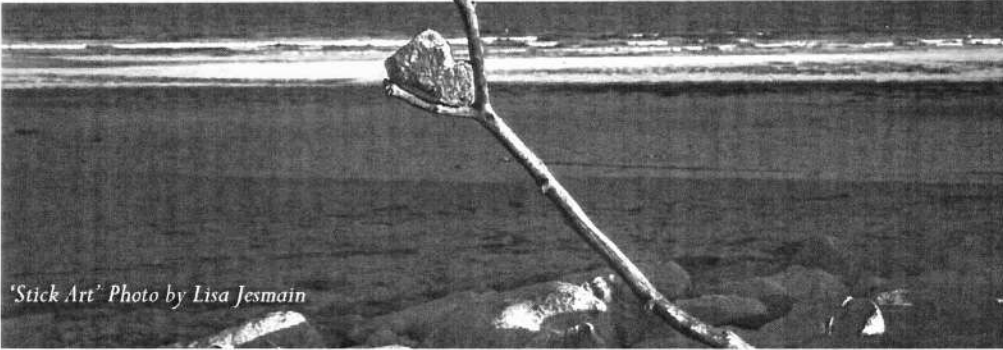




HIGH TIDE

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IT'S HIGH TIME FOR HIGH TIDE – WELCOME SUMMER!

Welcome to the 2016 opening edition of the Higgins Beach High Tide.

Despite having a very mild winter with very little snow, spring has been slow to warm up. Yet, just as we turn the Memorial Day corner, some blasts of heat suggest it is time to put those turtlenecks away and break out the sandals. Step outside and take a look around – what's new at Higgins Beach this year?

While you were gone, new rules to land and roads pertaining to zoning,

permitting and parking are now in affect, in an effort to recognize and preserve this special beach community, its natural habitat and landscape, and to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable time here at the beach.

I will put you in touch with information about those enhancements and invite you to pull out your calendar and schedule those familiar activities such as dinner at the club house, Wednesday breakfast, a game of bridge or golf, pull up a lawn chair sit back, and enjoy

some tunes, or find a good book and go to the beach!

It is people who make a place special, and as I put together this edition, it is with gratitude to the beach association, it's board members, and you – the members (a record 266 homeowners joined HBA last year), who make summer so special here at the beach.

The High Tide welcomes Higgins Beach news and stories. Please e-mail me: kvachon59@gmail.com. Put "High Tide" in the subject line. Thanks!

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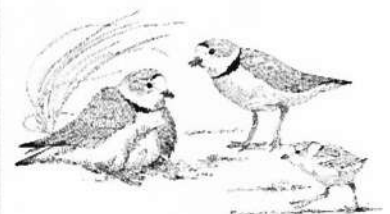
www.hbamaine.com is mobile friendly! Up to the minute info - tides, events, weather and more on your smartphone, tablet, or computer.

Additional websites of interest:

www.higginsbeachproperties.com

www.higginsbeachmaine.com

www.mainehealthybeaches.com



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WEDNESDAY DINNERS!

Dinner at the clubhouse is a popular tradition. Various Association Members host the dinner by cooking up and sharing their specialty with you!

Don't miss out! Space is limited, so pull out your calendar and call either Glennis Chabot – 883-3925 or John Veltri – 883-3585 for tickets. Dinner begins at 6pm and tickets are required.

All meals are \$15/person, except for the Lobster Bake, which is \$20/person. Here's the menu:

July 6th – Haddock Dinner
Hosted by: Bill Eager and family

July 13th – Moe's BBQ

Hosted by: Peter & Jane Rabbitt

July 20th – Meat Lasagna Dinner
Hosted by: Peter & Sue Naiden

July 27th – Prime Rib Dinner
Hosted by: Scott & Sunny Townsend

August 3rd – Lobster Bake
Hosted by: Phil & Sharon conley/John & Barbara O'Brien

August 10th – Roast Turkey Breast
Hosted by: Kevin & Amy Prue

August 17th – Moe's BBQ
Hosted by: Bill & Molly Donovan

August 24th – Chicken Marsala
Hosted by: Ted & Angela Meserve

WEDNESDAY DONUT BREAKFAST -

Every Wednesday at 9AM at the Clubhouse, Donuts supplied by The Cookie Jar will be served.

Stop by and enjoy a donut, juice or coffee with family and neighbors! \$2/person.

CONCERTS ON THE LAWN

Bring your lawn chair and enjoy some tunes at the clubhouse at 7PM:

July 14th – Jimmy Macisso & Susie Pepper

July 28th – Larry Williams Band

Aug. 9th – Don Campbell Band

Aug. 18th – Tiki Thom

RULES OF LAND AND SEA

Higgins Beach is known for its seaside bungalows and shingled cottages, most of which date to the early and mid 20th century. Over the years, renovating cottages faced challenges with permitting, because zoning hadn't been updated in nearly 50 years.

