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The January blizzard of 2015 found New Seabury buried in almost two feet of snow. The next day was sunny with not a cloud in the sky, and it offered the ideal opportunity to shovel out and meet neighbors while traveling through our Villages.

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To provide for the maintenance, preservation and enhancement of New Seabury's environmental setting and promote the safety and welfare of the homeowner's investments.



Save Popponesset Bay and The Spit



The bay side of some of the dunes has been destroyed.

by Steven Bell

This is being written after one of the largest winter storms in years. There probably are over twenty inches of snow in New Seabury area driveways. With hurricane force winds, this storm created havoc with our

natural barrier beach island, known as "The Spit".

The Spit, which is the Popponesset Spit, is a natural wildlife preserve and barrier beach protecting much of New Seabury's waterfront, Mashpee's watershed, and other land throughout Mashpee and Cotuit. Popponesset Bay is critically dependent on the Spit to maintain a healthy bay ecosystem, a navigable channel, improved water quality, and to act as a shield against the ocean for the area.

The integrity of the Spit is in fact akin to the integrity of Popponesset Bay. Without the Spit, boating channels will possibly be unusable. Homes would be flooded. And, the value of properties in New Seabury could drop.

Many homeowners will remember, or would have heard stories about, the New Seabury beach club that used to be right on this beautiful area. At one time, cars even drove over it. But the ravage of storms has ended that.

For years the Spit has struggled to just remain as a barrier beach. Since 1987, a group of unpaid, diligent volunteers aptly named Save Popponesset Bay, Inc. (SPB), has undertaken the work of trying to maintain the Spit and keep the waters of Popponesset Bay navigable. The majority of the Spit has been deeded from the current New Seabury Corporation to this hard working group, and it has existed up to now by donations to its 501 (c) 3 charity.

In 2014, the all-volunteer group set out to develop a long-term strategy. They realized that the existence of this beautiful vital strip of land requires more than the short-term fixings that they have been accomplishing since inception. Even though there has been a yearly dredging effort spearheaded and financed by SPB with the sand from the dredging placed onto the Spit; even though plantings, cleanup, and signage have been added over the years; even though all this work was being done with the cooperation of the Mass Audubon Society, which owns the eastern portion of the Spit; even though results are obvious, as the beach and dunes are becoming more beautiful each year; and, even though boating has become better and has increased dramatically each year, SPB realized without instituting a true long-term rebuilding plan, results from storms like this blizzard are going to be experienced every time.

After researching various ideas and programs that would help, in the spring of 2014, SPB hired the Woods Hole Group (WHG), an international environmental, scientific, and engineering consulting organization headquartered in Falmouth, Massachusetts. By July, the WHG had done extensive research, and had evaluated a series of alternatives for a plan to rebuild the Spit. This was explained to many of the supporters of SPB at their primary fund raising annual event held at the Popponesset Inn in July 2014.



The excitement and the momentum are building for this endeavor! SPB applied for and was awarded by the Massachusetts office of Coastal Zone Management a grant of \$194,000. The grant is specifically for the evaluation, design, and permitting of a beach nourishment and dune restoration strategy. SPB needs to raise an additional \$85,000 in matching donations as part of the grant's ruling. The Town of Mashpee's Board of Selectmen, The Mass Audubon Society, and our state legislative representatives aided the application for the grant. The funds were awarded as part of a \$1.5 million program to improve coastlines statewide.

The efforts of Save Popponesset Bay have been a starting point to the preservation of the Spit. However, with regard to this great blizzard of January 27, 2015, damage has been done. So, even with the several years of dredging, pumping sand, building sand dunes and adding vegetation, there is a critical need for immediate action. Right now, walking the complete beach is not possible at high tide as the area on the bay side of the dune across from Popponesset Island has been destroyed.

The storm was as severe as forecasted. The work of SPB has reduced the damage of what could have been the destruction of the Spit. But, there is still a critical need for over \$250,000 worth of sand to be immediately trucked in, as the Nantucket Bay side of some of the dunes was nearly obliterated. This needed funding is the beginning of the program and has already been included in the long-range plan's budget to rebuild this magnificent area of our neighborhood.

"There are a number of reasons why we want to rebuild the Spit. Certainly the protection of real estate from these storm surges and waves are critical. Also, we've got various navigation channels, so we're looking to maintain those," said Save Popponesset Bay's John Malloy Jr.

Primary funding needs to come from tax-deductible donations. Also, the organization plans on applying for a series of grants.

He adds, "We are critically dependent on the Spit to maintain a healthy bay ecosystem, navigable channels, improved water quality and to act as a shield against the ocean for hundreds of homes," notes Malloy, who spearheaded the effort to secure the grant. "The Spit is a treasured wildlife preserve that is home to several species of endangered coastal water birds that our partners at Mass. Audubon have worked diligently to protect. We will be working very closely with Mass. Audubon to ensure threatened species such as piping plovers and roseate terns have a long-term habitat on the Spit."

SPB is asking all of New Seabury homeowners to join with others from the surrounding area that love nature, boating, and the beach, to contribute now to this endeavor. Visit the website **www.savepopponessetbay.org** to donate, learn about, and join the efforts to make this vision a success.

President's Report

by Joe Fisher

I hope that you and your family had a happy holiday season. Speaking of the holidays, I'd like to thank Tom Caston, Cathy Power and their helpers for the fine job they did in decorating our community. We finished 2014 in good financial shape being on budget and increasing our reserves. Please take a minute to read Jane Goubeaux's Treasurer's Report for further details.



Looking ahead, the budget for 2015 is finished, and it will be presented for approval at the February Board of Directors meeting. Included in the Budget is the provision to re-pave two roads in our community. Final approval will be reviewed at the May Special Maintenance Committee meeting and the Board of Directors meeting. Also included in the Budget is a project to replace all of our street signs. Over the years, our signs have become weathered and are not always easy to read, especially at night. The new signs, while similar in size, will have slightly larger letters and their construction will make the street names more legible.

