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Peninsula Council's New Seabury Homeowners
15th Annual Golf Classic Ocean Course
August 15, 2022

CONGRATULATIONS to...
FIRST PLACE TEAM with a score of 58



Ryan Fournier, Jeremy Breault, Vincent Dorval, Carter Burnett

SECOND PLACE TEAM with a score of 58

Steve Maher John Kimball
Mitch McCabe Ben Kohler



THIRD PLACE TEAM with a score of 59

Jay Mitchell Andrew Dailey
Ian Sady Mark Kisetko



LONGEST DRIVE #7

Men: Greg Burnett
Women: Patti Stivaletta

CLOSEST TO THE PIN #4

Men: Tom Mullen

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Please Note: Names are listed in no particular order.

President's Report

Dick Noonan



After a very nice summer season we find ourselves settling into fall. For those of us who remain on the Cape many feel it is the best time of the year. The weather is still pleasant enough for golf and walks on the beach. All in all not too bad.

On behalf of the Board I would like to thank all of you who came to our Annual Meeting in August. As I have done the past few years I have summarized my comments from the Annual Meeting for this edition of the *Reporter*.

We reported that our finances are in good shape but we are concerned about the increased costs we are seeing for the paving of our roads and the replacement of our drains which seem to be failing more often and more completely. The last few drain failures we have had were complicated and could not be simply repaired. We used to plan on \$5,000 repairs. The last two failures required complete replacements with larger catch basins at a cost of \$78,000 and \$48,000.

One of the tasks we want to begin doing is undertaking a more proactive approach to our drains similar to what we have been doing for our roads. The thinking is we need to plan to completely replace 2-3 drains per year focusing of course on the most troublesome first.

We will be doing a more comprehensive review of our Common Infrastructure Reserves to see how such a program along with our roads will impact current and forecasted reserves. We need to be sure that we are accumulating sufficient funds to keep our common infrastructure up to the standards we expect. As we said at the Annual Meeting we will likely be asking for a dues increase at our '23 Annual Meeting. Along with the request we will also provide a deeper dive into our operating and capital financial structure so everyone can see how their funds are being spent.

And speaking of roads, drains and Common Infrastructure Maintenance, I am still occasionally surprised to hear that some residents continue to think New Seabury is responsible for the maintenance of our roads, drains, entrances, rotaries, shrubs, flowers, lighting, signs, paths, reserve lands and yes taxes on the above.

It is not New Seabury Corporation that maintains our infrastructure. It is the Peninsula Council. The Peninsula Council does this via three main functions:

- Management for the 10 Villages of Bright Coves, Greensward, Fells Pond, High Wood, Summer Sea, Triton Sound, The Mews, Poppy Island, Poppy Place and Sandalwood. An important footnote to that list is that we have outsourced property management for Sandalwood to Distinctive Properties under a pilot this past year. It has worked out well and we have learned a lot about how to develop a "Service Level Agreement" with a vendor and the cost to provide the service. At this

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point in time Sandalwood plans to continue with Distinctive Properties for 2023. And we are evaluating expanding this outsourcing model to other Villages.

- Common Infrastructure Maintenance, formerly Special Maintenance for benefit of all who live here. That is, the maintenance of all the roads, drains, entrances, reserve properties, lighting, landscaping etc. And lastly

- Architectural Review Committee for all Villages and Condominiums that make up the Community we call New Seabury. Even if the Peninsula Council does not provide property management to a Village, all of their Declarations, i.e. The Cottages, Promontory Point... etc, are required to follow ARC guidelines and that is managed by the Peninsula Council.

As you can see, all Villages are affiliated with the Peninsula Council in some fashion. They may have their own "Declarations," use other property management companies, but they contribute to the funding for Common Infrastructure Maintenance and utilize the ARC.

It is important to understand this because in just three years, the Universal Village Declaration that covers the "Original Villages" and underpins all that the Peninsula Council does will expire. We will need the votes of our residents to extend it. Without a vote to extend, we lose our authority to collect fees and care for our infrastructure Community-wide. Our mandate would be relegated to the ARC alone. That is not an outcome any of us want. We all have a significant investment in this community. We need everyone's support and cooperation if we are to maintain it the way we have come to expect and enjoy and protect our investment. We will keep reminding everyone of the role of the Peninsula Council and the importance of extending the Universal Village Declaration as we move along towards its expiration over the next couple of years.

I have emphasized the role of the Peninsula Council, but I do need to recognize that New Seabury Corporation does add to our living environment in a major way by offering memberships to first class amenities such as our beach club, tennis facility, golf courses and restaurants. This community wouldn't be as attractive to us without those things. And New Seabury has been a very good partner with us over the past few years. I think they appreciate the symbiotic relationship we have. I certainly do. But it is your homeowner's association, the Peninsula Council, that maintains our common infrastructure.

Enjoy this beautiful fall season and I look forward to seeing all who live here full time over the winter.



Executive Director's Report

Mike Richardson

Well, here we are in 2022, with the sun going down earlier, dark when I get up in the morning, and more leaves than the military ever gave out over the years. As said in a professional tone....Yuck! Add to that, the debacle called Patriots football last night, which was added to the Celtics blow out...both by a Chicago team, and the world just doesn't seem right at the moment.

On the plus side, we came through the season in pretty good shape. Your Peninsula Council Officer group, has seriously spent a good deal of time looking into their crystal ball about the future, and came up with a fairly comprehensive plan that at face value should allow New Seabury to continue to be the place we all call "special." That's not without facing the word we all so much love directly....Change!!!

We've added a player to our mix, Distinctive Properties, a local management company led by one of our High Wood residents, Matt Philbrick. DP (as we conversationally refer to them) are presently managing the Sandalwood village, and on a pilot doing ARC work. Sandalwood, being off site and not a participant of Special Maintenance, represented a good opportunity to take on a pilot program, and their leadership team was ready for the challenge. It has provided us with valuable information we are using as we look into the future. The ARC remains one of the pillars of our longstanding success so we are working with DP on extending their pilot under contract for the upcoming year, anticipating a long term partnership structure into the future.

We are losing Peggy Bone, our Office Manager, to retirement with Tom at the end of the year. She will be one of the most difficult losses I have dealt with since she is so proficient at her job, but like all of us, there comes a time. We will fill the position, so if interested or if you know someone who might be interested, please contact me.

We have worked hard to maintain stability. There will be changes to our internal process, making collections more understandable and some name changes to more align with spending. Quick Books will continue to be our financial holding resource with some document changes as well. With all that we are dealing with we still had yet another financially successful year. In summary, we got the work done, maintained collections at a very high rate, and still aged another year. When you add the number of years Tom Caston and I have been around, New Seabury is still an infant...our community continues to grow and thrive, while Tom and I are looking at sitting on the beach with our feet up. More to come on that!!

What keeps me up at night (besides aches and pains) is our infrastructure. Roads, drains, trees, and weather, in many combinations. We have longstanding plans in place to address these, but like everything else in life, these plans need updating and more aggressive action. That is, at present, a major undertaking that is ongoing. Add to that the upcoming need to amend and extend our Universal Village Declaration, the collective and directed wisdom that enables the Peninsula Council to operate. As one famous person once said...."Once You Catch Up With The Rats in This Race, They Get Larger and Faster." I don't actually know who said that, but boy, is that true.

So as we come to the fall of yet another year, I leave you with a couple of things:

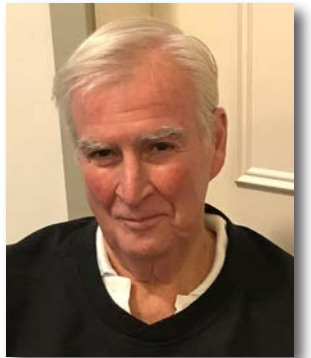
-Change is about to become our best friend, or relative. We need to embrace it for all it's worth so that we can go forward addressing challenges.

-New Faces are going to be helping us through that process. We need to embrace them as they help us get there.

-New Processes are going to come with new faces and new structures. We need to embrace them with patience and understanding as they will be the cornerstones of success.

-Short Lunches and Early Nights are a thing of the present. We need to take care of ourselves and our neighbors and friends as Father Time works harder than any of us to achieve his goals.

Perhaps one of the more serious Executive Director reports I have ever written, but one that comes from the heart. We have a special place here and all of you (family, as I like to say) play an important role in that success....stay with us as we make changes that are for our collective futures and please give us your total support.