This past year, the town of Scarborough embarked on a new updated zoning practice called Character Based Zoning. With input from the Higgins Beach residents, the goal was to protect the character of the seaside community and to increase the building lot size to permit more flexibility when renovating within the seaside style of architecture.

New zoning put in place makes it easier for permitting and ensures the preservation of our unique beach community character.

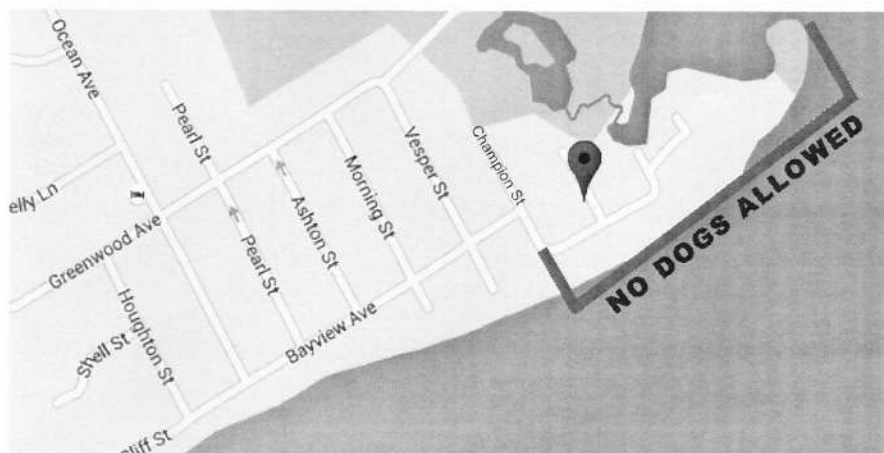
On hot summer days, everyone wants to be at the beach! With small lots and larger homes

occupying them, parking is a challenge. There is no parking at any time on the beach. New fine is \$80. If you pay the fine within 30 days it will be reduced to \$40.

New this year: Parking meters have arrived here at the beach! But don't worry, you don't have to pay for a spot at the beach, you just have to mind your time – 1 hour maximum. The new meter is at the end of Ashton Street.

We all love the beach - people, dogs, and natural habitat alike. Protecting our Plover's and ensuring everyone's safety and enjoyment is paramount.

Be sure the beach water loves you! Higgins Beach is part of the Maine Healthy Beach program that routinely monitors bacteria levels. For your protection, there are two advisories – Contamination Advisory and Rainfall Advisory. Signs are posted at each beach entrance and at the parking lot. www.mainhealthybeaches.com is the place to go for a healthy water update.



Reminders and tips:

- All scheduled events are held at the clubhouse (except for beach raking!)
- Make your reservations; Dinners sell out quickly! \$15/adult, (\$20 Lobster)
- The clubhouse is available May 14th – October 10th (excluding HBA events). Members wishing to hold a private event should call Sue Naiden: 239-4274



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

MONDAY BRIDGE

Come one, come all – residents, renters, and visitors join in a game of bridge! You don't need to be an expert, and you don't need a partner; all skills are welcome. Game starts promptly at 1pm at the clubhouse

beginning June 27th and running through mid September. Parking is free in front of the clubhouse. No commitment and no charge. FMI call David Haskell, 21 Cliff Street, 885-9958.

BOOKS WANTED

Attention bookworms! The clubhouse bookshelves are empty; it's time to stack the shelves again. Drop off your page-turners, beach reads, thrillers and more, and while you are there, see what others have placed in circulation. Happy reading!

41ST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 41ST 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.

July 27th, 10AM: Dune Grass Golf Club, Old Orchard Beach.

August 3rd, 10AM: Nonesuch River, Scarborough Rt. 114

Aug 11th, 10:30AM: Valhala, Cumberland.

IN MEMORY:

Charlie King

Dave Elliot

Arlene Eager

Ellie Hodgdon

Shirley Welch

Mary August

Peg Meader

Bob Arnett

Henti LaRou

Ben Alfiero

Margaret Lee Giles

May they rest in peace with lasting memories always with us at Higgins Beach.

4th OF JULY PARADE

This year's theme is "Blast from the Past: Decades of Fun". Registration begins at 3:15PM at the Clubhouse. Parade begins at 4pm. Awards and

cookout will follow the parade on the Clubhouse lawn. Volunteers and judges needed! Please call Amy Prue: 396-4274



'Always With Us' Photo by Lisa Jesmain

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 – September).

Send content via e-mail to: kvachon59@gmail.com. Please put HIGH TIDE in the subject line. Thank you!