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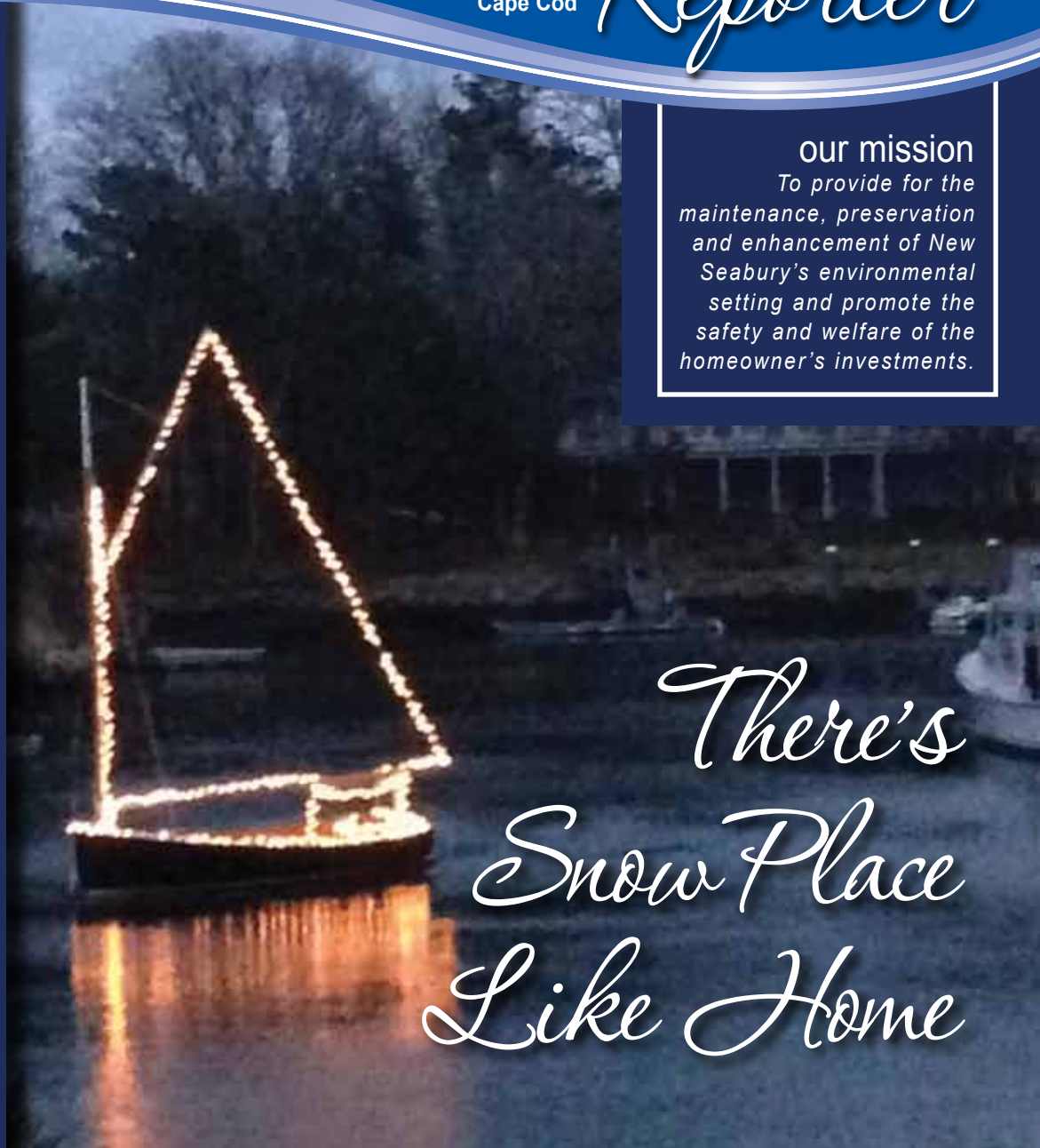


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# Treasurer's Report

by Jane Goubeaux

Once again, we can report that the Council and the Villages had a good year. Excluding capital expenditures (resurfacing several roads and replacing two storm drains), the Council (Special Maintenance and Membership) and all Villages recorded revenue in excess of operating expenses.

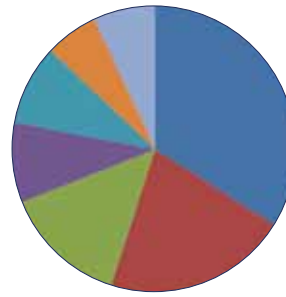
The Council collected 98% of its 2015 budgeted fees. The Villages, in the aggregate, reached 100%, having also collected some prior year delinquent fees in 2015.

On the expense side, the Villages spent a total of \$439,400 in 2015. The **VILLAGE Expenses** pie chart shows those expenditures by major category. The Council's Special Maintenance Committee, which is responsible for all non-Village common areas and roads, expended \$357,000 last year. The pie chart labeled **SPECIAL MAINTENANCE Expenses** shows the categories of its expenditures.

In 2016, only one Village (The Mews) plans a road resurfacing project, and none anticipates drain replacements. Special Maintenance, having accelerated its 2016 road resurfacing projects into 2015, plans no major road project this year or the need to replace any of its storm drains. It also has planned for a less severe winter which translates to lower snow/storm clean-up expenses (under "Road Maintenance" in the chart).

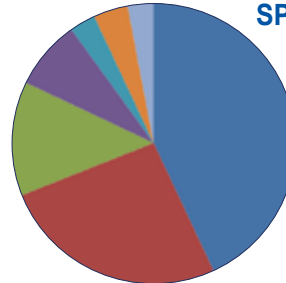
The Villages and Special Maintenance have factored these plans into their 2016 budgets. With the exception of the The Mews, each Village as well as Special Maintenance forecast a net revenue position for the year. Such excess funds will be added to their reserves to cover future capital improvements, significant repairs, and any contingencies which cannot be absorbed by usual annual fee revenue.

Detailed financial results for 2015, including year-end reserve positions, and 2016 budgets are available from your Village committee or from me, Mike or Linda at the Peninsula Council office.



## VILLAGE Expenses

- Landscaping - 34%
- Road Resurfacing - 21%
- Road Maintenance - 14%
- Storm Drain Maintenance - 9%
- Utilities - 9%
- Insurance & Taxes - 6%
- Other - 7%



## SPECIAL MAINTENANCE Expenses

- Landscaping - 43%
- Road Resurfacing - 26%
- Road Maintenance - 13%
- Storm Drain Maintenance - 8%
- Utilities - 3%
- Insurance & Taxes - 4%
- Other - 3%

## Chili Challenge at Popponesset Inn

A successful fundraiser in January for The Boys and Girls Club of Cape Cod and The Cape Cod Children's Museum





# President's Report

by Joe Fisher

*Happy New Year. I hope that you and your family had a great holiday season.*



As I write you, we have had a relatively mild winter. Let's hope that it continues. However, your Homeowners Association is prepared and on call if our typically stormy weather returns. Behind the scenes a lot of work has been done preparing for winter- trimming trees, cleaning and repairing our drainage system and working with the Town of Mashpee to be sure that an effective plan is in place to keep our roads open and safe.

Eversource, our electric utility supplier, continues to upgrade its equipment, which has reduced power outages. This spring, Eversource will continue its program of trimming and tree removal to protect their overhead wires serving our community. Mike and I have been working closely with them to make sure that the work takes place, but does not change the appearance of New Seabury.

New Seabury Properties has been very busy developing The Cottages in Section V. This new Village in our community has been very well received with many of the homes already sold. We've been working very closely with NSP to make sure that the construction does not negatively impact our community. NSP has been very cooperative.

Paul Kruzel, New Seabury's general manager, has been working closely with our HOA listening to ideas to improve the Club and its interaction with us. In the relatively short time he's been here, we've already seen improvements. As an example, Paul recently announced that the Club will be constructing a walking path from the Poppy Marketplace to the Inn and the Beach Club, which will eliminate pedestrian traffic on the roadway and improve safety. This idea was originally put forward by one member of our Board of Directors.

Our financial results for 2015 have been finalized and all Villages and Homeowners Associations are in very good shape with adequate reserves to handle our needs. If you have any questions or you would like more detailed information, you can stop by the Peninsula Council office and talk to Mike Richardson.

We already have in place our plans for spring. It's not too early for you to plan for the cleanup of your property that needs to be completed by Memorial Day. If you need help finding a landscaper or other tradesmen, you can contact the Peninsula Council office for help. Each year, the overall condition of our community improves. The continuing improvement requires a caring partnership between the Peninsula Council and every homeowner. Thank you for your support.