Wherever you are, here, off-Cape or in the South this winter, Mike Richardson and his staff will be working to make sure that our roads are open throughout the winter and will be busy preparing for spring.

Most of our homeowners have paid their 2015 dues. If you're one of the minority who hasn't paid, please take a minute to send your dues check so that we have the funds that are needed for spring and summer expenses.



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by Jane Goubeaux

Once again, we can report that the Council and the Villages had a good year. The Council – defined as Special Maintenance, which takes care of all non-Village common areas and roads, and Membership, which covers the administration of the association – and all Villages recorded excess revenue over expenses for the year. Through close attention to past due fees, the Council collected 97% of its budgeted fees. The Villages, in the aggregate, recorded an even better rate, 101%, having also collected some overdue 2013 fees in 2014.

These positive results have provided additions to the Council's and the Villages' reserves. These reserves need to be sufficient to cover major improvements and repairs, to handle contingencies, and to absorb operating deficits in both the short and longer terms. Having determined that its reserves were growing at too slow a pace to be sufficient to cover annual operations <u>and</u> build its reserves for longer term needs, Fells Pond increased its maintenance fee for this year. The other Villages and the Council held their 2015 fees at 2014 levels.

The Council's and the Villages' 2015 budgets include recognition of their prompt fee payers and aggressive pursuit of the few who are habitually delinquent. On the expense side, their budgets address routine maintenance as well as improvements to enhance their respective common areas.

If the 2015 budgets are a true financial forecast for the year, we will be able to report another "good year" next February. So here's to making that happen while enjoying another wonderful year in New Seabury!

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Executive Director's Report

by Mike Richardson

Well here it is, Super Bowl Sunday and our Patriots are in the big game. It's sunny and bright outside, and the expectation is that it's going to be a beautiful day in Arizona as well. So, should I write my article this morning, or wait until after the game? Do I lead with my chin, or wait until Rocky wins yet another fight, leaving the ring yelling "Adrian, Adrian!!!!!" Those of you who know me understand my eternal optimism, so I am going to go with my emotion, and congratulate the Patriots. (I hope I am not a picture of Dewey winning the election).

We got whacked with a major storm a week ago after a very quiet winter so far. Now we have a Nor 'Easter coming in tonight. I want to get this done before we, gulp, potentially lose electricity. I am not sure that NStar is prepared for back to back big storms. Oh well, we'll see what happens.

On a very bright side, we made it through another good year in New Seabury. It was a year of change, both at New Seabury Properties, and the Peninsula Council. New employees at the Country Club, new development in Section 5, new employees at the Peninsula Council along with a new system to improve quality, so it's been a year of change for sure. Collections are still very high. I see we are at the very top end of numbers when comparing to other communities, and we have had a good year digging into our back log of delinquents further improving our results.

Additionally, our vendors who are very comfortable here in New Seabury continue to do a good job keeping us looking good. They know what we want and they know how to do

it. Add our fountain at Frogs Leap Pond, and it just keeps getting better and better. We have a handful of new homes going up replacing a smaller, previous house or filling in a previously vacant lot. It's a strange look since upon initial view,



it appears that they are all enormous. Once in and landscaped, they will look beautiful, so like all previous construction, time is an important consideration. We are working with all builders who are doing a great job with compliance.

I would be remiss if I didn't add a comment about Frankie Drew. She has decided to do something different, and we are losing a ten-year contributor to our wellbeing. It won't be easy to replace Frankie, but we wish her the best! We hope to have a new face on board shortly as we have several qualified, interested parties.

The Peninsula Council wants to wish everyone a great 2015. Thank you to all those who contribute as volunteers, and thank you to all those residents who believe in what we do and contribute to the bottom line as part of that belief by paying fees quickly and responsibly. I remain ashamed of the others - those so called "takers"- who just don't seem to care enough to be good neighbors. We can't let them take us down as it's our community. So, to end on a positive note, enjoy the winter season wherever you may be. If you're away, those of us here in New Seabury will watch the store for va!

Special Maintenance Report

by Tom Caston

The Special Maintenance Committee met in January with Mike Richardson and Joe Fisher to reconcile 2014 expenses and review the proposed budget for 2015. We are pleased to report that the committee ended 2014 with a cash balance of \$59,500.00 as well as \$346,500.00 in road reserves. The 2014 fee collection rate was 96.6%, roughly the same rate as recorded for 2013. This year, we are hopeful that the collection rate will increase closer to 100%.

The planned budget for 2015 will include funds for road paving in addition to the routine maintenance and improvements made as necessary. It is paramount that we anticipate, address and fulfill basic projects to keep our community safe and scenic.

We are pleased to report that the oxygen level at Frogs Leap Pond has risen to 10.0. You may remember that the

last level taken in November 2014 stated an oxygen level of 2.0. This increased level is a result of six months that the fountain and bubbler system has been operating. We turned off the system for the winter months and will restart in



April. At that time, we will begin considering stocking the pond with fish. Discussions on the schedule of introducing fish, and which species to include will be held within the committee meetings as well as outreach to specialists for guidance.

Spring is only a couple of turns of the calendar away. Keep the faith that we will be spared from a lingering winter.

ARC Report

by Frankie Drew

In my ten years that I worked for the ARC I have worked with great people, met great contractors, had an ARC angel (Tim McMaster) with whom I loved working. But, most of all it is you, the homeowners, that I ultimately worked for and enjoyed so much. It is you I will miss most of all. Some of you became friends, and I will always treasure those friendships.

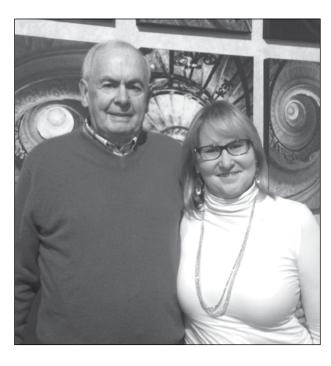
Please say "Hi" when you see me around town.