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Rich Lusk

Financial results for the first three quarters of the year are in and I am pleased to report that the Peninsula Council finances are in good shape. Collection of fees (Special Maintenance and Membership) is about 98% so far. For those of you who have paid, thank you. The fees we collect are essential to maintaining the function and beauty of New Seabury. As a reminder, it's the Peninsula Council, not the Club at New Seabury or the New Seabury development company, that is responsible for the roads, drains, landscaping, trees, walking paths and other common areas of our community. Without your continued support, New Seabury would not be the special place it is.

One major expense for the Peninsula Council and for the individual is the road drains throughout the community. The drains are all 60-70 years old and are essentially large underground collection basins. They hold the storm water runoff until it can be absorbed into the surrounding ground. At this time of year, the drains can become clogged with leaves, pine needles and mulch. The Peninsula Council cleans the drains annually and, when necessary, replaces drains that have failed. Drain replacement cost can run from \$15K to \$85K depending on the size and complexity of the drain. Some Villages have created an "Adopt-a-Drain" program. Homeowners who have a drain in front of their property are asked to rake off the collection of debris that accumulates on top of the drain and causes road flooding. Plus, whatever doesn't go into the drain, is that much less to clean out. It only takes a couple of minutes and doing so keeps the road clear and saves money. So please consider "adopting" the drain by your house.

Special Maintenance Report

Tom Caston

This fall has proved to be unusually busy. As reported previously, we continue to place strong emphasis on shrub and tree maintenance. Our goal is to prune back both shrubs and tree limbs prior to the winter season. Lighting and storm drains are also major concerns. We have replaced a number of gas lamps with solar lights which have proved to be very successful. We still have a way to go with both electric and gas replacements. If you see either a gas or electric light out in your area, please give the Peninsula Council office a call.

The replacement of storm drains has been very costly. This coming year the issue will be ongoing as our drains are now 60 years old. As you all know, time takes its toll on everything, and we anticipate with price increases the new year will be a challenge.

Our operating budget is stable at this time, and we will continue to watch it as we move into 2023.



ARC Report

Matt Philbrick
ARC Administrator



As the summer 2022 season has come to an end and the leaves start to fall, New Seabury home projects begin to wind down. Whether your home is in need of repair, or you are looking to enhance the overall appearance, the ARC is here to help!

The ARC committee is in place to provide guidance to homeowners when it comes to obtaining permits for home improvement projects. When it comes to your home, we make sure that homes are also maintaining the signature look of New Seabury that we have all come to love.

When it comes to making any changes to the exterior of your home, whether it be painting, roofing, siding, window/door replacement, decking, major landscaping, additions or removing trees (over 6" in diameter), we ask that you reach out to our office (arc@peninsulacouncil.com) to discuss the permitting process and what may be needed. Many projects may need to also go through the Mashpee Building Department as well. In these cases we ask that you make sure to obtain an ARC permit prior to contacting the town as they will not issue you a permit until you have an ARC permit on file.

Please be sure to always have your yellow permit in an area that is easily visible for us to see!

Have the final touches on your project been completed? Are you loving your new upgrades? If so, we would love to see! Once your project is completed, we ask that you reach out to our office to go over the procedure of getting your performance guarantee fee returned to you.

In other news, our community has recently expanded with the new home builds in Ockway Village, and we look forward to welcoming many new homeowners to New Seabury. Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation.

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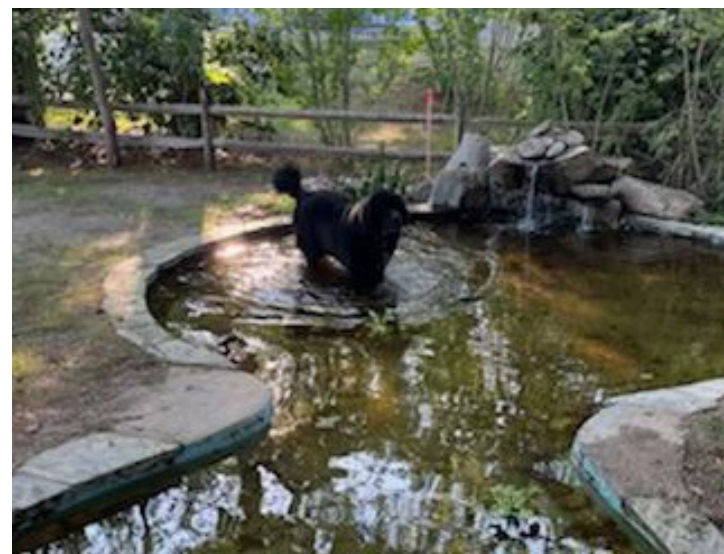
Village Reports

Bright Coves

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What a great fall we've had so far...meeting lots of new neighbors and reminding everyone to go up on www.peninsulacouncil.com and add your name and contact information to the Directory... it's the BEST way for us to stay in touch with all residents.

BIG THANKS to everyone who showed up for our Bright Coves Cleanup Day (see pics) it was so much fun AND productive! We gathered at the magical little pond we uncovered in the Reserved Area at 195 Waterway...and from there, we cleaned up extraneous trash across the whole Village, then returned to "christen" the pond with pizza and wine...perfect! Thanks also to everyone who voted for the best name...we had seventeen suggested names....VERY competitive, but the overwhelming winner was the simple but sweet "Pond at Bright Coves"....!!! Ordering a new sign as we speak...ah, make that "as we type"!! An added benefit, it was so great to meet and hang out with new neighbors and old buds alike....hoping to do more gatherings in the months to come.



Local dogs love the pond, too. Leo is a neighborhood favorite!



All dressed up for Autumn

We also started a new program for memorial benches around our Village....a local family asked if they could donate a bench in memory of a loved one who recently passed...and make a generous donation to Save Popponesset Bay, the charity that most speaks to the beauty of the bays that their relative loved so much. If you want to consider doing the same, just contact me and we'll give you the details.

Best part of Bright Coves is that it's such a HIGHLY WALKABLE neighborhood - with or without a dog walking to neighboring Summer Sea or over the bridge to Poppy Island, down Wading Place to walk the Spit, or follow the trails into the woods we are a blessed crew!

Final thought: we are all learning more about the history of this amazing spot and all of New Seabury so for everyone wondering what to do about clogged drains or street lights that pop or reserved areas that need some trimming just about anything to do with maintaining this beautiful spot, the first thing to remember is we are ALL trustees of our Village so maintenance and oversight falls to every resident from there we turn to our individual councils, then the Peninsula Council for oversight over most of the other Villages so if you want to know more, check out the website (above) and come to the next meeting! There's always something that can be done better, so jump in and join us!!!

And happy holidays! Stay safe!
Marjorie Clapprood
Chair, Bright Coves Council

Bright Coves "CleanUp" Volunteers



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Fells Pond

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Reluctantly, we must say goodbye to summer and realize autumn is here - and what a summer it was - the hottest we've had in 100 years! Now the beaches are quiet and many of our neighbors have already left the Cape. The osprey have flown south, and the geese are beginning to return to Fells Pond. However, the trees surrounding the pond have become a panorama of colorful beauty. The last pond treatment took place mid-October and I must say I've never seen the quality of the water more perfect.

We plan on cleaning the drains mid-November through December after the leaves have fallen. We've replaced many of the old gas pole lamps with solar lights. Let's hope it improves our lighting.

I'm asking once again for you to volunteer your service to the Fells Pond Committee. We really need your help. We have many talented and creative members in our Village who can contribute to managing this Village. I'll always be available to advise.

Have a wonderful holiday season and stay well.



Fall is in the air.



Photo by Darlene Furbush

Soon preparation for winter will begin. That generally includes a notice in the local paper or a letter to Mr. Richardson letting us know which of our roads will be placed on the do not plow list due to low hanging tree branches. Once that happens, one will see the tree company cutting those branches so the plow truck drivers will once again this year plow those roads.

Now, one may say, "it doesn't snow on Cape Cod". A saying I have heard many times over the years before moving here. Well, some years are far better than others, but we do see snow. I can attest to that as our first year as fulltime residents, the winter of 2004/2005 we saw 110 inches of snow, and I did a whole lot of shoveling. So, as the scout motto stays, be prepared is always the way to go.