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# Executive Director's Report

by Mike Richardson

It's the Thursday before the Patriot-lacking Super Bowl. What a drag. In all fairness the better team won, and now it's Manning vs. Newton. It sort of feels like the end of the season when Carl Yastrzemski came in to replace Ted Williams... the potential end of a legendary career, but we'll see. I saw Teddy Ball Game hit his last homer, but at the time didn't realize what a legend he was. Young folks probably can't totally envision what Brady and Manning have done, at least not yet.

It's almost mid-February, and the temperature up here on the Cape has been almost balmy. This past Monday it reached up to 70 degrees in Boston. Where is Al Gore when we need him? The flora and fauna up here have that confused look at the end of their branches, almost in a question mark shape!! I am not getting too far ahead of myself, however, since I remember last winter. For those who care out there, I am wearing shorts all winter regardless of what happens. If it stays like this, I may have to go get my shorter shorts.

The Peninsula Council ended the year in great financial shape all around. New Seabury also looked fantastic through the holidays with beautiful decorations that enhanced the natural beauty, and gave everyone that festive feeling.

The Developer (NSP) continues to build at a rapid pace. The new neighborhoods give this place a little different look, while we all continue to try and maintain as much of our originality as possible. Homes are selling; new homes are being considered; some older homes are being rehabilitated; lots of wild life continue to roam our woods and fields, and I swear I saw Little Red Riding Hood the other day. The combined efforts of all to change, yet stay the same, are working.

From a maintenance perspective, we got it done this year once again. Our local folks, too numerous to name, continue to enjoy the small town look and feel of working in New Seabury where they wave to residents and have that daily conversation with walkers, joggers, and, of course, the interesting reaction with some of our NASCAR drivers. We did a good job with

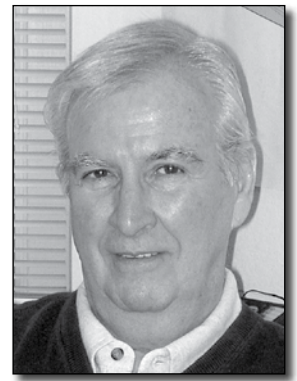
trees, and that will be enhanced by the Eversource project this coming spring. Opening things up just enough for safety without changing the New Seabury image is also working in that area.

Our Special Maintenance increase has been received well by our residents, and even at its conservative level will allow us to ensure our roads and landscaping will be maintained at a very high level over the coming years. Many thanks to all who understand innately what we are doing on an ongoing basis here. It's all for the residents each and every day.

Fees came in at a very high percentage, close to 100% in many areas, for which we are grateful. Yes, we continue to have the selfish ones in our community who just don't care, but we will continue to try and appeal first to their conscience, and then to the courts. All in all, while the small number takes a lot of our time and patience, one has to feel good about the large majority.

Many of our residents are members of boards and committees in the Town of Mashpee as well. Many thanks to them all. It's on occasion a disheartening feeling and a thankless job, but those of us who participate fully understand the need. There is a lot in front of the town moving forward, so the more residents who participate the better we will be.

Lastly, I need to thank our Officers and Board of Directors for all they do. We have high quality people all marching to the same beat and moving in the same direction, which has resulted in a solid financial position, a beautiful place to live, and a very satisfying and enjoyable life style. Many of us travel and have visited many places in this world...I think I can say that New Seabury ranks up there with one of the best places there is to live, work and play.



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## Special Maintenance Report

by Tom Caston

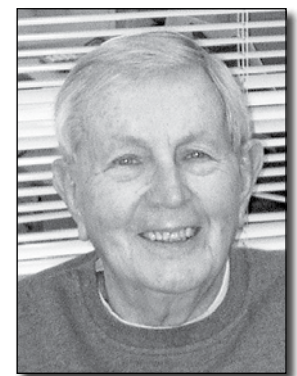
The Special Maintenance Committee met in January to finalize the operating budget for 2016. We are pleased to report that we ended 2015 with a cash balance of \$24,000 with an additional \$309,000 in our road reserve account. During 2015, we spent \$89,617 for road paving, which came out of our current road reserve account. The one unknown is the weather. Last year, while we were prepared to take care of snow removal, we exceeded our budget by 140%. This year, we are better prepared.

An increase of \$50 per household will go into effect this year. This additional revenue will automatically go into our

road reserve account. This increase also supports the goals of our ten year plan initiated in 2014 by providing funds to pave common areas.

Although we have no major projects scheduled for 2016, we are reviewing a proposal to increase lighting at the front entrance and in common gardens. Our focus will be the high level of care within walking paths, gardens and common areas.

All members of the committee are pleased with our results both physically and financially. We trust that 2016 will be equally productive.



by Ann Macdonald



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You may ask, what is involved in a home energy assessment? The Compact's energy specialists will come to your home and depending on the size of the home, will spend a few hours assessing/going through your home to see where

you may have opportunities for energy efficiency improvements.

Some things that they will evaluate are: insulation in your attic, wall, basement; replace inefficient light bulbs with more energy efficient lighting such as light emitting diode (LEDs) or compact fluorescent (CFLs); and meter your refrigerator to see how much electricity it uses and if it may be eligible for a rebate for replacement. For any work that the energy specialist recommends there are substantial incentives available to you to implement this work. There is no obligation to proceed with the work that is recommended.

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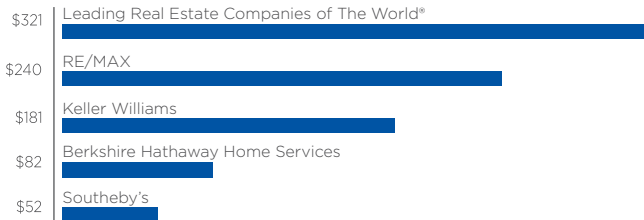
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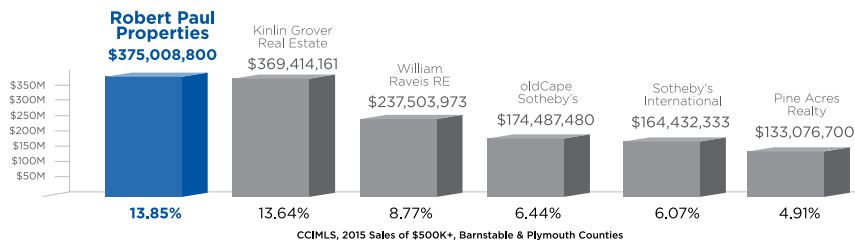
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# Village Reports

## Bright Coves

by Eric Peterson

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Many of you have commented to me lately that you enjoy reading my little Bright Coves article in each issue. Thank You! I didn't realize anyone was reading this. Maybe I should try to add some content. Hmmm, let's see....nothing comes to mind. Oh, but we sure are looking forward to springtime, and, of course, summer!

Dawn and I have owned our home in Bright Coves for about 19 years now, and to be honest, have contemplated selling a few times over the years. We would realize quite a handsome profit, after all. But, lately, as we both have recently crossed the 50-year mark, we are again realizing

just how special our neighborhood is. We feel so lucky to have such wonderful, life-long friends and neighbors in New Seabury. Our four sons, now all in their 20's and beyond, have had the extraordinary good fortune of growing up here, and now our granddaughter, Grace, will too.

Our beautiful, protected waterways and reserved areas are a true treasure. Popponesset Bay is a wonderful, safe, place to sail, fish, and motorboat, and Popponesset Spit really is one of the most beautiful beaches anywhere on Earth. The tremendous community support of Save Popponesset Bay to help save the Spit has been humbling to all the volunteers who help make it happen. Please consider contributing if you can. We still have lots of work to do!

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy 2016. And, thanks again for reading!

