

SSH Property Owner's Association greets Visitor from the Ocean County Prosecutor's office

**SSH Neighborhood Watch Committee chooses sign locations
SSH Beautification Committee unveils logo design**

by Jo Ann La Russo

The Seaside Heights Property Owner's Association, POA, last week welcomed Vera Kahlert of the Ocean County Prosecutors office to its regular meeting.

Kahlert, Supervising Assistant Prosecutor, was invited to speak to members about Megan's Law, its purpose and how it works.

POA president, Arthur Fierro, opened the session of about 30 people at the Community Center, Hancock and Bay Boulevard. "We are honored to have Ms. Kahlert visit and speak to our members about Megan's Law, a subject of concern to all our residents." The crowd who said they have concerns about offenders and their whereabouts welcomed Kahlert. Through Megan's Law, the public now has a right to be notified of that information. However, that is where the public's responsibility ends, she pointed out.

"We are not meant to be vigilantes," Kahlert warned them.

Megan's Law was signed into legislation in 1994 and has evolved, she said as she pointed out the regulations about who is required to register and how often.

Megan's Law provides a system of registration that permits law enforcement to identify offenders and to alert the public, when necessary, and provide them with additional information that could be critical to preventing and promptly solving sexual abuse and missing person's cases, according to information supplied by the Prosecutor's office.

"Offenders can be any gender, race ethnic background and economic level," said Kahlert, adding that "awareness" is key.

Kahlert, with the prosecutor's office for 23 years, said that if a citizen does find out information as to an offender's whereabouts, "Let us do our job," she said. "You (the public) are not law enforcement. We are," she said as she explained the reason that some sexual



offenders names are not provided through internet notification, such as when the court determines that public safety would not be enhanced through notification because there is no risk group in the area.

"Notification to the public must come from law enforcement. Not from you," she advised, adding that it is also not the public's duty to inform everyone about that type of information. She added that any contact with an offender will result in arrest. "There are more than 10,000 registered offenders in New Jersey alone. Be careful," she said and stressed, "Use official websites only for your information. Get as much information as you can."

1st assistant prosecutor Ron De Ligny from the Ocean County Prosecutor's office joined Kahlert at the session. Seaside Heights Police Chief Thomas Boyd and Detective John Dymerski were also on hand at the session that was preceded by a meeting of the Seaside Heights Neighborhood Watch where Chairwoman Michelle Sperber updated residents on the locations selected for the Neighborhood Watch signs.

"We expect a large sign to be placed at the entrance to town," said Sperber, who added that all signs should be installed by the season's start.

Sperber and Peter Smith recently designed the SSH Neighborhood Watch website which will be linked to the main Borough website, pending approval from the Mayor and council.



"We also want to thank the many volunteers who helped to clean up the highway islands and medians recently," Sperber told residents. "Over 100 bags of garbage and recycling materials were collected." The event is held twice a year with the next scheduled to take place in October.

In other business, Seaside Heights Beautification Committee chairwoman, Sandra Lazzaro, unveiled the committee's logo that will soon grace small flags to be placed on properties, "that beautify the town", she said, adding that the last day to order Flowers from the SSH Beautification Committee is the May 8th weekend. Pick up date is Friday May 15th at the Community Center from 7 to 9 p.m.

Any questions call Lazzaro 732-259-3558 or email sandralazzaro@yahoo.com

Arbor Day at the Hugh J Boyd School in Seaside Heights



The First grade classes of Mrs. Beers, Mrs. Gillon and Mrs. Schneider planted a tree with a ceremonial play on Arbor Day, April 24, 2009 at the Hugh J. Boyd Jr. Elementary School in Seaside Heights.



Beautification committee business member, Steve Whalen, Lucky Leo arcade owner, has offered to donate half of the \$10 cost of the flowerpots of Petunias, Begonias and Impatiens to all Seaside Heights residents.

"There is one catch regarding our Flower Sale," said Lazzaro with a smile. "The flowers must be planted on properties in Seaside Heights."

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