Best wishes to you all,

Frankie



Farewell and Best Wishes to Frankie!











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Village Reports

Bright Coves

Eric Peterson Email:hansonpeterson@aol.com

As I write this, New England is being hammered by Winter Storm Juno. We are experiencing 70 mph winds on the Cape and loads of blowing and drifting snow. We had a substantial storm surge last night, and I know that our entire community is holding their breath hoping the Spit isn't being devastated once again. Save Popponesset Bay is leading the way on the biggest Spit rebuilding project ever, set to kick off this spring. SPB recently applied for and won a grant that will help fund this effort. Please check out savepopponessetbay.org and get involved!



Bright Coves will be getting new street signs throughout this spring. Thanks to Bright Coves Committee member Pat Bell for all of her hard work on this.

I wish you all a safe and happy winter. It seems far away right now, but summer will be here before we know it.



Fells Dond

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As I am writing this report, we are snowed in and enjoying (ha ha) the first 2015 blizzard. So far, we still have power, food and a supply of fire wood. We have no complaints after a mild December and most of January. The pond was well frozen for a few people to enjoy skating and ice fishing.

Again, as in previous years, we did quite a bit of tree pruning and removal of dead trees. We call it preventive medicine. Storm drains have been cleaned as well, so the village is in good shape.

Our plans to resurface the Fells Pond roads are going forward. We are still price shopping. In order to pay for this costly venture, we are counting on all of our residents to be prompt in paying their 2015 dues. We cannot do this without 100% cooperation. We do our best to make this one of the loveliest villages in New Seabury.

Stay well! See you in the spring!



The Trigg family enjoys a day of skating on Fells Pond.



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Notwithstanding a fierce January with gale force winds and deep snow, here in Greensward there are five new homes under construction

(not including the 'Cottages') each of which will likely be finished by the time we see the daffodils. Otherwise, our Village has been quiet; almost serene. I'm in Florida, and will return when I am confident the daffodils have also returned. Stay warm!

HIGH WOOD

Patrick McKeown

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Winter was kind to us until the end of January. As I pen this article, we are on the verge of a major snow storm with strong, damaging winds. Hopefully, we will survive without too much destruction.

Financially, 2014 was a respectable year. We increased our fees by \$100 last year, thereby adding an additional \$16,000 to our reserve fund. Expenses were approximately \$700 over budget last year. This excess expenditure was in the landscaping area of our budget. We trimmed and removed some dead trees in the community in late fall to facilitate guidelines set out by the

Mashpee DPW. We received 99% of our budgeted annual fees. Let's strive for 100% participation this year. Fees were mailed in early January this year. Prompt payment allows us to plan our year more effectively.

We would like to remind all our residents that our yearly brush pickup is in late May. This winter storm will certainly create plenty of debris. Other than this brush pickup, the homeowner is responsible for disposing of their debris. Please do not leave your brush curbside all winter.

We remind boat owners that the storage of boats is permitted, provided they are stored out of sight at the rear of the property.

We look forward to seeing you in the spring.

The Mews

by Pat Donohue Email:pattydonohue@hotmail.com

Not much to report so far- just hunkering down by the fireplace to keep warm and dreaming of lovely summer days to come.

We had our January Peninsula Council Meeting on the 17th, and the budgets for 2015 were discussed. The Mews is in good shape having completed two major projects last year, including landscaping Brassie Path and Niblick Way, and pruning or removing diseased or overgrown trees

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!

throughout the Mews. Money has already been set aside for the chip-sealing of our roads in the spring.

This is the time that the committee asks all Mews residents to pay their dues in a timely fashion, so we can continue to maintain and improve the appearance of the Mews as needed.

Thank you to the residents who have emailed their addresses, cell phone numbers and emails. This will help the committee to compile a list of all residents. Email me at: pattydonohue@hotmail.com

Welcome our new residents, the Shapiros, to 51 Brassie Way.

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MEN'S SOCIAL CLUB **AT NEW SEABURY**

by Joe Fisher

The Men's Club Planning Committee has been busy selecting and scheduling events for 2015. Our first event will be a "Welcome Back" in May. It's a good opportunity to reconnect and meet new friends. In addition, we are planning Golf Outings, Speaker Series Luncheons, a day at the Paw Sox, an evening at the Cotuit Center for the Arts, and a few new events.

If you'd like to join or just have some questions, you can contact Mike Richardson at 508-539-0028 or Joe Fisher at 315-317-6595.



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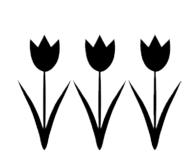
opefully, any animals residing on our beautiful Popponesset Island saw their shadow in the last few days, and spring is only six weeks away. The great blizzard of January 2015 really gave us enough snow to last the winter.

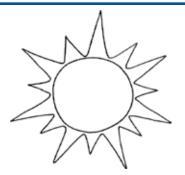
The biggest news is that the Peninsula Council is now looking after both sides of the street. We have had great cooperation on this by most of the residents on the Popponesset Bay side.

Of course, the homes on the Poppy Creek side were already using their services. Hopefully, the few that haven't recognized the advantage of the program will soon be aboard. Since the Peninsula Council is now handling any issues with our common areas, they can be reached during their business hours at 508-539-0028. Kim usually answers the phone, and she and Mike get things done. They also can help if you need any recommendations for work done on your property.

As for the storm, Popponesset Island seems to have weathered it very well. Most homeowners had cleaned up their yards before the end of the season, and that was great. The bridge was repainted, so that is looking good. Plus, our affiliation with the Peninsula Council assured us that all the overhanging limbs were trimmed, and thus the plowing was really excellent. The only visible damage was to a couple of mailboxes that did not make it through the plowed snow and the snow drifts.

