

Mantoloking Shores

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STREET REPAVING

As you see, the streets still have not been repaved. There have been sewer line replacements on Valhalla and Cove Drive during the last several months. These replacements required the streets to be dug up. Valhalla had just one large spot excavated; Cove and a small portion of Tide Pond Road had extensive excavation.

We had assumed that when this work was finished that the paving work would commence in the spring. Last week we were notified that there is a problem about the paving. Officers of the Association will be meeting with the Mayor and Business Administrator for Brick the week of January 13th. We will hold up the mailing of the Dues Notices, which were to be sent out on January 14th, so that we can include an update on the paving issues with that mailing after we meet with the Brick officials.

BRICK ELECTIONS

In November Stephen C. Acropolis was elected Mayor of Brick. The Republicans now control the Town Council and the Mayor's Office. Steve has long professed his support for the Barrier Island. As he serves the last two years of the Scarpelli term, we will be watching to see if he comes through with the support we need including police protection.



From the President's Desk..

As we start 2008 we also start a new way of distributing the Newsletter posting it to the website rather than using the US Mail.

The last two bulkheads that the Association owns at street and lagoon ends have been completed. The one on Ketch Road has been re-stoned and a small retaining wall has replaced the rotting railroad ties at the street edge of the property. The area behind the bulkhead at the end of Bay Lane has not been re-stoned since Brick is going to replace the small drain that is currently there to drain the street with a normal size drain when the street repaving is done.

The sewer relining and replacement project is still going on; although it appears that the only place they are still working on is Cove Drive where they have dug up the street from beginning to end. The other street that was dug up was Valhalla and they have patched that street.

The Shores is a very active area this winter. There is a lot of construction going on .. new houses going up; houses being renovated; and also owners putting in replacement bulkheads. With this work in full swing and the weather cooperating, hopefully these projects will be completed so that the summer will be more enjoyable without all of the construction noise and traffic. We, the Board, thank all those who are doing their construction work now for getting their work done in the off-season. For those contemplating noisy and extended construction work, we hope you will be considerate of your neighbors and either get your work done before Memorial Day or hold your project until the fall.

I have been on the Board of this Association since 1989 and your president since 1999. We need someone else to step up and take on the presidency. New ideas, new direction or just a fresh set of eyes on what is going on in the Community is a good thing. For the past several elections for the presidency, we have not been able to find anyone to come forward and take the position so I had agreed to continue, but that needs to come to an end. Even if we can't get someone to step up and take the position, I will not stand for re-election. So I hope someone out there is willing to give some of their time to help keep our Association viable.

I hope you all have a great winter and look forward to seeing you at the Shores in the spring.

H. L. Van Varick, President
Hlv1@verizon.net

P.S. PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE PERIODICALLY FOR IMPORTANT MESSAGES!

Treasurer's Annual Report

In this New Year, the Treasurer and the Board of Trustees wish you the best year yet. We started 2007 with \$45,078.98 and hoped we were going to finish the bulkheads, which we did, so we have less money to start in 2008. We were down on the number of dues paying members and certainly hope it will improve this coming year.

From our annual party, we netted \$126.00 and \$21.00 from the sale of address directories. With a big push on tee and sweatshirts, we added \$244.00 to the treasury.

The approved budget contained some expectations that did not happen this year. One of the items was we did not get reimbursed for expenditures we made on behalf of our members. There were also expenses we expected to have and did not so we are ahead in that area.

A sincere appreciation is extended to the members of my 2007 Budget Committee for their foresight and help. These members are Joan Aduato, Mary Bowers, LuAnn Charles, Albert Martin, Ed Rapoza, Milt Rosko and me.

