

# TO BE?

hat is a question for which there are many answers, and for which there may be no answers. When one asks that question of him or herself, there is invariably a reason behind that ask. Sometimes it's a personal goal that is or has been difficult to achieve. At other times it's associated with a life changing event causing an introspective review of a situation.



Our article is about the latter, a situation which has affected a young New Seabury resident. Amanda Baudanza has answered the question as "To Be," and she is in fact, AJBees!

Many of you may not know that Massachusetts General Hospital (one of many hospitals around the country) does not allow fresh flowers on some of their wards. Oncology, Cardiac, Intensive Care and NICU are in fact declared Flower Free Zones as a result of the potential of mold and bacteria in the water left from flowers that are no longer viable.

In walks Amanda, the person behind AJBees. In response to the above regulation, she made her beautifully handcrafted paper flower arrangements available to others so they could bring happiness to a patient or joy to a friend. Whatever the occasion, you can know that each flower in the arrangement is one-of- a-kind and carefully handcrafted by Amanda using her imagination and expertise. The finishing touch on the arrangement is a small bee. And now you may ask, why?

AJBees website tells us that "Traditional wisdom says a bumble bee should not be able to fly, since the body is too big, and the wings are too small; however, nobody told the bee, so it just decided to go and fly. The bee is a symbol that anything is possible. That is the motto of AJ Bees...where there is a will, there is always a way."



In addition to the beauty of these handcrafted paper flower arrangements and the delight they bring, AJBees has a purpose: 10% of each flower arrangement purchase goes to the Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Cancer Research in memory of Amanda's husband. TJ Baudanza. So the next time you are about to order flowers for a special friend, look to AJBees for a beautiful selection.

Whenever you get to that crossroad and you ask yourself the question, What is to be?, consider Amanda who answered it personally and who every day makes life brighter for many who need it.

AJBees can be contacted at hello@ajbees.com.

Follow AJBees on Facebook and Instagram; Check out Amanda's website AJBees .com to shop, order arrangements, find AJBees pop-ups, and get answers to Frequently Asked Questions.

Mike and MJ Richardson



# President's Report

Richard Noonan

By the time you read this we will be in the latter stages of winter and just starting to think about spring and getting our properties in shape for the season that we all hope is just around the corner. At the Peninsula Council, Mike Richardson and Tom Caston will be assessing the winter wear and



tear on our roads and drains. They will start the planning for brush pickup, landscaping, and in general, working to get this community in the pristine shape we all enjoy seeing as we approach our entrances. There are long "to do" lists for everyone at winter's end, but hopefully the thought of spring makes them more enjoyable.

In the last issue of the *Reporter*, we printed much of my comments from the Peninsula Council Annual Meeting discussing the background and complexity of our community. I received feedback that it provided a good reminder for many and an interesting tutorial for those who are more recent residents. Yes, there is no community quite like New Seabury.

In that article, I mentioned one of the most vexing issues we deal with is signs, and in particular, real estate signs. For Sale signs have been an issue ever since the Architectural Review Committee was created back in the early days, and they continue to be prohibited by our most recent declaration, the Universal Village Declaration, which applies to the majority of our residents. The issue has generated serious disagreement with local realtors and the Peninsula Council over recent years as well.

The Council has had to use some funds from fees to address sign issues when we would prefer to use these funds for maintenance and keeping our community looking beautiful. It seems to be quite the paradox to have to use some residents' funds to defend issues brought by residents in conjunction with realtors' signs.

As we all know, we have in place Declarations for all of our protection and to help maintain the values we have come to appreciate here in New Seabury. The entire sign issue has risen to the point where challenges have begun to push against our Declarations, which if become a reality, much could be lost. Some resulting changes could leave us open to a situation where responsibility for maintenance is lost, resulting in deterioration of landscaping, roads, and infrastructure. This would be the beginning of a downward spiral towards an eventual outcome that is disastrous. This can't be the goal of those who initiated the activity as there is nothing to gain in any envisioned outcome. There are no winners.

But this overall situation is serious and it takes up our time and money. At the Annual Meeting we asked for feedback on the entire sign issue. This is your community. You have a stake in the decision. We received only one response. And we have not received complaints about the real estate signs that are popping up throughout our community. I have to conclude this is not a major concern for our homeowners.

We have discussed this within the Board and agreed that we should begin to evaluate this situation very seriously. We have in effect a rule that is costing us time, money and aggravation. Maybe there are some things we can do to begin having a constructive discussion with all parties. Maybe we can find a solution that works for everyone. We believe it is time to begin the process. We will continue to communicate with all homeowners as we think through this, and of course, any change would require your consent at the Annual Meeting in August.

In the meantime, stay warm and let's hope for an early spring.

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# Executive Director's Report

Mike Richardson

o, I was on a great record to get a few more hours of sleep by watching the Impeachment proceedings, and then our dog decided to show signs of age! Now I quickly fall asleep watching our politicians spend all our tax dollars arguing, only to have to take Bradie out at 4:00 a.m. Interesting how much both have in common - what I'm watching on TV and what Bradie does at 4:00 a.m.

On a brighter note we entered 2020 in great fashion. Winter weather for us here has been golf weather instead of plowing and shoveling weather. It sure does create confusion for our plants and shrubs, however. It has allowed us to do some catchup with landscapers, etc., and enabled contractors to move forward with projects (always much better to get that noisy work done in the off season, if possible).

Backyard barbecuing, walking, biking and just enjoying the area has morphed into discussions about climate change, waste water, and cell coverage. I thought retirement was going to be fun and relaxing along with a few beers. The few beers has actually been the only thing that is regular, but Dick Noonan keeps harping on the alcohol content of my drafts vs. his. Good thing I keep Uber on my cell phone.

New Seabury continues to show signs of growing pains even after 60 some odd years. New homes, new roads, new establishments, improved golf courses, additional residents, and of course, the challenges of maintaining what we have now. Interesting dichotomy for sure.