The Spit is another story. With the hurricane force winds of the blizzard, a tremendous amount of damage was done. If it weren't for the efforts of Save Popponesset Bay, some of us might have been facing serious wave damage. The group's efforts over the last few years showed by the way the dunes were hammered, but not destroyed. Save Popponesset Bay has a strong course of action in place for repairing the damage, and to rebuild it back into a much better barrier beach. It is suggested that we should look at the website www.savepopponessetbay.org to learn more. It is certainly something we as homeowners should donate to, as their work protects The Spit, the channels, and our homes.









Four Season Checklist for 2014 thru 2015

- ☐ Spring Clean-up
- ☐ Edging of Beds
- ☐ Opening of Irrigation System
- ☐ Fertilization
- □ Plantings

- ☐ Mowing
- ☐ Annual/Perennial Plantings
- □ Mulching
- ☐ Seasonal Furniture Set-up
- ☐ Pruning/Hedging
- ☐ Fall Clean-up
- ☐ Storing of Seasonal Furniture
- ☐ Cleaning of Gutters
- ☐ Winterization of Irrigation System
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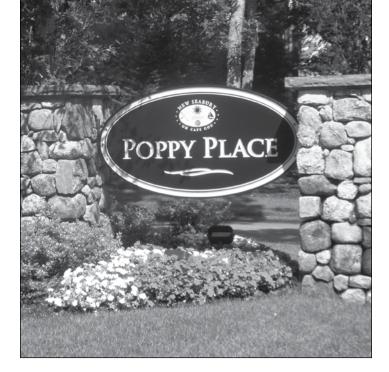
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poppy Place is hunkering down for the winter months, and Mother Not months, and Mother Nature has been relentless since the beginning of the New Year. No sounds of chirping birds, the geese have already flown south, and construction vehicles who have still not figured out the speed tables are everywhere. The conflicting music from the Poppy and Marketplace has stopped temporarily, but, it is still a fond memory. All of the beauty and serenity at Poppy Place has been replaced by feet of snow, enormous drifts, thick ice mounds, ice-cold bone chilling temperatures, and hurricane force winds...not once mind you, but, most likely twice, this winter as I write this article and wait for the next onslaught.

In the last Peninsula Reporter, I reported that the fall colors were magnificent and brilliant, and the weather continued to be outstanding since May. I wished this stroke of good luck would continue into a mild and tolerable winter...How wrong did that prediction know the odds were most likely against us?

The good news is that spring is right around the corner, or, should I say, the snow banks!!

The statements for your Homeowners Association Dues have already been mailed and delivered to the Poppy Place owners. Our Board of Directors worked diligently to maintain our costs for fiscal year 2015 while more than adequately funding every operating expense item. The Board with the assistance of the Peninsula Council analyzed the services required for Poppy Place, evaluated the past performance of suppliers within every category, supplied bidders our statements of work, and selected existing and new suppliers for the coming year. The decision criteria was based on the quality of the service supplier proposals, their work experience, a clear understanding of our current and future needs, and the overall costs



presented in every bid submission. We look forward to a "trouble-free" year.

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.

I would be remiss in this issue of The Reporter if I did not attempt to raise the awareness of our readers regarding the unsafe, icy and lightly chemically treated (if at all) roadways during this unusual winter being experienced in New Seabury. Walking paths are buried with snow, so there is no choice but to walk in the roadway, which is slippery and very dangerous. Obey traffic rules, anticipate, and give yourself plenty of time to really stop at stop signs, and drive slowly and defensively under these horrible conditions. Taking your time may prevent you from modifying your own vehicle or someone else's. This is a quiet resort community, so let's not experience any devastating tragedies.

Happy and Healthy New Year to All.

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

REMEMBER, YOU DO NOT NEED A TRANSFER STATION PERMIT TO RECYCLE.

You do need proof of Mashpee residency. If you are seasonal and your license reflects your other address, you may use an electric, gas, or water bill as proof of residency. Also, you can stop by town hall to pick up a paid copy of your real estate tax bill to prove residency.



"The SNOW had begun in the glooming, and busily all the night had been heaping field and highway with a silence deep and white."

Marshall McStay
Email: mmcstay@verizon.net

The First Snow-Fall - James Russell Lowell

As I sit here in my warm office listening to the cold wind roaring outside and trying to see through the snow covered windows, Sandalwood lies in "a silence deep and white" in the blizzard of 2015. And so it has been so far this winter; Sandalwood has been a very quiet place with not much to report.

I can report that we have continued to pursue property owners that are chronically delinquent (over two years) in the payment of their maintenance fees and Road and Drain assessments. We started with seven such delinquents. To date, four have settled their debt in full with interest and one, regrettably, declared bankruptcy making it impossible to collect. We will file a complaint against the remaining two in the next several weeks.

The Board of Directors is concerned that these property owners were allowed to be delinquent as long as they were and is considering a policy whereby anyone delinquent for more than one year be given an opportunity to pay any delinquent fees and assessments immediately or work out a payment plan with the Treasurer or we will seek a court judgment against them. So far, as of January 1, 2015, we have five new delinquents that are one year behind.

On another note, I would like to remind property owners who rent out their property that they remain



Tom Staruch of Quality Tree helps clear out Sandalwood after the blizzard.

responsible to comply with the rules of Sandalwood, New Seabury and the Town of Mashpee. This relates to rubbish disposal, street parking and loud gatherings after 10:00 PM, the latter being a Mashpee Police Department issue. Please let your tenants know the rules.

I hope by the time you read this, everyone is shoveled out and looking forward to spring and summer.

SUMMERSEA

Larry Rand

Email: lirmdusa@aol.com

ello from sunny Florida! Now you all know that I love Summersea Road as much as the next guy. But, after 24 inches of solid snow with six foot drifts, and the threat of another foot or more to come, I had enough. I needed a weekend away to unfreeze my arteries and get a little color back. Fortunately, they did a pretty good job of plowing (except for the eyebrows) and that last foot never came. I am told by Sal DiBuono that things are okay for now.