As we look forward to the upcoming holidays and the New Year, let us give thanks and take a moment to reflect on all we have here.

A big thanks to Mike Richardson for all the work, hours and love he puts into the Community, to the Greensward Committee folks, and to Peggy Bone who runs the Peninsula Council office and without whom everything in the office would come to a screeching halt. Also thanks to Tom Caston and Catherine Power; okay, Catherine doesn't live in our Village, but she and Tom work endlessly on the beautiful gardens and much more for our New Seabury Villages.

Happy and Healthy Holidays to all.

HighWood

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We had our annual Village meeting on July 30th; the attendance was fair with the largest representation from Surrey Place; hopefully, we can improve our attendance from other streets in years to come. Mariana and I would like to thank those that came out to support us in our effort to maintain and improve our Village. Your suggestions are always welcome and encouraged; there were several good suggestions that we need to follow up on. Please understand that we are volunteers with personal lives as well; unfortunately we get busy with our lives at times and don't always respond to your concerns as quickly as we should. Please contact me if anyone is willing to assist us or has a special project that they would like to take on.

Issues listed in the August issue of the *Peninsula Reporter* were discussed at the meeting, items of significance were:

-The displeasure and safety concern about bikes on the walking trails has been raised by several residents. The trails are owned by the Peninsula Council and maintained by the Council Special Maintenance Committee. It has been agreed that signs at all of the trail entrances are needed. The Peninsula Council is in the process of obtaining additional signs. The desire of the Committee is to install signs that are consistent with the pre-existing signs. One of our residents has taken it upon themselves to install their own signs. Please be patient while we get additional signs installed.

-One resident voiced concern about algae on Frogs Leap Pond and who they should call. Although the ponds are located within High Wood Village, they are located on "Reserved" land that is owned by the Peninsula Council and are maintained by the Council Special Maintenance Committee. The Peninsula Council retained the services of a specialized company this past year to maintain the water quality. The water quality should improve over the

coming years. If you have any concerns, please contact me directly and I will notify the person on the Committee that has taken responsibility for pond management.

-Replacing the gas lights at the High Wood Way and Hacking Circle neutral ground with solar lights is in progress. The delay has been created by getting the gas company to disconnect the gas service. At the meeting someone suggested disconnecting the gas service to all of our street lights. This is something that I agree with, although they are generally attractive, we are paying for gas service without ample light to make them effective. Replacing them one-by-one and installing electric lights in areas where solar is not viable seems inevitable.

-Landscaping improvements at the High Wood Way / Rock Landing Road entrance are needed to clear visual obstruction. Relocating the existing azaleas and replacing them with low shrubs and flowers in the spring will be discussed with our landscaper.

-The possible need to increase our annual fees was discussed. Of the annual Peninsula Council fee, \$500 goes towards our High

Wood budget which is needed for general maintenance within our Village with a reserve balance to be used for eventual road and storm drain maintenance. Over the past several months, I have gotten quotes from several paving contractors. At present, we do not have enough money to pay to pave our roads using conventional asphalt pavement overlay; however, we do have enough to chip-seal them, such as what was done to High Wood Way and Paddock Way in 2015. Some of the issues with chip-sealing raised by the contractor are the need to provide a location where they can stockpile materials and the concern about over spraying of the asphalt tack coat onto the cobblestone aprons of each of our driveways. The contractor will cover them but does not guarantee that the aprons will not get asphalt on them. The need to increase our annual dues will be evaluated in more detail this coming year and may require a special meeting to vote on it.

-Some storm drains are in need of replacement. I walked the streets of High Wood during the last significant rain storm and took notes and photos of the ones that are backing up.



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The possibility of creating a Village directory was mentioned. The Peninsula Council maintains a data base for each Village with contact information. If you did not get an email regarding the annual meeting, the Peninsula Council does not have current contact information for you. Please call or email Peggy Bone at the PC office (508-539-0028) and give her your contact information so that you can be informed of current issues. We need a volunteer to check the Village e-mail list I received from Peggy so that we can send out announcements, or possibly create a directory. The possibility of creating a High Wood website, like Bright Coves, may be worth considering. If someone has the ability to create and manage a website, please contact me.

There has been concern raised about speeding on Paddock Way, particularly from contractors and residents going through to High Wood Way or to Paddock Circle. Initially, two speed limit signs have been added to Paddock Way. If these are not effective, then speed bumps may have to be installed. We would prefer not to have the expense and maintenance issues associated with speed bumps, so please slow down when you enter the Village and be respectful of your neighbors. Unfortunately, many of the speeders may be contractors, which could lead us to having periodic police patrol.

Disturbance from a dog(s) digging holes by the benches at the Highwood Way / Hacking Circle neutral ground was repaired at our Village expense; please take responsibility for your dogs.

It was noted in the August issue of the *Peninsula Reporter* that the trails and areas around the ponds are owned by the Peninsula Council. In the past, there have been a few areas where residents have cleared behind their property up to the trails and ponds. This is Peninsula Council property and it is illegal under Massachusetts environmental conservation law to disturb any vegetation within 100 feet of the ponds. The Town of Mashpee Conservation Agent has approved the perpetual maintenance of one area along Fish Hook Pond, other than that, I am not aware of any other areas that have Conservation approval. Please do not clear beyond your property line onto the reserve area, particularly up to the ponds without official approval.

Our next report will be in the February 2023 issue of the *Reporter*, stay warm and for those of us that like everything that winter has to offer, let's hope for a big Nor'easter that snows us in for a few days, while the snow-birds are sunning themselves in Florida. Let me know if you have any items that warrant mentioning for the next report.

The News

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We hope this message finds you well and enjoying the beautiful fall weather. Our Village enjoyed a productive and calm summer, with no major concerns around noise, disruption or parking. Lighting has been completed along Mid-Iron Way, and although there were a few teething pains, it's settled in to work and look great.

As you'll see in the upcoming weeks, there are many homeowner projects large and small either in the works or planned for the near future. Home renovations and an addition, as well as landscaping renovation, are planned for three or four of the homes in our neighborhood.

We'll continue to replace fences throughout the neighborhood in coordination with homeowners whose property abuts common areas. One fence has been completed in October and another is currently scheduled for November/December. We've budgeted for two or three of these projects each year, so if you abut common area and feel your fence is in need of replacing, please get in touch with one of the Committee members.

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Landscape improvements for our common areas are planned for this fall and spring 2023. The corner of Niblick Lane and Brassie Way should be complete this fall. The top of Mashie Circle (at the inside of the loop) and the circle at the top of Brassie Way will follow in spring. We are also discussing a revamp of our walking path. Once landscaping projects are complete, we'll look into adding or improving lighting in those areas. We're also asking our landscaper to cut down the grasses this fall, as leaving them through the winter made quite a mess along Mid-Iron Way, which isn't fair for folks using that road in our and neighboring Villages.

In closing, we'd like to mention a new addition to our neighborhood and member of the McMaster family...Jazz. He's small, but mighty. Please say Hi!

We'll stay in touch throughout the fall and winter with both *Peninsula Reporter* articles like this and separate group emailings to homeowners.

The Mews Patio Homes Committee
Wayne Luther
Rob Bogosian
Pat Frechette
Patty Donohue

Welcome to the neighborhood,
Jazz!



A Favorite Mashpee Trail

from Mews Resident, Pedro Carasquillo

Here is a photo of my favorite trail near our house in New Seabury. I always think of how for centuries, this was the Land of the Wampanoag and how they would thank the earth, the plants, the animals, and any living thing for the gifts that they gave them. This morning I give thanks to the natural world for the beauty that it gives us.



Popponesset Island

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There's a definite chill in the air on Poppy Island (PI) telling us that autumn is here and winter is just around the corner. Looking back at the summer season, we enjoyed gorgeous blue skies and picturesque views over Popponesset Bay and the creek side surrounding the island. It was uplifting to see the island spring to life with our families in residence and the many kids, grandkids and Poppy pups!

We held our annual Popponesset Island Association (PIA) meeting on August 6 with a great turnout. Marjorie Clapprood, chair of Bright Coves Village, joined us as 2/3 of our homes on PI are also part of Bright Coves. Topics focused on financials, lighting, drainage and progress on projects. The existing PIA team was unanimously re-elected to another term.