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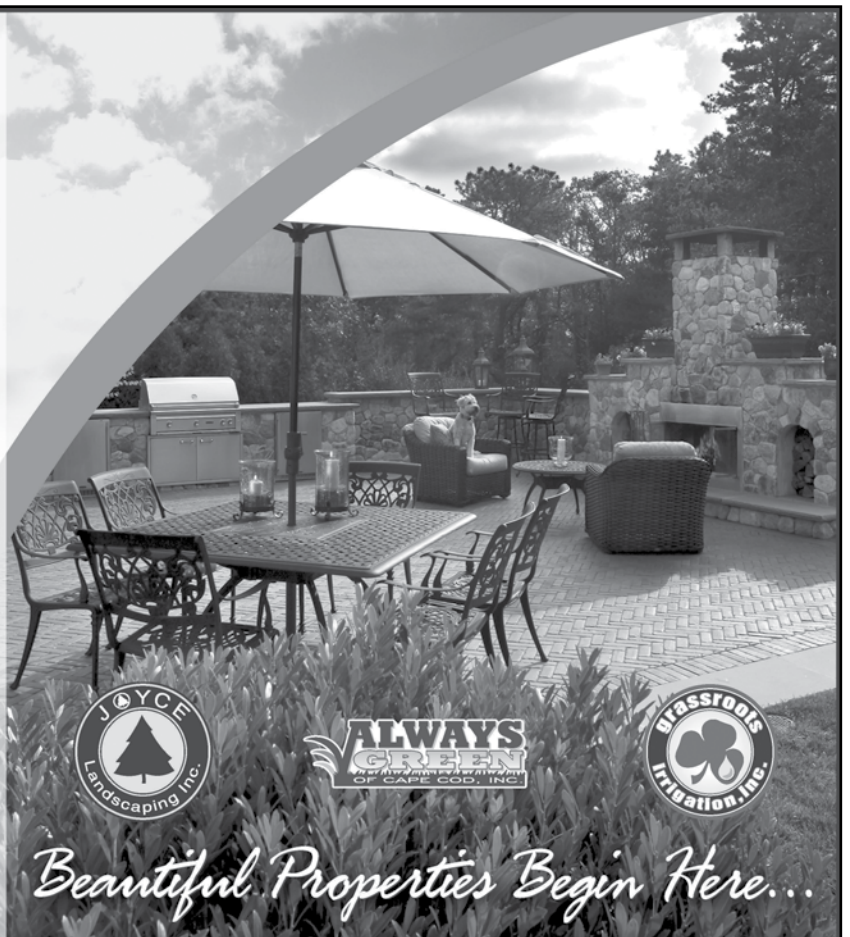
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# Fells Pond

by Catherine Power

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Here we are again in the middle of winter??? I believe winter is on vacation – temporarily. With the exception of our 16 inch snowstorm on January 22, our weather has been fabulous. My day lilies, daffodils, etc. are terribly confused!

We all thought our January 22 storm was the repeat of 2015! The town did a great job plowing but we had to rely on Quality Tree (Tom Staruch) and FIXALL (Mario Catalano) to help us out for additional snow removal. The few calls we had from residents were answered promptly and these guys were quick to respond. Once again, our tree trimming and storm drain cleaning proved to be well worth the expense.

We have contracted with our maintenance company to treat the pond for algae, weed growth, pond lilies, etc. in June. The costs have increased (as has everything else).



Our finances are in good shape. The roads will be swept again in the spring – other than that the village looks great. With the exception of three or four people, most were pleased with the roads and everything else we have done in the village. Any problems? Your village committee is always ready to help.

Have a great season. Just remember it's almost spring!!

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## GREENSWARD

by Read McCaffrey

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**G**reensward Neighbors, you will be receiving this at the beginning of March with spring only a few weeks away. I assume the winter was tolerable and I know, at least for the first snowfall in January, the roads were very well taken care of thanks to Mike Richardson. Greensward continues to be financially sound, and as far as I and your other Village Board members (Alicia Morrow and Dick Noonan) can tell, our Village is in great shape! At some point in our future our Village will have to pay for the repaving of Glenneagle, a very long road, but our responsibility. I will 'guesstimate' that this may occur within the next three to five years

and may cost over \$120,000. In that event, we may consider either a one-time assessment or a small increase in the Village annual assessment - currently \$625. All will be discussed at our annual meeting in July.

In the meantime, please enjoy our Village and the incredible wildlife. On any walk during any spring week, we are assured of seeing the Village foxes, chipmunks, the occasional rabbit and squirrel (coyotes have been absent), and in the air, the cormorant, kestrel, red-tailed hawk, great horned owl, the turkey vulture, common ringed plover, the ospreys, geese, swans, several varieties of ducks, and, on rare occasions, the bald eagle - to name but a few- and, of course, the well dressed turkey family usually around the 7th tee box on the Dunes course. Amazing!

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# HIGH WOOD

by Patrick McKeown

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This winter began very mild until this past weekend when Mother Nature decided to grace us with a heavy snowfall. Last winter began with a similar occurrence when we incurred record snowfall from the last week of January through the end of February. Hopefully, history will not repeat itself.

Our Village is in good financial shape for the year ending 2015. Revenues were \$3,000 above budget, due to the collection of past due fees. Expenses were \$1,250 greater than we budgeted. Last winter we spent more on snow and storm cleanups than we anticipated. Street signs were purchased, and Paddock Way and Paddock



Circle were resurfaced. Trees were trimmed in order to remove us from the town's "no plow list". Village fees were mailed in early January; prompt payment is greatly appreciated.

The Village is fairly quiet this time of year. Currently, there are two properties and one parcel of land for sale in the village. One pool addition is under construction.

Our annual brush pickup will be in late May. This is a good opportunity to clean our properties of the winter debris. Please do not leave your brush curbside all winter.

We look forward to seeing you in the spring.

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## The Mews

by Pat Donohue

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The first snowstorm hit the Cape with a bang, but with no major problems in the Mews. The roads were well plowed and no power was lost. Thanks to Mike Richardson and Tom Caston for being well prepared.

The Mews Committee is working with Mike to install more street lights in the Mews. We had a representative from Ferguson come out and look at Brassie and Mashie. He approved our placement of the new lights, and Mike spoke with Eversource regarding any electrical issues. We seem to be in good shape. We will try and match the top fixtures with existing ones, but due to their age that might be a challenge.



We also sent emails and letters to residents who need to install cobblestone aprons on driveways. We would appreciate the work to be done before new pavement on roads is done in April. Any questions, please email Charlie Robinson at [cerbiff@aol.com](mailto:cerbiff@aol.com).

The completion of the asphalt road on Brassie and Mashie is expected to be done in April barring any major storms. Storm drains have been cleaned and inspected - they are A-OKAY! We would really like to have all spring cleanup done by June 1st with fences replaced, paint jobs, and repairs completed, so we will be ready to welcome in the spring of 2016. Thank you all for your cooperation.

***When you're out enjoying our community,  
for your safety, make note of the following:***



***Ride your bike on the side of the road with the traffic.***

***Walk or jog on the side of the road facing the traffic.***

***Use the walking paths as much as possible.***





# Popponesset Island

by Steve Bell

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Today is a beautiful, sunny day here on Popponesset Island. We've only recently had one small snowstorm, and that is melting quickly. Forecasts are for weather in the 50's for early February. That certainly is a "wow!" after what went on a year ago.

With the better than average weather, construction on Popponesset Island's one new home, and complete remodeling of two others continues quickly. Looks like they will be ready for the summer. Not much happening in the way of sales of those homes on the market. But, probably things will start jumping, as folks realize how high the cost per square foot is to build anything now.

Plans continue to get all new street signs done for spring. Plus, maybe some new lighting on dark Bight Circle. Spring will bring spraying to kill ticks on our open areas, as well.

Writing about ticks... it is really important to address this problem on all of our properties. Ticks were bad last year, and probably will be worse this year. Defensively, having your property sprayed

professionally might be one of a homeowner's best investments. The Peninsula Council has a list of reliable spray companies, if you need it. If you are not up to date about the subject, take a moment to read up on Lyme disease, and spraying probably will be something you will do. An organization involved in this is headquartered in Mashpee, Lyme Awareness of Cape Cod, on the web at [www.lymeticks.org](http://www.lymeticks.org).

For those of us who are experiencing Xfinity issues, Comcast has been making efforts to improve their quality on our island. Let them know if you are having problems.

In this printing of The Reporter, Ann Macdonald writes a great suggestion for all homeowners to take advantage of a free home energy study by Cape Light Compact. It was well worth the time to get it done.

Save Popponesset Bay's efforts are reaping benefits. With the several high windstorms we have had, the Spit looks great. And, the plans are in place to dredge our channel to Nantucket Sound.

Congrats to another great season to our Patriots! The Celtics and Bruins keep moving up. Now, ... onto spring, and the Red Sox.

Bill Veeck was known for this quote :

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# Poppy Place

by Frank Goode

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I wish there was something to report around Poppy Place but all is quiet. I know that may sound ridiculous to hear but it is true...nothing!!

Wait a minute, the HOA bills have arrived in the mail and the Poppy Place board has once again successfully maintained our costs of homeownership for a neighborhood of which we as residents are quite proud.

Since "our" country club is closed for three months, we have taken advantage of this hiatus to experience other country clubs and restaurants on both sides of the bridge. We have experienced some of the finest quality dining, food selection and pleasant surroundings that will keep us and our friends coming back week after week for many months to come.

