



# *Grove Beach Point Association, Inc.*

**P.O. BOX 754 WESTBROOK, CT 06498**

August 13, 2004

Dear Association Member,

On August 3, 2004, Mary Jane Engle, the Town Sanitarian, discussed the proposed Westbrook Town Ordinance regarding septic systems and how the systems can be properly maintained. Renewed emphasis by the Town and the State on septic systems has resulted from the realization that regional waste water facilities are not feasible in our area. This means that individual home owners in Westbrook must play an integral part in solving the problem of waste water pollution.

Because of our proximity to the Long Island Tidal Wetlands actions we take, or refuse to take, will have a positive or negative effect on the quality of the water and directly on our property values.

What we must do is simple and inexpensive but the collective results can be profound. We must have our septic tanks cleaned on a regular schedule. This is the right thing to do for many reasons. Beyond the positive effect cleaning our septic tanks will have on the local environment and the Sound, periodic cleaning can preserve our individual leaching fields. Although the cost of cleaning a septic tank is relatively inexpensive, replacing leaching fields is a very expensive proposition ranging from \$2,500 to \$14,000. Doing the right thing now can save us from a big future expense!

The cost of cleaning a septic tank ranges from \$175.00 to \$200.00. The proposed ordinance will mandate that systems be cleaned every five years; the annual cost of cleaning your septic tanks is only \$40.00. Considering that some towns' sewer taxes range from \$120.00 (Southington) to \$450.00 (Deep River) per year, keeping the septic tanks clean is not only good sense, it is comparatively inexpensive. Having a septic system that is functioning properly and documentation showing periodic cleaning ensures that the system will not be a negative factor in the sale or transfer of property.

The committee has interviewed the following pumpers and recommends that you use one of them or your preferred service. The committee also recommends that you be in attendance when the pumping occurs.

<b>PUMPER</b>	<b>AVERAGE COST TO PUMP A 1000 GAL. TANK</b>	<b>PUMPS AND INSTALLS SYSTEMS</b>	<b>RECORDS AT TOWN HALL</b>	<b>SENDS REMINDER CARD</b>
<b>John J. Doerrler, Inc</b> Westbrook 860.669.8752 860.399.9132	<b>\$175.00 - \$200.00</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>SOMETIMES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>ENVIROTECH</b> Septic Service, LLC 860.669.9280 877.869.0054 TOLL FREE	<b>\$175.00</b>	<b>PUMPS and REPLACES BAFFLES and RISERS</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>MONO FLO</b> Septic Tank Co., Inc. 860.399.9472	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>SOMETIMES</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>BILL WALTER &amp; SON</b> Clinton 860.669.3048 800.831.2185 TOLL FREE	<b>\$180.00</b>	<b>PUMPS and REPLACES BAFFLES and RISERS</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>

Periodic tank cleaning has the additional benefits of ensuring that embarrassing failures of our systems don't occur during social events or on weekends or holidays when there is a premium for cleaning. Be a good neighbor! Call now and schedule a cleaning of your septic tank.

If you have questions, please call any member of the committee.

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