

# SHIPPAN POINT ASSOCIATION

## SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER



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### Hello from the Shippan Point Association (SPA)!

With spring comes the hope of new beginnings and fresh starts. We've been through a difficult two years but our community has emerged stronger than ever. Shippan residents showed compassion and resilience in countless ways; neighbors checking in on neighbors, volunteering to distribute Covid test kits, and hosting outdoor, socially distant happy hours. We live in a truly special place! We look forward to resuming all of our "normal" SPA activities this year such as the Annual Meeting at Stamford Yacht Club on May 12 at 7PM. Hope to see you there!

If you are wondering what the SPA is all about.... it was formed in 1902 as a voluntary, non-political 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, 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 [www.shippan.com/membership](http://www.shippan.com/membership) or use the enclosed insert.



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### SPA Officers 2022-2023

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### What Did The SPA Do In The Last 12 Months?

- Hosted Celebrate Shippan, a community social event at Woodway Beach Club. Provided free lunch to members. Organized kids games. Held a bake-off for adults and teens.
- Organized several family-focused events such as the Easter Bunny Parade, Kids' 4th of July Parade, and Shippan Point Halloween Parade.
- Hosted our annual wine tasting and sale event to benefit the Patrol Fund.
- Managed the *Shippan Point Community* Facebook page, open only to current and former Shippan residents. It provides residents with important information (e.g. Covid testing/vaccination details, revised recycling center hours) and provides a forum to share concerns (e.g. lost pets) and look for recommendations.
- Moderated the *Shippan Tag Sale & Services* Facebook page to help residents sell items and promote local businesses.
- Provided a welcome letter to new residents and informational email updates relevant to Shippan to all residents.
- Proactively lobbied for increased Stamford Police Department patrols of Shippan and worked with our elected representatives David Watkins, Bradley Michelson Bewkes, Patricia Billie Miller, and David Michel on issues that could affect Shippan.
- Scheduled over 460 extra duty police patrol hours during the most critical periods of the year sponsored by the SPA and other neighborhood patrol funds.

### Upcoming SPA Sponsored Events

- May 12<sup>th</sup>, 7PM: SPA Annual Meeting and Guest Speaker
- May 14<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-2PM: Neighborhood Tag Sale
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>: Kids' 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade



### Were You Spotted At A SPA Event?

### 2021 Easter Bunny Parade

The Easter Bunny was escorted through the streets of Shippan in a stylish convertible as children and adults cheered from their driveways and front steps. We built upon last year's successful parade by adding two bunny assistants who threw chocolate eggs to the crowd.



### 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. The SPA also contracts for supplemental police patrols, mostly in the busy summer months. These patrols are funded by residents, through donations to the SPA Patrol Fund. These patrols keep our neighborhood safe and protect our quality of life through enforcement of laws and ordinances with regard to speeding, loitering, illegal parking, and noise pollution. 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 \$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 [www.shippan.com](http://www.shippan.com) to donate.

We would like to express our gratitude to Stamford Police Sergeant Joe Kennedy on his retirement. Joe has worked SPA patrols since 1988 and has been a friendly presence at many SPA events. We'll present a letter of commendation to Joe at our Annual Meeting on May 12.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook @Shippanpoint, on the web at [www.shippan.com](http://www.shippan.com) or join our closed Facebook group for residents only @ShippanPointCommunity. New to the area, want to lend a hand or interested in purchasing SPA T-shirts, hats, aprons or tote bags? Email us at [info@shippan.com](mailto:info@shippan.com)



### SPA Wine Tasting & Fundraiser

Over 100 SPA members came together to socialize and enjoy great food and wine in a beautiful Shippan home. Guy and Michele Freshwater hosted the 11th annual SPA Wine Tasting. The tasting wines were provided by BevMax and there was something for everyone, from big bold cabernets to perfectly sweet bubblyies. 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.



### Kids' 4th of July Parade



The Independence Day event featured a parade of patriotically attired children and adults parading on foot, decorated bikes, and wagons down Van Rensselaer Avenue. Once again, parade goers were treated to free ice cream



### Music in the Park

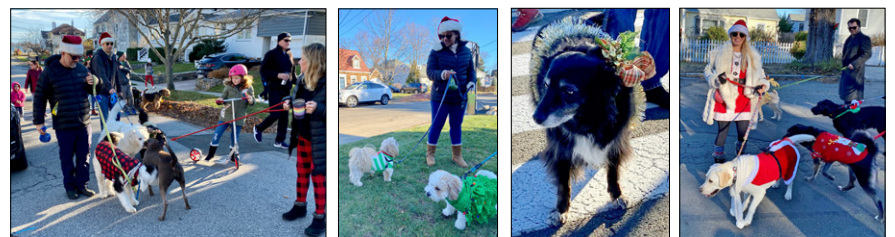
The 6th annual Music in the Park event was held at the gazebo at Czescik Marina Park on a beautiful September day. The afternoon of music was hosted by the SPA, the City Of Stamford Neighborhood Grant Program, and the Czescik Park and Marina Conservancy. A large gathering of neighbors came out to enjoy world class musicians such as the Cuban blues and jazz performer Carlos Manuel Gomez and the Ukrainian American soprano Hanna Golodinskii.



### Dog Parade & Fundraiser



Dozens of our furry friends and their humans strolled from the bottom of Lanark Road to the Downs Avenue home of Russell and Dayanne Liner during our 4th Annual Holiday Dog Parade and STARelief Fundraiser. Human parade goers enjoyed donuts, sweets and coffee at the end of the walk, while the doggies appreciated treats donated by the SPA. 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.



### Celebrate Shippan

It was great to welcome back our classic fall event held at Woodway Beach Club. Neighbors spent the afternoon mingling on the patio, enjoying each other's company. Members were treated to a delicious lunch courtesy of the SPA. The winners of the Great Shippan Bake-Off in the under 14 age group were Nola O. (1st) and Sonia & Anika H. (2nd). Adult winner was Alison B., runner-up was Kristin A. The kids' games were a big hit again with bouncy ball and relay races as well as an epic tug-of-war. Most importantly, residents filled the Person-to-Person donation bin with bags of non-perishable food items. Special thanks to the Shippan Point Garden Club for the beautiful floral centerpieces and butterfly exhibit.



### Halloween Parade



A ghoulish looking group paraded behind a fire truck to a Halloween party featuring yummy treats and frightful crafts. These kids' events are loved by adults too, as they provide a great opportunity for neighbors to reconnect and enjoy the many benefits of this close knit community.



### Christmas Tree & Menorah Lighting



Neighbors gathered to celebrate the season with caroling, hot cocoa, and holiday treats. The evergreen tree that the SPA planted several years ago near the entrance to Shippan was bathed in colorful lights and a menorah was lit for the 8th day of Hanukkah.



### SPA Directors - Term Expiring:

May 2022	May 2023	May 2024
Tom Brennan, Sr.	Sarah Black	Judy Campisi
Charlie Dill	Panthea Carter	Brian Jay
Michele Freshwater	Saira Hopper	Tom Kuczynski
Shelley Gibson	David Lasnick	Valerie Rickens
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Jill Luciani		