Locations like the Cape Grille at Ballymeade has attracted Chef Tim, one of the finest chefs in Falmouth and previously from the Glass Onion. He has cooked up a menu to satisfy all tastes and capacities.

Have you heard that the ever popular C Salt Wine Bar & Grille (Falmouth), owned and operated by Jonathan Philipps, will be opening a second C Salt Wine Bar & Grille soon? It will be at Ballymeade at the old TGC Grille Room and will be open to the public.

Also, we have had the pleasure of dining at Mirbeau at Pine Hills in Plymouth at their restaurant called The Bistro, a short 25 minute drive from New Seabury. You can dine in street clothes, or if you have the desire to drench yourself in luxury with a professional single or couples massage (it was incredible!!), you are welcome to stroll around the facility or dine at The Bistro in your Mirbeau robe. And, by the way, the Sunday brunch was absolutely exceptional.



It is nice to stay connected with the "late breaking news" within Poppy Place...home sales, new owners, engagements, marriages, births, graduations, interesting travels, get well soon wishes. Please communicate these events to me at frank.goode17@hotmail.com or to the Peninsula Council so we can all enjoy.

## Poppy Place may be QUIET but...

It's hard to believe our winter residents in New Seabury and many contractors (remember your company names are visible) believe there is no need to obey the traffic signs and our 30mph speed limitation. With left hands on cell phones, directional signals are a thing of the past. Snow brings ice, and stopping or turning on our narrow streets is a challenge in itself. Please obey the traffic rules, anticipate and give yourself plenty of time to completely stop at stop signs (rolling through is a typical occurrence and not legal). Drive slowly, defensively, and be aware of your surroundings especially in bad weather. This is a quiet and friendly resort community so let's not experience any devastating tragedies or needless accidents because "YOU" did not stop or look both ways.

Until next time, we are all blessed to be in this small piece of paradise.

## For Safety Sake: When you're out enjoying our community, please:

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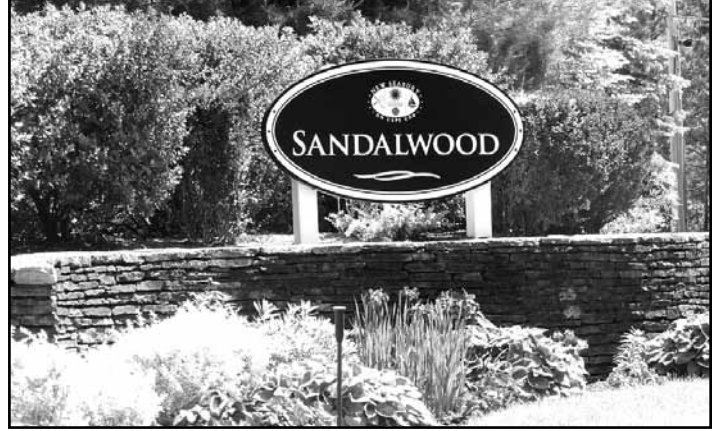
# Sandalwood

by Marshall McStay

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The first significant snowfall of the winter left 10 to 13 inches of snow here in Sandalwood, although it is now rapidly melting away. The roads were promptly plowed and sanded and all has returned to the quiet of normal.

Speaking of roads, work has begun on adding ten streetlights to the roads in the Village. Initial locations have been selected. As soon as the ground thaws, the locations will be staked out and the abutters notified. Those with driveways under which the electrical cable will have to pass will also be notified. It will not be necessary to dig up any driveway. Conduit will be driven under the driveway and the cable pulled through. In the meantime, we are watching a similar installation in the Mews. As always, the devil is in the details. We will be particularly watching for installation problems and their effect on cost. Should the price exceed the amount voted at the last Annual Meeting, we will have to decide if we want to spend more money or install fewer lights. Stay tuned.



There has been some interest in a Village-wide yard sale this spring. The feeling is that a Village-wide sale might attract more prospects than an individual sale. Each participating resident would contribute to a newspaper ad for the event and set up their sale items in their own driveway and retain all the income. Each sale location would be marked with a balloon on the mail box or by some other means. Once buyers enter the Village, they would not have far to go to get to the next location. If you are interested, please contact Diane McStay, 508-477-1345 or [dmcstay@verizon.com](mailto:dmcstay@verizon.com), for additional information.

Dates to remember – Brush pickup the week before Memorial Day, and the Annual Sandalwood Meeting on Saturday, July 23rd, at 10:00 AM.

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# SUMMERSEA

by Larry Rand

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It's quiet along Summersea Road. It's winter, but there is little ice on Ockway Bay. February is here, but not much snow yet. The Red Sox are in Fort Myers, so spring, what there is of it on Cape Cod, can't be too far behind. Speaking of spring, don't forget your spring cleanup. It helps ensure we have a beautiful Village to enjoy when we are all back on Summersea Road. The annual brush pickup will take place the week of May 20.

We will be getting more of the new softer speed bumps this year. These will replace some of the older ones. Let us know if you have preferences where you would like them placed or not placed ( we could not possibly accommodate all the conflicting suggestions we might receive, but it will give us some insight).

We will be having another Summersea get-together. The brunches have been great for the few that attend, but we'd like something that draws more of you. If you have ideas about this or any other matter, please share them with us.

Hope you are over the holidays, enjoying our, so far, mild winter and looking forward to spending your spring and summer along the shores of Ockway Bay in beautiful Summersea Village.

# TRITON SOUND

by George List

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The holiday season has come and gone, and winter is upon us here in New Seabury with our first blizzard having arrived Saturday, January 23 after the forecasters said it was coming, and then it wasn't. The good news was that it warmed up two days later and melted a lot away. This was unlike last year when it came and stayed for over a month and made travel difficult.

Prior to the latest weather, we were able to do our fall crack sealing on the roads and take down a few trees on Shore Drive West that were either dead or leaning over the path and road. The post in the walking path has been marked with a cone for safety until we can get Verizon to come and either move or repair it. We will need to get a new bench for the overlook at the west end of Triton Way as the old one is beyond its useful days.

Our 2016 budget for Triton Sound has been submitted and looks to be about the same as 2015. The Village continues to be in good shape.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Tony and Jackie Baudanza as their son, TJ, lost his valiant battle with cancer this fall. TJ was able to come home to Triton Way and gaze out at the peaceful ocean he so loved in his last days.

# Vineyard Reach

by Connie Strait

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Vineyard Reach is rich in bright red winterberry color, contrasting the view of the golf course with its ever-so-light snow dusting, reminding all of us that we are well into the winter season here on Cape Cod.

I am excited to be joining Steve Kaufman, President, and Harry Witt, Treasurer, as the newest board member in our community. Herb Boehm will be greatly missed, and we all thank him for his support. The first phase of our painting project has been going extremely well and the rest of the units will be completed once we get into the spring weather.

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# OUT ON THE TOWN

by Steve Bell

## TUMI CEVICHE BAR & RISTORANT

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We've all heard that one of the keys to a successful business is "location, location, location." Tumi Ceviche Bar & Ristorante's chef owner, Jorge L. Siguencia, evidently didn't fully agree. He opened down an alley off Main Street in Hyannis, and we may not even have known about it, except for all the diners that are now flocking there. It has easy access, for there is a parking lot right behind it.

By the way, Tumi is not named after luggage. Rather, the Tumi is a sacrificial ceremonial axe. It was used by some Inca and Pre-Inca cultures in the Peruvian Coastal Region, and probably was never heaved by a baggage handler at BOS or LGA.

Six of us joined the happy throng that was there (including at least two other tables of New Seabury residents) on a Saturday evening. The restaurant was fully booked, so our reservation was necessary, and it was honored promptly. We certainly liked that.

Tumi reminded me of the specialty restaurants that you find in Boston's South End or NYC's lower east side ... storefronts that are not over the top, and tend to show off the chef's creativity - ones that offer seating close enough to your neighbors table that you can see what they are eating. Yet, not too close that they are uncomfortable.

This hot spot is one that offers a blend of Peru and Italy, coupled with American interpretations. Wikipedia writes "Peruvian cuisine reflects local practices and ingredients—including influences from the indigenous population including the Inca and cuisines brought in with immigrants from Europe (Spanish cuisine, Italian cuisine, German cuisine), Asia (Chinese cuisine and Japanese cuisine) and West Africa." If this sounds like a mouthful, then I suggest going on line and looking at their complete menu ([www.tumiceviche.com](http://www.tumiceviche.com)). Please, no



drooling while reading it. In my opinion, there is something on it for everyone.

