



SHIPPAN POINT

SHIPPAN POINT ASSOCIATION * SPRING NEWSLETTER 2018

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, beautification/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 household per year or \$15 per senior household per year. A membership form is found on the back page or go to <http://shippan.com/the-spa/membership> to pay online.



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What Did The SPA Do In 2017?

- Proactively lobbied the city for increased Stamford PD patrols of Shippan.
- Sponsored 225 hours of extra police patrols during the most critical periods of the year.*
- Continued beautification efforts by planting 23 trees throughout Shippan.*
- Held annual meeting featuring Wes Haynes, historian and resident of Shippan.
- Worked with elected representatives to aggressively pursue improvements that benefit all Shippan residents such as the repaving of Shippan Avenue.
- 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, Annual Celebrate Shippan, Music in the Park, Wine tasting, and 1st Annual Dog Parade.*
- Provided informational email/FB updates to members, and a welcome letter to new residents.

What The SPA Has Planned For The First Half Of 2018!

- April 25, 7PM - Government 101 Meeting featuring guest speaker Mr. Earl Kim, Superintendent of Stamford Public Schools.
- May 5 - SPA Community Tag Sale
- May 17, 7PM - SPA Annual Meeting. Special guests Sergeant Joe Kennedy and Captain Diedrich Hohn, Stamford Police Department, will speak about safety and security measures.

Celebrate Shippan

Fun was had by all at our Fall classic held at Woodway Beach Club. Members enjoyed delicious food, tasty drinks and a baking contest (adult winner: Kristin Angelov, children's winners: Dana Rickens, Maeve Burke & Lucia Vivanco.) Special thanks to The Shippan Point Garden Club for the beautiful floral centerpieces. The kids had an especially good time thanks to face painting and exciting games run by Sarah Black and team. We certainly have some talented residents! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this event such a success.



Annual Wine Tasting



Over 65 SPA members came together to socialize and enjoy great food and wine in a beautiful Shippan home. David and Patti Watkins hosted the 8th annual SPA Wine Tasting on Nov. 15. The tasting wines were provided by BevMax and included numerous affordable varietals from around the world. Members were able to plan ahead for their holiday wine needs and purchase the wines at a discount with profits going to the SPA Police Patrol Fund, which provides additional safety protection for Shippan.

Beautification Efforts

In a continuing effort to replace the many shade trees that have perished over the last decade, the SPA has paid for the removal of close to 100 stumps and has planted over 50 trees along our roadways. In 2017, in addition to funding the placement of 13 trees, the SPA successfully applied for a neighborhood grant that financed the planting of 11 shade trees at the entrance to the Point on Shippan Avenue. These trees were planted 30 feet back from the street and behind existing (dying) old trees so that when they mature, they will not interfere with the power lines. 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.



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 220 patrol hours were logged. In addition to dozens of parking violations, several arrests for narcotics and motor vehicle violations were made during SPA sponsored patrols. 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 included in this mailing or go to <http://shippan.com/the-spa/membership> to donate.



Sgt. Joe Kennedy
Stamford PD

Music in the Park

The second annual *Music in the Park* event was held at Czescik Marina Park on Oct. 1. The afternoon of music was hosted by Amadeus Piano and Performance Space (46-50 Magee Ave.) and supported by the SPA. Some 150 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 2018.



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.



Children's Parades

The SPA organized and sponsored the annual children's 4th of July and Halloween parades. The Independence Day event featured a parade of patriotically attired children and decorated bikes and ended with ice cream treats for children young and old. This year, parade goers were treated to an exhibit featuring Native American art, musical instruments, and a teepee courtesy of Shippan resident Pamela Hoiles. 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.



Who Are Your SPA Directors?

Term Expiring May, 2018

Frank Forte
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Term Expiring May, 2019

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First Annual Holiday Dog Parade

Over 50 of our furry friends and their humans strolled from the bottom of Lanark Road to the Downs Avenue home of Russell and Dayanne Liner in our first ever Holiday Dog Parade and STARelief Fundraiser. Human parade goers enjoyed donuts (thank you Elm Street Diner), coffee, and cider at the end of the walk, while the doggies appreciated treats donated by Pet Pantry Warehouse and PETCO. Special thanks to the Stamford High Cheerleaders who came out to support the cause. Over \$1,000 was raised for STARelief and Pet Assistance whose mission is to provide life-saving veterinary care, temporary homes, food, and emergency shelter to pets whose caretakers are struggling with financial hardship.