*Respectfully submitted,
William C. Porter, Treasurer*

APPROVED BUDGET YEAR 2007
BUDGETED \$58,414.49

INCOME:

NON-BUDGET ITEMS

Address Book	\$ 21.00
Annual Party '07	1,670.00
Other - Sweats & Tees	<u>1,533.00</u>

NON-BUDGET TOTAL INCOME **\$ 3,224.00**

BUDGET ITEMS

Dues-Due yearly:	\$ 38,550.00
Interest - MBNA / B of A	<u>2,570.78</u>

TOTAL INCOME **\$ 44,344.78**

EXPENDITURES:

FIXED EXPENSES

Insurance	
General Liability	\$1,231.18
Officers & Directors	2,819.49
Taxes	
Brick Twp. - Real Estate	112.44
NJ Sales Tax - Purchases, Services	228.98
Utilities	
Electric - GPU	175.46
Water	313.00

FLEXIBLE EXPENSES

NON-BUDGET ITEMS

Annual Party '07	1,543.40
Extraordinary (unexpected)	85.00
Other - Pennants, Shirts	1,289.00

Non Budgeted Total **2,917.40**

BUDGET ITEMS

Bank Charges	22.00
Cost of Goods	
Bulkheads - Labor, Materials	31,030.00
Misc. - Supplies, P.O. Box Rental	610.84
Other - Recognitions, Memorials	
Recognitions - Retirees & Deaths	111.24
Prof. Services - Water Testing	160.00
Property Upkeep - Grounds Maintenance	
Stones for Lagoon Ends	3,100.00
Lagoon Ends	6,780.00
Replace Signs	1,345.00
Survey, Permits, Zane Letters	3,940.00
Legal & Professional Fees-Lawyers	
Lawyer Donato	3,839.50
Lawyer Manahan	25.00

Miscellaneous

Contributions	400.00
Fees	125.00
Meeting Expenses	175.81
Office - Stamps, Duplication, Newsletter	1,899.31
Other - Sign Decoration-Holidays	<u>8.54</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$61,671.21**

NET INCOME **(\$17,326.43)**

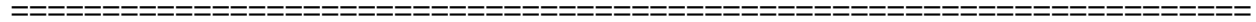
Assets December 31, 2007 **\$15,464.49**

Assets December 31, 2006 **\$45,078.98**

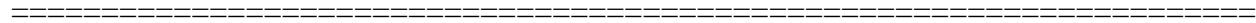
\$20,000 Reserve always to be held for emergencies



REASSESSMENT



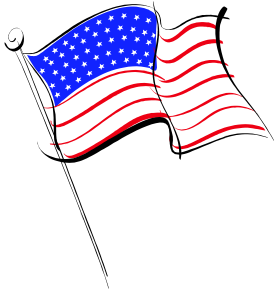
Fred Millman, Brick Town Assessor, advised us that the revaluation process is continuing. Some homes on the Barrier Island have already been inspected. Mr. Millman stated that the rest of the Barrier Island will be inspected during the summer of 2008. Brick is still expecting to have the new valuations for 2009 tax bills.



***** NOMINATING COMMITTEE *****

The Board has approved Dr. Richard Mansfield to head this year's Nominating Committee. Richard has chosen Craig Lambie, Vice President and Paul Appio, Block Captain Chairperson, to serve with him on this Committee. The Committee is looking for a president, a vice president, a recording secretary and someone to take on the treasurer's position.

If you are interested in serving your Community, please call Richard at 732-899-6656.