The aforementioned menu highlights nine kinds of ceviche, thirteen first courses, three soups, six salads, three contorni, thirteen pastas and risottos, and twenty-three different main or second courses. Oh, and these do not include the specials of the day.

The service immediately proved to be friendly and attentive. I had read Trip Advisor before going, and noted several comments that complimented "Frank, the waiter". He served us and we have now joined his fan club as he was terrific.

With a menu like this, it was necessary to first take our time and order a cocktail, wine or beer. I haven't counted the offerings of these, but there are plenty including traditional pisco. The wines are priced from \$8 a glass to \$170 a bottle.

With our drinks, Frank brought out delicious bread, olive oil and fresh butter (that was served properly soft...not frozen...a pet peeve of mine). He refilled the basket, too.

Unfortunately, none of us are large eaters, so we didn't do a multi course meal. However, we tried two of the ceviches, and a caprese salad. One ceviche was traditional, and the other was a mixed one. The mixed consisted of shrimp, fish of the day, mussels, octopus, lime juice, aji amarillo, sweet potatoes, and onion. The traditional has just fish. Now, I am not an expert on ceviche, but we all agreed they were delicious. The caprese was fresh, and a sizeable portion.

The main courses for us were Andean baby back ribs (wood grilled full baby back ribs, Andean spices, aji panca,



barbecue sauce, papa rellena salsa criolla); frutta del pescador (shrimp, mussels, scallops, clams, ½ wood grilled lobster, wood grilled octopus, light marinara sauce served over homemade linguini); two of pan roasted flounder, (pan roasted flounder, fingerling potatoes, grilled asparagus topped with wood grilled shrimp ceviche); grilled salmon andino (wood grilled salmon fillet, Peruvian caramelized rice and lentils, sautéed grapes, red wine vinaigrette reduction), and lamb osso bucco (Peruvian style, braised lamb shank with aji amarillo, Peruvian beer, vegetables, cilantro, served with shiitake mushrooms risotto, white kidney beans pure).

As I have written, honestly, we really aren't big eaters, but, shocking, we found enough forks for us to share a large portion of a chocolate, chocolate cake!

I probably don't have to even explain how much we all enjoyed all of our meals. There were even some leftovers packaged to transport home, but, sadly, they didn't offer to pack them in high-end luggage.

FYI: Tumi's offers a prix fixe menu of four four-course options (\$27 – \$30) Sunday- Wednesday, all night long and Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11:30am to 5:30 pm), and they are open for lunch.

So, all in all, Tumi's prices were in line with better, moderately priced local restaurants. The food offering selection was amazing. The quality was at or above most of its Cape competition. And, the service, even with an overly full restaurant, was attentive, prompt and better than most Cape restaurants. Tumi is a place we will be back to again!

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# MEN'S SOCIAL CLUB AT NEW SEABURY

by Joe Fisher

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# THE ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE: IMPROVING WATER QUALITY IN OUR WATERWAYS

by Michael Talbot, MCH, ISA, ASCA



The Town of Mashpee is aggressively moving toward improving water quality in our bays and estuaries. With the expected final approval of the Comprehensive Wastewater and Nitrogen Management Plan (CWMP) by the Cape Cod Commission (CCC) in May and the strong support for funding the initial phase of the CWMP at the October Town Meeting, we are already making progress in cleaning our waterways.

The CWMP developed by the Sewer Commission and supported by the Board of Selectmen, the EPA, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and numerous organizations, commissions and committees in town, is very innovative in its approach to reducing the nitrogen loading that puts us in clear violation of the Clean Water Act. Here are some of the ways the CWMP expects to meet our requirements under the Clean Water Act, while saving us tens of millions of dollars in sewer infrastructure costs:

- A critical component of this plan is the aggressive production and harvesting of shellfish in both the Popponesset and Waquoit Bays and their associated estuaries. The ultimate goal is the removal of 5 million oysters and 2 million quahogs each year. Working with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and its Assistant Director of Natural Resources, Chuckie Green, the town, under the able direction of Rick York, future Director of the Natural Resources Department, is constructing an oyster reef this spring in the heavily impacted Shoestring Bay. We are also growing thousands of quahogs from small spat and removing the invasive green crabs that prey on them.
- The CWMP seeks to use excess capacity of existing wastewater treatment systems, such as that of the Tribe and the Mashpee Commons, to further reduce the need to build expensive wastewater treatment capacity.

- Stormwater runoff is a significant source of nutrient pollution, as well as of heavy metals, hydrocarbons and bacteria from pet wastes. The town is actively seeking to reduce the impacts from stormwater runoff whenever it can. There are a number of open outfall pipes from storm drains in New Seabury that should also be replaced with designs that protect Popponesset Bay from stormwater runoff pollutants now flowing directly into the Popponesset estuary.
- Developed by the Environmental Oversight Committee (EOC) and approved by the CCC, Mashpee voted to adopt the Nitrogen Control Bylaw in 2014 that allows us to regulate the application of nitrogen lawn fertilizers. Next to the impacts from septic systems, lawn fertilizers are the leading source of excess nitrogen degrading our bays and estuaries, as well as our ponds and streams. Applying less fertilizer and applying it properly, and when turf is actively growing, is key to not only improving the water quality of the Popponesset estuary and our ponds, bays and streams, but to significantly reducing the cost of sewer treatment infrastructure in Mashpee. In the next edition of this column in the Peninsula Reporter, I will detail not only the specific turf fertilizer regulations, but also discuss how you can have a green and attractive lawn and help improve our bays, ponds and groundwater at the same time.

*Michael Talbot is the Chair of the Environmental Oversight Committee and president of the Mashpee Environmental Coalition. He is a landscape designer, horticulturist and conservation consultant and is co-owner of Talbot Ecological Land Care based in Mashpee.*

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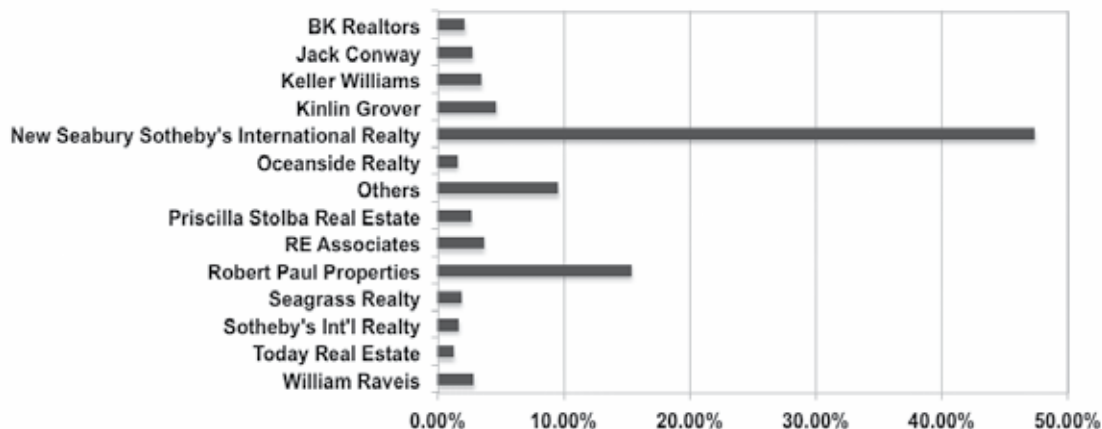
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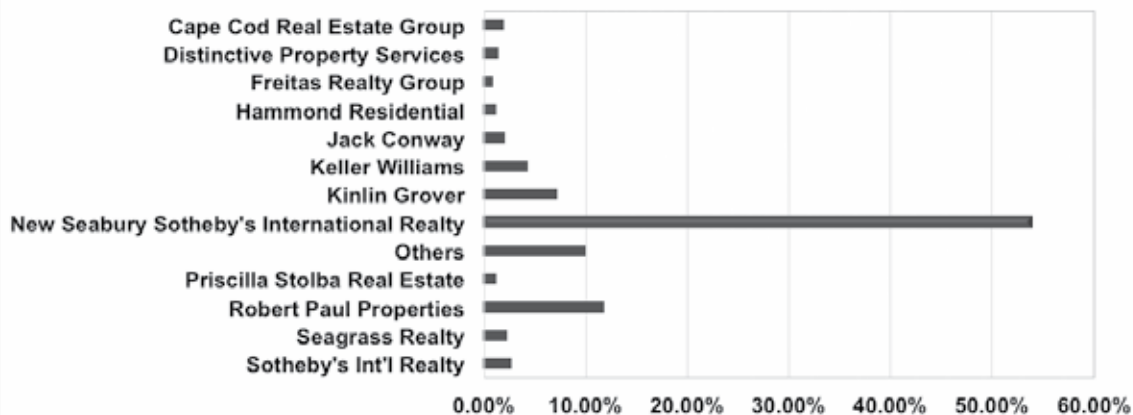
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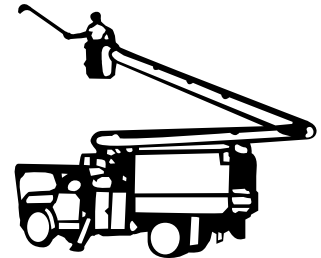
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# Save Popponesset Bay: Update

by Mike Oleksak

As we roll into 2016, we wish to thank our donors for helping Save Popponesset Bay (SPB) make significant progress towards protecting the Spit and maintaining the channels in and around the Bay. Faced with the crisis of the Spit judged “in critical condition” after devastating storms last winter, SPB’s financial supporters stepped up to restore the western half of the Spit, and we have begun to secure multi-year pledges towards our long term vision.