In keeping with our mission to promote community along with supporting the beauty and sustainability of our island, the PIA sponsored a good old-fashioned Block Party on an August Sunday afternoon. Chart Way was blocked off to vehicles and welcomed over 50 neighbors! Folks brought their favorite beverage and enjoyed delicious potluck offerings ranging from shrimp cocktail to pulled chicken sliders, caprese skewers, pasta salads, dips and delicious sweets! With '70s music playing in the background folks milled about greeting old friends and making new ones. As both names and addresses were displayed on name tags, it was exciting to see folks seek out those who lived around them. The vibe was joyous and energetic with one couple exclaiming "Wow, you are my next door neighbor, so great to finally meet you!" We had residents whose families have been on the island since the 1940's to families who just moved in over the past year. Some reminisced about when their

now adult children ran around Poppy Island to now welcoming their grandkids. Our youngest participant to lead the new generation of Poppy Islanders was 19 month-old Auggie Schaffer, grandson of Linda and Dean Schaffer.

The party ran over as many lingered to chat, munch and share stories and laughter. As folks left with a souvenir Nantucket-blue Popponesset Island "Rock Around the Block" cup, an overwhelming sentiment was that we need to do this every year and try for earlier in the season! We learned that a Sunday afternoon block party used to be held many years ago and so we have restarted an old tradition. A big thanks to the team who made all this happen: Lisa Conti, Margie Ross Decter, Andrea Demarco, Madeline Kruzell, Beth Moskowitz, Linda Schaffer and Anne Walus!

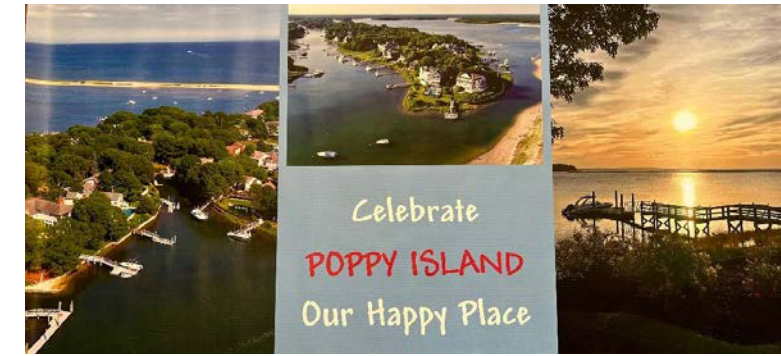
CAPE COD TIPS FROM NEIGHBORS: If you're looking for a good "bar room" pizza, check out Paul's Pizza & Seafood in Falmouth. Growing up in Brockton, Montello Gardens and TipTop Café had the yummiest bar room pizzas and Paul's come pretty close! As the holiday season is fast approaching, Heritage Museums & Gardens in Sandwich presents "Gardens Aglow", a celebration of lights that has become a treasured holiday tradition. Running from Nov. 25 - Dec.23, it features beautiful light displays throughout the gardens, festive seasonal decor, and fun activities for all. Tickets can be purchased online.

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Enjoy the fall colors and the winter tranquility on Poppy Island! Your PIA team, Margie, Dave, Joel and Karen.

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Daniel Marie, Paul Kruzell and Joel Zeger sample the Potluck offerings



Phyllis and Steve Fagell chatting with Leora Goren and Eric Shapiro



Dean Schaffer and his grandson August "Auggie"



Anne Walus and Lee Kornfeld enjoy the Block Party



Estelle Shammash, Robin Jaye, Fay Rogers and Lisa Conti share a smile



Snagged a selfie with Fay Rogers!



Delectable Potluck offerings!



Rosana and Peter Chow meet new neighbors Marion and Duncan Fisher



Madeline Kruzell invited neighbors to: "Celebrate Poppy Island: our Happy Place"



Popponesset Island "Rock Around the Block" souvenir cup



Beth Moskowitz and Susan Brady share a laugh



PIA Board members Karen Joyce-Marie, Margie Ross Decter and Joel Zeger greet residents

Poppy Place

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**“Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go.”
– Unknown**

The trees are beginning to drop leaves as the warmer weather turns to fall. Many neighbors are taking a look back at another summer that seemed to zip on by. Some remain through the fall and have observed the accomplishments of our HOA Board throughout the past year keeping Poppy Place a terrific place to be.

As the temperatures begin to drop, we are working to manage the fall cleanup, seasonal landscaping in the entry common areas, irrigation shutdown and also to begin planning for the coming year. Now is a good time to take a look at your fences and to remove leaves and debris that may have built up along fences. Our now 16-year-old perimeter fences have collected leaves causing some wood to rot, which now requires a plan to repair and repaint some sections next year. A cost analysis is in the works which will assess

the future needs and costs associated with the upkeep of our barrier fences.

The HOA Board has been and continues to be very active over the past months. It is currently in the final process to amend the HOA bylaws with a short-term rental restriction for all property owners. This item was presented and approved by members at the Annual Meeting in August. A review of our property management services is underway. This decision was influenced by the Council’s successful pilot program with the Sandalwood Village. The Peninsula Council has served our community well for more than ten years. None-the-less, it makes good business sense to review other firms for competitive services and cost considerations.

The weekly scheduled rubbish pickup has ended, and our gate is now open until next May. 3Sixty, our provider, is a reliable and reasonable source to contact if you wish to continue with rubbish disposal. 3Sixty will be plowing our street this winter when three inches or more of snow accumulate.

We wish all neighbors and families a healthy and safe winter.

How to Wear Your Mask Properly



Source unknown

Fall Art



Photo by Fredda Zaiger

Promontory Point 6A

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The quiet and calm of the fall and winter months is starting to return to Promontory Point. Leaves are starting to fall and there is definitely a chill in the air. It was a beautiful summer and has been a gorgeous October so far with plenty of days to enjoy walks on the beach and sunsets at The Lure, interrupted occasionally by thunderous rain storms and howling coyotes.



Photo by Betty Barrett

During the busy summer, it was wonderful to see so many folks enjoying this special retreat, and to welcome our new neighbors and their families.

Promontory Point held its annual meeting in August at which we welcomed two new Trustees—both new homeowners. Thank you for your enthusiasm and volunteering your time and talents.

Promontory Point has welcomed several new owners over the past year or so, many of whom have started home improvement projects to make their homes their own. But two of our new owners have taken “renovation” to the next level and transformed their home from “foreclosure to fabulous.”



Their newly renovated home was recently featured in Cape Cod Home, summer 2022 edition, in an article, “Two Worlds Collide.” Please use the link to see more pictures and read how this home has been transformed. <https://capecodlife.com/two-worlds-collide/>

The fall cleanup work in our community moves forward to get us ready for winter and to make sure that our lawns and landscape are healthy and ready for the spring. As weather starts to get colder, please be sure to make preparations for winterizing and storm readiness.

We wish you and your families a happy and safe holiday season and New Year!

Sandalwood

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The front entrance landscaping project has been completed and the Board of Directors is very pleased with the outcome. Many thanks to our resident (retired) landscape architect, Stephanie Jensen, who volunteered her time and expertise to this project – we are very grateful. As you know the plants will continue to mature and make our entrance more attractive than it’s ever been in the years to come.

Fall projects are as follows:

- **Fall clean-up of the common areas.** Please don’t rake leaves onto the common areas or easements. If you use a Landscaper for your yard please make sure they dispose of the debris and don’t dump it onto vacant lots or leave it on the easements.
- **Crack Sealing** will take place on all Village roads and some minor pavement repairs will be done as well.
- **Supervision of the drain** at the corner of Oyster Way and West Way will continue. If it isn’t draining properly we may need more extensive repair work to keep it flowing.
- **Holiday Decorations** will be placed at the front entrance again this year. You’ll notice that the “Snow Family” has grown over the Summer – with a new addition!

- **Any basketball hoop or sports equipment** that you may have in the roadways and cul de sacs needs to be removed as all roads need to be clear for snow plowing. Our trees will be trimmed in accordance with the Town’s “no plow list” specifications.

Even as we move into winter season please remember that our Village speed limit is still 20 MPH. Keep an eye open for the kids, residents and guests who use the streets for walking. And please pay attention to the yellow lines – it’s for everyone’s safety!

The final Board of Director’s meeting for 2022 is scheduled for Thursday, December 15th at 2 p.m.; the location is yet to be determined. All residents in good standing are welcome to attend. An agenda and any other pertinent information will be sent out two weeks prior to the meeting.

