



SHIPPAN POINT

SHIPPAN POINT ASSOCIATION * SPRING NEWSLETTER 2020



The **Shippan Point Association (SPA)** was formed in 1902 as a voluntary, non-political, non-profit corporation organized to safeguard the mutual interest and welfare of its residents. Today, the SPA continues to protect and beautify the area while building a community through neighborhood events, regular information meetings, beautification, police patrol and more. Becoming a member of the SPA 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 or \$15 per senior household per year. Suggested patrol donation is \$70. Register and pay online at <http://shippan.com/the-spa/membership> or use the enclosed insert.

A Community Comes Together

Over the first 3 weeks of the Covid-19 Stay-At-Home order, we have been blown away by the ingenuity, compassion and resilience of the Shippan community. Neighbors checking on neighbors, organizing birthday “trains” for kids who can’t celebrate with friends, volunteering to distribute meals, displaying art and positive messages with chalk, and hosting outdoor, socially distant happy hours. We live in a truly special place!



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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.
- Organized a coffee meeting with members of the Stamford Police Department that allowed residents to engage in meaningful conversation with both officers and patrolmen, and a Safety and Crime Prevention presentation with Captain Thomas Lombardo, District 3 Commander.
- Hosted a “SPA Talk” with Stamford Public School Superintendent Dr. Tamu Lucero that highlighted many positive attributes of our public schools.
- Sponsored 230 hours of extra police patrols during the most critical periods of the year.
- Maintained Facebook pages 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.
- Held annual meeting to review financials and showcase a fascinating presentation by the Chairman of the Stamford History Center.
- Organized a number of community events, e.g. the Community Tag Sale, Children’s 4th of July & Halloween Parades, Celebrate Shippan, Music in the Park, Wine Tasting, and Dog Parade.

Upcoming SPA Sponsored Events

- SPA Community Tag Sale & Annual Meeting - typically held in May are cancelled due to Covid-19 crisis. We will monitor the situation and potentially reschedule for the fall.
- July 4 - Kids’ 4th of July Parade.

Wine Tasting

The much anticipated 10th annual SPA Wine Tasting was held in November at the beautiful waterside home of David and Patti Watkins. BevMax's wine expert Ty Taiani provided details on each wine's characteristics and provenance. There was something for everyone, from big bold cabernets to perfectly sweet bubbies. This is a wonderful event where neighbors can catch up with each other, meet new friends, and enjoy delicious appetizers 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 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 5th. Neighbors spent the afternoon together mingling on the patio and enjoying the beautiful waterfront setting. Members were treated to burgers & hot dogs from the grill, wine, snacks, music, face painting, games, and a scavenger hunt. The Great Shippan Bake-Off and the kids' games were a big hit again. 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!



Holiday Tree Lighting

Neighbors gathered to celebrate the season with caroling, hot cocoa, and holiday cookies. The evergreen tree that the SPA planted 1 year ago near the *Neighbors* statue was then lit with festive lights.



Music in the Park

The 4th annual *Music in the Park* event was held at the gazebo at Czescik Marina Park on Sept. 22nd. The afternoon of music was hosted by Amadeus Piano and supported by the SPA, the City Of Stamford Neighborhood Grant Program, and the Czescik Park and Marina Conservancy. 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 including our own Mayor Martin (on the piano.)



Children's Holiday 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 free ice cream and an exhibit of Native American art, musical instruments, and teepee courtesy of Shippan resident Pamela Hoiles. A ghoulish looking group gathered for the Halloween Parade and promenaded to a Halloween party featuring yummy treats and frightful crafts. These fun kids' events are loved by adults too as they provide a great venue for neighbors to reconnect and enjoy some of the many benefits of this close knit community.



Who Are Your SPA Directors?

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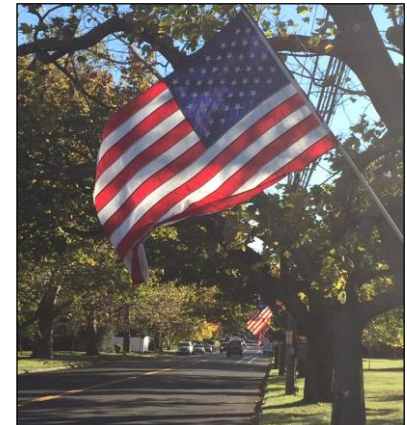
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Holiday Dog Parade

The dogs of Shippan joined their human companions for our 4th annual Holiday Dog Parade and Fundraiser. The festivities started at ALC beach and proceeded to the home of Russell and Dayanne Liner. Parade go'ers enjoyed donuts, coffee, and hot cocoa, while doggies appreciated treats donated by Pet Pantry Warehouse. Over \$325 was raised for STARelief Pet Assistance, whose mission is to provide veterinary care, food, and foster homes to pets whose caretakers are financially challenged.



Safety & Security

Shippan is one of the safest neighborhoods in the city and we want to keep it that way! 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 January, we held a productive meeting with 6 SPD members during which residents shared their concerns and had questions answered. In March, Captain Lombardo returned to a packed house and answered questions about recent break-ins and presented strategies to protect your home and valuables. The SPA also contracts for over 230 hours of supplemental police patrols, mostly in the busy summer months. These patrols are funded by residents, through donations to the SPA Patrol Fund. These patrols help keep our neighborhood safe and protect our quality of life. The suggested Patrol Fund donation is \$70 per family. Please see the form included in this mailing or go to <http://shippan.com/the-spa/membership>