We have a great thing going on here. Lot of folks contribute time and effort to ensure things keep moving forward. The Peninsula Council Board of Directors deserves your thanks, as they get the job done quietly (for the most part), and follow up on all issues associated with the community. Budgets are monitored and approved, vendors are vetted (challenged), and interaction with the Peninsula Council is very active. You all might simply say "thanks" to your committee members on occasion.

I have finally gotten over the Patriots downturn, not yet over Cora's issue, and have started practicing my foul shooting. Our Celtics are up and down...they have the skill, but can't seem to get it all together. Then there is my golf game....yechhh!!

At any rate, I am wandering here. After some years in this capacity I have to say it's still fun. MJ has been a tremendous asset, and I have to say we do produce a high quality *Peninsula Reporter*. (You all know I do all the work and she gets the credit, don't you?)

We continue to work on some of the one-off stuff that does create some agitation. Contractors working off hours, an over abundance of signs that make this place look like it's for sale, heavy duty trucks creating all sorts of road issues, and what appears to be some material changes in waste water issues. These will all resolve themselves over time, so the reality of this is that we all need to take stock in what we have here.

It's simply a great place to live and when all is said and done, it remains a great place, so I am not going to get all upset at Noonan's focus on my alcohol content; we are going to continue the Boys' Night Out regularly; I will turn slightly left so my golf ball stays in sight; continue to enjoy the amenities and heck, just enjoy. Please join me along the way. Have a great rest of the winter and see you soon.

# Treasurer's Report

ooking back on 2019, all of the Villages ended the year with money in the bank, some more than others and ready to face the new year. The Chairs of each Village have worked with Mike Richardson to finalize their Village's 2020 budgets. In conjunction with this process, Mike continues to try and keep the costs low. By working with, and negotiating with the vendors each year, he keeps the costs as low as possible while at the same time not giving up the quality we have enjoyed and grown to expect.

Thus far, the winter here on the Cape has been guiet with very little snow; I hope I don't jinx it, which may translate to keeping cleanup expenses low. The yearly homeowners dues have been mailed or emailed, and checks are beginning to come in, so thanks, and keep the checks coming. Your dues, as you know, go to maintaining the community, which helps keep our roads off of Mashpee's "do not plow list" in the winter. We spend time and money having low hanging tree limbs cut and taken away. We also maintain our lights and drains throughout the year, and in the spring and summer, the landscaping and flower beds are done. These are just a few examples of where your money is spent each year. We want our neighborhoods and homes to continue to be a place that people are proud of and are happy to welcome friends and family.

# pecial Maintenance Report



At our Special Maintenance Meeting in January the operating budget for 2020 was reviewed and approved by the Committee. Even though we experienced some unexpected expenses in 2019, i.e., drains, fences, and legal issues, we ended the year in a solid position.

We started 2020 with a cash balance of \$43,000 and our road reserve now stands at \$543,000.

Landscaping is still our number one expense. Our mission is to improve areas that we feel need upgrading. Additional lighting is being considered in areas that we feel are safety issues. We will also consider exploring areas where we can install more solar lights.

Recently, I had an opportunity to review Peninsula Reporters from the 70s, 80s, and 90s. Change was slow during that period. We have had tremendous success since 2000, and our goal is to continue to make it a great community.

So far, nasty winter storms have avoided us. If this is a sign of the remainder of the season, we should have minimal spring storm cleanup.

Have fun! Enjoy the rest of the winter!

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Created to improve life. Entrepreneurs Mark Partin and Ryan Olsen launched B/SPOKE in 2014.

At B/SPOKE, they believe fitness should be inspiring, rewarding and complementary to all the rest of life's hustles. For many of us, it's a form of therapy - a way to forget yesterday, take back today, or change tomorrow. Their approach is equal parts holistic and luxury, on and off the bike, helping our community find a sustainable path to better health and personal growth, all delivered within a spa-like experience. B/SPOKE is a one-stop fitness destination offering a variety of classes with a mission to provide a destination for people to come together to experience how fitness, music and great design can inspire and help create positive change in their lives. With three locations in Massachusetts in Boston's Financial District at 101 Federal Street, in the suburbs of Wellesley at 50 Central Street, and the newest addition: the CAPE HOUSE at 1 Market Street in the Mashpee Commons (adjacent to LL Bean) - B/ SPOKE offers a variety of pay-as-you-go classes with no membership or initiation fees, including its signature R/DE class, new strength and conditioning program called TRAIN and TRAIN X, and mindful and restorative sessions that are currently being developed.

The 3,700 square foot CAPE HOUSE features two studio rooms with on-site amenities including a shower, complimentary shoe rental, towel service and filtered water stations. The LAB offers its signature TRAIN class, a high-intensity off-the-bike workout that focuses on matching exercise movements to the beat of the music, and TRAIN X, a half on-the-beat and half off-the-beat workout that creates a greater variety of complex movements and incorporates exercise equipment and heavier weights. The R/DE spin studio features new B/SPOKE branded and custom Stages bikes, consistent with the Downtown Boston and Wellesley Studios. With 56 bikes and stadium seating, B/SPOKE'S spin studio continues to evolve for a fitness experience that is unrivaled for riders. Early morning, late morning, evening and weekend classes are offered Monday through Sunday and reservations can be made.

THE CAPE HOUSE

Look for the B/SPOKE team to continue to develop and add new workout programs and modalities to complement and enhance its current program offerings.

For more information and to sign up for classes, please visit www.bspokestudios.com. For a complimentary R/DE or Train Class use the promo code, GuestofMayo, that will give you a free class.



These New Seabury residents have fun AND achieve their fitness goals at



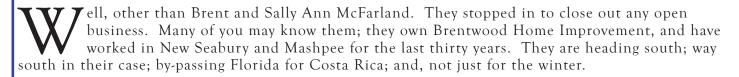
### Tom Bone

## ARC Update - Winter, 2020:

- Permits issued primarily for re-roofing and tree removal.
- It's cold.