We wish all of our Snow Birds happy landings in the south; please travel safely. To our neighbors who are staying put for the winter season – stay safe and enjoy the solitude of our beautiful Village in the off season.

Sunset in Mashpee facing Waquoit Bay.



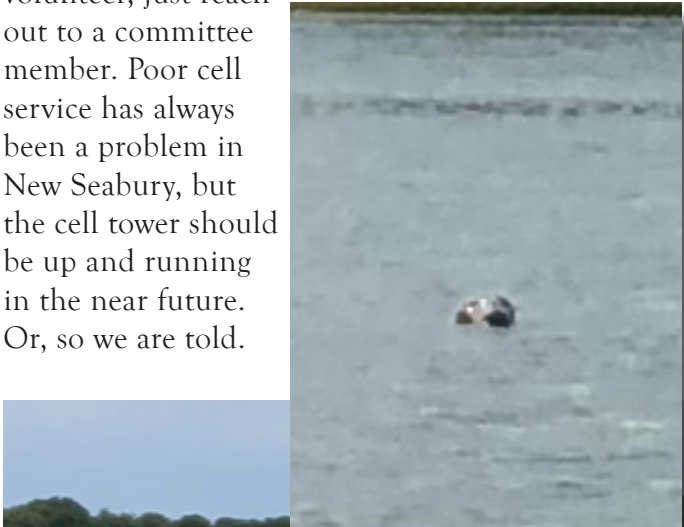
Photo by Nancy Karp

Summer Sea

Risa Schneider Fine
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Hello, Summer Sea Residents!

We hope you are enjoying this beautiful fall. For those still in residence, this is our annual reminder not to dump your leaves and yard debris on our empty lots. Please note that this is the season that many drains become problematic due to accumulating debris. If you see a drain that is covered with leaves, twigs, etc., please remove the materials even if you are not an “adopt a drain” volunteer. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, just reach out to a committee member. Poor cell service has always been a problem in New Seabury, but the cell tower should be up and running in the near future. Or, so we are told.



A seal sighting delighted boaters on Ockway Bay. It was seen at the new No Wake buoy on September 25.

Photos by Julie Silva

Also, as the days get shorter and darker, please try to keep your outside lights on during the evening as many of our gas lights are out. Please let us know if your street has a light which is out as we are converting to Solar. For those of you into nature, we had a seal sighting in Ockway Bay.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy holiday season.
Happy Fall,

The Summer Sea Committee



South Cape Beach sunsets are a “treat” for even our four-legged friends.

Photos by Risa Schneider-Fine

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TRITON SOUND

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It feels like a classic New England autumn on Triton Sound! We have had a mixture of warm and cool days, and the leaves have started to turn. The neighborhood is looking beautiful with the fall colors starting to come through. Hopefully, everyone can enjoy this wonderful time of year in our neighborhood.

Since my last note, we had our annual village meeting in early August. It was nice to see some familiar faces (in person again!), and make introductions to a few new friends. I presented a recap of the previous year, provided an update on ongoing community projects, and gave an overview on the village financials. I hope to have a draft of the minutes, as well as the approved minutes from last year's meeting posted soon. George List was also reappointed as an alternate to our village committee for three more years, and I want to thank him, and Ken Bring, for all of their help!

We had no unplanned expenses over the last few months and our financials remain in line with our budget. We continue to do small maintenance and cleanup projects to keep everything in working order, and will begin the budgeting process for next year shortly. Also, as the weather starts to get colder, be sure to make preparations for winterizing and storms to stay ahead of any potential problems that may occur in the off-season.

Please remember to help look after our community by picking up trash and after your pets. We have noticed some additional unwanted items along our trails, particularly on Shore Drive West. Speeding also continues to be a concern – please slow down for the safety of everyone.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions.

Please stay safe everyone, and enjoy the fall and the holiday season.

Welcome, Sunshine!



Photo by Jackie Baudanza.

Vineyard Reach

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Things are “falling” into place here at Vineyard Reach. We have our newly elected five Board of Directors. Pamela Baldassarre as President, Bill Strait as Vice President, Susan Rutchik as Treasurer, Kenneth Rubow as Treasurer, and Darren Donovan, as Director and Member at Large. We thank everyone for stepping forward to fill these positions. The Board has had several meetings in preparing the budget for 2023. Meetings have been taking place with our sub-contractors and our Property Management Company. We will be launching our new website shortly for owners to access and stay informed. The goal of the board is to address the homeowners' needs in a timely manner as well as keeping Vineyard Reach on budget and continue making it one of the most desirable neighborhoods in New Seabury.



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Mike Richardson

Local Comprehensive Plan-Mashpee

Mike Richardson

In the words of the famous for quotes, Yogi Berra....
"You Don't Know Where You Are Going...You'll End Up Somewhere Else."

This is why it's so important for all residents to get involved in the Local Comprehensive Planning that is presently on going in Mashpee. This effort is coordinated and managed by the Town of Mashpee Planning Department and guided by the Mashpee Planning Board.

Essentially, a Local Comprehensive Plan sets out a vision for growth and development, land use, infrastructure, and resource protection for a community. The most typical data collected for a comprehensive plan includes data about the environment, traffic conditions, economic conditions, social conditions (such as population and income), public services and utilities, and land use conditions (such as housing and zoning).

The last such effort was concluded in 1998 in Mashpee, so we have over 20 years of effort to look back upon to see how we have done. Are we, as Yogi indicated, "somewhere else" or following the path as indicated. There are, as we have seen in our work so far, a wide disparity in some areas.

To date, according to our time line, we have had public kickoff meetings, gathered and analyzed data, held public engagement activities, and are on our way towards defining an implementation plan. It will be coming soon to a theater near you....we hope.

This is all about the future of Mashpee and its residents. Are you involved? Have you participated in any of the meetings to date? Are your thoughts and ideas being shared with others? If you have not yet participated, there is still time do so. Check out the Mashpee Local Comprehensive Plan for more information and get involved. This is about our future.

As The World *Turns*.....

It seems that when everything seems to be going good, the world slips on its access and change occurs. Peggy Bone has decided to ride off into the sunset after seeing Tom (who retired from the ARC Manager position) relaxing with a cup of coffee every morning while she treks over to the Peninsula Council to answer phones and collect fees. Peggy will end her reign as chief cook and bottle washer, aka office manager personified, as of 12/31/2022.

The job is local - at the Veterans Outreach Center, previously known as the Brain Center, at 33 Seaneast Drive in New Seabury - from 9:00-3:00 Mondays-Thursdays. There is a job description available for anyone interested and it's simply a wonderful opportunity to work with me on a daily basis.

I truly believe that Peggy just couldn't take all the frivolity and excitement of the operation after seven years of enjoyment, so was willing to allow that chance for someone else. On a serious note, she was extremely talented at the job, and made our operation much better over her tenure here, and she will be missed.

If any of our readers have interest or simply want to know more about the job of Administrative Assistant for Office Operations at the Peninsula Council, give us a call (508-539-0028) or drop us a note (mike@peninsulacouncil.com), and either Peggy or I will be glad to provide you with more information.
Mike Richardson



Photo by Fredda Zaiger

Culinary Corner

Christine Mone

This simple Oysters Rockefeller Recipe is even more delicious when made with fresh oysters from Mashpee's Ockway Bay.



Chicken Artichoke Piccata

Ingredients

1 - 1.5 pounds of chicken breasts
(cut in half, pounded out)
½ cup of flour
(Wondra quick mixing flour is the best)
½ cup of ground parmesan
2 Tbsps. of olive oil
4 Tbsps. butter
1 Tbsp. chopped fresh garlic
1 can of quartered Artichokes
½ cup of white wine
1 cup of chicken broth
3 Tbsps. of capers
Fresh parsley
Juice of 1 fresh lemon



Directions

Heat up large deep pan with olive oil.
Pour flour on a plate and coat chicken.
Cook chicken until browned on both sides.
Remove chicken and set aside.
Heat up butter, garlic and artichokes for two minutes.
Stir in wine and simmer for about 5 minutes.
Pour in broth, fresh lemon juice and capers.
Add back in chicken and simmer until sauce thickens up.
Salt and Pepper to taste.
*I sprinkle a little bit of leftover flour if needed to thicken up sauce.
Serve over pasta or sauteed fresh spinach (lower carb).
Garnish with fresh parley.
Enjoy!