Looking forward to spring and seeing you all along the snowless streets of Summersea Road.

Did Juno?

Mashpee Mileage and Equipment

- 463 roads (55% private)
- 3-6 wheel dump trucks/sanders
- 4-1/2 dump truck/sanders
- 10-1 ton pickup trucks
- 1-Loader,1 Backhoe,2 Skid steers
- 11-3/4-1 ½ ton pickups-contractors
- 6 wheel truck, 3 contractor vehicles broke down

Storm Juno hits Mashpee

- 30 inches of snow, 70 mph wind gusts
- travel ban, second largest storm in the last century
- snowed Monday-Tuesday (10pm-blizzard conditions)
- 21 plow trucks each have 4-5 mile route
- 28 hours straight work time
- 900 tons sand/salt on roads
- 150 tons salt on main roads

So now Juno the rest of the story...and Juno what?

There's more to come!

TRITON SOUND

George List Email:gblist@comcast.net

A Happy and Healthy New Year to all and we hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

he first six weeks of winter started out well here on Triton Sound unlike last year when we had two blizzards right away. Then along came Juno; for over a week, we have had poor conditions with snow and cold. Hoping for it to end soon, so we can get back to cool, clear days and nights.

For the first time in a few years, there is not any major construction going on in the village. We will be taking a look at the viewing area and steps on Triton Way to see what their condition is in the event that repairs are needed at our ocean overlook. The next time they do striping on New Seabury roads we will be putting in a crosswalk at the club end of the Shore Drive West walking path for safer crossing at the corner.

A hearty round of good wishes and a thank you go to Frankie Drew, our ARC Manager, who has moved on to new endeavors. We hope that everyone enjoys the rest of the winter and spring, and I look forward to seeing all of you later in 2015.

Please contact me with any ideas or issues that you may have.



Two old friends sharing a morning cup.



Birds together after the snowfall.

Vineyard Reach

by Connie Strait email: ISeeStrait2@gmail.com

'ineyard Reach homeowners have been enjoying a lovely winter here in New Seabury. We have seen all of our winter plantings from our extensive landscaping project come to life. The winterberry shrubs along with many new holly bushes accent many of our beautiful evergreen trees.

We are all appreciative of our Board of Directors stepping up to guide us through 2015 and our on-



A winter scene taken from Vineyard Reach.

going projects. Much thanks to Steve Kaufman, Harry Witt and Herb Boehm for their time and attention to helping lead Vineyard Reach.



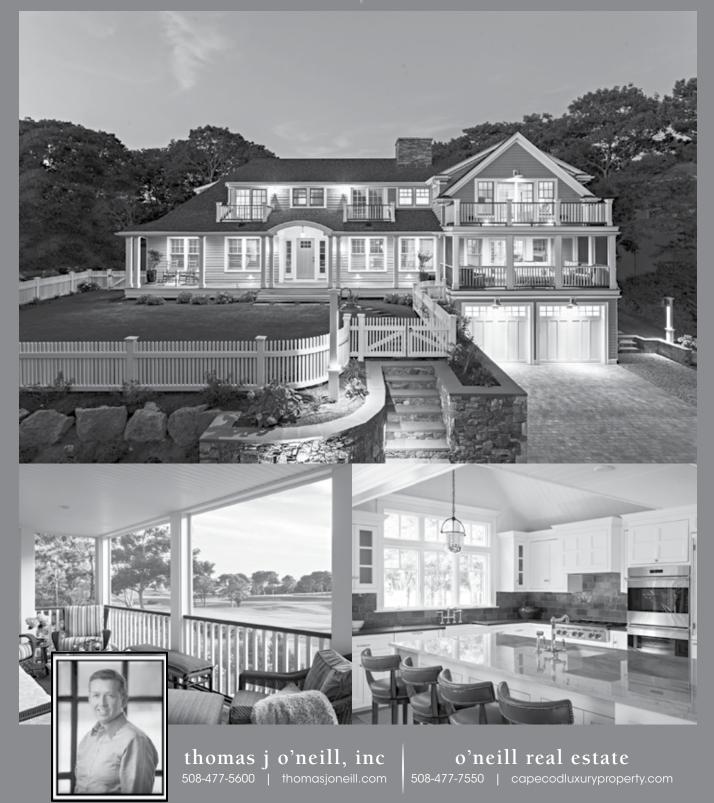
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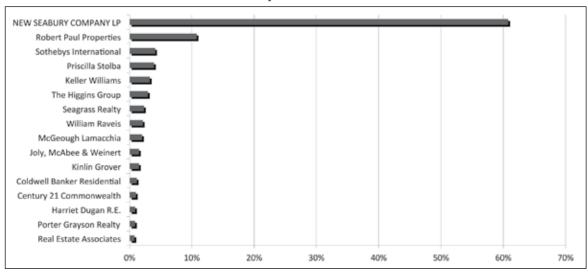
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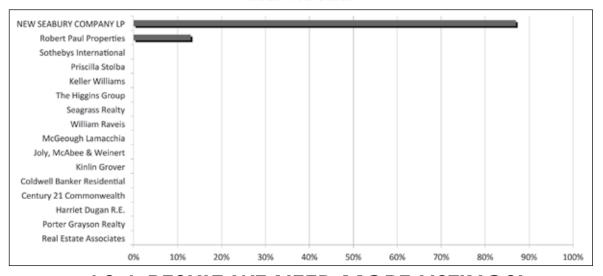
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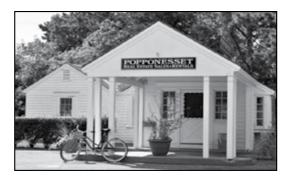
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James Kiley, commonly known as Jim, manages all of the Ninety Nine (99) Restaurants in the Northeast. He has been an employee of the 99 organization for some 33 years, working his way up from the initial management training program to his present position as Regional Vice President of Operations. You may be wondering why we chose a management person of the 99 Restaurants as our Notable. Well, it's not because of the position he holds in that company; it's primarily because of all the work he does on behalf of the Boys & Girls Club of Cape Cod.