*The Popponesset Spit at high tide after the January 2016 storm.*

We are asking for contributions now to fund three critical winter projects including:

- substantial dredging in the outer channel scheduled for February - March, 2016 (\$55,000)
- building and extending the dunes on the most vulnerable eastern half of the Spit also scheduled for February – March 2016 (\$150,000)
- the balance of the coastal restoration grant for the Woods Hole Group study by June 2016 (\$80,000)

Last summer we invited you to be a part of our Save the Spit campaign with a goal of raising \$2 million over the next three years. Through the generosity of five families, and a record number of individual donations, we were grateful to receive our first leadership contributions and multi-year pledges totaling over \$600,000. SPB is an all-volunteer 501c3 and all funds go directly to preserving and improving the area we all love, our “happy place” as one contributor called it. We know that buttressing our investment now will be much less costly than repairs. Please donate today!

Our volunteer board successfully managed multiple projects to improve navigation while protecting our barrier beach and wildlife habitat. With the Town of Mashpee, we excavated more sand than ever before from the Channel to the Sound in April, 2015. We also created a new dune, planted beach grass and installed symbolic fencing to protect what was left of the Spit. Again, we teamed with the Town of Mashpee in October, 2015 to extract an additional 3,600 cubic yards of sand from the channel inside the Bay that runs parallel to the Spit. We have been able to use a combination of trucked sand and sand excavated from channels around Popponesset Bay to reinforce portions of the Spit in the short term, and build towards our longer term sustainability of the Spit. These are benefits we can all enjoy with our families next summer, while protecting our Bay, wildlife habitats and water quality!



## Please Consider Making a Tax-Deductible Contribution Today

Please won't you join our community today by making a contribution to Save Popponesset Bay? If a core group of SPB supporters does not step up to finance this project it will not get done, and our boating, our homes, our property values, our environment and wildlife will be threatened. From storm protection, to water quality, to recreational benefits, your tax-deductible donation goes directly to trucked sand, dredging, and overall enhancement of the Bay and Spit.

We are pleased with our progress to date and excited about the future! We hope you will make a meaningful pledge now to protect our investment. Thank you for your continuing support!



*The Popponesset Spit after the January snowstorm.*

Please contribute now by hitting donate on the [www.savepopponessetbay.org](http://www.savepopponessetbay.org) website or send a check to SPB, Box 920757, Needham, MA 02492.

SPB also gratefully accepts securities through our Fidelity account as well as corporate matching funds!



# *Women's Club* OF NEW SEABURY

by Carolyn Noble, President



*The 2015 Women's Club of New Seabury Autumn By-the-Sea Bazaar & Auction where fun was had by all and donations ran high..... all for a very good cause!*

On November 10th, we held the annual Women's Club of New Seabury Autumn By-the-Sea Bazaar & Auction. It was a record success in that over \$19,000 was raised. The Women's Club of New Seabury Charitable Trust is a 501(c) (3) charitable organization, so typically donations are tax deductible. One hundred percent of these proceeds will be distributed to pantries and shelters that provide food to area families and the Mashpee Scholarship Foundation Trust for a young woman pursuing an advanced degree. The event showcased months of hard work in preparation. Event Co-chairs Mary Jane Richardson and Pat Donohue expressed appreciation to all volunteers and committee members for their time, talent and donations. We are extremely grateful to our members and area merchants, restaurants and organizations that were part of this event. Their efforts and donations allow us to support local organizations that reach out to many families in our community. Thank you lists were published in both the Mashpee Enterprise and Falmouth Enterprise. In December, we made our donations to five charities: the Boys & Girls Club of Cape Cod, the Falmouth Service Center, St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, NOAH Center and the Mashpee Council on Aging. The funds to support the Mashpee Scholarship Foundation Trust are disbursed in May. Other donations are planned for next June.



As the clubhouse and our members are focused on other activities during January to April (including renovation, travel, and homes in other locales), the Board continues to meet to work on the schedule for 2016. This year our Program Committee headed by Nancy Noonan is working hard to include new events such as a Girls Night Out with drinks and tapas, gatherings with exciting authors and a May presentation on gardening. For April, we plan to publish the full 2016 schedule which includes the traditional favorites such as the Fashion Show in September and the annual Auction and Bazaar in November. Our first gathering for 2016 will be a luncheon at Bleu on Tuesday, April 12th. So mark your calendars and more information will follow.



You can find out more information on all of our activities and events as well as membership on our web site: [www.womensclubofnewseabury.com](http://www.womensclubofnewseabury.com)





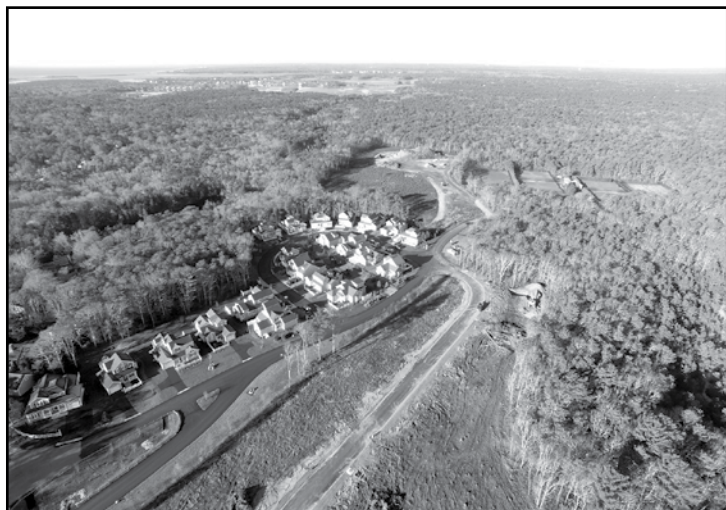


# Developer's Report

## Greetings from the Sales Cottage

by Mike Degnan

You may have been away during the last few months, but new development at New Seabury has continued to bring exciting additions to the resort. After a strong 2015 that saw numerous homeowners purchase newly constructed homes in New Seabury, 2016 looks to build on that momentum. Several families are awaiting the completion of their new home and a number of new prospects we anticipate to commit to our community shortly. We still have a number of completed homes in our three released neighborhoods and ready for summer occupancy, or one still has time to custom build for completion in 2016. But, the time to act is now to enjoy comfortable luxurious living in one of our stunning new homes.



*Arial View of The Cottages at New Seabury*



*Arial View of The Preserve at Flat Pond*

### Current offerings include...

The Cottages at New Seabury - Phase One is completed as of this writing. Twenty-one white picket fence cottages create images of a quaint New England village. New trees, flowering shrubs and privet fencing fashion a charming neighborhood that will only enhance this area as it matures. A few homes in this phase are still available for purchase. Additionally, homes have already been placed under agreement in Phase Two of the Cottages. Phase Two offers a number of private wooded locations and super access to the new fitness/pool complex. The new fitness center will break ground Spring 2016.

The Preserve at Flat Pond is nearing completion. The remaining seven lots are all under construction and seven newly constructed homes will be available by spring, 2016. This will complete New Seabury's sales efforts in Flat Pond. We will be recreating some of our popular home styles as well as introducing a few new designs. This beautiful gated neighborhood has become extremely popular with luxurious single family homes offering both wooded and ocean views.

Oceanfront Homes at Seaside is also offering newly completed homes. Our new gorgeous model home is completed and ready for viewing. Construction has begun on an Ocean Course 1st fairway home, and we also started construction on a new waterfront property. Seaside offers the most spectacular and unrivaled location within New Seabury. The deeded private beach, views and access to clubhouse are exceptional. Only three waterfront lots remain.