Christine's Simple Oysters Rockefeller

Ingredients

- 6 - 8 oysters
- 1 Tablespoon of olive oil
- Cup of chopped spinach
- Teaspoon of chopped garlic
- ¼ cup of chopped scallions
- Fresh hard shredded parmesan
- White wine
- Lemon
- Bacon (optional)



Directions

Sautee spinach in olive oil with garlic, green onion, and a splash of white wine until soft.
Top a good amount on each oyster.
Sprinkle with parmesan.
Bake at 350 for 10 minutes or until slightly browned.
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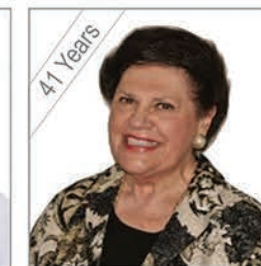
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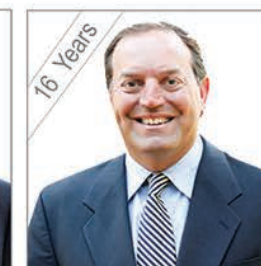
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Save Popponesset Bay: Update

Kathy Cramer

Gold, yellow, orange - these bright beautiful colors adorn the trees and look stunning reflecting off our many waterways. Summer 2022 has come and gone, but the beauty of a New England fall glows all around us.

Summer 2022 - the weather was stunning, and the long hot days meant that many enjoyed the beauty of the Spit and the glorious waterways of Popponesset Bay and the sound. The nests and birds were plentiful, families were joyous - the Spit was truly enjoyed by all. Love was in the air as several proposals took place on and around our beautiful beaches!

The SPB Miami Vice party was a fantastic event! Save the date for next year's party - Friday, July 14, 2023.

This past summer, our Popponesset and New Seabury neighbors enjoyed wonderful community building events. The full moon gathering was a playful evening with over 100 friends and families gathering on the Spit to enjoy Polar Cave ice cream, music, games, laughter, and the opportunity to be together. Connections were made and all had such a fun evening!

Thanks to the generosity of Donna & Steve McDonald and Janene & Bill Burke, a Mexican Fiesta at the McDonald's home was a great opportunity for neighbors to connect with old friends and welcome new homeowners. A brief presentation by SPB led to an educational discussion on the necessity of raising funds for the dredge work being done. We are thrilled to let you know that this event raised \$100,000 in donations - several of these donations were from people who were not aware of all the work that SPB facilitates.

Next year, we plan on having more of these get-togethers to grow our community through educational events. If you are interested in hosting a neighborhood gathering (casual or not), please email us at savepoppybay@gmail.com. We are also looking for a volunteer with website design experience to help us improve and update our website. Please email savepoppybay@gmail.com if you are interested.

Lastly and most importantly please consider making an end-of-year donation to Save Popponesset Bay. Thanks to your continued support SPB is able to maintain the Spit and waterways that surround this beautiful barrier beach. We could not do this work without YOU! With the harshness of winter rapidly approaching, we want to make sure that we are prepared should any storms damage our much-needed barrier beach. We are also well into our fundraising efforts for the longer, wider, deeper project. This large-scale project benefits all! The birds and wildlife will have the Spit to call home, the Spit will continue to be a community gathering place and protect our homes from the tough ocean waters, the channel will allow boaters to easily enter and exit Popponesset Bay, and the flow of the waters will help with improving water quality. Please go to <https://savepopponessetbay.org/donate/support/> where you will find all the information and options available to make your donation.

We could not do the work we do without your support. Thank you again for your continued generosity allowing us to preserve and maintain the Spit for generations to come. Cheers to 2023!

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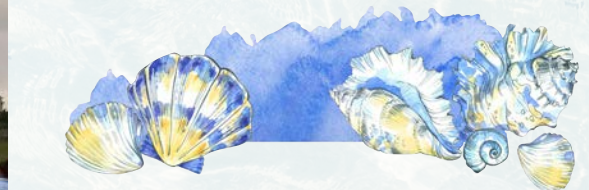
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Spit photos by Kathy Cramer



Tour Du Mont Blanc

One of our New Seabury residents just completed one of the world's classic treks that is on every serious hiker's bucket list, the Tour du Mont Blanc (TMB). The TMB is a 110 mile hike through the alpine regions of France, Italy and Switzerland, while circumnavigating the mighty Mont Blanc, the highest mountain in Western Europe.



The TMB officially starts in Les Houches, France and is generally done in an counter-clockwise direction. The full circuit of 11 stages typically takes 10 days, depending on your physical conditioning. A few alternatives, or "variants," to the standard route take you to higher elevations. The route passes over twelve cols (mountain passes) and seven valleys, depending on the route chosen. Although Mont Blanc stands at 15,780 feet, the highest points on any variant of the trail are the Col des Fours in France and the Fenêtré d'Arpette in Switzerland, both at an altitude of 8,743 ft. Many of the stages are structured such that you begin your hike from the valley floor, trek up and over a col, and then descend into the next valley to finish the day.

The window of opportunity to do this hike without significant snowfall is from the middle of June to the middle of September, and just like the White Mountains of New Hampshire, the mountain weather can change very rapidly. He was very fortunate to have great weather, which quickly changed to rain and snow the following week, requiring rescue of six runners that were stranded on the mountain in a snow storm during a 450k ultra-marathon.

The trek is strenuous, requiring good physical conditioning and experience hiking in high altitude alpine country. Hiking 6 to 9 hours per day, with steep ascents of up to 5,300 vertical feet at a rate to 1,200 feet of elevation climb per hour, and descents as much as 5,900 feet at a rate of 2,000 feet per hour. The total journey requires hiking a cumulative elevation gain of 32,800 feet, which is more than climbing Mount Everest. The long downhill sections can be knee-crunching and can take their toll after 3-4 hours of non-stop descent.

At age 67 and not have backpacked since his early 20's, he had to find a new activity since hip replacement surgery prevented him from continuing with his much beloved ice hockey. Inspired by his brother, three years his elder, who hiked the entire Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine (2,190 miles) three years ago at age 67, he started a bucket list of shorter hikes to enjoy with his son and his brother. Serious training was required to work up to the level needed to complete the trek; starting 10 months in advance with work in the gym, road and mountain biking, and progressively harder hikes in Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon, the Berkshires and the White Mountains.

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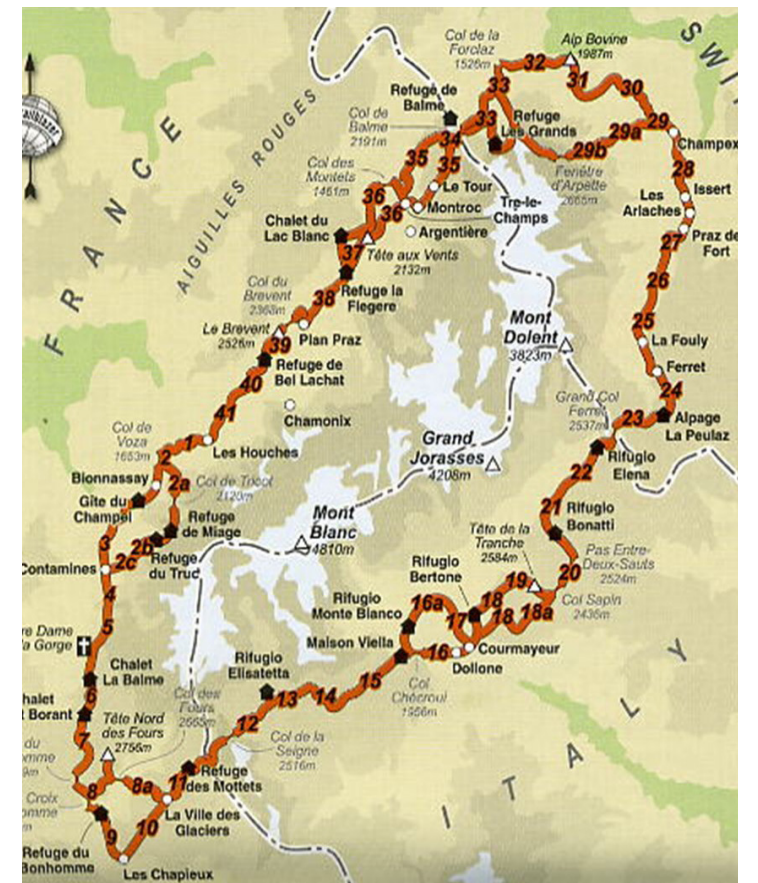
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Those who have experienced such an adventure realize that all the work is well worth it when you reach the alpine zone and look at the panorama of an endless horizon of mountains with their snow covered peaks, glaciers that cling to the steep and jagged rock slopes, waterfalls that plunge into the valley, and the lush green valley below. The TMB provides all of these spectacular views minute by minute, day after day.