Jim is the President of the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Club of Cape Cod, an organization that annually serves approximately 1,000 children from Mashpee and the surrounding towns. This large non-profit struggles to collect funds in an effort to enable local youth to have a safe environment in which to spend off-school and off -parent time all year.

Jim has been instrumental in securing funds through collaboration with other members of the Board, and has taken many, many hours of his own personal time to meet, greet, and explain what the Boys & Girls Club does for youth. The Club has a very small staff and depends on volunteers to help out in as many ways as possible. They sponsor a wide variety of events to raise money; they are constantly seeking grants, and they annually maintain relationships with benefactors, many of whom are local Mashpee folks. The Club itself was built 15 years ago with the help of a matching funds grant by Myra Kraft. The Krafts are annual supporters as well.

What Jim has done quietly is enormous. All of his Cape restaurants hold fund-raising opportunities during the month of October to benefit the Club, and have raised \$18,000. Jim does this with the blessing of the 99 restaurant establishment, but it's his determination and desire to help our youth that make him most notable. Unsung, quiet, and as one might say, a workaholic, it's not uncommon to see Jim at or around the Club on a very frequent basis. If he's not there, he's encouraging the rest of us to step up and provide support, including funding where appropriate.

This past summer, Jim came up with an idea to "burn the mortgage". This was an all out effort to pay off the mortgage on the building that houses the Boys & Girls Club so that incoming funds could be directed to where they generate the best result...the children. With Jim's leadership and ongoing encouragement, we, the Board of Directors, did just that...burned the mortgage. We celebrated that success at our Annual Meeting where we celebrated not only our Youth of the Year, but all the volunteers who participated in the process.

New Seabury Notable: Jim Kiley
by Mike Richardson



Jim, a 17-year resident of Bright Coves, was a little reluctant to be recognized for this article. He is not one who looks for the spotlight, nor is he one who is fond of talking about himself. He is, in fact, one of those solid, hard working individuals who recognizes the future as being for our young folks, and his desire is very simple: let's give our youth the best chance to succeed. An example of his perseverance is something few around here know about him unless they are participants; Jim quietly participates in the Iron Man Competitions around the country. It's not uncommon to see him running through the streets of New Seabury, and I am sure as he puts in hours and hours of training, he is thinking about what else he can do for our vouth.

Many families today have working parents, or even unemployed parents. Their children may have time on their hands after school, evenings, and some perhaps have nobody to talk to or be with. The Club offers a safe haven for these children. It offers them educational, social, and sports opportunities, and along with that, they learn to interact with others, and experience life in a social atmosphere. All of this takes time and financial backing, and February's New Seabury Notable, Jim Kiley, has been, and is, larger than life when it comes to his mission of helping our young people, and by the way...he is always looking for someone who would like to build a teen center!

Ruth Provost, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Cape Cod, sums it up best:

"What Jim does for the kids at the Boys & Girls Club is extraordinary! From being an advocate, to organizing an event, acting as a resource for the staff, or just stopping by the Club to visit with the teens, Jim is always there for us, making sure that the doors are open, the lights are on, and that our kids are getting the resources and support that they need to grow into successful adults. He knows how important that is for every one of the 900 children & teens that we serve, and he works tirelessly to make a difference in their young lives. Thank you, Jim."

Naples,

Florida



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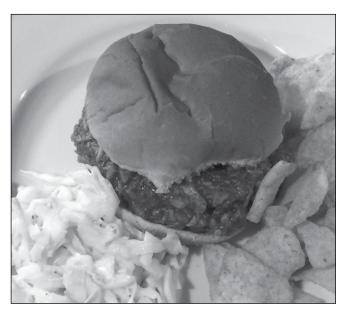
1 can or bottle of root beer (12 oz)

1 bottle of barbecue sauce (18 oz)

8 hamburger buns

Place the pork tenderloin in a slow cooker. Pour the root beer over the meat. Cover and cook on low until well cooked and shreds easily, 6 to 7 hours. Actual time may vary according to individual slow cooker. Drain well. Stir in barbecue sauce. Serve on hamburger buns. Enjoy!

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OUT ON THE TOWN

by MJ Richardson



Coal Fired Pizza and Modern Greek Cuisine 26 Steeple Street, Mashpee, MA

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Estia first opened its doors November 3, 2014. We met some friends there on the second night, November 4th, and it seemed that all of Mashpee had been awaiting its arrival...there was a line out the door. Estia still seems to have a following; it was even packed with friendly faces the evening after the Blizzard of 2015.

Owners Nick and Catherine Markantonis, married for 33 years and in the restaurant business for 35 years, are not new to the food industry. You may know them as being the owners of Stelio's Pizza at the Popponesset Marketplace, and also MarK & Toni's in Cushing Square, Belmont, MA. Their newest restaurant, Estia, located in the space of the former Tea Shoppe, has been totally remodeled with a casual seating area, high top tables and a great bar, which all leads to a classy, yet comfortable atmosphere.

Upon our arrival, we were greeted by Catherine, and we were seated immediately at a high top table of our choice. Our friend and server, Kate, knew the menu, described the specials, and freely offered suggestions. Not being familiar with Greek cuisine, we found that very helpful. She was also very patient as we sipped our wine and meandered through the encompassing menu, which offers Mezedes/Appetizers, Soups and Salates/Salads, Souvlakis, Gyros, Burgers, Kabobs (delicious, especially the lamb), Greek Specialties, Psari/Seafood, and Coal Fired Pizza.



Kate with Nick Markantonis.



Catherine and Nick Markantonis with Head Chef, James St. George.



Saganaki Opa.