### What else?

That's it.



I was intrigued. Maybe you are as well.

The McFarlands are moving to the west coast, the Gold Coast, of Costa Rica, near Nosara, 1,100 feet above sea level, yet ten minutes from the beach. They explain that Nosara is an undiscovered area. It is not a tourist attraction. So, if you are seeking the honky-tonk allure of Mid-Cape in August with a Latin flare, Nosara might not be for you.

The McFarlands' take turns listing the attributes of the Gold Coast. The few I remember are:

- Not in the hurricane zone.
- Not only Costa Ricans and Americans live in the area: Canadians, Swiss, German, French.
- In a "Blue Zone": above average longevity.
- Pure water; and, therefore, a bourgeoning micro brewery scene.
- Great coffee.
- 85-95 degrees with 55% humidity, 8 months out of the year.
- Cost of living: \$ .50 on the dollar; what costs a dollar here, costs \$ .50 there.
- Deep sea fishing 5 minutes off shore, where the shelf drops off to 3,000 ft.

The McFarlands are going to build their house on a 2.2 acre lot, to U.S. standards, at \$100 sq. ft., compared to \$400 here. When I semi-jokingly said I might be interested in Nosara, they offered to help out in any way they could. They are very familiar with the area and would be happy to see folks come down.

When I told them I would drop a few lines about their relocation adventure in the Peninsula Reporter, they asked me to be sure to thank New Seabury home owners for your loyal patronage and to tell you they would be happy to answer any questions and assist you in any way.

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ARC Guidelines can be found on-line, along with other useful information. You can find the site at: http://peninsulacouncil.com/arc/arc-guidelines-and-specifications/

Please contact me with any recommendations as to how the ARC can better serve you.

Thank you.

Tom





# Village Reports

# Bright Coves

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ello, Bright Coves Residents! Winter is upon us OR IS IT? One day it is a balmy 65°F and the next day is a frigid 20°F. Don't get me wrong, we love the balmy days, but it does confuse the plants and animals. In December, here in Mashpee, we had 10 INCHES OF RAIN!! Why am I talking about the weather? Because it is affecting our Village, town, state... in ways we know and don't vet know. One important way that weather is affecting our Village is by causing us to spend and budget for the somewhat unknown effects of weather.

This time of year, the Peninsula Council and I are busy formulating a budget of income and expenditures for this year. I am also planning for this year's upcoming

Bright Coves Annual Meeting. Last year's meeting was so well attended that perhaps a bigger venue would be appropriate. I am also considering having the meeting a little earlier in the year.

Our big projects for this year are drains and roads. We plan to review each drain for its projected health and formulate a road maintenance plan. This information will aid in budget projection and income requirements. We are also looking for new solar fixtures to replace the top of the old gas light fixtures.

We hope you have noticed some of our accomplishments this year: new signs, new fencing, new pavement markings, leaf removal from reserved areas and circles, new street lighting (no more leaky gas lights), two new drains and new Bright Coves website with a directory of residents. Again, we would like to have input from residents as to sensible improvements that would benefit our community, as a whole.

# Fells Pond

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**V** That a magnificent day on beautiful Fells Pond. All our "winter guests" (about 300-400 geese) have taken up residence as have at least 40 turkeys outside my driveway ready to wake me up by 6:00 a.m.

We've really lucked out this winter, which has been unusually warm - unlike two years ago when we were frozen in for two months from December through January when we had three consecutive weeks below 20 degrees and frozen pipes everywhere.

We had only two downed trees during last week's wind storm - so far, so good.

The roadsides have been cleaned and pathways maintained for our winter walkers to enjoy. Looking back at our Peninsula Reporter from 20 years ago- many of the same problems remain. There were



questions regarding gas lights, pond maintenance, speed bumps, maintenance fees (\$24 - \$50) road repair, landscaping, etc. I remember asking for donations for beautification of the Fells Pond entrance and having a consultant to access the quality of the pond's water and weed growth. I guess we've come a long way.

Our finances are in good shape as are our roads. Still working on storm drain maintenance. As of now, they are working well.

We have a new neighborhood Facebook group who would like to connect with other neighbors. The "Fells Pond Village at New Seabury" group is private and can be found by searching Facebook. For questions related to the group, please contact Anita Rogers at aklrogers@ gmail.com.

Stay well, stay warm, and think spring!

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# GREENSWARD

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### It Takes a Village

Everything is running smoothly in Greensward Village so let's take a winter break and introduce you to one of our interesting residents. Bill Blaisdell is a veteran of the United States Army who served as a combat medic in Vietnam. He is very involved with the Grace Veterans Center right here in New Seabury at 33 Seanest Drive. I asked Bill if he would share information about the mission of the center and his organization, the services they provide and how the New Seabury community can be more involved. The following is his story.



First, I want to thank Alicia Morrow, the Chair of our Greensward Village Committee and a Board Member of the Peninsula Council, for the opportunity to spread the word. My name is Bill Blaisdell and I have been a resident of the Greensward Village since 1994. I am currently on the Greensward Village Committee as well as a member of the New Seabury Men's Club and a former 12-year member of the New Seabury Board of Managers. My real passion is working with the Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center "CIVOC" with offices in Hyannis and New Seabury.

The Grace Brain Center now known as the Grace Veterans Center was donated to CIVOC by the Grace Family Trust back in 2012. The mission of CIVOC is to provide essential, life-altering, life-sustaining services that empower veterans in need and their families. Listed below are some statistics I believe you will find interesting.

