

Friends and Neighbors in Weekapaug Terrace: We are pleased to announce that the value of our combined properties has just increased by approximately \$6,000,000.\*

For generations many of us used the right of way and the beach privileges which accompanied it. During the late 1980s the right of way began to be used by busloads of persons transported in from Foxwoods. The beach became too crowded and littered to accomodate everyone. Breach Drive Beach, Inc. purchased the land, built a fence, and posted a security guard to be certain its members had access to its beach and to control the litter and trash. Some of us were denied our rightful deeded use of the right of way and the beach. Last Summer a group of us began to take steps to ensure our deeded rights to the beach and Ocean were preserved:

- We obtained the landowner records from the Westerly Town Hall and canvassed the neighborhood with petitions.
- We filed the petition sheets with the Westerly Town Hall, and sent a demand to Breach Drive Beach, Inc.
- We purchased laminating equipment for passes
- Negotiations were commenced with Breach Drive Beach, Inc.
- Suit was filed in Washington County Superior Court
- June 26, 1998: the attached Consent Decree was signed and entered in Washington County Superior Court by Judge Thunberg.

In the process , we spent approximately \$400, including miscellaneous expenses for paper, copying, and postage:

\$52.00	(filing at Westerly Town Hall)
\$135.00	(Court filing fees)
\$98.00	(Service of Process fees)
\$110.00	(Laminating equipment and supplies)

(We'd appreciate a small donation to help defray these costs and any which may accrue in the future.)

The Consent Decree will be filed in the Westerly Town Hall. There are several ways the Consent Decree can be permanently referenced in your deeds. It is best to consult a lawyer to determine the way best suited to your needs. We do suggest that you do something to make certain that this precious right is not subject to challenge in the future.

Finally, Breach Drive Beach, Inc. understandably is concerned lest their land be trashed again. They are very apprehensive and fearful about our use of the land. Those of us who were involved in the very delicate negotiations ask that courtesy and thoughtfulness be the rule. Think about how you would feel if the Court ordered you to permit 160 property owners and their families to cross your land at will, to be able to spread out a towel or blanket, to picnic, to enjoy all the rights of access and use listed in the Consent Decree. We think this can be accomplished peacefully and with good will on both parts if everyone is sensitive to the needs and concerns of the other. To help Breach Drive Beach, Inc. identify us, we have agreed that we both will work together to issue joint passes each year, one per household. (Any number of persons from that household may access the beach with one pass.)

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\* To estimate the increase in your property value, take the appraised value of your property and multiply it by 1.15 to 1.20. Example: Property formerly worth \$100,000 now is worth \$115,000 - \$120,000.