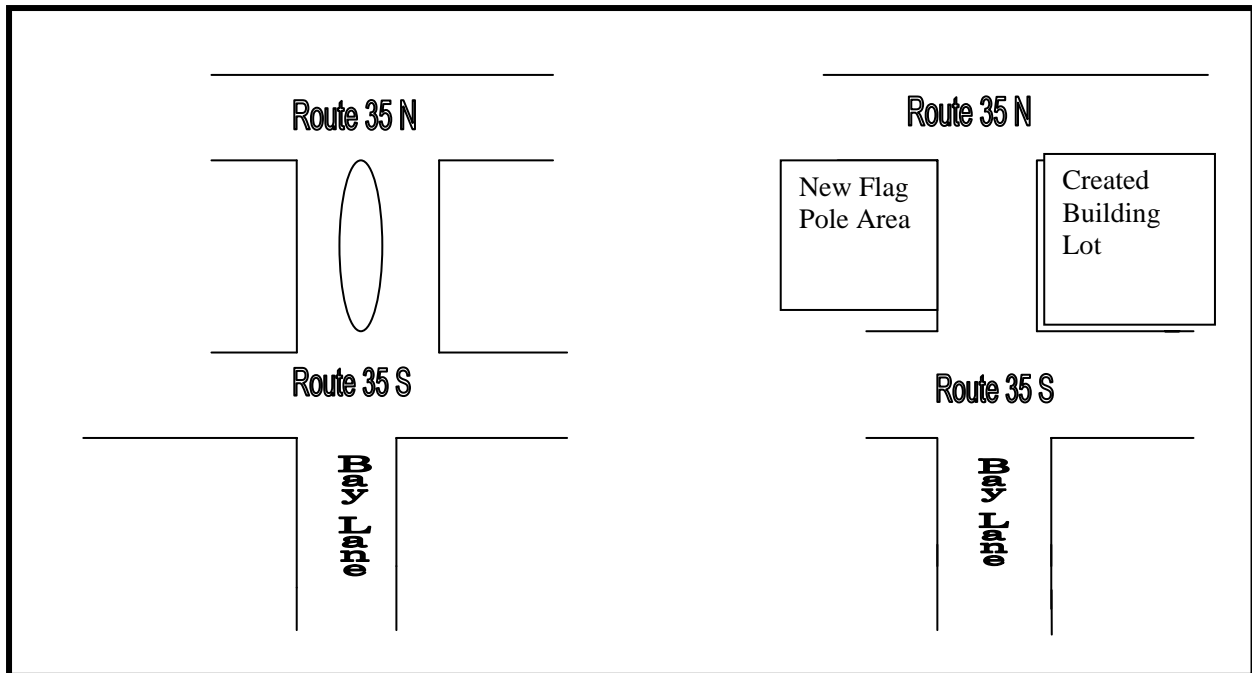


FLAGPOLE ISLAND

One of our homeowners suggested that we consider changing the flagpole island between 35N and 35S so that rather than having lanes of traffic on either side of the flagpole that we change it to just be an extension of Bay Lane. What this would do is give us an area on the north side of the roadway for the flag and some plantings. The south side could possibly be turned into a buildable lot and sold. The proceeds of the sale of the buildable lot could be used to put a down payment on a property on the ocean to create an Association's beach.

The Board has authorized the expenditure of up to \$2,000 to investigate the feasibility of such a proposal.

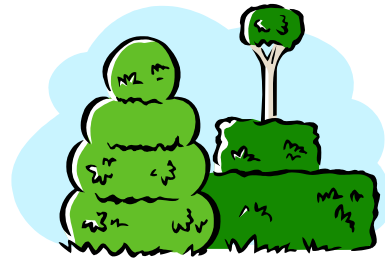
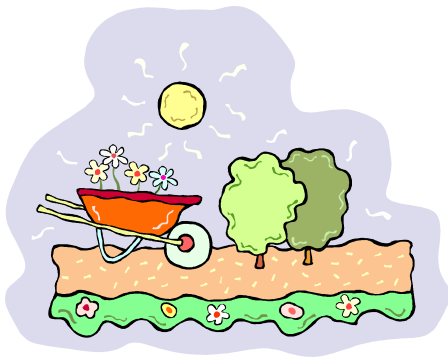
The drawing below depicts the existing configuration on the left and what it could possible look like on the right.





LANDSCAPING

Rick Orlando, our former neighbor, Board member and landscaper has returned to take over the clean up in the Community and put away the trash and recycling cans each week. As we did last year, we are putting the cans away all year in addition to trying to keep the storm drains cleared in the winter as we do in the summer.



BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Several years ago, the State of New Jersey stated they were going to repave 35 North and South and put in sidewalks on 35 South. Well with the State in its present financial position, the project has been shelved. This past summer we received a report from the police that there were visual obstructions at each of our streets that exit onto 35 South; mainly the trees and shrubs and some of our signs that are on the north side of each exit on to Route 35S.

