



PINE POINT

Residents Association

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Dear Neighbors and Citizens,

The **Pine Point Residents Association** is an informal group of citizens who gather to deliberate local issues and present Position Statements to government officials on important matters affecting the character of the Pine Point community. The Association formed five years ago in response to a proposal affecting valuable public beach access at the end of the Pine Point Rd. (the section of road known as Depot Street), the Association was active in several issues; opening up the public street, removing the barricades at King Street, successfully promoting the town's acquisition of more public land next to the new Beachwalk development, providing input into the "condotel" issue, and most recently participating in a study committee on a road reconstruction project at the end of the Pine Point Rd.

One of our roles is to keep neighbors and citizens informed of news and events as well as represent members' positions of the issues. Many of these have been controversial and we have not always been successful in changing town policy. But we have been influential as an organization by communicating through e-mail and word-of-mouth so people are aware of important issues and have had several accomplishments.

Our work has been archived at **www.pinepointbeach.com**. We invite you to spend some time exploring the site to develop an appreciation of the many issues we've become involved with.

It is important for everyone to know that there are more issues ahead, ones of great importance to the community. Over the years we have built our membership roll as more and more people wanted to become informed and participate. It is now important to continue that and we need your help.

Please consider joining our Association by e-mailing Judy Shirk **jshirk@maine.rr.com**, our membership contact. You will be added to our confidential e-mail list and receive frequent newsletters. We will also hold gatherings this spring and summer to ask for consensus on various positions which we can then take to town officials. One reason our group was founded was that the issues can be time-consuming and complex; but with a leadership team doing much of the legwork and a large group of residents supporting our efforts, we can "speak with one voice" and also call upon members when we need a large presence at Council meetings or other political bodies.

We only represent our members' collective positions on the issues. And we disclaim that the Pine Point Ladies Auxiliary, Friends of Pine Point, Pillsbury Shores Association, and the various local established homeowners associations are different organizations and have no affiliation to our Association, although may have common members.

We invite you to join our efforts. If you know of others who would appreciate being kept informed, please send us their e-mail. We will send messages to non-members as well. If you don't have e-mail, you can still contact us and we will do our best to get you information. Please e-mail, write or call me and become involved.

Thank you. Have a wonderful summer in our beautiful neighborhood.

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