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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.



The Newest Officer on the Mashpee Police Department

MJ Richardson

A dream came true for Padraig Valenti (Dick and Nancy Noonan's grandson) just before Christmas. Intrigued by the police department in his home town, he has made friends on the police force there. So, at the Women's Club of New Seabury 2016 Autumn By-the-Sea Bazaar & Auction when an opportunity came along to be a Mashpee Police Officer For A Day - donated by Mashpee Police Chief Scott Carline - Nancy just had to bid. And as luck would have it...she won!

So, on December 20, six year-old Padraig had the time of his life. In uniform and cap, he reported to the station and was sworn in by Chief Carline as an officer of the Mashpee Police Department. After a "high five" from the Chief and receipt of an official badge, name tag, and patch during roll call, Officer Padraig was ready to report for duty. A fellow

police officer accompanied him on his assignment and gave him a tour of the Department and Evidence Room before they headed to the patrol car. While on patrol, Padraig took part in official duties, and also witnessed the commitment of the police to our community when he and the other officers delivered holiday gifts to the elderly.

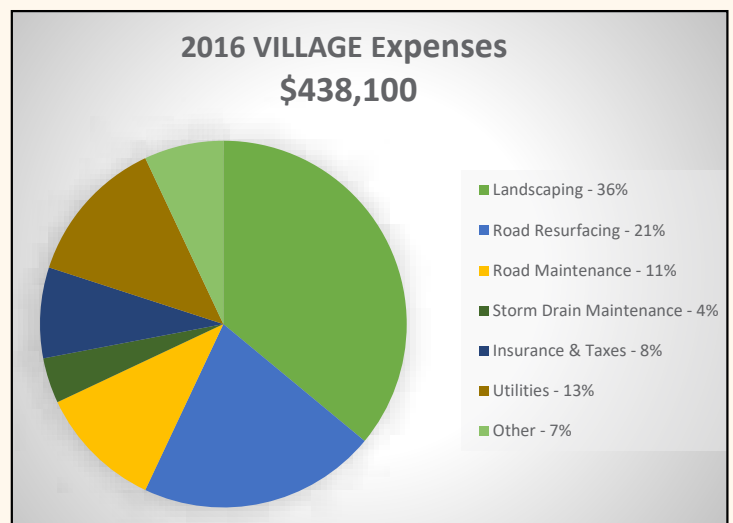
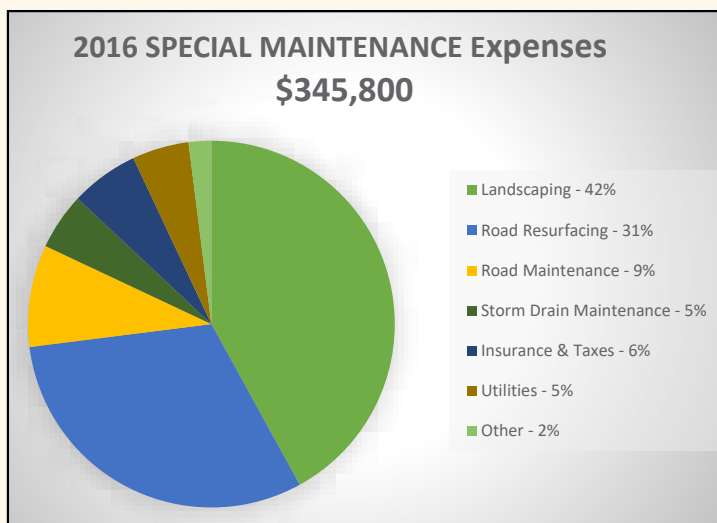
Padraig's grandparents said, "He loved every minute of the day and would not take off his official hat until bedtime. This was a particularly special experience for a six year old (and for his grandfather who got to accompany him) that he will never forget. We are grateful to the Chief and to the entire department for their generosity of spirit and support of our community."



Tired of walking alone?

Looking for a new way to motivate yourself and others to get moving? Whether you are already a walker or a wanna-be walker, check out the New Seabury Walking Club on page 16.

Treasurer's Report 2016 at a Glance



See complete Treasurer's Report on page 3.

President's Report

Joe Fisher

I hope that you and your family had a happy holiday season. We're already two months into 2017 and we're already looking forward to spring. I'm not going to comment on the winter weather so far because we always have winter surprises on the Cape.

The final numbers are in, and 2016 was another year that we were able to increase our cash reserves. Please be sure to take a minute to read Treasurer Jane Goubeaux's 2016 financial report in this issue of the *Reporter*. These good financial results are especially significant since they were achieved while we maintained the excellent condition of our community. Your Board representatives, the officer group, and our Peninsula Council staff have done an excellent job in achieving these results.

Our community continues to be a very desirable one. In 2016, we experienced a high number of home sales and our ARC has experienced increased activity with homeowners investing and improving their homes. We expect a similar high level of activity in 2017.

As I write this article, our 2017 budgets are being finalized and ready for Board presentation and approval. At this point in time there are no major capital projects planned for 2017 because of the excellent condition of community. This past fall's weather caused an unusually high volume of leaves that were late in falling and accumulating. This fact and our winter winds mean that our spring cleanup will require more work than normal. If you use a landscaper, you should be contacting them now to schedule the cleanup. If you do it yourself, you should plan for an early start. The Brush Pickup schedule is published on page 35. As a reminder, all homeowners are required to complete their cleanup by June 1.

If you have not paid your 2017 dues, please take a minute to send a check. Your dues payment gives us the financial resources to maintain our wonderful community.



Treasurer's Report

Jane Goubeaux

Looking back over February issues of the *Reporter*, I often started off my report with a similar sentence: "The Council and the Villages had a good year." I am pleased to say "ditto" for 2016!

Special Maintenance, which takes care of all non-Village common areas and roads, and all Villages except The Mews, recorded excess revenue over expenses for the year. (The Mews undertook two major projects, repaving of all its roads and new lighting throughout the Village, which resulted in a net operating loss in 2016.) Special Maintenance collected 98% of its budgeted fees. The Villages, in the aggregate, reached 100%, having also collected some delinquent fees from prior years.

Since a picture – or should I say "pie"? – is worth a thousand words, we have produced pie charts depicting Special Maintenance's and the Villages' 2016 expenditures by major expense category. Again this year, many of the slices in each pie as a percentage of the whole are similar. Three slices are less similar: Landscaping: Special Maintenance's expenditures include higher expenses for "Fences" and "Tree Trim/Removal" accounts; Road Resurfacing: Special Maintenance's cost to resurface Walton Heath Way was higher than the cost to resurface The Mews' roads (no other Village resurfaced its roads this year); and Utilities: Villages' expenditures include The Mews' cost to replace and add new lighting and lamp posts throughout its village.

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Having determined that their current fee rates and accumulated reserves were adequate to cover 2017 expenses and near-term needs going forward, Special Maintenance and all Villages, including The Mews, held their 2017 fees at 2016 levels.

Special Maintenance's and the Villages' 2017 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, but none includes major road, drainage or lighting projects. If these budgets are an accurate forecast for 2017, we should be able to report another "good year" next February.

Detailed financial results for 2016, including year-end reserve positions, and 2017 budgets are available from your Village committee or from me, Mike, or Linda at the Peninsula Council office.

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Executive Director's Report

Mike Richardson

Life is good. The winter on Cape Cod (so far) has been wonderful. A mild winter, believe it or not, extends the life of our roads, so let's hope for the continuation of same. There are actually people on the Cape that do not think I am crazy to be wearing shorts! All Villages had a great year financially; the town has agreed with minimal issue to plow all our roads; trees have been trimmed and drains cleaned; and the Patriots are going to the Super Bowl. How can things get much better?

We have had another good year with the vast majority of our homeowners continuing to contribute to the wellbeing of our community. Our vendors have been excellent to deal with in terms of rates and availability. It's something we all need to be mindful of when looking at our community....the great end result does not occur by accident. Tom Caston and I spend untold hours discussing the extent of work and doing follow-up to ensure we get the result we want. Add to that the wealth of talent that we can refer to you, our homeowners, for your own work; it's a winning hand for sure. We bring them together to share successes annually. This enables them to get to know each other and also for us to say "thanks." That little extra touch seems to have been very successful. As you all know, that goes a long way!! Something we all need to continue to remember.