### **FISCAL YEAR 2019**

Veterans on Cape Cod: 27,000

Approximate number of homeless veterans on Cape Cod: 140

Counseling sessions provided by CIVOC: 1119

Individuals served in our food pantry: 1505

Individuals receiving first month's rent and security deposit: 81 (\$134,772)

Homeless veterans in our transitional housing units: 20

Holistic therapy sessions provided: 387

Community outreach and awareness contacts: 42,653

Incarcerated veterans served: 3

Transportation of veterans to various types of appointments: 270

Emergency fund dollars spent on veterans' special circumstances: \$7,876

We plan to continue to offer all of these services in fiscal year 2020 and beyond. We also have some proposed uses for the Grace Veterans Center during 2020. These include the following:

Mental health symposium with civilian healthcare providers

Multiple police and first responder symposia

Additional open houses to expand our collaboration with our friends and neighbors in the local community of New Seabury

### **Wellness Day for Veterans**

Our plans for 2020 and beyond are very aggressive, including construction of a 5 bedroom Veterans home in Dennis, and require significant funding. Although we get some funding from the State Department of Veteran Services, we rely heavily on private donations to accomplish our mission. At our last open house for

the residents of New Seabury (and thank you to those who attended) several people recommended that we provide examples of what actual donations would mean to the organization so that people may get a better understanding of where their money would go and what benefit veterans would receive in more specific terms. The following are a few examples of what donations could mean in the form of veteran services:

- \$ 25 per month supports two Food Pantry visits per month for a low-income veteran family
- \$50 per month provides one session of counseling per month at no cost to a veteran or family member
- \$100 per month provides a homeless veteran six months of housing, food, and case management support or provides two homeless veteran families first month and security deposit to a new rental to call home

The following is a story of six very special gentlemen. Several years ago, a gentleman came to us and said he and five of his friends from the class of 1960 at Manhattan Prep in New York City would like to donate to our organization anonymously and on a regular basis. They had all been successful in life and had a special place in their hearts for veterans. That was the beginning of our "Veterans Emergency Fund". This fund is available for veterans or family members who need assistance, but their requests do not fall within the parameters of our usual programs. We have paid for such things as medical insurance installments, small car repairs and past due heating bills, just to name a few. This fund greatly enhances our capacity to help veterans in need, whose small bills cause great anxiety to these people who are operating on very tight budgets.

Since this fund began, MP60, as these gentlemen call themselves. has donated over \$17,000 (\$7,876 in FY 19 alone). The only thing they ask in return is an accounting of what we have spent and for what reasons. The basis of their generosity is the fact that they want to help veterans and, more importantly, they trust us to disburse the money responsibly. That trust means a great deal to our organization.

Please visit our website at www.capeveterans.com for additional information about our organization and please consider becoming a sustaining member at whatever level you feel comfortable with, or feel free to contact me at 508-292-2569 (cell) or bilbla7137@gmail.com if you have any questions or need additional information.





## **HIGHWOOD**

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We need to build these reserve account. We need to build these reserve account. We need to build these reserve accounts. The increased fees this year are the first step to meet these future commitments. Prompt payment of the recently mailed invoices would be greatly appreciated.

With the new decade upon us, our Village committee would like to see more community involvement in Highwood. We are asking you to contribute in any possible way. I have been writing these articles for ten years and a fresh perspective would be greatly appreciated. Perhaps sharing some personal experiences in our Village or articles that would interest our residents. I would welcome your suggestions. You can email me at the above address.

The Village is very quiet now. One new home is under construction on Morgan Circle. The real estate market appears to be stagnant in Highwood.

Our yearly brush collection will be in late May this year. Please do not place debris roadside until this time.

Stay warm!! We will see you in the spring!

# The Mews

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# The Mews Committee wishes everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

There are two projects reviewed at the Annual Meeting currently underway:

- 1. Mid-Iron Way border fence replacement
- 2. Mid-Iron Way border landscape maintenance and design

Mid-Iron Way border fence replacement We completed phases I & II. The rotted border fences were replaced with new fencing and we are working on the last phase which extends from the second Mashie entrance to the end of Mid-Iron Way. This phase is more complex because it involves coordination with several homeowners. We hope to complete this phase by Fall 2020 and that goal is ultimately dependent on total homeowner cooperation and participation.

Mid-Iron Way border landscape maintenance and design Maffei landscape was hired after we completed the RFP process. The deciding factor was a strong commercial link to New Seabury and the inclusion of design services which was separate and double the expense with other vendors.

The Maffei design is depicted on the Peninsula Council website. The overarching goals were (1) to increase ecologically friendly planting and (2) improve the community curbside appeal. The new design significantly reduces the abundant use of mulch which is known to

be an ecological and infrastructure hazard. It will be replaced mostly with sod and minimally with flower bed mulch that prevents runoff into the drainage system. Our irrigation system already extends the entire length of Mid-Iron Way. Replacing mulch with sod protects our infrastructure and is less costly than the annual mulch installation cost of approximately \$7,000.00. Maffei will first remove all the existing growth, then level and prepare the ground and lastly, begin planting.

We have not made any significant landscape improvements with professional guidance in over 15 years. This upgrade will enhance our community value and appeal.

Lastly, we wish to share some comments from Mike Richardson, Peninsula Council Executive Director.

"Rob, ... while most see New Seabury as one community, there are some vast differences between the Villages in terms of how they spend their fees.

I have to say that you (your committee) seems to be more progressive than some of the others in terms of coming up with ideas and improvements. You take action vs reacting to situations, which I see as a positive.

Over the 5-year span you have taken on new lights, road paving, and fence challenges. All substantial expense items, but also all having positive impacts on the home values of your community."

Note: We will participate in the New Seabury brush pickup program in May. See details from the Peninsula Council in this *Peninsula Reporter*.

# Popponesset Island

Email: bell.s@me.com



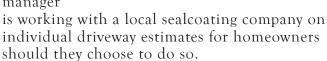
# Poppy Place

Nancy Haven Email: mvygirl@icloud.com

The bare trees of winter comprise a gray picture of our skyline along with the traditional cold snap and cloudy days of early winter. In spite of the winter chill a number of owners have ventured forth to partake of the tranquility of our village in the off season. Here in Poppy Place the loss of many damaged and in some cases overgrown trees is more evident. The work of National Grid, the Peninsula Council and our own landscapers has provided a sense of more visual openness and safety with the maintenance of our properties. This fall our HOA embarked on a property review as a result of the last few years of storm damage, both winter and summer. A number of trees required immediate attention which prompted increased awareness to a needed plan for the future. Our property manager along with Quality Tree assessed our common areas and individual properties with recommendations. Some of that work has already begun as of this writing.

