

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE EAST HAMPTON NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE ASSOC.
JUNE 1, 1992 THROUGH MAY 31, 1993.

That old saying about how fast the time goes as you grow older is staring to ring true for me. I've just finished my fifth term as Resident Director and I feel like I've just started. The Neighborhood House has had an extremely busy (and hopefully prosperous) summer season of 1992. In the following report, I will fill you in on the various activities that have been taking place over the past year, and bring you up to date on our current status.

First of all, I would like to give a brief history of repairs/improvements that have been made:

- (1) December 1992 - a new post light was installed at the end of the driveway by the mailbox. Although there is some light in the front of the yard, there was a blind spot that the lights did not reach. I considered this a potential hazard and Mrs. Card's mishap figured in my decision. Maybe a little more light might have made a difference in the outcome. At any rate, the new light provides a safer entrance and exit onto the property at night.
- (2) December 1992 - a new handicap ramp was installed by the doors leading from the parking lot into the gym. This job was approved at our last annual meeting and was completed in a matter of days. It is well used and blends in with the building so well that most people don't realize that it hasn't always been there. It is truly an asset to the building.
- (3) January 1993 - the house "rental fee" known to the public as a donation has been raised to \$200.00 for a four hour period. The four hours is counted from the time a function's invited guests start arriving. I do allow a couple of hours to be used as set-up time gratis as long as the privilege is not abused. This increase has not deterred anyone from using the building as I believe we are still the best bargain in town!
- (4) February 1993 - the hallway and bathrooms facing Three Mile Harbor Rd. were painted a pastel green to complement the gym and add more light to the area. What a difference! This job was approved at our last meeting in January 1993 and was also completed in a matter of days. Many groups now use this area as an entrance and it makes a nice impression on all who visit our building.

Aside from the normal wear & tear and regular maintenance required to keep the House up to operating standards, there hasn't really been any major repairwork needed. Keep your fingers crossed!

Next, I would like to share with you the results of our annual Fire Inspection. The Fire Inspector found five violations this time, three of which, I believe, he used as padding for his report. I have enclosed a copy of his report for your viewing pleasure, but I would also like to cover them briefly for you:

- (1) Our Fire Inspection permit expired in October 1992. I did not contact their office on this matter as I had been expecting his visit well in advance of the permit's expiration. We were sent a new application to fill out and mail in after the inspection. I have spoken with Steve G. about this and he said that he had mailed it in. Well, we still do not have a current permit. Our inspection was in November 1992. According to the report, the Inspector is supposed to come back and verify that all violations have been satisfied. He hasn't been back either. I am a little worried about contacting his office at this late date because I don't want to invite more trouble. I have visited several local businesses and noticed that they don't have current permits posted either. What do you suggest? One of the businesses is right down the road from here and they say they don't want to ask for trouble either and will wait for the next inspection. All of the violations (made up or not) have been satisfied. Should I worry about the permit? What's involved if we get caught? I can feign innocence - "I'm sorry, I thought we were up to date. I don't believe we've received a new permit from your office."

(2) The Fire Inspector cited us for not having a maximum occupancy sign posted in the nursery room. Well, as you can see, and as it has been for over two years since I requested a sign, it is posted under the thermostat in plain view. I did call Dave DiSunno on this one to protest and he was to have it removed from report.

(3) the basement doors leading to the area underneath the stage were damaged with the hinges broken. I had already contacted a carpenter to come do the repair work the week of 11/13/92. I did not know that the Inspector was coming, otherwise it would have been done before he came. I did ask the Inspector after he was finished, if there were any major violations that I could start working on and he never mentioned the doors. If he had, I would have told him the situation. I also protested this one to Mr. DiSunno and he said he would have a talk with his employee.

(4) a liquid propane tank (used for our gas grill) was found inside one of the garages. The tank was empty but was re-located that day. "Ernie culpa"

(5) a junction box located in the second garage was cited for not having a cover plate. This box is inactive as all wires supplying electricity to it are cut and have been since we moved in. A cover plate was installed anyway, but this is just one more item that he was "fishing" for in order to boost his report. How come he never noticed this violation on his other inspections?

At our last meeting, I had mentioned that the bathroom and kitchen floors needed replacing. Well...I'm still working on this one. I waited a little too long into the season to start making inquiries and now everyone I've contacted is too busy to stop by or just not interested at this time. Dick, I still haven't contacted Dave Barns yet but intend to do so in the near future. August tends to be a slow month in the construction business so I'll be making my move then. I had intended to complete the task of getting quotes by this meeting date but the time got away from me. I will do my best to have some figures for the Board by our next meeting, I promise.

I do have one project that I would like to bring before the Board at this time that I have worked on. A while back, Ernie had the good fortune to receive many, many railroad ties (the ones used at the railroad station). He picked them up and brought them home with the idea of possibly re-curb-ing the sides of the driveway. I constantly encourage visitors to please park in the rear and along sides of drive instead of our only nice grassy areas. Currently there are only a few ties to guide them. Ernie would like to line the entire left side of drive (as you drive in) and some of the property close to the front door. I wanted to bring this up to the Board and get their approval before going ahead with it. Enclosed you will find an estimate for the work to be completed for your perusal. As the ties are quite heavy and will require two men to move them, the price may seem unaffordable at this time. We are constantly trying to improve the appearance and appeal of the Neighborhood House and thought that the railroad ties would add to the beauty of the property. They will probably outlast it.

