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Membership Dues and Police Fund

To pay online, go to http://shippan.com/the-spa/membership or fill out the form below and mail with check to: Shippan Point Association, P.O. Box 111381, Stamford, CT 06911-1381

Yes, I would like to join or renew my membership for the fiscal year January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

\$30 Family Membership \$
\$15 Seniors \$

Yes, I would like to support the neighborhood Police Patrol. All contributions go directly to the Patrol Fund. The SPA funds approximately 200 hours of patrols each year.

\$50 \$
\$100 \$
\$other \$

Total Dues and Police Fund \$

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Once farmland bought from the American Indians and tended by English settlers, then a summer play land for the wealthy, Shippan Point is steeped in history and one of Stamford's most desirable neighborhoods. Now, its wide, mile long main avenue, multiple beaches and beautiful homes make the perfect setting for families to flourish year round.



The Shippan Point Association (SPA) was formed in 1902 and according to its bylaws: "is a voluntary, non-political, non-profit corporation organized to safeguard the mutual interest and welfare of its members; to preserve and enhance the physical beauty and tranquility of the area; to ensure the safety of its inhabitants; to protect the integrity of the environment and the historic nature of Shippan Point as well as the value of the individual properties located there; and to do all and everything necessary, suitable, and proper for the attainment of any of these purposes, including, without limitation, submissions to and appearances before municipal, state, and federal boards and agencies."



Today, the SPA continues to protect and beautify the area while building a community through neighborhood events, regular information meetings, tree planting, police patrol and much more. Becoming a member of the Shippan Point Association is an important part of becoming involved in the community and maintaining the strength and integrity of our neighborhood. Our dues are just \$30 per family per year and \$15 per year for seniors. A membership form is found on the back page or go to http://shippan.com/the-spa/membership to pay online.

Shippan Point Association Officers 2016-2017

President Richard Recker rrecker@optonline.net

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What Did The SPA Do In 2016?

- Proactively lobbied the city for increased SPD patrols of Shippan & sponsored 200 hours of extra patrols during the most critical periods of the year.\*
Continued beautification efforts through the purchase & planting of 17 trees throughout Shippan.\*
Held annual meeting featuring Eric Knott, Harbor Master, City of Stamford.
Worked with elected representatives to aggressively pursue improvements that benefit Shippan residents such as widening the left hand turn lane near Donut Delight.
Organized, sponsored or assisted in a number of community events, e.g. the Annual Community Tag Sale, Beach Clean-Ups, Children's 4th of July & Halloween Parades, Government 101 meetings featuring Mayor Martin & US Senator Chris Murphy, Annual Celebrate Shippan event, the first Music in the Park event and a Wine tasting get-together.\*
Provided frequent email updates to members as well as a welcome letter to new residents.

What The SPA Has Planned For The First Half Of 2017!

- February 9 - Shippan Home Office Rountable kick-off meeting at The Landing Café.\*
May TBD - Community Tag Sale & First Annual Golf Outing
May 11th - SPA Annual Meeting featuring a fascinating guest speaker - stay tuned to find out who!

\* additional details provided in this newsletter



**Celebrate Shippan**

Woodway Beach Club again played host to the Shippan Point Association's fall classic, Celebrate Shippan. On a mild, overcast day in October, neighbors mingled on the patio and veranda, played Frisbee on the beach and enjoyed a delicious meal. Children hunted for seashells or played on the playground. There was something for everyone at this event: burgers, hot dogs, wine, snacks, face painting, music and crafts. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this signature event such a success!



**Beautification Efforts**

The SPA purchased and planted 17 trees along roadways throughout the community in a continuing effort to replace the many shade trees that have perished over the last decade. In past years, the SPA paid for the removal of close to 100 stumps so that trees could be planted. Our efforts were featured in the Neighborhood Section of *The Stamford Advocate*. If you are interested in having a tree planted along the right of way on your property, please send an email to [info@shippan.com](mailto:info@shippan.com).