Our Homeowners Board has reviewed last year's budget in light of 2020 HOA Fees. We are happy to announce that there will be no increase for 2020. As of this writing, you should now have an Invoice with budget details. As was initiated last year, our landscaper has offered to assist individual owners with spring and fall cleanups at a discount while

performing common area work. In addition, our property manager



The work that began last year on our large common area wooden panel exterior fencing is in the final stage of completion. Repairs are complete, and repainting will be done as soon as warmer weather permits. In addition to the work done on the exterior common area fencing, it was decided to go forward in 2020 and perform ongoing replacement/repair of the common area lampposts, as well as repainting of the attached picket fencing. All work will be covered by our HOA funds.

As a general reminder, our Board meets via conference call on the third Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. The lines are always open to anyone interested, so please tune in. For details on access, please contact the Peninsula Council, our property manager.



# Promontory Point 6A

Christine Hirshland Email: chirshland@aol.com

What's your favorite thing about New Seabury? That's the question that we posed to the homeowners in Promontory Point, and we look forward to sharing their answers throughout this year.

Dona Colangelo shared these photos from when she and her husband Gene bought their home almost twenty-five years ago.



# **Sandalwood**

Karyn O'Connor Email: ciao713@gmail.com

The are beginning a new decade and we thought it might be the right time to do some different things with our space in the Peninsula Reporter than in decades past! We will, of course, keep you abreast of anything of importance in our regular Sandalwood email correspondence and on our website. But, let's use this space to communicate all about the great things and the great people who make our Village what it is – a truly wonderful place to live.

We are asking that you submit to Karyn O'Connor (ciao713@gmail.com) any history or interesting stories about the Village or our neighbors that you believe is worth sharing. We will read them thoroughly and reprint those that we feel are presented in a positive and uplifting light and that have relevant information about "us." We also think it's only fitting to remember those neighbors who have passed away since the last article by sharing a bit about their lives and their contributions to Sandalwood, the New Seabury community and the world in general.

So, in this article we are remembering Dr. Anton (Tony) Mayretic of Wood Rd. Tony passed away on November 21, 2019 and had been married to Darinka for 55 years, 30 of which were enjoyed by spending much time here in Sandalwood! I'm sure you would agree that Tony and Darinka have hands down the best flower gardens in all of Sandalwood! Some of you, however, may not be aware of Tony's esteemed work in this world and we'd love to share it with you. Tony earned a Ph.D. from Penn State to add to his degree in electrical engineering. Tony was an adjunct professor at Northeastern, Post Doctorate Staff member & Project Engineer at MIT Center for Space Research, Senior Staff member at Harvard University Center for Astrophysics & Associate Professor of Electrical, Computer & Systems Engineering at BU. He received two NASA achievement awards for his work on Explorer Mission and the NASA Wind Satellite. So, in addition to raising a wonderful family and blessing Sandalwood with his gregarious personality he really was a "Rocket Scientist"! Tony is greatly missed by not only his family and friends, his neighbors on Wood Road, but by the Scientific and Engineering community in general.

If you would like to remember a special neighbor who has left us all too soon, please send a paragraph about them to Karyn O'Connor and we will do our best to share it with all Peninsula Council members.

# **SummerSea**

Risa Schneider-Fine Email: rsfine55@gmail.com

### Hi Fellow Summersea Residents,

Te hope you had a nice holiday and 2020 brings you all good things. Isn't it exciting that the days are getting longer, and while it is cold, Summersea is still quite beautiful. For all of you who left after the summer season, we wanted to let you know that the blinking stoplight we discussed has been installed at the corner of



Winter shines in Summersea.



Summersea after the first snowfall

and Summersea Lane. Hopefully, it will make that

Summersea Road

intersection safer during the summer months. We expect that the road designation signage with be completed this spring. Some other news, as you may know, the drains in New Seabury (300 of them) are old and often have issues. The drains will be now "cleaned" and "blown out" on a much more regular basis to attempt to reduce the problems caused by the obstructions. If you see a drain that is obstructed, please try to clear the debris (usually leaves, mulch and twigs) or let us know. For those of you concerned about cell service in your homes and around New Seabury, it appears that a tower will go up on Red Brook Road. The controversy continues, so we will keep you posted. For those of you who use the "Spit", trucks began bringing sand to the beach in late December. The Mashpee Conservation Commission approved the dredging of the outer channel and that should take place prior to the summer season.

Given the great attendance at our July and August "Meet and Greets" we plan to keep the same format next year. It was so nice to see so many old and new neighbors on the field. Wishing everyone a healthy and happy winter season. Larry, Fredda, and Risa

### TRITON SOUND

Jarred Sherman Email: jarredsherman@gmail.com



Triton Sound has been enjoying the reasonably mild winter again this year – knock wood!

December and January gave us a number of sunny weekends-- we were able to take a walk on the beach and go bike riding with the kids around New Year's! Hopefully, the minimal amount of snow will continue, and spring will be here before we know it. As a reminder, please continue to have your homes checked to avoid freeze-ups and damage.

Our financials ended 2019 in great shape, as we had minimal surprise expenses, leaving us with a slight surplus vs. plan. We will be preparing our budget for the upcoming year over the next few months as we get ready for the summer. Invoices for 2020 were sent out in early January, so please make your payments promptly! For those of you who have already done so - it's much appreciated.

We continue to consider all of the suggestions raised at our annual meeting in terms of maintenance and safety. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions. Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year.