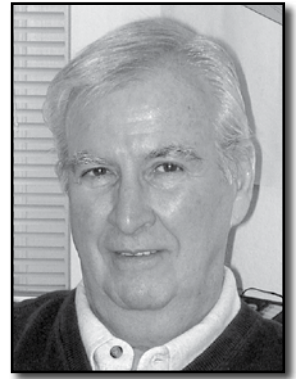
Budgets for all are in the final stages for 2017; bills have gone out for most (about 30% electronic); and it appears that all Villages continue to have funds in reserve for that rainy day.

Jane Goubeaux will be highlighting our expenses via her famous pie charts, which show the stability of our efforts year over year.

Of some importance is that all our officers will all come up to the end of their second three-year term in 2018. Success and stability are interconnected, so we need to now begin to think about our future leaders. Now is the time for all out there to give some thought to participation - volunteering is a good thing for all organizations. We have job descriptions available for review if anybody is interested. We've come a long way since Tom Caston was making phone calls with a Dixie Cup and string, so let's not sit back and let things fall to the wayside. I know there are folks just waiting to step up,...I am available anytime day or night for conversations about that involvement, and I have already made some calls...stay tuned. You could hear from me next!!

MJ and I purchased a little piece of heaven in Damariscotta, Maine, so we may need to consider an offsite Peninsula Council retreat. Business meetings on the boat, discussions over barbecue, voting with one hand on a cocktail, and singing 60's tunes...what do you think?

Until next edition, you all are the greatest!



SAVE THE DATE

Get your Cape summer off to a good start! **The Women's Club of New Seabury & Cape Harmony** **cordially invite you to "Sing into Summer"** **at The Poppy on Wednesday, June 14!**

Cape Harmony is a professional a cappella group of ten women from across the country who come to the Cape each summer to share their delightful music with us and visitors to our fair land.



Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more information about this luncheon and lively program in the May edition of the *Peninsula Reporter*. All residents, friends, and visitors are invited!

SAVE THE DATE

Special Maintenance Report

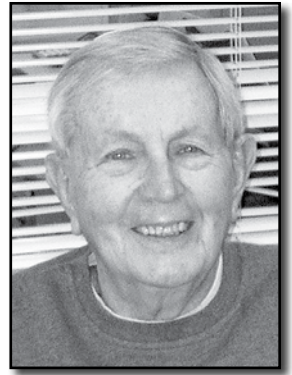
Tom Caston

The Special Maintenance Committee met in January to review the financial figures for 2016 and to finalize the operating budget for 2017. In addition to normal expenses for 2016, we spent \$107,000 for road paving and ended the year with a cash balance of \$67,000. Our road reserve account remains in good shape and we expect to add \$80,000 this year.

Although we have no major projects scheduled for 2017, we will continue to look at ways to improve and upgrade the overall appearance of our community. One area at which we

will be looking is our walking paths. We are in the process of updating our maps and possibly adding a few new trails. New directional signs will be installed along the trails to better identify the different locations.

Enjoy the remainder of the winter season, and may our snowstorms be light!



ARC Report

Ann Macdonald

2016 proved to be another busy year for ARC. Requests for real estate transfer documents and ARC permits were up over 20% in 2016 from the previous year! Four homes were demolished and new homes are now under construction on Popponesset Island and Waterway in Bright Coves Village. Plus new homes in Triton Sound and the Preserve at Flat Pond are being built on formerly vacant lots. The trend seems to be continuing in 2017, as new home plans are already being presented at the ARC Committee's monthly meetings. Our

office will keep you updated, and we appreciate the vigilance of residents who report violations of contractor hours or issues of concern during construction projects.

Although this is the February edition, spring is not far behind! Your ARC Guidelines state that "Lots shall be cleaned up each year by June 1 at the latest." So please take advantage of the free spring Brush Pickup during the week of May 21. See details in this Reporter on page 35.



MAILBOX SPECIFICATIONS

Many homeowners have requested information regarding mailboxes. I thought this would be a good time to add the following information from the ARC Guidelines. The Mashpee Post Office will be happy to assist you in the location of your mailbox. Their phone number is 508-477-4852. They recommend that the end of a driveway is a good spot, within reach of the truck and approachable year round. If your home is not in the line of travel for the postal carrier, please ask your neighbor first if you want to locate your mailbox on their property. We have found that some owners do not wish to have a mailbox in front of their home for personal reasons. Sharing a post and attaching two mailboxes is also suggested.

The Architectural Review Committee has **five approved designs** for an integrated mailbox and/or newspaper receptacle to be used in the New Seabury community. **The following are approved mailboxes:**

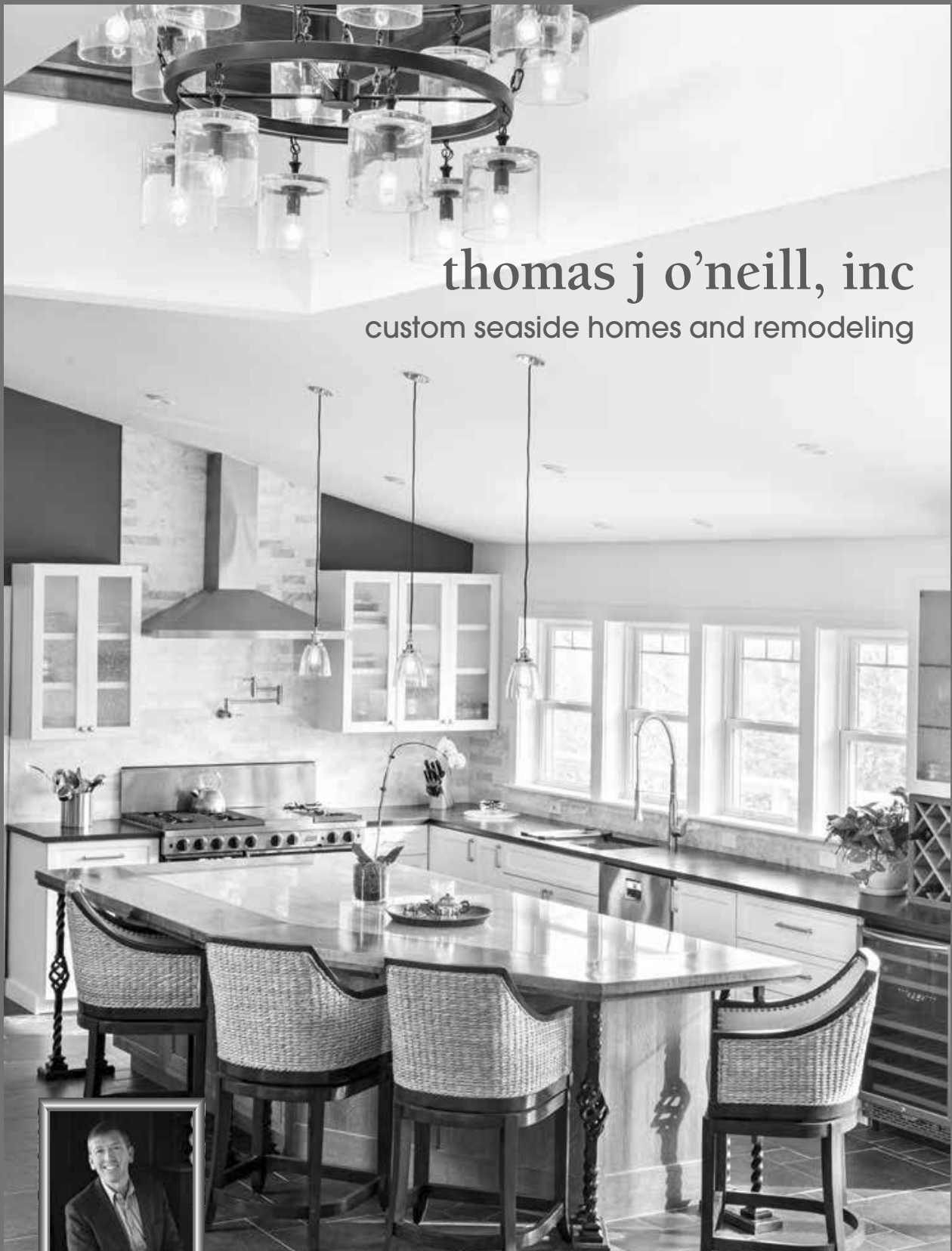
- Birdhouse Mailbox with the newspaper receptacle and mailbox side-by-side;
- Post mailbox with the newspaper receptacle below the mailbox;
- Post mailbox without the newspaper receptacle;
- Single post with dual mailboxes with newspaper receptacle below the mailbox;
- Single post with dual mailboxes.