Call or stop in to learn more about these new opportunities! We are now open daily, but with our winter hours, 10-4. The Sales Cottage can be reached at 508-539-8200.

Remember, the time to act for a new home at New Seabury in 2016 is now!!

Patty, Heather, Kim, Tyler and Mike





# RECYCLING NEWS

by June Levy

The Waste Management Committee held their final meeting on December 14, 2015, and here are their recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. Some are followed by my opinion.

## Abbreviations:

**BOS**- Board of Selectman

**TS**- Transfer Station

**TBD**- to be determined

**DPW**- Department of Public Works

**Limit of 5 - 40-gal bags per trip** - (previously voted) - 5 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstention

This will not achieve any reduction in the amount of trash disposed of at the TS.

**Offer a low-income permit** (definition of low income and amount of discount TBD by BOS) - voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed

I'm not sure that a low-income permit is needed as the current permit fee is quite low compared with other Cape communities.

**Require recycling sticker** (fee, if any, TBD by BOS) - voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed

This would keep track of and monitor usage by those who only use the Transfer Station for recycling. There would be no fee unless or until the TS becomes an Enterprise Fund.

**Not implement PAYT at this time** - 6 in favor, 2 opposed

No surprises. The dissenters were Richard Elrick and DPW Director Catherine Laurent.

**TS become Enterprise Fund** - 3 in favor, 5 opposed

By establishing a single fund with working capital to finance the operation of solid waste disposal and recycling at the Transfer Station we start to harness in the costs and cap the amount of tax revenue expended.

The accounting process requires transparency that would provide full knowledge of the actual cost of services. With that knowledge the town can begin a more equitable assessment for those who do and do not use the Transfer Station.

**BOS look into Enterprise Fund in future** - 6 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention

**Continue offering education** - 8 in favor, 0 opposed

There were no ideas on what education should be provided beyond what we currently offer.

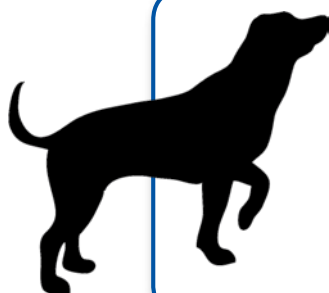
**Provide better signage** at TS - 8 in favor, 0 opposed

The discussion centered on providing signs with a larger font. This might be more visually appealing, but unlikely to bring any changes in behavior.

**According to Catherine Laurent, DPW Director**

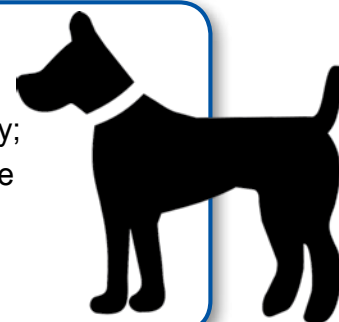
*"This was the last meeting (thankfully!). The recommendations will be forwarded to the BOS sometime in January. The WM Committee was very pleased with themselves for their work."*

**Addendum:** The Recycling Committee met with Town Manager Rodney Collins on October 28, 2016 to discuss the future, if any, of the Committee. At that time he urged us not to disband. We agreed to continue to serve, although our mission going forward is unclear.



## Please be considerate...

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# LIGHTS!

# CAMERA!

# ACTION!



by Mike and MJ Richardson

That's exactly what you'll find at Mashpee TV (or MTV) tucked away here on 168 Industrial Drive, and William Nay is ready for the challenges that await him as the new General Manager. In the business at The Media Center in Shrewsbury for 22 years, he is already responsible for four public access channels in Mashpee: 18- Government; 22- Education; 98- regional; 99 -local, and he has some interesting ideas for 2016.

Bill is attuned to people and their stories. He'd like to open up the studio to Mashpee-ites and allow them to create their own tale. Here's the idea: the resident could come to the studio and talk about themselves - who they are, why they came to the Cape, what is their passion, their history, maybe they've done something spectacular about which no one knows. Each story reveals a more intimate, more human side of the person and allows us all to get to know our neighbor better. Apparently, this type of broadcast, *Story Corp.*, has been done in many major cities and some stories make to the National Archives. Well, the National Archives may be a bit down the line, but it is a great beginning for tales yet untold. In Woods Hole, a program, titled *Moth*, is very similar. Based on Mashpee's history, Bill bets there are some very interesting and extraordinary stories to be told. Might you be one of those who has something we all would love to hear?

MTV employs two full-timers and one part-timer, one of whom dedicates 90% of his time to our schools. Filmed currently are town meetings, town committee meetings, special town events, including the Mashpee Christmas Parade, sports events, school plays and concerts. The station encourages local businesses, organizations and clubs to join Mashpee TV, and once a member, the group is entitled to training, production equipment, facilities and channel time. Members of the Wampanoag Tribe are participating in educational sessions using the studio's equipment for tribal programming.

Some readers may be familiar with some shows such as *Something About Mashpee*, a program that is all about



*Bill Nay, General Manager of Mashpee TV, has exciting plans at the station for 2016.*

Mashpee for Mashpee. This program started a few years back by then-Selectmen Wayne Taylor and Mike Richardson, and, though it has been put on hold for awhile, it is continuing with new ideas on the horizon. The Mashpee Men's Club films all of their meetings, and the programs are shown every night at 5pm. If your club has an interest in learning to film special programs, contact Mashpee TV; it's a great way to keep your members involved, make meetings available to those unable to attend and, who knows? The experience of holding the camera could open the door to new opportunities.

Even our kids are involved with filming as a small studio has been installed at the Cape Cod Children's Museum. It's fun to watch them dance in front of the green screen and when they go to the watch their show, they are magically dancing with Sponge Bob Square Pants! What a great learning experience!

Don't wait, as the opportunity for involvement is presently available. Mashpeetv.com invites you to "be part of the show- if you have something to share, an event to document, or want to learn how television works, join us at Mashpee TV". Once things start to move, it's going to be very busy. Our own Bob Cobuzzi of Greensward is on the MTV Board, so give him a call and ask some questions about how to get involved. In addition, you can go straight to Bill Nay... he's ready, willing and standing by the phones. We just know there are some rising stars out there!

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*OF NOTE: Local artists display their works at the Mashpee TV lobby where Art Shows and Receptions are held regularly. The artwork is available for purchase and a percentage of purchase price is donated to Mashpee TV as a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. If you're interested in displaying your artwork, call Bill Nay at the station at 774-228-2353. MTV is on Facebook.*



# HAPPY MAEWYN SUCCAT'S DAY

## SAY WHAT?

by Tim McMaster

Who knew? Way back in the day – circa 386 A.D., roughly sixteen centuries ago – the Succats were celebrating the birth of a baby boy they named Maewyn. He was born in Britain, then part of the Roman Empire – possibly Scotland or Wales, but definitely not Ireland. Maewyn had an upper middle class childhood, since his dad, Calphurnius, was a deacon from a Roman family of high social standing, and his mom, Conchessa, was a close relative of the great patron St. Martin of Tours. Despite his parents' leanings, Maewyn was raised as a Roman citizen and nominal Christian, destined for a privileged life of nobility. Neither religion nor education were high on his list. Then, one fateful day his aristocratic life was turned upside down. He was about sixteen, just playing in his villa when a band of Irish pirates captured him and took him as a slave to Ireland.

He spent the next six years in captivity, tending to sheep. Sixteen centuries later, millions of people around the world celebrate on the day of his death, March 17, to keep alive the extraordinary life of Maewyn Succat, who fortunately for all of us later took the name of Patrick. "Thanks be to God." Following is a brief summary of how Maewyn, then Patrick, became Saint Patrick, revered as the patron saint of Ireland.

Maewyn had never thought much about religion until his days in captivity. His master in slavery was a high priest of Druidism, a Pagan sect that held major influence over Ireland at the time. He came to view enslavement as God's test of his faith, and became deeply devoted to Christianity through constant prayer. In a vision, he saw children of pagan Ireland reaching out their hands to him, and grew increasingly determined to convert the Irish to Christianity, but one night he had a vision which led to his conversion. After returning home, he studied at a seminary in what is now France, became a priest, and returned to northern and western Ireland. He eventually became the first bishop of Armagh, primate of Ireland. In his autobiography, *Confessio*, also known as *The Confession of St. Patrick*, he said that he baptized thousands. He also started many monasteries and helped spread Christianity across Ireland. He died on March 17, 461 in Saul, Ireland. By the seventh century, he was credited as the patron saint of Ireland.