Should you have an interest in mountain hiking and the outdoors, there are numerous options on the TMB that you can try. You can plan your own itinerary and do it on your own (as he did), or take a guided trip. You can hike the entire route, or shorten your hike by focusing on the highlights and hiking down to a local town and catching a bus to another location. You can backpack and pitch a tent (wild camp) at designated sites, or hike from refuge to refuge (huts) on the mountain trail and have your bag transferred for you. Hotels are available at some locations, requiring you to hike down to a local town. Rest days (called zero days) in the beautiful ski villages of Cormayeur, Italy and Chamonix, France are highly recommended.

Some local hikes he used to prepare for the TMB that you may want to try are; Wachusett Mountain, Mount Hitchcock, Mount Holyoke, Mount Williams, Mount Greylock, Franconia Loop Trail, the Presidential Traverse, and the Pemi Loop. Beware that the latter two are for serious experienced hikers only.

When asked what drove him to take such an adventure, he responded: "In order to achieve a goal like hiking the TMB, there needs to be a love for the outdoors, and a really strong will to challenge yourself and the push your body to its limits; the drive and motivation comes from not being content with everyday life. Just like running a marathon, the biggest distance you need to conquer in accomplishing such a challenge is the 5 inches between your ears."



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THE CELL TOWER

Mike Richardson

Trust me!! How many years have I been saying that? Was there ever anybody amongst the New Seabury residents at large that doubted my word? Were there doubters or deniers, or those who just said, “that’s Mike being Mike”? Yet again, those who truly believe I am full of

Well, the end is nigh...you see actual photos (taken by yours truly) at the scene of the new Cell Tower. I am pictured exactly in the middle of our new tower.



Progress is being made on the cell tower as seen in this photo which was taken on October 30.



It’s not done yet, so we are still in the same predicament. Is it further along than any time in the past? Yes. Has it taken far too long? Yes. Are we in the home stretch? Yes.

So, hopefully this will be the last *Peninsula Reporter* that talks about the cell tower coming! My goal is to make you all safe and happy, and in this case it's only taken me five years! Call me!!

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What's New At The Movies?

The Greatest Beer Run Ever



Yes, you heard that right! One might say “I would love a role in that movie,” but once you know where the beer run took place, you may think twice. Director/Co-Writer Peter Farrelly takes this true story and brings it to life on the silver screen. While not necessarily a typical boy’s night out, this one takes form at a local bar in New York City during the 1960’s. Merchant Marine Chickie Donohue (Zac Efron) and his pals are talking "stuff", and after some heated discussion about both politics and the war, Chickie tells his friends that he thinks a good idea would be to go see their buddies serving in VietNam and bring them some beer to cheer them up. So, it all begins with Chickie loading up his duffel bag with beer and heading out...I will go no further here, except to say the journey is remarkable and filled with memories and emotion.

As a September fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club of Cape Cod, the premier of *The Greatest Beer Run Ever* was held at Mashpee’s Regal Cinema following a reception at the 99 Restaurant hosted by Jim Kiley, President of the Boys and Girls Club. The movie was a great hit and we are grateful to Peter Farrelly for allowing Hollywood to descend on Mashpee once more, and for such a great cause.

The film stars Zac Efron, Russell Crowe, Bill Murray, and of course, our own Mariann Farrelly who has a bit role as well. Keep your eyes wide open at the beginning of the movie during a Vietnam War protest for Mariann who plays a part like we’ve never seen her in before.

As of this writing *The Greatest Beer Run Ever* can be seen on Apple TV+. The movie is based on the book of the same name, written by John “Chickie” Donohue and Joanna Molloy.

Do yourself a favor and see *The Greatest Beer Run Ever*; it's definitely a worthwhile take.

Mike and MJ Richardson

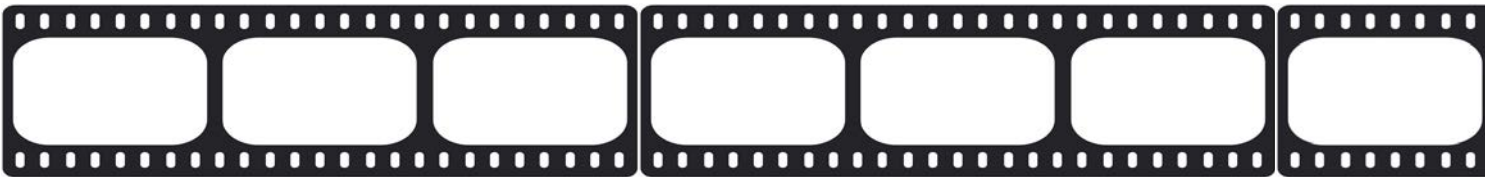
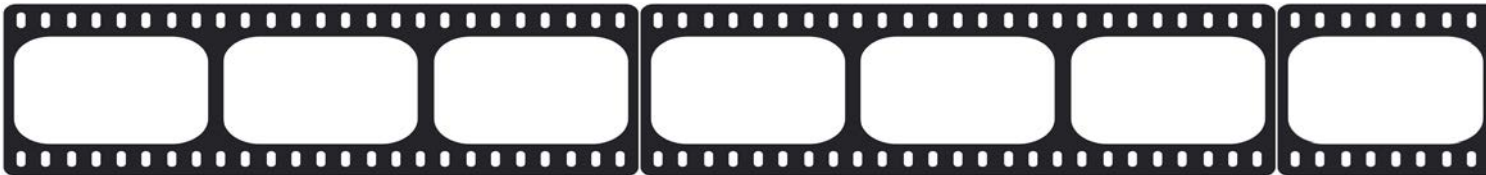


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Well, not really, but this is a peak year in terms of the number of full-size or nearly full-size coyotes. According to Massachusetts top biologists, although Massachusetts has recorded a slight uptick in coyotes, the coyote population here isn't rising significantly, it has actually stabilized. Coyotes these days are competing for limited resources, so the female isn't producing as many pups. I guess that is the good news.

The estimates are there are 200 to 250 total coyotes on Cape Cod, which is good unless all of them are in your back yard, which sometimes it actually sounds like at night. In most cases, it's one or two sounding like a pack.

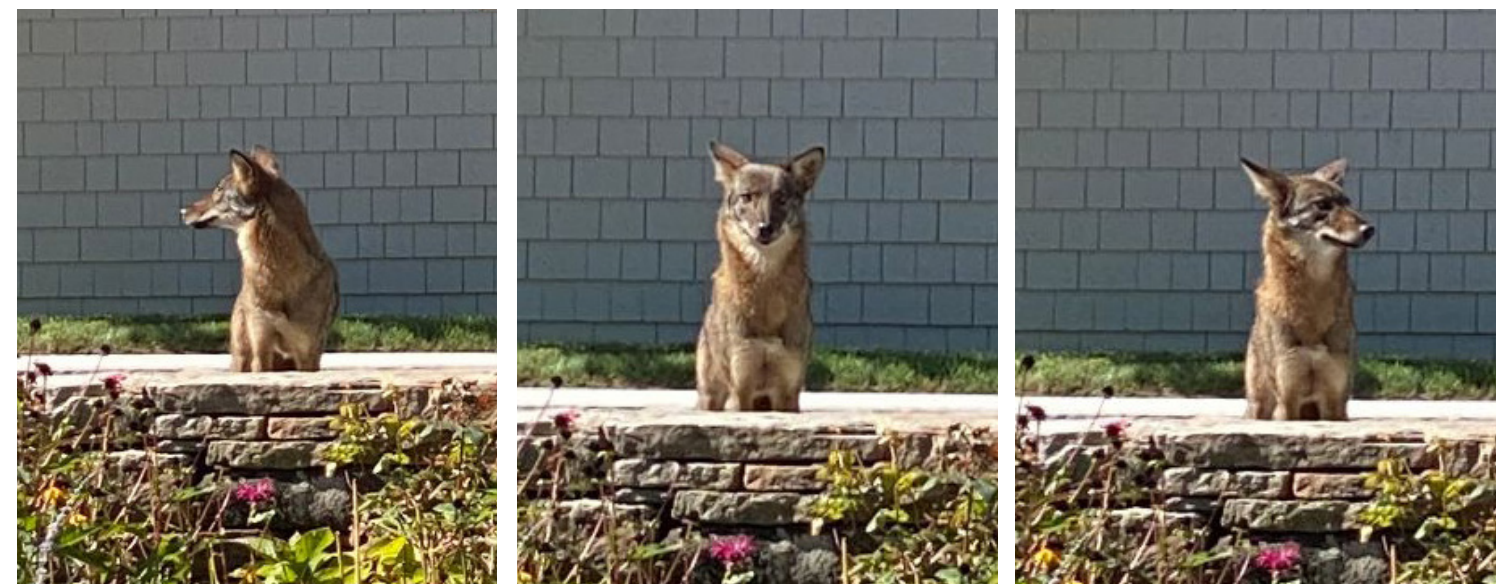
The Eastern Coyote, often referred to as a "coywolf" is the species found on Cape Cod, and it's suggested that they are actually a hybrid between the Western Coyote and the Eastern Red Wolf, being larger and genetically different from both. The first recorded evidence of a coyotes on Cape Cod was in 1985 when an officer at the Otis Air Force base first discovered an active coyote den.