SPECIFICATIONS OF MAIL POSTS AND BOXES:

- Height of the post should be 42"-44";
- Post must be made of wood OR Azek material (a sample is available in the ARC office);
- The post can be white or painted to match the color of your home;
- The box must be a neutral color to match your home (i.e. gray, taupe, ivory, and in some cases black). Red, green and blue are not approved colors for mailboxes in New Seabury.

You can get these mailbox posts, designs, and boxes at Walpole Fencing. The Birdhouse Mailbox can be ordered by contacting Shaun Carvelli at (781) 733-5946.





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Bright Coves

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Another peaceful winter slowly passes by on Cape Cod. We had a pretty severe cold snap in January that brought many plumbers with shop vacuums to our neighborhood. Homeowners should consider having caretakers turn off their main water supply during cold times. This may not prevent broken pipes, but will prevent flooding which can make an awful mess.

Many old Bright Coves homes are being razed and replaced with beautiful new homes during this time of strong economy. I would like to welcome all of our new neighbors, many from whom I have heard by email as they look forward to summertime and getting involved in our vibrant social community.

Save Popponesset Bay is tackling yet another massive beach-nourishing project this winter. Please check out savepopponessetbay.org if you are not already involved.

I wish you all a safe and happy pre-summer season.

See you soon!

Fells Pond

Catherine Power

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Sue Dahling Sullivan of Fells Pond (center) is joined by friends at Woodruff's Art Gallery's "Creatively Small, Art For All" exhibit where her artwork was displayed during the winter months. Sue will also participate in "Points of View," an outdoor art exhibit at the Heritage Museums and Gardens beginning May 20.

Once again, so far, so good with our crazy winter weather. One pesky snowstorm and two days later it is 50 degrees. We'll take it!

I believe most of the snow fell in Fells Pond Village with two-foot drifts in some spots. The town did an okay job of plowing, but we had to call for assistance to get us out of side streets and to open up the corners and also to clear the drains in anticipation of flooding. The few calls we received from homeowners were attended to very promptly.

No big issues at the moment! One drain that has been a major issue for more than a year has been augured, and we feel it will cause no more problems. It was quite expensive, but well worth it. We are in good shape financially, barring any unforeseen disasters.

We are still looking for volunteers; new ideas are always welcomed.

Enjoy the remainder of the season! Stay well!

Read McCaffrey

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Our neighbors in Greensward Village will receive this issue of the *Reporter* at the end of February. So, if February remains as mild as January (when I am writing this article), then that's great news - but only time will tell.

I want to pause and write about my colleagues and fellow Village Board members, Alicia Morrow and Dick Noonan. Prior to Christmas and earlier this month, I was aware of their dedication in surveying the Village for issues and problems as well as analyzing the projected budget for 2017. I have been involved with neighborhood associations for over 30 years (and remain very involved as a committee chair of the Neighborhood Association of Back Bay, Boston) and have never worked with colleagues more indefatigable and dedicated as Alicia and Dick. There are so many efforts that are 'behind the scenes' and well 'below the radar' - and these two wonderful colleagues never seem to tire or veer from the responsibilities. While on my 'soapbox' I want to express our collective gratitude to Mike Richardson for his very hard work and dedication to the 'health' of this community. Problems do not hibernate in the winter - and when they arise, Mike and his folks are timely and efficient in taking care of each and every issue whether it is a gaslight malfunction noticed by a passing neighbor or a request from the Board for a road repair.

While, as you read this, it is only late February or perhaps early March please be mindful of the fact that at our annual meeting in July, 2017, we will elect two of our three Board members. Dick's term is not up - Alicia and I serve terms that will expire. We are eligible to serve again - but then new blood is always a good idea and always welcome. And we have three 'alternates'; each well known to many of you - Darlene Furbush, Carol Stenberg and Bill Blaisdell. The alternates are appointed by the Board BUT, again, new volunteers and 'new blood' are always welcomed.

Finally, as many of us are keenly aware, our community has been scarred by the Club/Member dilemma - and sadly this has caused dissension among neighbors/club members who may differ in their opinions of how this has been handled, or mishandled, depending on your point of view. My advice is to be very tolerant of all views. There have been resignations, hurt feelings, anger and worse. And there is, in my opinion, much blame to assign to both sides of the dispute - the Member Rights Committee of the Board of Managers has accused the Club of faulty communications and, sadly, I believe the same can be said for the MRC. That said, there has to be a common goal; the survival of the Club wholeheartedly supported by its membership. I hope that comes to pass. Spring and, hopefully, enlightenment are just around the corner.

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.



HIGH WOOD

Patrick McKeown

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Early January brought us back to back snowstorms totaling about twenty-three inches of snow. Fortunately, the snow was light and fluffy, and the town plows did an incredible job on clearing our streets. The following weeks have been unseasonably warm which has helped to melt the remaining piles of snow.

Our Village is in good financial shape as we ended 2016, \$6,300 ahead of budget. These funds will be placed in our savings account to help our future endeavors. We purchased new street signs

this year, removed the eyebrow on Surrey Place and performed regular landscaping projects throughout the Village. The Hunt Circle will probably need roots removed from the road surface. We will also need to review the conditions of our drains. Village fees were e-mailed to homeowners in early January, prompt payment is greatly appreciated.

We have four homes currently for sale and two parcels of land for sale in High Wood. Otherwise, the community is relatively quiet.

Our annual brush removal will be in late May. Please take this opportunity to clean our properties of the winter debris. Please do not leave your brush curbside all winter.

Remember to drive slowly on our narrow streets.

The Mews

Steve Sykes for Pat Donohue

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Greetings to everyone from the Directors of The Mews. We hope this issue of the Reporter finds you someplace warm (whether it's in front of a fireplace or down south). At our annual meeting last August we discussed how 2016 was a year of investment in our community. In April we installed a cobblestone apron at the end of Mashie Circle; now where one of our streets intersects with Mid Iron we have a cobblestone apron. In May we repaved all of our roads and they look fantastic. Finally, in September through December we installed seven new street lights and replaced the existing eight street lamps, so now all our street lamps match.

We have been planning/considering these improvements for a few years by building up our financial reserves. All of these improvements cost us about \$110,000 and we "had the money in the bank" to pay for everything without any special assessments. 2017 will be a much quieter year as we look to replenish our reserves for future projects. So, please remember that we need you to pay

your HOA bill (which was mailed out in January) as this is where the money comes from to maintain and improve our Village.

On a more administrative note . . . if you are considering any repairs or improvements to your property this spring be sure to contact the ARC for the design guidelines and approval. The Mews is a zero lot line community and as such we have several design guidelines specific and unique to our Village. For example: approved paint colors for our houses, approved roof shingles, fence designs and more. These specific Mews guidelines are meant to maintain the Village feel originally designed by the architect, Claude Miquelle.

Finally, I want to put in a plug for everyone to join our closed community Facebook group. This group is private for the residents of The Mews. About a third of our neighbors have joined and it is a forum for us to exchange experiences with vendors, post items for sale (or free) or just to share information with each other. If you are a Facebook user, look for the group "The Mews Village at New Seabury" and send a "friend request" to join or send an email to: Stephen@bhhsbaystatehomes.com with your name and Mews address and you'll be added.

Happy New Year, and we look forward to seeing everyone this Summer.

***If the plow pushes your driveway stones into the street,
please be a thoughtful neighbor and pick them up.***

Popponesset Island

Steve Bell

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*I*t's been a pretty easy winter weather-wise, here on Popponesset Island. Maybe global warming is making the winter an even better reason to remain on the Cape all year?

