HB. We wish Louis a warm welcome to HB!

Marriage: Christine and Allan Arakelian of the Sea Catcher Art Studio, 55 Bayview Ave, are proud to announce the marriage of their son, Steven to Amy Cook. The wedding took place at Misselwood in Beverly Massachusetts on June 19, 2015. On behalf of HB we extend our congratulations!

Union (not Re-Union!): Given up for adoption at birth, Peter

Vachon of 25 Ocean Ave, and his sister Laurie Meyer of Charleston SC (also given up for adoption at birth) met for the first time July 10th. As an added bonus and total surprise Peter’s new found half-brother George Slater from San Francisco made a surprise visit to the union. Together for the first time, they strolled on Higgins Beach. So special!



HBA PARADE RESULTS - 2015

Thank you to all who participated! Congratulations to our winners:

Individual:

1st Place – Higgins Beach Bag, Gracie Wood.

2nd Place – Bay Watch Beach Patrol, Mary Beth Shapiro.

3rd Place – American Pail & Shovel, Grace Miller.

Group:

1st Place – Star Spangled Seavers, Julia, Lily, Brooke, Preston, Susan, Greg, Jen, Bob and Mary Lou

Seaver, Dale and Pat Carrol

2nd Place – Toy Flag, Heather, Melissa and Lea Drinan, Dee Dee and Owen Hogan, Mark Hoffman.

3rd Place – Pails & Shovels, Adrianna and Anthony Gentile, Lily Garrison.

Float:

1st Place – Aloha Buggy/Aloha Tractor; Nathan and Malia Lewis, Anika Miller.

2nd Place – Sand Castle; Andrew Skillings.

3rd Place – Lou-S-A; Sarah, Patrick

and Louis Hornung, Lily Eager.

Judge’s Choice:

1st Place – Beach Ball Babies; Emma, Katie and Chrissy Ray, Larry Langmore, Breadon McManus.

2nd Place – The Sky’s The Limit; Kitsie and Ned Claxton, Alison Eckert, Kelly and Linda Matzen, Kivin, Vivi and Finntan Mangalam, Josh and Lissa Bradford, Nancy Bills, Susan Savvay, Patty Weilder.

3rd Place – Adirondack Pack; Bella, Anna and Miles Endozo, Alicia Burke Kiu and Leela Yarangsee, Nadine Desharnais.

News stories, announcements, photos are always welcome! All material is subject to edit due to timeliness and space. Deadline for material is the 10th of each month (June – August). Parade photo credits: Raggedy Ann’s – Steve Seabury; Sky’s the limit & baby, Kris Hoyt. Send content via e-mail to: kvachon59@gmail.com. Please put HIGH TIDE in the subject line. Thank you!