# Vineyard Reach

Connie Strait

email: iseestrait@yahoo.com

Tineyard Reach may be settled in for the winter, but our Homeowners Board is working hard behind the scenes. We are excited to have Steve Kaufman as our President once again, Connie Strait as Secretary, and we welcome Roz Hill for the first time as Treasurer. Joe Grainger was a big asset to our Board and we thank him for all his work. We have prioritized our deck power washing and staining as the first thing to be accomplished as soon as the first signs of spring are in the air. Our gutter repairs and some replacements will begin at that time as well.

Mark your calendars as we have scheduled our Welcome Back to the Cape on June 14, and our Annual Neighborhood Golf Event for September 10. We are confirmed for our Annual HOA meeting to be scheduled for Sunday, July 12 at 9:30 at the Country Club Board Room.



Celebrating the season at Vineyard Reach.

All is good at Vineyard Reach after a significant snow on Saturday to wake up to a beautiful sun-filled Sunday with all the snow gone and our views of the Vineyard as outstanding as ever!





his year, ArtWeek will be held Friday, May 1–Sunday, May 10. The award-winning statewide festival highlights hundreds of unique experiences that are hands-on, interactive or offer behind-the-scenes access to arts, culture, and the creative economy – and many are free! Presented by Highland Street Foundation and produced by the Boch Center, ArtWeek will feature 100+ events on the Cape and Islands, so sign-up for the newsletter to be the first to know about the full calendar announcemount in early April at www.artweekma. org. This year, ArtWeek is being supported by hundreds of Community Partners, Media Sponsors, and Lead Champions: Massachusetts Cultural Council, Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the Cape Cod Foundation Fund for the Arts and the Carolyn Van Vleck Pratt Fund for the Arts.

## SPECIAL MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Tom Caston, Chair (508) 477-3271 castontom@aol.com Bob Biemer, Tom Bone, Marianne Ganzenmueller

## PENINSULA COUNCIL COMMITTEES NEW SEABURY RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mike Richardson

Pat Bell, Tom Caston

### **WEBSITE COMMITTEE**

Mike Richardson, Chair (508) 539-0028 mike@peninsulacouncil.com Peggy Bone

### **DECORATING COMMITTEE**

Pat Bell, Tom Caston, Alicia Morrow, Catherine Power, Fredda Zaiger

### **SECURITY COMMITTEE**

Joe Fisher, Chair (508) 539-8623 jfisher8623@comcast.net

# 2020 BRUSH PICKUP

The following Villages will have Spring Brush Pickup the week of **May 18**:

BRIGHT COVES THE MEWS FELLS POND SANDALWOOD **GREENSWARD SUMMERSEA** HIGHWOOD TRITON SOUND



The annual Brush Pickup this year will take place the week before Memorial Day. The dates are 5/18 - 5/22/2020. Brush will NOT be picked up before those dates, and we will NOT be picking up brush after those dates as part of this program. Brush placed out at other times will NOT be picked up and is the responsibility of the homeowner. Should the Peninsula Council have to remove brush at other times, we will bill the homeowner for that cost.

The goal of this program has always been to provide our residents a kick start to spring cleanup. It has never been a supplement to landscapers or tree companies who are working on residents' properties. It was and continues to be simply an effort for residents to clean up branches from trees that fall during the autumn and winter seasons. Please do your best to line up the branches with the thicker ends street side as it makes it easier for our vendor to chip them. This is only for branches - not leaves, or trash or other debris.

Please work with us to enable this program to be continued into the future. Village Committees have expressed concerns that this program has been abused by some residents to the point where continuing same is in question. Thanks for your support in helping us maintain our community in beautiful shape.

Mike Richardson

## **REMINDER!** Be sure to notify the Peninsula Council of any change in your contact information.

# For **SAFETY** Sake

When you're out enjoying our community, please:

- Slow Down and follow the posted limits and rules of the our roads.
- ♦ Walkers,
  - Take note of those around and bikers share you as you drive throughout our neighborhoods.

## 24 HR EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS FOR RESIDENTS

Mashpee Police Department Emergency Number: 911

Non-Emergency Number: 508-539-1480

Mashpee Fire Department Emergency Number: 911

Non- Emergency Number: 508-539-1454

# Country Club Happenings

# The Club at New Seabury 95 Shore



Thursdays, 5pm-9pm Fridays & Saturdays, 11am-9pm Sunday Brunch, 11am-2pm Open to the Public



508-539-8322 95 Shore Drive West, Mashpee, MA

www.newseabury.com • info@newseabury.com • @theclubatnewseabury

# The Garden & Craft Club at New Seabury

Pedro Carrasquillo

ne of my favorite acquisitions for the garden are woodcarvings of Cardinals by Cape Cod artist, Marc LeBlanc. Available through the Cape Cod Virtual Marketplace Facebook page or 954-295-8213. His pieces are beautifully crafted adding a great deal of whimsy and charm to any garden

It is winter on Cape Cod - a difficult time for birds to find food and water. On his website, P. Allen Smith (www.pallensmith.com), describes how to fill one's garden with "edible treats" for birds during the cold winter months. These treats are fun to make with materials found in most discount stores (but remind your grandkids that these are "bird cookies" and not for human consumption)!

Helpful links:

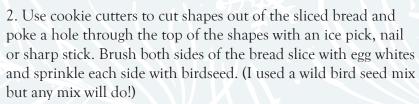
https://pallensmith.com/2015/02/23/birdseed-ornaments/for more information on making birdseed ornaments

https://www.capecod.com/lifestyle/winter-birds-to-observe-on-cape-cod/for additional information on birds during the winter months

https://www.kaytee.com/learn-care/wild-bird/5-reasons-to-feed-backyard-birds-in-winter for backyard birding advice



1. You will need: pre-sliced sandwich bread, egg whites, bird seed, twine, cookie cutters and an ice pick, nail or sharp stick (I wonder if whole wheat bread is also a healthier choice for our feathered friends? LOL!).





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3. Bake the ornaments in 300 degree oven for about 5 minutes so that the egg whites and seeds will stick to the bread. Let them cool, string some twine through the hole and hang your ornaments in trees or shrubs where birds will enjoy them feeling safe from predators.