Congratulations to our neighbors and friends, the Krafts, for such a successful Patriots season.

The island is seeing four new homes being built. Guess they didn't build them in the old days, like they do now - apparently, some were not planned for year-round use when the original homes and cottages were built, and insulation may have been an afterthought.

We plan to remind our plethora of summer walkers to please clean up after their dogs by putting up a couple of cute signs. The Spit is doing well, thanks to Save Popponesset Bay and its many supporters.

And last, Franklin P. Jones, a Philadelphia reporter, public relations executive and humorist, who wrote a column, "Put It This Way", in The Saturday Evening Post, is quoted as saying, "Nothing makes you more tolerant of a neighbor's noisy party than being there". So, if you plan on having one, please invite all of us to it.

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.
- ◆ Take note of those around you as you drive throughout our neighborhoods.

Poppy Place

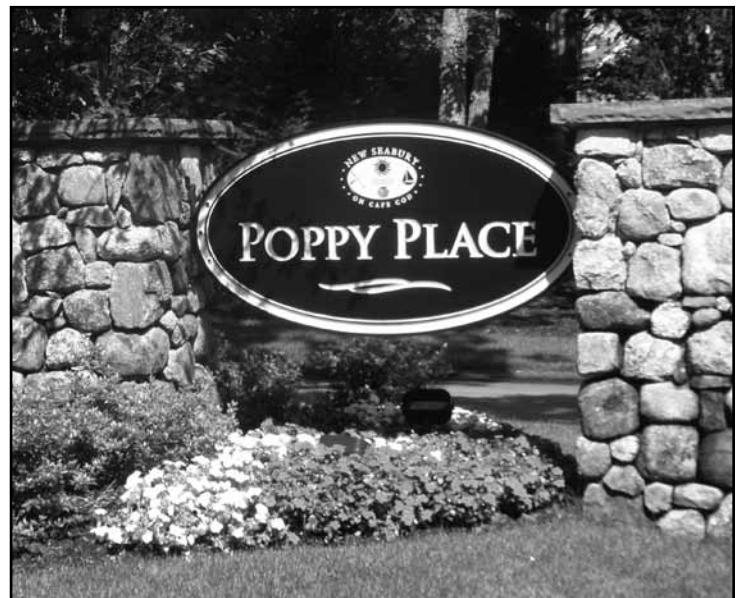
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*W*inter has finally arrived at Poppy Place in January along with the New Year. Our first snowfall, a little more than a foot, brought 3Sixty Property Management and their plow in to clean up. Our community was quickly returned to near normal with a passable street. A thank you goes to our contractor for their responsiveness.

The 2017 Budget is near final completion. A copy of the 2017 Budget will be sent to homeowners later in February, along with the 2017 Annual Dues Invoices. Owners should have already received a Special Assessment invoice for the new gate which is scheduled to be installed and tested in late April.

Major tree trimming and removal has occurred both inside and outside of the fencing at Poppy



Place. Many dead and dying trees were removed along Rock Landing Road to protect fencing from damage along with the esthetic appearance of the community. Fences will be power washed and repainted later this spring. Other projects that are in various stages of completion include common area lighting and repairs to the entrance circle area.

Sandalwood

Karyn O'Connor

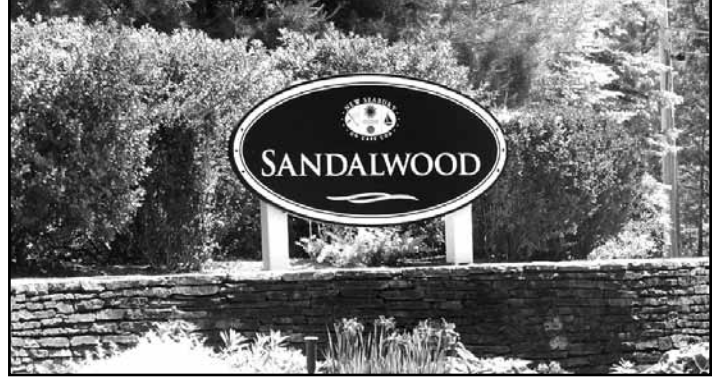
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Happy winter! I think we all love the fact that we've had very little snow so far this season, so let's keep our fingers crossed until the hummingbirds return in the spring!

You've probably noticed the work being done at the entrance to the Village – we've been working very hard to make the entry to Sandalwood very pleasing. You received an email from the Peninsula Council explaining the issues with the lighting and guard house and the damage that our friendly "critters" caused to the front entrance wiring. That work has been completed, the lights are back on, the guard house door is being replaced and the sheet rock inside is being repaired to defend against another incident.

In addition, you've probably noticed the white flags framing the Amos Landing entrance on both sides of the street down to North Way and West Way. This is the first phase of the beautification that is planned to be completed by springtime. We've installed irrigation to keep the public easements green and grassy and a rail/fence system will be added to give us the same look as the roads inside New Seabury. The more manicured look will certainly provide an enhancement to those driving past and entering Sandalwood.

As a reminder, please try to keep your yard



free of debris and paraphernalia. We've seen some children's bicycles, shovels and other "stuff" cluttering some of our front yards, and it gives the impression to our residents and visitors that we may not care about our properties as much as we do. If you have renters in your property, please make sure they understand our priorities on this subject. We thank you for your cooperation.

We have a vacancy on the Board – our President's position is open and we are looking for someone who would like to lead and contribute to the future of Sandalwood. The position has a lot of responsibility but also comes with a dedicated and supportive Board to assist with anything that needs doing! Marshall McStay has done a great job of addressing and cleaning up outstanding issues that needed to be addressed, and so the strategy now is to keep moving forward. We are looking for someone who cares deeply about Sandalwood's future, is a strategic thinker, people oriented and has a track record of leadership. If you are interested in this position please send your name and number to Karyn O'Connor at ciao713@gmail.com and you'll be contacted right away. Please consider volunteering and helping keep Sandalwood the great neighborhood and village that it is!

SUMMERSEA

Larry Rand

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Happy New Year to you all. I am starting to get worried. It's February and there is still very little snow. Reminds me of 2015. Hopefully not!

As I drove around the Village, there was no snow on the ground. What was there were lots of leaves. It seems that a number of homeowners are not doing their fall cleanup. This can affect all of us as these leaves get blown around and can wind up all over. As you will see elsewhere in this Reporter, leaf pickup is not part of the services we or the Peninsula Council provide. Each homeowner is responsible for clearing the leaves from all grassy

areas and mulch areas, paths, and driveways as well as the roadside along their property. For those not inclined or unable to do this themselves, names of landscapers are available at the Peninsula Council office. At our Annual Meeting, we will consider whether additional leaf removal services might be needed for our Village.

Financially, 2016 came in on budget. We hope to continue that in 2017, and the prompt payment of your homeowner fees is the major reason for this. Thank you in advance for keeping Summersea Village in good shape. Here's hoping the winter stays mild, and we will soon see you all enjoying our beautiful Village along Summersea Road.

George List

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Happy New Year to all. Once again, New Seabury looked great for the holiday season. The Peninsula Council continues to keep the high standards in place in our community.

Our Village roads are all in good shape, and the storm drains were cleaned and checked to be sure they were up to par. A fence in the reserve area that goes to the overlook came down in a wind storm and has been moved over and will be repaired. Our walking path on Shore Drive West is showing some wear and tear and will need some attention in the spring.

We have had one January snow storm that dumped a sizable amount on us, but it was followed by above average temperatures and some rain; so, at this point, New Seabury is still green. I'm sure we will see some more white covering in the weeks to come.

With the warmer weather, the work on the new home on Triton Way has continued and is making nice progress. We look forward to its completion and our new neighbors' arrival.

All in all, things remain peaceful and quiet here in Triton Sound this winter. We look forward to spring and the return of our non-winter residents.

Frogs Leap Pond

Andre Termeulen

Here is a short history of this pond with a fountain on Rock Landing Road. Most maps of this area do not show a name for this pond.