Rather than waiting for the State to come through and do something about the area between the curb and owners property on 35 South, we would like to reinstitute the Beautification Committee of owners to come up with some way to enhance the area by improving the visibility from the streets and the aesthetics of the curb areas. The Committee would also work on the flagpole area.

If you would like to help get this Committee going, please call Van at 732-899-7829 or e-mail him at hlv1@verizon.net.



PROTECTION FIRE

At last year's Annual Meeting, it was brought to our attention that Brick had changed their relationship with Mantoloking for fire responses. In the past, Mantoloking would respond to any fire in our area since we have only one fireman for the Brick Firehouse here on the island and he can't drive the fire truck.

After the new Mantoloking Bridge was opened, the Brick Fire Commissioners decided they could respond to all calls even though their firehouse on Mantoloking Road is at least 10 minutes away from us. That means that the volunteers first need to get to the firehouse; then spend 10 more minutes to get to us. As we all know with the winds we have out here, any delay could mean the total destruction of a home.

Well we are happy to report that, with the help of Mark Ellsworth, the President of the Federation of Beach Associations, Brick has restored their relationship with Mantoloking so that they will be the first responders to any fire in Brick on the Barrier Island.



"ANNUAL SOCIAL EVENT"

We had 111 people attend our Socializer last June. The new restaurant operator, Ebby's North, agreed to honor the commitment the previous operator made to us on price, and we were able to run the event for \$15.00 per person. Ebby's did a great job; however they did indicate that they lost money on the event. So this year we anticipate the price of the event will be somewhat higher than \$15.00. It is our understanding that "Used to Be's" (Ebby's) is going to expand the building and enlarge the restaurant. We don't know what, if any, effect this will have on our event. At this point, we are planning to have "The Socializer" at:

PLACE: Ebby's North

DATE : Friday - June 27, 2008

TIME : 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! As we get closer to the event, we will give you more details.

Irene Yonadi, Chairperson

“NEW” ASSOCIATION SIGN

If you haven't noticed, we have a new sign at the entrance to the Community at Bay Lane. The old sign was rotting away. It was replaced with a sign made of a synthetic sign material that is said to last longer than the old wooden sign. Of course, what the company who sold it to us was talking about is wear and tear from the weather and environment. In the first week of the new sign being put up, it was attacked! Vandalized ... vandals tried to pull the sign down and, in doing so, broke a piece off the top of the sign. However, the sign has since been repaired and hopefully, if it doesn't get attacked again, it will last us a long time.



MSPOA TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Our current directory is obsolete and in need of updating. One of our new Trustees, Dominick Saccente, has agreed to head up a committee to put together a new directory. Working with him on this endeavor is Harriett Donnelly who did a great deal of the work on the original directory. A form has been prepared to be sent to all of the residents of the Shores requesting information for the “2008 Telephone Directory” update, and this form will be included with the Dues Notice. Please take the time to complete and return the information form whether you do or do not want to be included in the directory. This will save time and effort for the Block Captains who will be requested to go door to door to ascertain the interest of those who have not responded to the mailing.

BLOCK CAPTAINS REPORT

We would like to welcome a new Block Captain for Barkentine Lane .. NOREEN KELLY. We want to thank Ed Cupoli, the previous Captain for Barkentine, for his help. We still DO NOT have any volunteer for Pointe Drive!!

The Block Captains were busy this past year. They went door to door on the streets that did not have curbing to ascertain whether or not homeowners wanted the Association to petition Brick to put in curbs as part of the repaving process. The majority, on each of those streets, opted for no curbing. The Block Captains also went door to door to solicit dues from those who had not paid them prior to the Annual Meeting. George Murphy was the most successful in collecting dues. Great job George!!

Block Captains please mark your calendar as there will be a **Block Captains Meeting on Saturday, May 3rd at 10:00 AM, at my house - 305 Sloop Lane.** I can always be reached on my cell phone ... 973-563-6072.

