



THIS GARAGE ON ISLAND VIEW AVENUE in Pine Orchard collapsed because of the high tide and winds.



Photo courtesy of Alice Ludlow Lambert

THE SEAWALL AND COTTAGES at Sunset Beach in Indian Neck received heavy damage.



Photo courtesy of M. McAleenan

ENTIRE FRONT LAWNS were lost and cottages undermined along Island View Avenue in Pine Orchard.

Pictures of the Past

Exactly 50 years ago today on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 1938 a hurricane swept through New England without warning and created destruction all along its path. Nearly 12 inches of rain fell the week before in Branford making trees easy prey to the 80-100 mph winds. Tides were already four feet above normal due to the rain and perigee tide. The hurricane destroyed many cottages along the shore and seven people died on the Thimble Island. Memoires to last a lifetime were created that day. On this page are some scenes of the '38 hurricane.

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THE TROLLEY TRACKS in Short Beach were undermined by the high tide delaying service for two weeks.



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SEVERE TREE DAMAGE extended away from the shoreline to such places as Damascus Road

FEW TREES WERE LEFT standing on the Branfrd Green near the Baptist Church.



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