Figure 1 shows part of a government map of the early 1960's. It is shown as a marsh. Additional information about fresh water swamp or marsh shows that these were created 18,000 years ago when the glacial ice cover had retreated from the Cape. This marsh was about 30 feet deep. This map shows that this marsh was possibly connected with the Deans Pond marsh area until the Uncle Percy's Road was created.

Figure 2 shows part of a government map of the 1973-1979 time period. The marsh had been excavated and became a pond of about seven feet in depth. Fishhook Pond was also created from a marsh, possibly before Frogs Leap Pond.

In May of 2014, the undersigned analyzed the water of the pond for Dissolved Oxygen (DO), Hardness (PH), Ammonia, Nitrate and Phosphate. The DO was 1ppm; this should be between 7 and 12. The PH was 5 and should be 6.5-8. All the others were 0 and should be 0. To remedy the DO problem, a proposal to install an aeration system using bubblers and an aeration fountain was presented to the Special Maintenance Committee.

The Committee voted unanimously to approve the proposed system expenditure. In August 2014, the system was put into service. By May 2016 the DO was 8ppm and has remained at that level. Fish are now surviving in the pond. The healing process has started and aquatic life is returning. It will take time for the reduction of the bottom layer to be



consumed and the water to become clear as is already the case with Deans and Fishhook Ponds.

The only remaining problem is the acidity of the water. Acid rain, minerals leaching from the soil, runoff from roads and fields, decomposing plants, and septic systems can all contribute to the PH level of the pond. At the area of the fountain, runoff from our roads drains into the pond. This runoff problem can only be solved by creating a so-called "water garden". In the new Cottages area, there are several of these gardens. The biggest is on the west side of Rock Landing Road between Bayswater Development and the New Seabury Sotheby's Real Estate Office. These gardens remove pollutants from the runoff before they reach the pond.



Figure #1.



Figure #2.

Vineyard Reach

Connie Strait

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Vineyard Reach has enjoyed a quiet, peaceful winter so far. With one weekend experiencing four-foot drifts in our front lawns to the weekend after with the painters finishing up painting our garage doors. Winter on Cape Cod is never boring.

Our focus this past fall and for the spring show many markers around our properties identifying the irrigation system upgrades to accommodate our expanding sprinkler layout.

We welcome Joe Grainger to our Board of Directors and thank Harry Witt for all his years of service to the board.



A snowy day as seen from Vineyard Reach.

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New Seabury Walking Club

Michelle Labich



Are you tired of walking alone? Are you looking for a new way to motivate yourself and others to get moving? If you are a walker already or a want-to-be walker, I invite you to join the New Seabury Walking Club.

My name is Michelle Labich. As a fitness enthusiast and certified personal trainer, I love to motivate people to improve and maintain their good health with exercise. Walking is wonderful because almost everyone can do it! For some, it's easy to tie up the laces and head out for a brisk walk. For others, it's a daily thought that is often avoided because of being too busy or too tired. Is that you?

My goal in starting the New Seabury Walking Club is to help motivate you, hold you accountable, and allow you to meet new people within New Seabury. All are welcome! Bring a friend or family member for this free walking club - no sign-up required.

New Seabury has 8-10 miles of trails to be explored. The trails are maintained for safe and easy walking, but most are left in the natural state. Many stay off the trails due to fear of being alone, but if you are with the Walking Club, there will be safety in numbers. If you prefer the roads, we have many choices that are safe and easily accessible. The walking route will be designed to include a "short course" for those of you starting out and a "long course" for those of you who have been walking regularly. We will vary our walks to keep it exciting. All walks will be measured by GPS for personal tracking.

Here are 12 great reasons to begin walking!

1. Walking improves circulation. It lowers blood pressure and strengthens the heart.
2. Walking shores up your bones. So do burpees, but we won't be doing those!

3. Walking leads to a longer life. More time at the pool and beach!

4. Walking lightens your mood. Your friends and family will appreciate your good mood!

5. Walking can lead to weight loss. A brisk 30-minute walk burns 200 calories.

6. Walking strengthens muscles. You need strength to carry the cooler, the golf clubs, and the kids toys not to mention getting on and off the boat!

7. Walking improves sleep. Life is exhausting; you need your sleep!

8. Walking supports your joints.

9. Walking improves your breath. Breathe easy, company is coming!

10. Walking slows mental decline. That should be reason #1!

11. Walking lowers Alzheimer's risk.

12. Walking helps you do more, longer. Seize the day!

I would like to have the first ever

Walking Club meeting to discuss the details of our Club, such as:

- How often to walk
- The distance to cover
- The route to take
- The speed to walk
- When and where to meet
- What to do in case of bad weather

I will create a New Seabury Walking Club Facebook page to keep people informed. Marathon Sports in Mashpee Commons will support the New Seabury Walking Club by offering a 10% discount, and they will custom fit your shoes.



The New Seabury Walking Club is an activity sponsored by The Peninsula Council.



The Annual Rental Conundrum

Mike Richardson

It's not too early to think about the summertime, and how we all interact with our neighbors and the surroundings. Clearly, it's the best time of the year to be outside, to enjoy the great weather and the camaraderie of fellow residents and family. It also is the time of year that sound travels, and enjoyment for some could be problematic for others. We all have a responsibility to our fellow residents to be neighborly. Without fear of disagreement, I would say that we all enjoy the "sounds of summer," but we don't enjoy the "loud, late, sounds of summer."

It's not just rentals; it could be anyone. It just seems over the past few summers that rentals have been the source of most of the irritation. It doesn't have to be that way, and should not be that way. Whether you are an owner or a renter, the same discipline should apply. Given that an owner is here all the time and probably has a relationship with their neighbor, there is less likely to be an issue. Renters who do not live here may not have the same neighborly feeling for obvious reasons; yet, they still should be reasonable.

There is a noise by-law in the town of Mashpee. All, whether owners or renters, need to abide by the by-law. A simple phone call to the Mashpee Police Department will get reaction. When responding to a noise violation, the police will take notice of the number of residents that could lead to the Board of Health issuing a citation for Title V violations (using a septic system beyond its capacity), and/or a viola-

tion of the Sanitary Code (using a dwelling beyond its capacity). The Assessors Department also reviews rentals advertising beyond the approved number or bedrooms, which could result in a letter from the Board of Health as well. In addition, multiple cars parked all over the place could result in a fire hazard which will be addressed by the Mashpee Fire Department.

None of us wants to become the noise police; however, there comes a time when one's patience is challenged. Initially, a conversation with the folks creating the disturbance can calm things down. Most people do understand the problem; however, we all have come across instances where that does not work. It's never a good idea to issue a challenge to a group who has been partying for some time as their reaction may be less than understanding...that's the time for the police. You do not need to give your name, just the location of the problem.

Let the Peninsula Council know and we will assist by sending a letter to the owner of the home. Working together in a reasonable fashion, we all (neighbor, offending party, local officials, Peninsula Council, homeowner) can address most if not all of the situations that arise, thus keeping our summers as pleasant as possible.

Let's look forward to an enjoyable season.

Electronic Billing is helping maintain costs.

Peggy Bone had a great idea – let's see if residents would agree to electronic bills!

We wrote to all residents and are pleased to say that we received agreement to send approximately 400 of our 1300 invoices electronically. We ended up saving on paper, postage, and the time of folding and stuffing; an approximate savings of \$200.00. Give it some thought, as you may be interested in making your life more simple - one step at a time.

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More information will be coming in the May *Peninsula Reporter*. For questions, call Peggy Bone at the Peninsula Council office at 508-539-0028.