Another item that Frances G. asked me to bring before the Board (since she couldn't be here) is the possibility of re-doing the playground area with small stone which could be spread over top of the sand that is now there. With every rainfall, we lose more and more of the sand to runoff and with cement anchoring most of our equipment, it's hard to provide cushioning in case of an accidental fall. Frances has prices for you and just wanted me to mention it to the Board to see how they would respond. She will be delivering her report with pricing to our President at a future date. Not wanting to go too crazy, but we had also toyed with the idea of fencing in the playground area to keep our little nursery friends in and away from the road. Just some things for you to consider.

As usual, I have written a small novel, but here goes. On the subject of nursery group, it has been a real pleasure for me to work with the children for a second year. Working with the many children of our local community has been a real eye-opener for me because it put Emmie's thoughts and actions into perspective. I had nothing to base my opinions on

with her being an only child. I have learned not to be so overprotective and strict with her now. She's behaving like any other child her age! I am so happy for our graduates as they look eagerly towards going to the "big school". And I look forward to a new group of children in the Fall. The nursery group offers a unique opportunity to actually get to know & grow with these children as they prepare for their kindergarten experience. I'm just as proud of their accomplishments as Emmie's. Thank you all for giving me this special chance to work with these kids. It has enriched my life. It's also pretty neat, as I've said before, to hear one of our students shout "hi, Mrs. Greene" at the store.

In closing (we're not quite done yet though), I would like to thank you, the Board and it's members for another event-full year. No boredom here! Ernie, Emmie, and I appreciate all that the Neighborhood House has done for us and hope that we have and will continue to return the favor. Here's to another great year together!

Weekly Activities at The East Hampton Neighborhood House

Mondays - Oscar Giles' Karate class meets from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Caron Schoen's Lamaze class meets from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
(Mrs. Schoen has altered her schedule slightly, meeting every other month as her Hospital workload is full)

Tuesdays - Open

Wednesdays - Oscar Giles' Karate class meets from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
A Drum workshop meets from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Thursdays- The Women's Service Club meets from 7:00 -9:00 p.m.

Fridays - open for parties and functions

Saturdays - Oscar Giles' Karate class meets from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
afternoons open for parties and functions

Sundays - The Restoration Christian Church meets from 10:00 - 12:30 p.m.
afternoons open for parties and functions

This schedule was changed only for the months of June, July, and August but remains this way to date.

In June - Jamie Lerner's Low Impact Aerobics class met twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. and also at 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. her classes met through the end of June

Jamie Lerner's Cal & stretch class met twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 -8:00 p.m. for Tues. and 5:30 - 7:00 on Thurs. her classes met through the end of June.

In July - Jamie Lerner's Low Impact Aerobics class met twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4:30 - 5:30p.m. and also 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. her classes met through the first of August

Jamie Lerner's Cal & stretch class met twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. on Tues. and 5:30 -7:30 on Thursdays her classes met through the first of August.

Robert Bordiga's Film Production Workshop met Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:30 -9:30 p.m. through July 23, 1992

Robert Long's Writing Workshop met Monday and Wednesday nights at 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. his classmet through Sept. 2, 1992.

IN AUGUST - East Hampton SportsCamp met Monday through Friday from 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. through Labor Day 1992.

TWO OTHER EXCEPTIONS:

IN SEPT - Peter Friscia's Tae Kwon Do class met Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:30 - 8:00 through Sept. 22, 1993

IN OCT - Carol Sigler's Tai Chi class met Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. from October 1, 1992 through October 29, 1992.

Property meetings - annual

Amagaansett Dunes Apartment Corp. - 1
Hampton Waters Property Owners - 1
Old Orchard Property Owners - 1 (in addition to their meeting fee they donated an additional \$50.00 to the House)
Settler's Landing Property Owners - 1

Other Functions/Activities

Adult Parties - 5
Anniversary celebration - 1
Bachelor parties - 1
Bon Voyage parties - 1
Children's parties - 2
Christenings - 1
"Community Foods" a new store opening - informational meeting - (1) 2 hour session
Confirmations - 1
Drum Workshop - (11) 1 hour sessions 2/3- 4/14/93
Dunes Racquet Club Cocktail Party - 1
East End Gay Organization Dinner/Dances - 1
East Hampton Town Blood Bank Committee mtg - 1 N/C*
Gay Chorus (The Stonewall Chorale) rehearsals - (2) 4 1/2 hour sessions
General Elections - 1
Graduation Parties - 3
Hazardous Waste Seminars - (2) 4 hour sessions
Hispanic Church Group mtgs - an offshoot of the Restoration Christian Church
9 mtgs (1/3/93 - 2/28/93 total of 27 hours)
Jehovah's Witnesses Social - 1
Memorial Services - 2
Neighborhood House Fundraiser - marionettes show for children (Steve G. has the figures on it) - 1
Primary Elections - 1
Restoration Christian Church Evangelical Mtgs - 3
Speech class for Christa Johnston (one of our nursery group students) - 2 hours weekly after nursery group throughout school year. Christa needed therapy and the only way her insurance would cover it was under a nursery group or school setting. Her parents could not afford it otherwise. N/C*
Wedding Receptions - 1
Yard/craft sales - 2
Women's Band Concert (Gay) - 1
Lisa Tynan's Modern Dance class - (7) 1 hour classes
*N/C = no charge