



# High Tide

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## Where Generations Gather

Summer at Higgins Beach serves up a unique experience that has generations coming back year-after-year. Barbara O'Brien, AKA "the talking car" has been the voice of Higgins Beach calling community together for more than 30 years.

Today, it's coffee and donuts at the clubhouse. "It isn't the price; it isn't the donut, it's the experience" explains Amy Prue, designer of the new Higgins Beach logo: *Where Generations Gather*.

On this particular Wednesday, the Welch-Foley Family is serving up the donuts. They're celebrating the birthday of a family member and part of the celebration includes giving back to the summer community they love so well. A line forms; the screen door opens and shuts. Indeed, the place and atmosphere has a special feel.

"Where else can you come to



dinner for \$10 bucks?" comments a HBA member, waiting patiently in line.

Once inside the clubhouse *Where Generations Gather* merchandise - mugs, note pads, hats, aprons, t-shirts,

sweatshirts fly off the shelf. Various involved HBA members talk, organize, and plan: Is Faye all set for the craft fair? Has Sue got all the bakers lined up for the bake sale? Who will be the lucky raffle winner of Jack Kelly's

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## HBA

### Board of Directors – Officers:

Roger Chabot – President  
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Blueberry pie  
this year?

The place  
oozes with  
tradition that  
holds a special  
place in the  
heart of the  
people  
gathered. The  
Welch-Foley  
team of 35+  
family

members takes a photo  
break – generations of  
Welch-Foley's have  
gathered. The new *Where*



*Generations Gather* logo  
speaks to me: I have the  
theme of this month's High  
Tide – enjoy!

## Traditions...

The annual  
bake sale  
would not be  
the same  
without Jack  
Kelly's  
famous  
blueberry  
pie!

Assisted by his  
granddaughter, Alex



Shapiro, Jack is training her  
to take over the reign of his  
infamous pies.

Seven years ago Susan  
Osborne proposed a HBA  
community fundraiser: the  
HB Bake Sale was born;  
added to the annual craft  
fair, community members  
bake and all proceeds  
benefit the HBA.

## ... & Memories Live on:

Thank you, HBA resident,  
John E Osborne for sharing  
a reflection written by his  
father back in 1928. His  
father grew up in Batavia,  
NY, and as a very little boy  
came to Higgins Beach in  
the summer to visit his

grandfather, who built the  
Haiwatha Cottage over 100  
years ago (one of the first  
cottages on Higgins Beach,  
and currently the home of  
the Carifio's). Special  
summers then, as now –  
memories live on!

## Reflection of Higgins Beach

*By John Griswold Osborne (14 years old)  
Summer of 1928*

*Let me take you for a walk along a broad seashore. At your feet is the firm sand from which the ocean has just receded. To your right you see the surf seemingly quite a way off, where it is about to turn and come back to cover the place where you now stand. A large brown rock with ragged edges protrudes above the great white breakers about in the middle of the picture, the only thing to obstruct the view across the horizon. Sky and water seem all to be one because of the clearness of the sky and the blueness of the sea.*



*Now change your line of vision around to straight in front of you. Here you see a long, long strip of wide clean beach stretching from the edge of the water up to the cottages along the waterfront. At the end of the stretch of sand is a green hill*

*like peninsula extending out into the sea. All over this point of land are patchworks of fields, which are many shaped and very colorful. If you will turn and face the opposite direction so that the water is giving off a breeze to your left side, you will behold stately rocks at the end of another short stretch of sand. Here once each day the waves come with all their might and try to batter through the wall which imprisons them. On top of these rocks grow a wood of majestic pines as far as the eye can reach both along the shore and back inland as well.*

*This New England scene is indeed one of the most beautiful and natural works of God that can be seen anywhere. Nowhere on this earth is there another place where the tide is as great and the waves so large.*

## ~ Events ~

### **HBA Annual Meeting**

Friday, 8/28 – 7PM at the clubhouse.  
Election of BOD.