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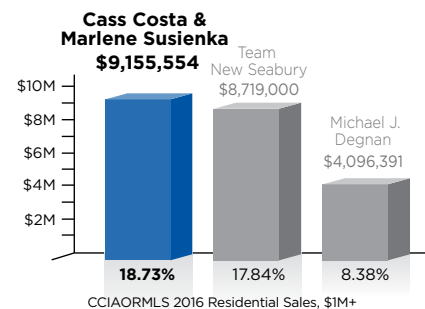
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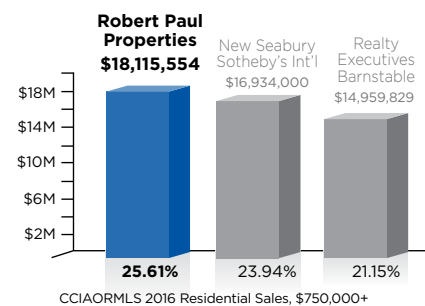


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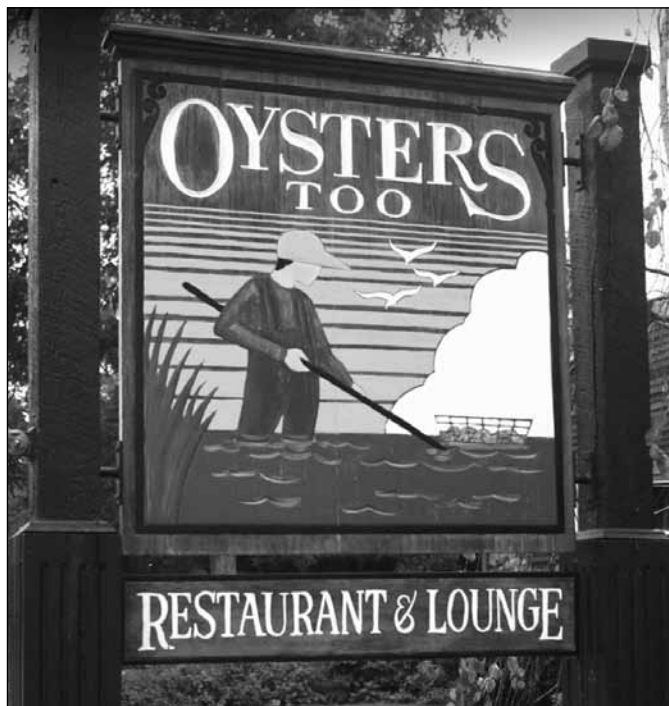


Our server Alysia was attentive, and service was prompt making our night out a comfortable one.

Our last visit was on a Saturday evening in late January. We were graciously welcomed with a "Thank you for joining us" and seated by the fireplace. The bar and the main dining room were both full, and piano music accompanied our meal.

Our waitress, Alysia, was attentive but not pushy through the entire evening. After cocktails we chose to skip the appetizers, not that they weren't varied and definitely "appetizing", but to save room for our entrees. I did order the Quahog Chowder and Kathy had a delicious house salad.

Our choice for entree was the "Surf and Turf". Not the typical Turf and Surf which is on the menu, but rather our version. I had the Surf and Kathy had the Turf. My Surf was the Seafood Mediterranean, a hearty serving of scallops, shrimp, lobster, artichokes and kalamata olives sautéed in a sun-dried tomato garlic butter with parmesan cheese, served over penne. Delicious Saturday - and Sunday!



Kathy's Turf was the Prime Rib, a choice 12 ounce cut au jus cooked perfectly with baked potato and seasonal vegetables. She also had more than enough left over for Sunday. We did manage to share a Hot Fudge Sundae for dessert. As we left, the manager said that he appreciated our coming, another example of consistent, friendly service.

Go to oysterstoo.com for the menu, billing fresh native seafood, steak, chicken, veal and pasta entrees with a license to serve Certified Angus Beef, a top quality brand of steak and beef products. The Prime Rib is available on Fridays and Saturdays, and Lamb Specials on Thursdays only. They also feature Specials and Early Bird prices except for Saturday.



The bar and main dining room were full on a Saturday night in January.

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CONGRATULATIONS to the Women's Club of New Seabury

The Women's Club of New Seabury raised **over \$16,000**
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With the help and generous donations of local businesses, organizations,
Club members and friends, WCNS "paid it forward" to the
St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry, Boys & Girls Club of Cape Cod,
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For more about the Women's Club of New Seabury, including membership information, turn to page 28.



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Save Popponesset Bay: Update

Mike Oleksak

Save Popponesset Bay (SPB) continues to work toward the goal of a stronger Spit and wider, deeper channels in and out of Popponesset Bay. In October, we trucked in 2,000 cubic yards of sand to prepare for seasonal storms. In November, the 1916 Channel was dredged by the Town of Mashpee, with the 3,500 cubic yards of material placed up on the Spit filling in lower areas. This winter, we will truck in more sand to continue to build up the Spit. In the spring, the town will dredge its annual 5,000 cubic yards from the outer channel and SPB will pay for the dredging of an additional 4,000 cubic yards to be placed on the Spit. This additional channel dredging paid for by SPB over the past three years has already resulted in clearer passage to the Sound from the Bay.



The bay side near Audubon land.

Meanwhile, we have begun the process to obtain local, state and federal permits and approvals. This will be for a larger Spit and a longer, deeper and wider channel plus a catch basin parallel to the channel. This process kicked off with the completion of our various studies and design work with Woods Hole Group. It now moves to preliminary meetings with the many groups who we will need to support the application process. This permit approval process is likely to take 15-18 months to complete.

We would like to thank all of our financial contributors in 2016 and since we began addressing these issues in 2014.

Our consistent annual contributors help us meet our current annual operating expenses of approximately \$90,000, which includes the extra money toward the expanded outer channel dredging. Many donors have contributed to both our annual maintenance and generously to our capital program for this big project. We now have eight Leadership Donors who have contributed and pledged over \$600,000 via significant multi-year pledges toward the capital program.

The capital program contributions have funded the development of our long-term plan (now complete), the extension of the channel dredging, and substantial additions of sand and dune grasses that have stabilized the Spit since the crisis determination by Woods Hole Group in 2014 and in line with our long term plan.

We hope your neighbors will contribute annually to SPB.

Thank you all for enabling us to protect our happy place for generations to come!

And thank you in advance for your support in 2017.



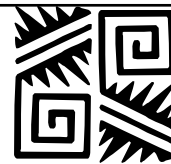
The Spit on a Saturday in January.



Looking east from the Spit.



The Second Annual CHILI CHALLENGE



MJ Richardson



*The gang at Estia celebrates their winning chili!
Left to right: Chef Rodolfo, Jess, Julia, Mike, Kahlah, Lorena, Catherine,
and in the front is Fitzjohn.*

Who said there is no one here on the Cape in January? Well, the attendance at the Second Annual Chili Challenge under the Poppy tent seems to refute that theory! Lots of people - over 500 - and lots of chili prepared by your friends and favorite restaurants made for a successful fundraiser - over \$20,000 - for the Boys and Girls Club of Cape Cod and the Cape Cod Children's Museum. Congratulations to the winning chili entries - Professional Entry: Estia Taverna & Bar; Amateur Entry: Ted Breen.

We stopped by Estia to see if their winning chili was on the menu and sure enough, it was. So.. of course, we had to try it! The recipe is the creation of Chef Betty Grady, and is a different take on chili made with chickpeas and is topped with tzatzaki.

We all agreed it made for a winning combination!

Estia Taverna & Bar is the main sponsor of the Chili Challenge, and the restaurant owners, Catherine and Nick Markantonis, plan on continuing the "tradition."

Seems that they will have a busy year not only giving back to our community, but they will also be planning their new restaurant in Falmouth, which is opening in the fall. Stay tuned; we'll keep you posted on the date!



The Second Annual Chili Fest at the Poppy featured lots of chili, a live band, a DJ from WCOD, and dancing!



Women's Club OF NEW SEABURY

Carolyn Noble, President



The WCNS December luncheon highlighted presentations to the beneficiaries who benefited from the highly successful results of our Autumn By-the-Sea Bazaar & Auction in November.

Our December luncheon at the country club dining room highlighted our presentations to our beneficiaries from the highly successful results of our *Autumn By-the-Sea Bazaar & Auction* in November. Each charity gave a very brief description of the breadth of work they do and how they provide help with feeding our community. We were delighted to make donations to five charities: the Boys & Girls Club of Cape Cod, the Falmouth Service Center, St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, Cape Cod Shelter and Domestic Violence Services and the Mashpee Council on Aging. In addition, Sean Eagan from the Mashpee Scholarship Foundation Trust accepted our donation towards a scholarship for a graduating senior. Afterwards, we all laughed together during the Yankee Swap led by Jane Goubeaux.