The pizza menu explains.....why coal? "The coal we use to bake our pizza is anthracite, one of the cleanest burning and eco-friendly fuels on earth, mined using eco-conscious procedures. The oven temperature is 900 degrees, much higher than traditional or wood fired ovens. This allows us to lock in a wealth of flavor while producing perfectly charred texture to our pizzas and other authentic creations." (Printed with the permission of Catherine and Nick Markantonis)

We started our meal with Saganaki OPA – a flaming pan fried kefalograviera cheese, which makes one forget about the hips and just dive right in! We also tried the Estia Sampler (dolmades, spanakopita, loukaniko, olives and feta), Moussaka (layered ground beef, potatoes, eggplant topped with béchelmel- comes with a side salad), Shrimp Saganaki Ouzo (sautéed shrimp, tomatoes,





herbs, feta, kalamata olives, ouzo, served over rice with one side and a side salad) and Coal Fired Pizza – Brady's Beef (what else would one choose the Wednesday before Super Bowl XLIX?). Estia offers at least six seafood entrees, priced between \$18 and \$22 that include a salad and a side dish. All meals were flavorful, the Greek Cuisine was authentic (per friends of Greek descent), and the coal fired pizza is described by patrons as outstanding. The portions were plentiful; two of us went home with enough food for another meal.

Estia offers ambiance, good food, moderately priced selections, and a friendly and knowledgeable staff. Try Estia's complete takeout menu if you are in the mood for some good food in the comfort of your home. Our advice: Come on by and visit the Markantonises – our New Seabury neighbors!





If you have a favorite restaurant or an event (it doesn't have to be on Cape Cod), and you would like to share your experience with your New Seabury neighbors by writing a review in "Out On the Town", call the Peninsula Council at 508-539-0028. In appreciation of your review, you will be reimbursed \$35.00 toward your meal or the cost of the event (The \$35.00 does not apply to alcohol.) Open to New Seabury residents only.

Women's Club of NEW SEABURY

by Jane Beaudin, President

As we embark on the New Year, let's make 2015 a year of making new friends, participating in new activities, and enjoying plenty of fun.

On November 11, 2014, the Women's Club of New Seabury held its annual Autumn By-the-Sea Bazaar and Auction. As guests arrived, the ballroom filled. We even had to add a table or two to seat everyone! As the ladies meandered around the room, they found silent auction items, baked goods, beautiful theme baskets, jewelry, and studied the live auction items picking out what to bid on. Upon closing the silent auction, the ladies took their seats and enjoyed a delightful lunch. Mike Richardson graciously accepted the role of Auctioneer, and, to no one's surprise, he attended suited in a Bermuda-shorts tuxedo. In Mike's style, he interjected plenty of humor to amuse us and encouraged bidding on the live auction items. Thanks, Mike, for a good time!

In December, the Women's Club of New Seabury held a holiday luncheon with a delicious meal and a fun Yankee Swap exchange. Ann Macdonald, our Philanthropy Chairperson, also presented checks to some of our beneficiaries who attended our luncheon. It was an enlightening experience to hear of all the wonderful work they do to assist people in need.

We enjoyed a festive holiday luncheon in December.







During the month of December, the rest of the checks were delivered to our grateful organizations.

Beneficiaries are:

- ~ Mashpee Scholarship Foundation Trust
- ~ St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
- ~ Mashpee Council on Aging

- ~ NOHA Center
- ~ Falmouth Service Center
- ~ Boys and Girls Club of Cape Cod

The Woman's Club is not holding monthly luncheons during January, February and March; however, the Board continues to meet monthly to plan for our upcoming events.

Check out our web site at www.womensclubofnewseabury.com for more information on upcoming events.

The Autumn By-The-Sea Bazaar and Auction was a successful event.













Developer's Report

Greetings from the Sales Cottage

by Mike Degnan

As I write this update, we are just digging out from a large winter snowstorm. The winter has been kind to us until recently when we were hit with over two feet of snow and expect more snow within the next week. With that said, development is still rapidly progressing here at New Seabury. New model homes have been completed and furnished; others are on schedule for a spring delivery. After a strong 2014 season which saw over \$13 million dollars in closed new sales construction, we are eagerly anticipating a strong spring selling season.

Interest in our newest community, The Cottages at New Seabury, has been outstanding. Three furnished models and a dramatic price adjustment have brought only positive responses from prospective buyers and New Seabury residents. Seven of the eight available models are priced under \$699,000. If you haven't previewed our three model homes or visited before they were completed, I would strongly urge you to stop by. These homes evoke a simpler time and a return to Old Cape Cod, but with all of the modern conveniences for today's lifestyle. These "green" designed homes will offer the latest technology with maintenance-free materials and energy-efficient products. Eight smartly designed homes reinvent the Cape Cod cottage with open light-filled interiors and welcoming outdoor living spaces. Set within an exciting new activity center for New Seabury, The Cottages allow for easy access to the new fitness facility and pool, tennis center, golf practice range and shops. Currently, three homes are under construction in Phase 1. Whether you

are looking to downsize, modernize or purchase your first New Seabury residence, it is a perfect time to investigate your possibilities. There is still time to be in for the summer of 2015.

In addition, we still have new construction possibilities in our other neighborhoods.

The Preserve at Flat Pond continues to be attractive to homeowners. This beautiful gated neighborhood is nearing completion with luxurious single family homes offering both wooded and ocean views. A new Sandpiper model home is currently under construction and will be available this spring. Eight lots remain available to build.

Oceanfront Homes at Seaside has also attracted strong interest as the most spectacular and unrivaled location within New Seabury. The deeded private beach, views and access to the clubhouse are exceptional. A new gorgeous model home is currently under construction and will be completed this spring. We have sold our first waterfront home and construction has begun for a summer delivery. Only three waterfront lots remain.

If you are interested in enjoying a newly constructed New Seabury home this year, the time to act is now. Stop by the Sales Cottage or call us at 508-539-8200 to learn more about any of our new developments.

We will look forward to seeing or speaking with you soon!