Paul Appio, Chairperson

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BLOCK CAPTAINS COMMITTEE
PAUL APPIO, CHAIRPERSON
305 Sloop Lane (732-295-4743) e-mail: pbarc@optonline.net

<u>STREET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>MSPOA PHONE NO.</u>
Barkentine Lane	Noreen Kelly	307 Barkentine Lane	732-899-3145
Bay Lane	George/Elinor Murphy Audrey Peters Friedkin	337 Bay Lane 354 Bay Lane	732-892-4029 732-899-6789
Brigantine Lane	Mary Porter	307 Brigantine Lane	732-892-5853
Buccaneer Way	Patricia Femia	207 Buccaneer Way	732-899-9106
Cove Drive	Mary Bowers	330 Cove Drive	732-295-2510
Cutter Lane	JoAnn Russomanno Tom Palma	308 Cutter Lane 327 Cutter Lane	732-899-4340 732-892-7596
Dory Lane	Lynn Schafer	302 Dory Lane	732-714-7901
Dutchman's Pt.	Darnice Gennaro Gary Reska	317 Dutchman's Point 308 Dutchman's Point	732-295-2470 732-701-0082
Helm Road	Kathy Weintraub	192 Helm Road	732-701-1063
Ketch Road	Albert Yonadi	191 Ketch Road	732-899-8914
Periagua Lane	Ed Raposa	284 Periagua Lane	732-899-8856
Pointe Drive	O P E N		
Schooner Lane	Bob DiSarno	302 Schooner Lane	732-714-8185
Sloop Lane	Paul Appio	305 Sloop Lane	732-295-4743
Tide Pond Road	Cheryl Mansfield Marilyn H. Van Varick	316 Tide Pond Road 305 Dory Lane	732-899-6656 732-899-7829
Valhalla Drive	Milton Rosko	219 Valhalla Drive	732-892-8792
Wherry Lane	Cheryl Mansfield	316 Tide Pond Road	732-899-6656

USEFUL BRICK PHONE NUMBERS

MSPOA OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

CRITICAL EMERGENCIES

	911
Police (Emergency).....	732-262-1152
(Non-emergency).....	732-262-1150
FIRE Pioneer Hose Co.....	732-477-4700
FIRST AID Dover/Brick.....	732-349-2285
(The Fire Company and the First Aid Squad are volunteers who serve without pay for our benefit; please donate generously to their fund raising efforts)	
Brick General Information Update.....	732-262-1166
Brick Public Works.....	732-262-1085
Brick Office of the Mayor.....	732-262-1050

Complaint Numbers for when talking to your neighbor has not resolved the situation.

Marine State Police.....	732-899-5050
Noise - Brick Police.....	732-262-1150

Illegal Construction (any substantial construction requires a Building Permit which must be prominently displayed at the front of the house)

Brick Building Department.....	732-262-1027
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NJ Department of Environmental Protection for Illegal Bulkheading & Land

Use Enforcement - HOT LINE.....	877-927-6337
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Dumping - Ocean County Prosecutor.....	800-562-3867
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Officers:

H.L. Van Varick, President.....	732-899-7829
305 Dory Lane	
Craig Lambie, Vice President.....	732-701-0591
323 Tide Pond Road	
Cheryl Mansfield, Secretary.....	732-899-6656
316 Tide Pond Road	
Dr. Bill Porter, Treasurer.....	732-892-5853
307 Brigantine Lane	
Patrick J. Tuohy, Membership Secy.....	732-295-1073
316 Brigantine Lane	

Trustees:

Dr. Richard Mansfield.....	732-899-6656
316 Tide Pond Road	
Mary Bowers.....	732-295-2510
330 Cove Drive	
Albert Yonadi.....	732-899-8914
191 Ketch Road	
Dr. Robert A. Femia.....	732-899-9106
207 Buccaneer Way	
Dominick J. Saccente.....	732-295-3183
303 Bay Lane	

YOU MAY CALL ANY OFFICER OR TRUSTEE IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION OR PROBLEM. IF THEY DO NOT KNOW THE ANSWER, THEY WILL TRY TO GET AN ANSWER