One item from our *Autumn By-the-Sea Bazaar & Auction* in November has received significant publicity. During the live auction, our auctioneer, Melinda Gallant, got an excellent winning bid for a "Day with a Mashpee Police Officer." A six-year-old boy enjoyed the day, compliments of his grandmother. All the officers and Chief Carline were warm and welcoming to Padraig. After Padraig's official swearing in, he had an authentic day as a police officer which included delivering gifts to the elderly and a genuine traffic stop in a patrol car.

Looking Forward: As both 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 2017. In April, we plan to publish the full 2017 schedule. Our first gathering for 2017 will be a luncheon on Tuesday, April 11th. So, mark your calendars and more information will follow.

You can find out more information on all our activities and events on our web site: www.womensclubofnewseabury.com



Padraig received his badge.



In community spirit, Padraig and fellow officer deliver holiday gifts.

RECYCLING

by June Levy



BYOB... Bring Your Own Bags



As stated previously, the Mashpee Recycling Committee is essentially defunct, but that doesn't mean there aren't other recycling issues to report.

In particular, at the town meeting on October 17, 2016, the Mashpee Environmental Oversight Committee submitted a request to ban all single-use plastic bags from stores in town. The ban passed with a few naysayers. Stores will phase out existing stock of single-use bags within 12 months. I have already noticed that some markets have switched to brown paper bags.

Mashpee would not be the only town in Massachusetts, nor on Cape Cod and the Islands, to adopt a similar bylaw. Provincetown, Chatham, Nantucket, Falmouth, Barnstable, Harwich, Truro and Wellfleet already have plastic bag bans in place, although the specifics vary in each town. Several towns on Martha's Vineyard have introduced a ban. Sandwich and Yarmouth have looked at proposals as well.

Why ban plastic bags? Bags can pose a threat to wildlife, which might get tangled in them, eat them or inadvertently use them as nesting material. Plastic pollu-

tion is most acute in the marine environment. Hundreds of marine animal species suffer injury and death. Thanks to their lightweight, plastic bags in landfills don't always stay there. They are likely to fly away and can settle in trees, block storm drains, and clutter beaches.

While paper bags are more easily recycled, there are drawbacks. A lot of trees have to be cut down. Both compostable and paper bags require more material per bag in the manufacturing process, meaning greater consumption of raw materials and greater energy and fuel use in the manufacturing and transport.

The better move is to switch to reusable (fabric, canvas, polyester, polypropylene) bags. Some grocery stores offer discounts to customers who bring reusable bags: Now that's an incentive! The average reusable bag has a lifespan equal to that of more than 700 disposable plastic bags.

What is the hardest part of using reusable bags? Remembering to take them out of the car and into the store. Then, remembering to take them from the house and putting them back in the car!!!!



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Developer's Report

Greetings from the Sales Cottage

Mike Degnan

2017 is off to a fast start. Weather at the time of this writing has been mild, and sales activity has already begun in our three neighborhoods under construction. A number of homes have been placed under agreement already this year, and we will be welcoming homeowners to their beautiful new residences over the next few months.

Several new additions have been added to New Seabury over the last few months. The launch of New Seabury's fresh, new, updated website provides a greatly improved web experience for discovering all New Seabury has to offer. The real estate sections provide improved features and enhanced listings. In addition, excitement has continued to build around the construction of our new Athletic Club facility. This new facility overlooking the current Tennis Complex will include a tennis pro shop, state of the art fitness center, multi-purpose meeting space, and snack and refreshment areas. The surrounding grounds will feature a 7,200 square foot pool, as well as outdoor gathering areas complete with fire pits.



The new Athletic Club is under construction.

Stop by the Sales Cottage to learn more about this exciting new addition, and preview a number of attractive custom home models available for purchase within our new neighborhood offerings.

THE COTTAGES AT NEW SEABURY

Six furnished homes are available for viewing. Phase One is completed with a few homes still available for purchase. One third of Phase Two is currently under construction, but many desirable home sites are still available. The Cottages' homeowners association will offer you some of the ease and appeal of a condominium style home with the privacy and ownership rights of a single family home. This community offers super easy access to the upcoming New Seabury Athletic Club and pool.

THE PRESERVE AT FLAT POND

Only four homes are left for sale on Flat Pond. These newly completed homes are available for viewing. This will complete New Seabury's sales efforts in Flat Pond. This beautiful gated neighborhood has become extremely popular with luxurious single family homes offering both wooded and ocean views.

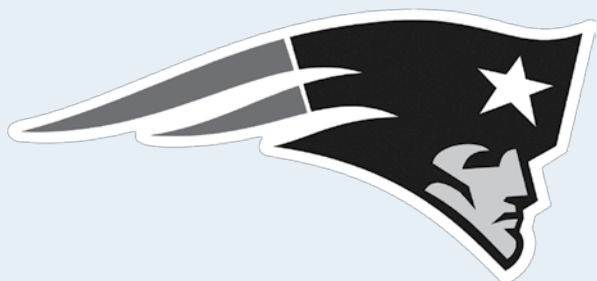
OCEANFRONT HOMES AT SEASIDE

Four new homes are completed and ready to occupy. Our gorgeous new waterfront home has just been professionally decorated and offers spectacular views of Nantucket Sound. Other completed homes are available on the Ocean Course 1st fairway. Several building sites are also available at prime waterfront or golf-front locations. Seaside offers the most spectacular and unrivaled location within New Seabury. The deeded private beach views and access to the clubhouse are exceptional.

The time to begin planning for summer 2017 is now. Call or stop in to learn more about these new opportunities! We are now open daily 9-5. The Sales Cottage can be reached at 508-539-8200.

Patty, Heather, Kim, Tyler and Mike

OUR OWN VERSION OF PATRIOTS DAY



**The New England Patriots
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This tailgating group has had Patriots season tickets for approximately 20 years. Some of the names and faces have changed, but the base is still the same. It's been a heck of a run over the last 10 years or so with the boys. It's a process and procedure that hasn't changed for some time; four hours before game time, two grills, two tables, four folding chairs, two heaters, two pop-ups, four trucks, nine season ticket holders, cigars, an all-star menu, and liquid refreshments! We've caught three footballs over the end zone nets as well. See Rob Mills (below) with the latest catch!



Left to right, Mike Richardson, Shawn Smith, Ian Richardson, Dan Jones, Martin DuCharme, Mark DuCharme, Rob Mills.

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Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades - King David

Hearts - Charlemagne

Clubs - Alexander the Great

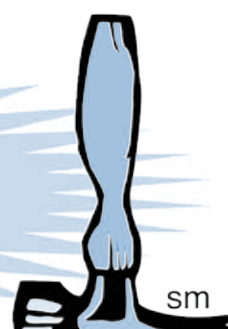
Diamonds - Julius Caesar



What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers have in common?

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- Source Unknown



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COUNTRY CLUB MEMBERS UPDATE

Mike Richardson

Communications are ongoing between the Board of Managers and Club Management through respective counsel for each in an effort to resolve outstanding litigation. A hearing is scheduled in Barnstable Superior Court on February 23, 2017 in the Post-Bankruptcy litigation. The Pre-Bankruptcy litigation has been resolved.



A member survey was completed this winter with approximately 40% of members responding. Results have been shared with Members and Club Management.

MEN'S SOCIAL CLUB AT NEW SEABURY

by Joe Fisher

The Men's Club's first event for 2017 will be the Welcome Back reception scheduled for mid- May at the Country Club. Our 2017 calendar of events will be published at that time. If we have your email, you'll receive the specifics. If we do not have your email or if you would like more information, you can contact Peggy Bone at the Peninsula Council office.

Our Men's Club Education Fund is our commitment to support higher education in Mashpee. If you'd like to make a contribution to the Men's Club's Education Fund, you can send a check to Men's Club at New Seabury, P.O. Box 1093, Mashpee, MA 02649. The fund has been in existence for over 40 years and 100% of contributions are spent to provide financial assistance to Mashpee High School graduates.