**SPA Annual Wine Tasting**

Over 60 SPA members came together to socialize and enjoy great food and wine in a beautiful Shippan home. For the third year in a row, Claudia and Richard Recker hosted the SPA Annual Wine Tasting on Sunday, November 6th. The tasting wines were provided by BevMax and included numerous affordable varietals from around the world. All wines were available for purchase at a discount with profits going to the SPA Patrol Fund, which provides additional year round safety protection for Shippan particularly busy times (July 4th, Halloween, etc.). "It's a great mixer and a great way to raise funds, plus the timing is perfect to choose some great wines just before the holidays," said Jay Keeshan, who helped organize the event. Thanks again to BevMax for their continued support. The SPA Board is already planning the fall 2017 tasting, in a new exciting location. We hope to see you there in the fall!



**Community Clean-Ups**

The SPA enthusiastically supports various community clean-up efforts throughout the year in Shippan. Through donation of supplies or organization and promotion of the event, the SPA has helped clean-up our beaches, parks and wetlands such as Czescik Park Marina. Special thanks go to David Michel, Kieran Ryan, and Kathleen Matthews for working so tirelessly to keep our community clean and our environment healthy.



**Music in the Park**

The first annual *Music in the Park* event was held on October 16th at Czescik Marina Park, hosted by Amadeus Piano and Performance Space (46-50 Magee Ave) and supported by SPA. Some 200 neighbors came out to enjoy fabulous music at the Gazebo. World class musicians as well as neighborhood talent entertained the crowd. Stay tuned for details about another *Music in the Park* event in 2017.



**Police Patrol Fund**

While the SPA regularly requests that the City of Stamford provide police protection for our neighborhood, the reality is that City budgets are tight and we do not get the amount of proactive policing that we would like. Therefore, Shippan Point residents, through donations to the SPA Police Patrol Fund, provide for supplemental police patrols of the neighborhood. These patrols keep our neighborhood safe and protect our quality of life through enforcement of laws and ordinances regarding: loitering, speeding, parking restrictions, disturbing the peace, etc. This past year over 200 patrol hours were logged. The suggested Patrol Fund donation is \$50 per family. You do not need to be a member of the SPA to donate to this dedicated funding account. Please see the form on the back page or go to <http://shippan.com/the-spa/membership> to donate.



**Children's Parades**

The SPA organized and sponsored the annual children's 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Halloween parades. The Independence Day event featured a parade of festively attired children and decorated bikes, ending with ice cream treats for children young and old. For Halloween, a fire truck led the costumed children (and some adults!) down Van Rensselaer Avenue to a Halloween party featuring ghoulish treats and crafts.



**The Shippan Home Office Roundtable, or "SHOR"**

SHOR is a new resource for SPA members who maintain a home office and/or telecommute to work the majority of the time. "Shippan is full of people who primarily work at home. It is more than just a bedroom community and has a strong business culture of its own," says Jay Keeshan, who helped organize the kickoff event along with Steve Lincoln. SHOR will provide an opportunity to meet and network with other home office workers. The first event was a coffee/breakfast planned for February 8<sup>th</sup> at The Landing Cafe at Shippan Landing, which, along with Bilancio Personal Fitness Studio and Workpoint (a shared office space facility), offered to host the breakfast. The event consisted of brief introductions by all attendees and free time for networking. Optional tours of the gym and Workpoint followed immediately after. If you are interested in attending future SHOR event, please email [info@shippan.com](mailto:info@shippan.com)

**Who are your SPA Directors?**

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| <b>Term Expiring May, 2017</b> | <b>Term Expiring May, 2018</b> | <b>Term Expiring May, 2019</b> |                       |
| Lisa Butler                    | Valerie Rickens                | Thomas Mark Brennan, Sr.       | Debbie Kniffin        |
| David Lasnick                  | Kara Hanson                    | Charlie Dill                   | Jill Luciani Bouchard |
| Steve Lincoln                  | Frank Forte                    | Ted Fine                       | Lyda Ruijter          |
| Richard Recker                 | Lisa Stone                     | Shelley Gibson                 |                       |
| Bob Unnold                     | Vacant                         | James Keeshan                  |                       |
| Vacant (2)                     |                                | Andrew Krill                   |                       |