Now to the fun part. As early as 1737, Irish immigrants to Boston celebrated March 17, the day of St. Patrick's death, as a way of keeping alive their Irish heritage in America. Parades started in 1766 and U.S. celebrations spread to big cities across the country, often being more festive than observances in Ireland, where it's a holy day. Actually, it didn't become a public holiday in Ireland until 1904, even though it had been observed with churchgoing and parades since the 1700s. Hard to believe that the pubs in Ireland



were closed until the 1960s when they discovered that their American counterparts were partying hearty. They've been busy catching up, "Thank Guinness."

As for the U.S.A., Mike Cronin, author of *The Wearing of the Green: A History of St. Patrick's Day*, and also a professor at Boston College, wrote: "Generations of Irish immigrants were eager to celebrate their origins, and the shared sense of being Irish, of wearing green and in some way marking March 17, has resulted in St. Patrick's Day being observed in a similar fashion to July Fourth and Halloween. It's the closest thing in America to National Immigrant Day."

If you're ready to participate – and you don't have to be Irish – National Geographic has the following top five destinations:

1. **New York City** – more than two million parade spectators. First staged in 1762 by homesick Irishmen serving in the British Army.

2. **Boston** – in the nation's most Irish state (nearly a quarter of Massachusetts residents claim Irish ancestry) South Boston is St. Patrick's Day Central. Since 1901, "Southie" has hosted the city's parade of thousands of marchers and revelers.

3. **Chicago** – parade day begins with the EPA-approved dye coloring the downtown Chicago River the perfect Kelly green, following with bagpipers, horses and high-stepping colleens.

4. **Savannah** – Georgia's first city has been hosting a parade since 1913 with a historic three-hour rolling street party.

5. **Montserrat, West Indies** - check for yourself if you go!

Their six through ten are Montreal; Dublin (weeklong festival); Birmingham, England; Cabo Roig, Spain; and Auckland, New Zealand.

Finally, wherever you choose to celebrate, please raise a glass to Maewyn Succat, aka St. Paddy, without whom there'd be countless fewer bars and taverns. And that's no Blarney!





# of note...

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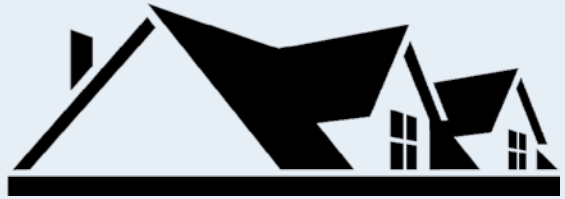
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## HAPPY TRAILS!

At the Peninsula Council 2015 Annual Meeting, homeowners made recommendations for two additional walking paths. The Peninsula Council has completed the path at Wading Place Road from the Bright Coves entrance to Popponesset. And, plans are in the works for the continuation of the path from Poppy Place to the Cabana Club. This path is the result of the Peninsula Council and the Club at New Seabury working together to put safety first.



# Welcome New Homeowners!



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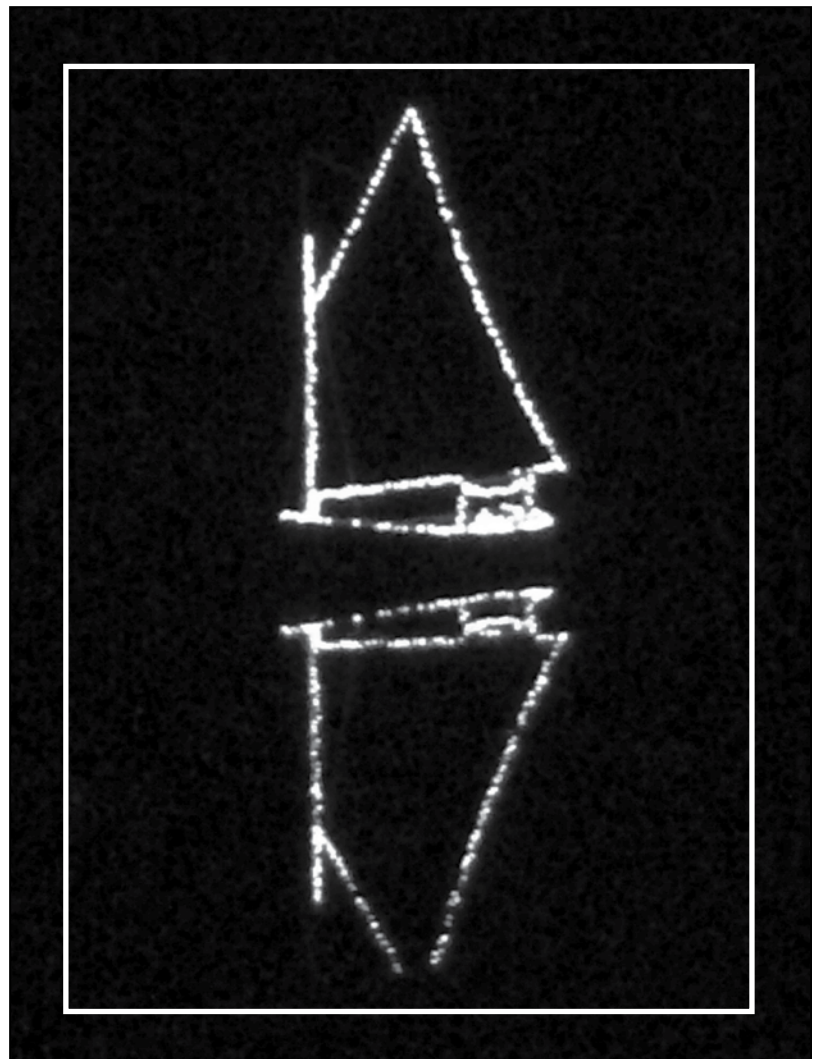
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Bright Coves: The Bright Coves Boat Lighting is an annual tradition.





# news you can use

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- ~ **SANDALWOOD**
- ~ **SUMMERSEA**

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# COUNTRY CLUB HAPPENINGS

by Matt Gelly  
Director of Food and Beverage  
The Club at New Seabury  
mgelly@newseabury.com



*A gingerbread replica of The Club at New Seabury - complete with snow.*

***Happy Winter Everyone!***  
***We're halfway through it!!***

Soon we will be amongst our friends again at the Country Club while preparing to reopen the Popponesset Inn and the Lure Raw Bar for the 2016 season.

New Year's Eve was again a huge success at both the Club and the Poppy. Since both celebrations were received so well last year, we decided to build on them and make the experiences even better. This time the Club hosted a formal and very private five-course dinner featuring Swordfish and Filet Mignon. We danced the night away drinking complimentary champagne while ringing in the new year. The Popponesset Inn was re-opened to host more of an informal celebration under the tent with many food stations, including a Raw Bar with Lobster and Beef Tenderloin stations. The Poppy Inn tent was jam-packed with people counting down the new year on the dance floor. It was truly a wonderful evening, and I'm already looking forward to building on this foundation while making the appropriate improvements for next New Year's Eve.

On January 16th, the Popponesset Inn opened its doors one last time for our first Awesome Chili Challenge benefiting two wonderful causes, The Boys & Girls Club of Cape Cod and the Cape Cod Children's Museum. We had more than 250 people join us to taste 23 different chili entries donated by many neighboring restaurants and local amateurs. There were raffles, giveaways, two bands, a DJ, and, of course, complimentary chili dogs. The Chili Challenge went so well we anticipate this to become a large annual event every January.

Spring will be right around the corner, and I would like you to keep some very special dates in mind.

I am now taking reservations for our annual Easter Grand Buffet held on Sunday March 27th at the Country Club Ballroom. On Friday April 1st, the Country Club Dining Room will formally reopen its doors for lunch and dinner. Keep your eye out for new additions and improvements to our menu. Later that month, we welcome back our friends as we reopen the Popponesset Inn on April 29th for dinners only on Friday through Sunday evenings. On May 27th, the Lure Raw Bar will start the season off Friday through Sunday nights serving the coldest libations and the best Lobster Rolls while taking in the most breathtaking views of Nantucket Sound!

We look forward to your return and wish you, your family and friends a happy, healthy and prosperous 2016!

***Areas at the Popponesset Inn have been cleared to allow for additional parking. Another substantial improvement by The Club at New Seabury.***

## ***Doing work on your home?***

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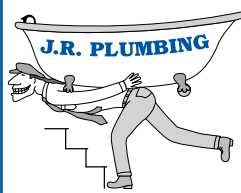
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