Please consider joining our online community by looking up The Garden & Craft Club at New Seabury on Facebook and sending a request to join the group!

All experience levels are welcome to join!

## DON'T MISS OUT

on these
Peninsula Council
Programs
Available to You!

Call the Peninsula Council at (508) 539-0028 for more information.

- Weed-Free Driveway
- Motion Light Installation
- Tree Program
- Home Security Systems

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**



### Mark Thompson 2019 Broker of the Year

Congratulations to Mark Thompson for being named the 2019 Broker of the Year for New Seabury Sotheby's International Realty. His exceptional skills, service and experience have successfully assisted buyers and sellers for many years.

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# News you Use



There is a lot of activity on Cape Cod and it's almost impossible to stay on top of things these days, which is why we try to take a few minutes to provide bits and pieces for all. It's not an effort to change behaviors or force involvement in any of the areas covered...It's solely for the benefit of all, as information and maybe interest.

## So, here we go!

- 1. The tax levy shows all where your tax contributions go in our town. For more information, log on to: https://www.mashpeema.gov/home/news/fiscal-year-2020-tax-levy-breakdown
- 2. Since you pay taxes, the list of the Town of Mashpee Boards and Committees that need volunteers seems appropriate to offer up. It's your chance to get involved. I do and it's truly a worth-while experience. Please contact the Selectmen's office with any questions about the openings on various boards and committees. Telephone (508) 539-1401.

For a list of volunteer opportunities within the town, log on to: https://www.mashpeema.gov/home/news/volunteers-needed-town-boards-and-committees

3. Climate changes impact us all, and it's something that we can only impact a little.....how the town is addressing (or trying to address it) should be of concern for all.

For more information, Google: Cape Cod Commission 2019 Year In Review

4. Rob Mills, previously of Wynn and Wynn, has been a truly strong supporter of the Peninsula Council when needed... as a good friend and solid legal partner. I offer his new business information solely for all as one more resource if needed.

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5. Lastly for those of you who leave this wonderful area during the winters, offered here is an opportunity when shipping your vehicle is involved. Thanks to Steve Bell for the information. Auto Transport Rate

Steve Bell and friends negotiated a reasonable rate of \$925 for New Seabury homeowners to ship cars to or from southern Florida. Several New Seabury residents used them to ship cars down, and the organization was excellent on the arrangements. Any folks interested should call Ed Pein, (954) 881-6362, or email him at edpein@getitdonetransportation.com.

### Winter 2020

## NEW HOMEOWNERS Winter 2020

### **BRIGHT COVES**

Gregory & Theresa Becker George & Mary Silvestro

### THE COTTAGES

Joanna Cook Evan & Courtney Epstein Richard Miller

### **FELLS POND**

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### **GREENSWARD**

Aaron & Rachel Bright Gene & Julia Dvorkin

Michelle Marinelli Michael & Carolyn Savello

### LITTLE NECK BAY

Colin & Sarah Campbell Nancy Cleary Ryan Fisher & Jenna Knowles Jean Noel & Randa Reitman Warren & Jody Palley

### MEWS 4A

John & Lauren Duby

### MEWS 5A

Marc & Amy LaVoie

### PRESERVE AT FLAT POND

**Howard & Maureen Montgomery** 

### SANDALWOOD

Robert & Emily Farmer

### **SUMMERSEA**

Richard Manjoney & Rosanne Schipani

### TRITON SOUND

Christopher Anderson Kenneth & Jodi Bring

# T've Got a Secret

Your family and friends will enjoy these cookies(just ask the Sea Breeze Bridge ladies) as they try to identify the secret ingredient.

## CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

1 cup unsalted butter, room temperature

3/4 cup brown sugar

3/4 cup white sugar

2 large eggs

1 tbsp. hot water

1 tsp vanilla flavoring

½ tsp maple flavoring (not maple syrup)

2 ½ cup all-purpose flour

1 tsp baking soda

1 tsp salt

1 cup chocolate chips

Cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs and cream until fluffier Mix in water and flavorings Mix in flour, baking soda and salt

Add chocolate chips and drop by tablespoonful on a parchment lined cookie sheet.

Bake 350

8-10 minutes

Courtesy of a cookbook from the 19th century.



Submitted by Alicia Morrow.

# Save Popponesset Bay: Update

Tith the start of 2020, Save Popponesset Bay has begun working towards addressing the areas damaged by last year's storms to prepare for the coming season. We are bringing in 10,000 cubic yards of sand which will be spread along the Spit! We are coordinating with the Woods Hole group, our coastal engineers, as we refine and execute our approach. Our contractor will return in late March to make needed repairs or refinements in advance of the summer season. Due to permit limitations, we are not allowed to bring heavy machinery onto the spit after March 31st. SPB anticipates the arrival of the County Dredge to be mid-February.







In December, the Mashpee Conservation Commission approved our project for the channel expansion! This step lays the groundwork for final permitting in 2020 for the dredging work to expand the outer channel. We will keep you updated on the progress of this project.

SPB has worked hard to preserve and maintain the Spit and have made much progress since 2014. The pictures below show the same fence, first in 2014 and presently in 2020. We have built up the Dune and planted the grass!!