Patty, Heather, Kim and Mike

Bayswater Development Construction Update

by Joe Colasuonno and John Falacci

We made some adjustments to the exteriors of "The Cottages" Model homes at the Sales Center. We removed the board and batten treatments specified by the Architect. The board and batten application gave some of our New Seabury residents the wrong impression. This material was not the old board and batten many replaced in New Seabury. It was a new masonry product that has a warrantee of 40 years. You see this application on many new developments throughout the USA. It's a more superior product than the standard cedar siding that is common throughout New Seabury.

At the first phase of the Cottages at New Seabury, we are moving along with the construction of the first three homes. We're expecting to complete 18+ homes this year. We also have received our approval from the town of Mashpee for phase 2, which will consist of 54 home sites. The major reason for getting phase 2 approved at this stage is because of planning. The utility companies, both NSTAR and National Grid, take years to coordinate delivery of service, so we need to have approvals in hand before they will engineer the extension of the infrastructure of both power and natural gas service.

Bayswater Development continued

The Coastal Bank Stabilization project along hole # 2 is 70% complete. We had a couple of storms that jeopardized the project this winter. It was a miracle that Pastore Excavation was able to fight he storms and hold the project together. We expect the project to be completed early this spring.

The new Model Home at Oceanfront/Seaside development is 75% complete. This home will be furnished and feature an ocean view, pool and outdoor living.

Next week, we will be starting the first of four direct Oceanfront Homes at the Oceanfront/Seaside Development. This sold 3000+ sq ft home will have amazing views of Nantucket Sound and Martha Vineyard.

At Flat Pond, we are building a 3000 sq ft home with a 2 car garage on speculation, which will be available for occupancy this spring.





Coastal Bank Stabilization Project along Hole #2 of the Ocean Course.

We are expecting brisk sales in this upcoming spring market, about which we are very excited.

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

- ◆ Slow Down and follow the posted limits and rules of the roads. ◆ Walkers, joggers and bikers share our roads.
- Ride your bike on the side of the road with the traffic.
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- ◆ Take note of those around you as you drive throughout our neighborhoods.

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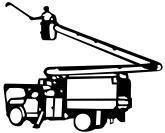
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The last lines from the November article are:

The Selectmen will now consider all public comments and decide its next move on the SMART issue within the next few weeks.

The Selectmen decided to create a Waste Management Committee. The committee is comprised of eight members from Town boards and six residents at large. They have met once so far.

The stated goals are:

- Reduce the amount of trash collected at the Transfer Station and consequently disposal costs
- Provide equity for users of the Transfer Station
- More effectively educate residents

The objectives are:

- Identify what constitutes "trash"
- Provide more opportunities for recycling
- Identify how to enforce DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) waste bans

At our last meeting, we discussed tangential issues. Should

residents pay the entire fees for the tipping of waste, operation of the Transfer Station, and the costs of the sticker office? This could raise the sticker price to at least \$170. If fees escalate dramatically, how do we provide equity for seasonal and lower income residents? Should an Enterprise Fund be established for the Transfer Station to insure transparency? What is the role of our Recycling Committee now?

Mashpee TV is hosting a free PSA (Public Service Announcements) day in February where members of our committee will create brief presentations on recycling. Stay tuned.

Catherine Laurent, DPW Director, has received two DEP grants. One is for Organics, which is accepting compostable food waste at the Transfer Station. The other is for Recycling and may be used for hazardous waste collection, replacement of equipment, and/or additional recycling bins.

We await the results of further Waste Management Committee meetings as we assess the role of the Recycling Committee going forward.

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An Update on the GRACE VETERANS OUTREACH CENTER



I had an opportunity to speak with Jimmy Dishner, the new President of the Veterans Outreach Grace Center, here in New Seabury. He advised that with the help of Sheriff Cummings he had inmates doing work to the inside of the building to complete needed repairs on the lower level. One of our own residents, Tom O'Hara from Sandal Wood, also helped with the reconstruction in efforts to finally get the building in shape for use.

Jimmy advised that all the walls were done and about to be painted; the fire extinguishers and fire protection devices were installed, and the two lower baths were almost completed. Tile on the floors was expected to be complete by the end of January. All of the acoustic tile on the walls is to be removed and replaced, indoor and outdoor carpeting is to be laid in the lower level, and a rubberized floor for yoga will be placed in the gym room - all to be complete by the end of February. He expects completion of renovations by the middle of March with an opening date of April 15.



They have had several false starts in the past, so we will have to keep an eye on actual progress. There remains the issue of parking and the potential of road obstruction, so time will tell how this ultimately rolls out.

We will keep all residents posted as to developments.

Mike Richardson

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COUNTRY CLUB HAPPENINGS

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



Happy winter everyone; we're halfway through it!!

As I sit here and write for the Peninsula Reporter, we are almost ready to shut the door on January and welcome in February. Before we know it, we will be with our friends again at the Country Club while preparing to re-open the Popponesset Inn and the Lure Raw Bar for the 2015 season.

New Year's Eve was a huge success at both the Club and the Poppy. There were many months of planning and hard work, but to see it all come to fruition was very rewarding. The Club hosted a formal and very private four-course dinner with dancing and complimentary champagne while the Poppy hosted more of an informal celebration under the tent with many food stations, a photo booth, and a packed dance

floor. Both events were received well with many reservations followed by very positive feedback and endless compliments. It was a great way to ring in the New Year, and I'm already looking forward to build on this foundation while making the appropriate improvements for New Year's Eve 2015!

We hope you all stay warm this winter and have a Happy Valentine's Day with your loved ones. As a friendly reminder, in early spring we'll be taking reservations for our annual Easter Grand Buffet on Sunday April 5th, and the Club will formally re-open its doors for lunch and dinner on Friday, March 27th.

We look forward to your return and wish you, your family and friends a happy, healthy and prosperous 2015!

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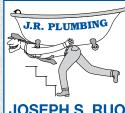
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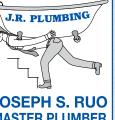
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