



SHIPPAN POINT

SHIPPAN POINT ASSOCIATION * SPRING NEWSLETTER 2019



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. Register and pay online at <http://shippan.com/the-spa/membership> or use the postage paid insert enclosed.

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2018-2019

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What Did The SPA Do In The Last 12 Months?

- Proactively lobbied the city for increased Stamford Police Department patrols of Shippan Point, particularly in light of recent thefts from unlocked cars.
- Sponsored 228 hours of extra police patrols during the most critical periods of the year.
- Created Facebook communities for Shippan residents to share concerns, ideas, and questions. Also provided informational email updates to members and a welcome letter to new residents.
- Continued beautification efforts by planting trees along roadways, including an evergreen (to light during the holidays) at the entrance to Shippan Point.
- Hosted two Government 101 Meetings. The 2018 event featured Earl Kim, Superintendent of Stamford Public Schools. In 2019, the SPA hosted Matt Quinones, President of the Stamford Board of Representatives, and David Watkins and Bradley Michelson, our District 1 reps.
- Held annual meeting to review financials and discuss safety and security on Shippan Point.
- Worked with elected representatives to aggressively pursue improvements that benefit all Shippan residents such as the retiming of traffic lights in and around Shippan Point.
- Organized, sponsored or assisted in a number of community events, e.g. the Annual Community Tag Sale, Children's 4th of July & Halloween Parades, Annual Celebrate Shippan, Music in the Park, Wine Tasting, and 2nd Annual Dog Parade.

Upcoming SPA Sponsored Events

- May 15, 7PM - SPA Annual Meeting featuring a special guest speaker who will present a topic of interest to Shippan Point residents.
- May 18 - SPA Community Tag Sale.
- Dec TBD – Holiday Tree Lighting with caroling and hot cocoa.

Wine Tasting

The much anticipated ninth annual SPA Wine Tasting was held in November at the lovely home of Alex and Sarah Black. A diverse group of tasting wines were provided by BevMax and included affordable as well as premium varietals from around the world. The crowd favorite this year appeared to be the *YAO MING* Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. We noticed many guests coming back for a second tasting! This is a wonderful event where neighbors can catch up with each other, meet new friends, and enjoy scrumptious appetizers and delectable wine in a wonderful setting. Additionally, members were able to plan ahead for their holiday wine needs by ordering these wines at a discount with a percentage of the order proceeds going to the SPA Police Patrol Fund, which provides additional safety protection for Shippan. A win-win for everyone!



Celebrate Shippan

Celebrate Shippan, our annual signature event was held at Woodway Beach Club on October 14th. Neighbors spent the afternoon together mingling on the patio and enjoying the beautiful waterfront setting. There was something for everyone at this event: burgers, hot dogs, wine, snacks, music, face painting, games, and a scavenger hunt. The Great Shippan Bake-Off and the kids' games were again a big hit. Thanks to the Stamford Firefighters who gave tours of the firetruck and to all the volunteers who helped make this community event such a success!



Music in the Park

The third annual *Music in the Park* event was held at the gazebo at Czescik Marina Park on Sept. 30th. The afternoon of music was hosted by Amadeus Piano and Performance Space (46-50 Magee Ave.) and supported by the SPA. A large gathering of neighbors came out to enjoy world class musicians such as the Cuban blues and jazz performer Carlos Manuel Gomez Arguelles, as well as talented local artists.



Children's Parades

The SPA organized and sponsored the annual Shippan Point Children's 4th of July and Halloween parades. The Independence Day event featured patriotically attired children and adults parading on foot, decorated bikes, and wagons. Once again, parade goers were treated to an exhibit of Native American art, musical instruments, and teepee courtesy of Shippan resident Pamela Hoiles. The ice cream truck was unfortunately a no-show 😞 and was rescheduled for later in the weekend. A ghoulish looking group gathered for the Halloween Parade and promenaded to a Halloween party featuring yummy treats and frightful crafts. These events, while fun for the kids, allow neighbors to reconnect and enjoy some of the many benefits of this close knit community.



Who Are Your SPA Directors?

Term Expiring May, 2019

Tom Brennan, Sr.
Charlie Dill
Shelley Gibson
Jay Keeshan
Debbie Kniffin
Andrew Krill
Jill Luciani Bouchard

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Sarah Black
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Have questions, new to the area, want to lend a hand, or interested in purchasing SPA hats, aprons or tote bags?
Email us at info@shippan.com



Holiday Dog Parade

Shippan Point is always a great place to walk dogs but it got even better when dogs and their parents joined in our second annual Holiday Dog Parade and Fundraiser. Over 40 pups and their humans strolled from the ALC beach to the Downs Avenue home of Russell and Dayanne Linder. Parade goers enjoyed donuts, coffee, and cider at the end of the walk, while the doggies appreciated treats donated by Pet Pantry Warehouse. Over \$545 was raised for Project Precious Rescue, whose mission is to provide veterinary care, food, and foster homes to pets whose caretakers can no longer care for them.

Police Patrol Fund

Shippan is one of the safest neighborhoods in the city and we want to keep it that way! So the SPA is in frequent contact with the Stamford Police Department to communicate our needs and concerns, and advocate for strong police coverage in Shippan. In addition to regular policing, the SPA contracts for over 228 hours of supplemental police patrols, predominantly in the busy summer months. These patrols are funded by Shippan Point residents, through donations to the SPA Police Patrol Fund. These patrols help 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. Dozens of parking violations and several arrests for narcotics and motor vehicle violations were made during SPA sponsored patrols. The suggested Patrol Fund donation is \$70 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