



**Middlesex Beach Association
July 27, 2023**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beach Patrol

Things have been running smoothly through July. We have had a steady small southerly swell for the last several weeks (that has just faded) giving all the beaches a mild level of rescue activity, nothing extreme.

With that southerly small swell, we have seen the erosion of any sandbars that were left from the early season Nor' Easter, leaving us with the "dumpy" shore break. That gives us different challenges. We have more concern about head, neck, and shoulder injuries rather than rips or heavy surf. We have heard of several spinal mishaps up and down the beach, no doubt, bolstered by the heavy replenishment activity.

Middlesex Beach had several minor issues the last couple of weeks – scrapes, bruises, etc. (shore pounding stuff). We also handled a couple of lost kid situations, who wandered up from SB (great system, BTW).

We continue to train up the younger guards with mock saves, etc., and things are progressing well. The patrol has represented our community well in all the competitions and we are getting ready for our last hosted competition on 8/3.

The Geoff Meyers Invitational is on 8/3 and t-shirt sales are to support the crew at nationals (we had many qualify this year - we are top 4 in the region).

Shout out to the Dempseys for hosting the crew for dinner last weekend!!

Lastly, we are working on sizing up the patrol for next year and looking into head count and best practices.

Social

Happy Birthday America Block Party 2023!!! Wow what a night! Over 200 people attended the early evening event located on Beach Plum Road on July 1! Yes, moms, dads, kids, and seniors were all there for a night of music, games, and prize bags. The Dino Dig, Go Fish, Toilet Paper Toss, and Soaring Stuffies were among the favorites for children. Cornhole, Jenga, and Horseshoes kept the adults busy. Everyone brought snacks and desserts to share. We had popcorn bags, blondies, fresh fruit kabobs, and so much more. Laughter, conversation and music could be heard till the end.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped set up, monitor activities, and clean up. The number of people who lent a hand was amazing. Their help and excitement made the night a success! Thank you

to the Middlesex Board for supporting the event by allocating \$489.91 to build the games, decorate, and purchase prizes. It was money well spent for something the entire community could enjoy.

COMMUNITY HAPPY HOURS

Community members gathered on June 23 at the home of Ilene and Neri Cohen, and on July 22 at the home of David Burgess and Kate Mounteer for food, drinks and camaraderie. Looking ahead:

- ❖ **August 19:** GAME NIGHT at the home of Ron Thomas, 14 Short Rd., 7 - 10 p.m.
 - Eat dinner first, and then come to Ron's 2nd floor game room for pool, cards, and so much more. BYOB. Desserts/snacks appreciated.
- ❖ **September 23:** Home of John Eckrich and Kathy Lyons, 2 Errett Rd., 5 - 7 p.m.
 - (A-L Drinks; M-Z Food)
- ❖ **October TBD:** Home of Bob and Toni Wood, 31 East Bayberry Rd., 5 - 7 p.m.
 - (A-L Food; M-Z Drinks)

Reminder: These Happy Hours are potluck. According to the first letter of your last name, you are asked to bring either drinks (wine/beer) or appetizers (finger foods).