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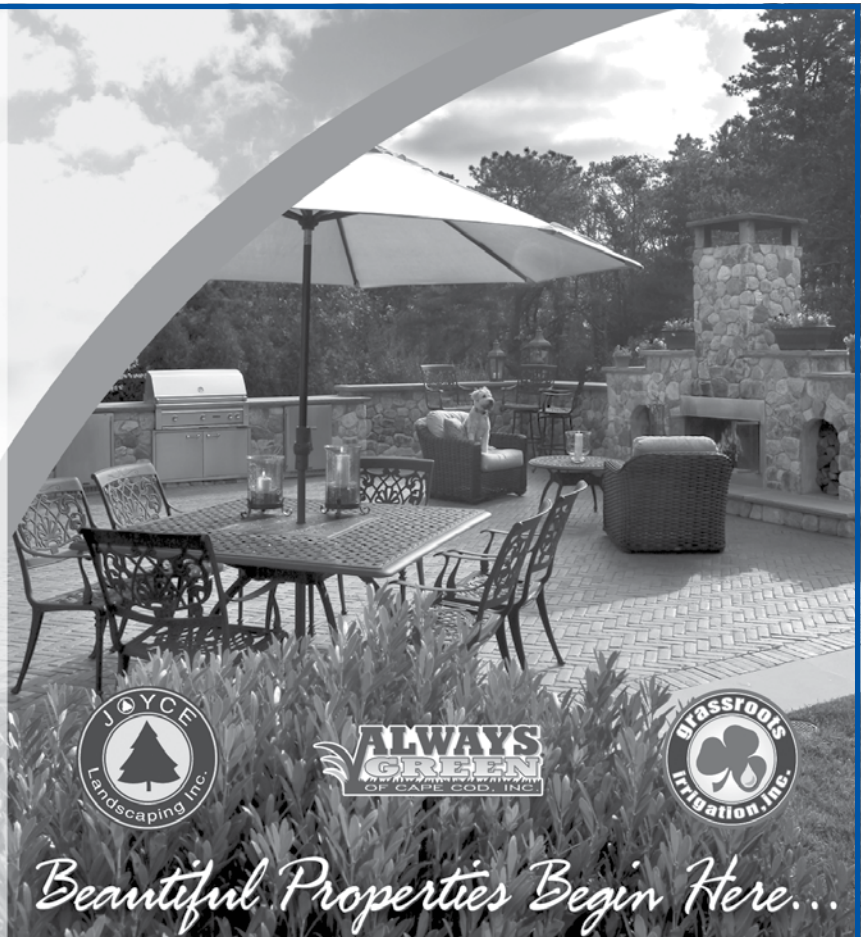
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The Peninsula Council has spent a great deal of time with our **website gurus**, Chris and RuthAnn Boyd, over the past few months. Peggy Bone and I went to their office and walked through our entire site for updates, and these updates are in the process of being entered at this time. Our new site is more progressive, brighter, and easier to navigate. We are committed to keeping it up to date with information that will help all residents find resources and be kept abreast with changes that impact our community. Give it a look and let us know what you think. We hope to have most, if not all, updated within the month.

— MIKE RICHARDSON AND PEGGY BONE



PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE PENINSULA COUNCIL'S BRUSH PICKUP IS IN MAY!

Mike Richardson

As you all know, the major reason for our Brush Pickup is to help keep our community looking great. Your Village Committees have worked with the Peninsula Council to create programs like the Brush Pickup to enable us to continue to keep New Seabury looking great, thus maintaining our home values.

There is a cost for the Brush Pickup. The tree company spends hours driving our entire community along with workers, trucks, chippers, etc. It works because we schedule all of the Villages in the community for the same time of year. It's the most economical way, and at the same time gets us all off and running for the summer.

The Peninsula Council has a Brush Pickup for certain Villages only one time per year, and that is in May. Please do not put your brush at the roadside at any other time of year. All that does is make the community look ugly, and from an appearance perspective, it looks like we don't care about our properties. So, if you have brush piles out on the roadside now, it's your responsibility to remove brush, etc., from your property now, and at times other than the Council's Brush Pickup schedule.

SPRING 2017 BRUSH PICKUP

The following Villages will have Spring Brush Pickup the week of May 21:

BRIGHT COVES

FELLS POND

THE MEWS

GREENSWARD

HIGHWOOD

SANDALWOOD

SUMMERSEA

TRITON SOUND

Please place all branches to be picked up on your property, next to the street. All brush should have the thickest portion facing the street for the most efficient removal by the contractor. The maximum trunk diameter allowed is 6 inches. Only brush will be picked up. No leaves, trash or other debris, is allowed. Your observance of these guidelines is appreciated.

THE END OF AN ERA

Mike Richardson

All good things come to an end....I guess that is an appropriate way to make this announcement. Eddie Gibbons has let us know that he is retiring. He is selling his business to LBM Masonry. He came in last week and introduced me to the two owners of LBM, who committed to following Eddie's lead in continuing to do the job in the same fashion. Eddie is going to be spending the next several months tutoring (for lack of another word) LBM, and I will be involved. They will also be introduced to his private customers along the way.

LBM Masonry has the capability to do stone walls, drive-ways, patios, walkways, chimneys, cobblestone aprons, landscape maintenance, hydroseed/sod, irrigation, mulch and edging, lawn mowing and also has bobcat service. In essence they can do all that Eddie has been doing for the Peninsula Council.

Eddie has been a trustworthy, quality, reasonably priced vendor for 15 years. He is also a dear friend and fellow golf buddy. He was initially brought on board by Tom Caston who groomed



Tom Caston wishes Eddie Gibbons good luck upon his retirement. We'll all miss you, Eddie!

Eddie along the way. Annually he shows up, does the job well, and has made our lives very simple. I know many of his customers, who, like us, hate to see this day come; however, as with any loved member of a family, we wish him and Roxanne well in retirement. The best of health and happiness is being sent their way by all of us in the Peninsula Council with one request...stay in touch.

GRANDPARENTS, BEWARE!

Callers pretending to be grandkids target older Americans. Some grandparents in our own New Seabury neighborhoods have received phone calls from their "grandchildren" asking for money, whether it be for money to spring them from jail, or to pay medical bills, etc. These scammers are smart and deceitful and have been known to use the actual names of the person's grandchildren. Scammers do their research via social media - Facebook or Twitter- and/or they may buy or steal personal data.

So, beware! Don't be a victim of a phone scam! AARP Bulletin, February 2017 recommends the following:

- 1) Use antivirus software on your computer to protect intruders from obtaining your personal information.
- 2) Don't open file attachments in your email from strangers.
- 3) Ask the caller questions to determine their authenticity/identity.
- 4) Never say yes to a wire transfer based on a single phone call. Contact the person directly on their home phone or cell phone.
- 5) If you realize that you've been scammed after you've completed the money transfer, contact the money transfer service. It may not be too late to retrieve your money. Don't be embarrassed!

Information obtained from AARP Bulletin, February 2017.

NOMOROBO!!

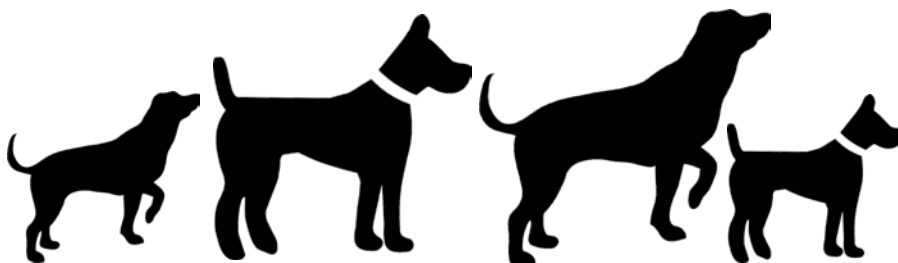
At a recent Peninsula Council Board of Directors meeting, the Board discussed the annoying robocalls and calls from telemarketers received on a daily basis. Some of the Board members use NOMOROBO, and have had good results. This robocall protection can be used on landlines as well as mobile devices. For more information, go to nomorobo.com.*

**This is provided to homeowners as information only and not endorsed by the Peninsula Council.*

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