Coyotes are opportunistic predators with a healthy aversion to humans. Most problems are caused when people feed them. A healthy coyote passing by is unlikely to approach a human, but if you see one, make a loud noise, wave your arms and they will get scared off. Never approach them.

A couple of things to remember. When raising pups, coyotes are looking to find triple or quadruple the amount of food, and will obviously come around if there is trash or pet food or bird seed around. Since the pandemic, more people have turned to recreation using bike trails, and walking paths; this places residents in areas where coyotes live.

Be smart, and be alert. Keep your pet on a leash, carry a whistle or noise maker, and do not under any circumstances feed or approach them. There is room for both on Cape Cod as long as we respect each other.

Mike Richardson



Wile E. Coyote is looking pretty comfortable.

Photos by Jackie Baudanza

Women's Club of New Seabury

Ann Everett, President



In August, we welcomed our new members at our New Members Tea which was held at the Popponessett Inn, with a presentation by Tamsen George, author of "Allegiance - The Life and Times of William Eustis," which was fascinating. Some photos from the event appear below.



As we were unable to hold our September Giving Fair in the traditional fashion, it was decided to provide segments of the Fair separately. The Grand Raffle drawing was conducted at the Club at New Seabury on September 14. Ways and Means Chair, Deb Vaughn, presided while President, Ann Everett, drew the winning tickets. The winners were as follows: First Prize - \$1000, Roz Hill (Roz donated her prize money back to the WCNS); Second Prize - \$500, Clair Looney, daughter of member, Kathleen Looney; and, Third Prize - \$250, Jackie Shahood.



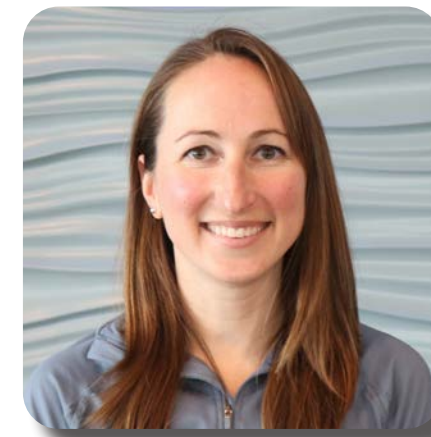
In October, a luncheon was held on Tuesday, October 11, at the Club at New Seabury.

There was magic in the air that day. Following lunch, there was a performance by Richard Archer, aka The Amazing Richard, who mesmerized the group with his incredible talent in performing magic, and from time to time engaging members of the audience to "assist" him. He is truly amazing!

As attendees arrived, they were invited to engage in a game of chance, Joker's Wild, which was to be offered at the September Giving Fair. This game was organized by Kristen Boyd. At the end, the monies collected were to be split 50/50 — with half to the winner of the game and half to the WCNS. Julie Mayo was the winner and she donated her winnings back to the Club.



In November, another segment of the Giving Fair was planned, the Silent Auction. However, this would be conducted for the first time online, scheduled to run from November 1-15. This issue of the *Reporter* went to press before the results were known.



On November 8, a luncheon was held at the Club at New Seabury with a presentation by Jen Skiba, Director of Fitness at the Club at New Seabury. (pictured at left) "Jen is a great motivator believing fitness is contagious." She provided a wealth of knowledge, giving the group tips on staying healthy during the holidays and the winter months.

On November 17th, Program Chair, Laurie Flitt, kindly offered to host a gathering at her home with a "Sip and Shop" presentation by the Pampered Chef. This provided the perfect opportunity to shop for holiday gifts for family and friends and enjoy a cooking demonstration as well.

In December, our luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 13th, at the Club at New Seabury where we will be having a presentation by Frank King, who specializes in "The Golden Age of Crooners and Records." The title of his presentation will be "HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS" and will feature holiday songs that all have a connection to the Boston/New England area. Mr. King holds a Masters in Broadcasting from Boston University and a BA from Princeton. A lifelong devotee of recorded music, he formerly hosted music programs on WBUR radio. His lectures draw from the music and art from his personal collection of over 2,400 record albums.

We are always ready to welcome new members, so please consider becoming a member of the Women's Club of New Seabury. This congenial group provides opportunities for social interaction, fun events and the chance to support local nonprofits. A membership form may be found on our website, www.womensclubofnewseabury.com.

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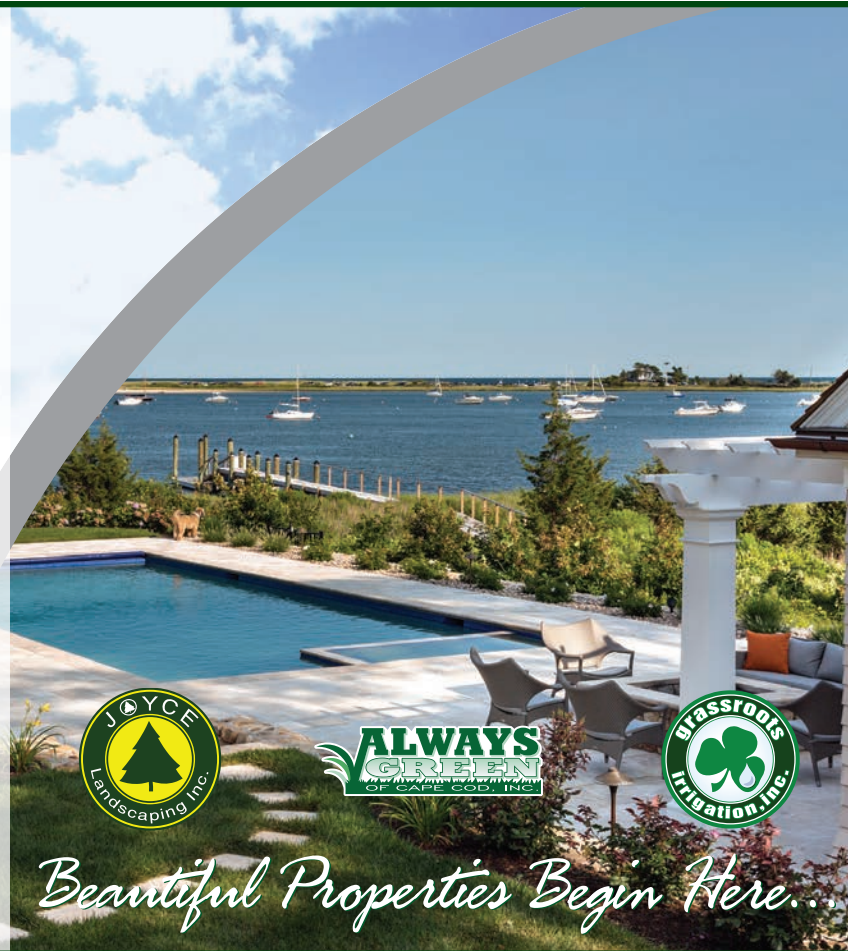
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