### **Pumpkin Painting**

Thursday, 9/17 -9AM at the clubhouse –  
FMI: Sharon Conley, 883-3848

### **HBA Member**

### **Harvest Dinner**

Saturday, 9/19 – 6PM at the clubhouse –  
FMI: Lisa Jesmain, 415-4169

Note: The clubhouse is available until Columbus Day for private events (excluding HBA events)  
FMI: Sue Naiden, 883-0206

### **\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\***

**From April 1 – Labor Day, Dogs are prohibited from the eastern end of the beach beyond Champion Street. The following rules apply:**

#### **Dogs on the Beach:**

**Dawn – 9AM:** Dogs are allowed OFF LEASH under voice and sight control.

**9AM – 5PM:** Dogs are prohibited.  
**5PM – Dusk:** Dogs are allowed ON LEASH.

## **Nominees for HBA Board of Directors Election – 8/28/15:**

**Cheri Bonawitz**

**Maura Gwyer**

**Amy Prue**

**Peter Rabbitt**

## Phil Conley ~ retires from HBA “Active Duty”

For more years than most could count, Phil Conley has made sure Higgins Beach Association members are well fed. He’s planned menus with Peter Esposito, placed orders with Sysco, and been at the clubhouse to accept delivery. Together, with his wife Sharon, all bases have been covered: they’ve opened up the clubhouse for the season and closed it in the fall. In between Phil shopped for salad fixings, desserts, paper products, condiments; pumpkins and crafts for Pumpkin Painting in the fall –

the list goes on!

Phil is a past president and currently serves as treasurer; he’s been a scrutinizing watchdog over HBA funds.

Wednesday morning donuts are Phil’s thing! In the summer of 1970 John Veltri came to Higgins Beach as a guest. He recalls walking into the clubhouse and being served coffee & donuts by Phil Conley and Bill Cousins. Ask Phil how many donuts were



sold in any given year, and he can tell you! He’s kept records for each year. He orders, picks up; and sets up. “There isn’t enough space in the High Tide to list all that Phil does” explains Veltri, who, by 1998 was recruited by Phil to get involved with HBA.

Phil and Sharon are retiring from active leadership with the HBA; but will continue to lend helping hands. The HBA wishes them good health, happiness and gratitude for all they have done. Thank you!

## Notes of thanks - 2015

### **A note from Faye:**

***“The craft show was another success and I would like to thank the following people:***

***Kathy Mercier, Jane & Peter Rabbit for making the flyer, distributing it and sending advertisements to the papers.***

***Phil and Sharon Conley and Barbara O’Brien for running the food kitchen and keeping everyone happy. Sue Osborne for organizing and Joan Hobson for selling all the wonderful donated baked goods.***

***John Osborne gets the ‘salesman of the year’ award for raising big bucks on the raffled items.***

***Giff Reed for organizing the customer parking and volunteers; Dave Vaillancourt and Frank Stevens for keeping everyone going in the right direction; Roger Chabot for getting parking passes from the town for craft exhibitors.***

***I also want to thank all the people who setup the inside for the show and put the clubhouse back in order after the show. Thank you to all who came and supported the show.”***  
~ Faye Blaise

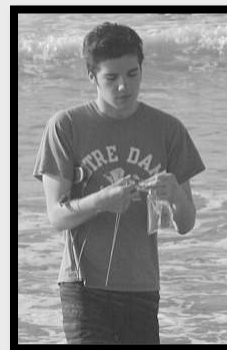
### **A note from Glennis:**

***“Special thanks to our students who tested the water: Jamie Sproull, Thomas***

***Vachon, and Hana Delaney.***

***Special thanks to student beach monitor, Matt Gwyer who worked with 24 adult volunteers to help protect our Piping Plovers. Four Piping Plover chicks have fledged - one more than last year. We also had many Least Terns nesting on the beach. Some of their chicks***

***have fledged and others are still not able to fly. It was a very successful summer thanks to all the volunteers.”***  
~Glennis Chabot



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