# Save the Vate!

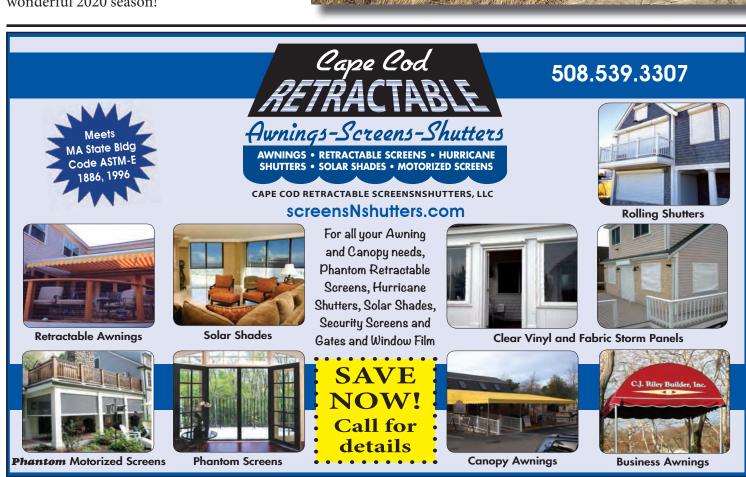
Please mark your calendars for the SPB summer event. This year we are moving back to a Friday evening which should make it easier for more to attend. Save Friday night July 17, 2020 – more information to follow!

### Thank you to our contributors!

We are so appreciative to all of our supporters and would like to thank all those who have contributed in 2019! It's not too early to make your Donation for 2020. We encourage everyone to join us and become annual donors, as this is our community and our responsibility to preserve and restore the Spit and Bay. Please make your tax-deductible gift today, we are a 501(c)(3), by going to www. SavePopponessetBay.org.

Thank you in advance for your continued support in 2020! Looking forward to a wonderful 2020 season!





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Stunning Craftsmanship throughout this waterfront home w/deep water dock. 3+BR, 6.5 Bath, 5500 Sq. Ft. \$3,599,000



**POPPONESSET BEACH** 

New Construction Oceanfront, amazing views, deeded private beach, designer interior 2 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 1870 Sq. Ft. **\$1,995,000** 



SEASIDE

Impressive Golf Front Property in Seaside, Deeded beach, pool, garage with guest suite 5 BR, 6.5 Bath, 4570 Sq. Ft. **\$2,249,000** 



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New Seabury Waterfront home with dock! Lovely interior with beautiful views 4 BR, 3 Bath, 1714 Sq. Ft. \$1,599,000

## Boating, Beach, Golf.....We have it all!



**BRIGHT COVES** 

Situated on a quiet cul-de-sac, this waterfront home with dock features an open airy interior. 3 BR, 3 Bath, 1733 Sq. Ft. **\$1,549,000** 



**GREENSWARD** 

Spacious Golf Front overlooking the 17th Fairway on the Ocean Course, Beautiful interior 4 BR, 3.5 Bath, 3287 Sq. Ft. \$1,369,000



**HIGHWOOD** 

Stunning, spacious home on large private lot. Gourmet kitchen w/butler's pantry, Heated pool 5 BR, 4.5 Bath, 5752 Sq. Ft. **\$1,495,000** 



**GREENSWARD - SOLD!** 

Stunning Golf Front with salt water pool, hot tub and gas fire pit, Impressive interior, finished LL 4 BR, 5.5 Bath, 3720 Sq. Ft. **\$1,325,000** 



PRESERVE AT FLAT POND

Stunning home, Beautiful interior and Room for expansion on 2nd floor & lower level.
3 BR, 2.5 Bath, 2415 Sq. Ft. \$1,385,000



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Lovely Golf Front with heated pool, hot-tub & outside kitchen. Lovely landscaped lot. Open floor plan 3 BR, 3.5 Bath, 3022 Sq. Ft. **\$995,000** 

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Golf Front home with spectacular views of the Ocean Course. Lovely interior with many upgrades & renovations. 3 BR, 3 Bath 2672 Sq. Ft. \$955,000



**GREENSWARD** 

Lovely well maintained golf front home. 2 brick patios sit and enjoy the back yard and views. finished LL. 3 BR, 2 Bath, 1560 Sq.Ft. **\$649,000** 



PROMONTARY POINT

This lovely renovated condo is practically brand new. Open floor plan, heated salt water pool. 3 BR, 3.5 Bath, 1800 Sq. Ft. \$ 739,000



**SEA QUARTERS** 

Golf Front Villa, Lovely end unit condo, open floor plan, Association pool, full basement. 2 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 1559 Sq. Ft. \$549,900



SEA QUARTERS

Beautiful Golf Front condo. Gourmet kitchen, 1st Fl. Master BR, screened porch, finished lower level. 3 BR, 3.5 Bath, 1535 Sq. Ft. **\$699,000** 



**MAUSHOP** 

Charming Seaside Condo. Ocean views, 1st floor master, sun porch, 2 patios & 2 storage sheds. Deeded Beach, 2 BR, 1 Bath, 918 Sq. Ft. **\$529,000** 

## Nobody knows New Seabury better than our agents!



**MAUSHOP** 

Nantucket Style Condo. Renovated kitchen, sun porch w/ocean views, wide pine floors, deeded beach 2 BR, 1.5 Bath, 902 Sq. Ft. **\$524,900** 



MEWS POOL VILLA

End Unit pool villa. Lovely views of the golf course from your pool & patio. Finished lower level. 2 BR, 2 Bath, 1573 Sq. Ft. **\$459,000** 



**MAUSHOP** 

Nantucket style seaside cottage offering ocean views, one-level living and recently renovated. 2 BR, 1 Bath, 634 Sq. Ft. **\$495,000** 



**MEWS PATIO HOME** 

Charming one level home. LR w/vaulted ceiling, master BR, hardwood floors throughout 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1270 Sq. Ft. **\$449,000** 



**FELLS POND** 

Well maintained Contemporary home. New Heating and AC, Open floor plan 3 BR, 2.5 Bath, 1937 Sq. Ft. **\$469,000** 



**MAUSHOP** 

Charming end unit on a quiet street. Meticulous inside and out. Deeded beach, brick patio.

1 BR, 1 Bath, 580 Sq. Ft. **\$419,000** 

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Views from our New Seabury Walking Trails. The trails are great to walk even in the winter. Pick up a trail map in the mailbox at Frogs Leap Pond or go to the Peninsula Council website to download a map.



# Mashpee Clean Waters



# WE NEED MASHPEE VOTERS AT THE MAY 4 TOWN MEETING! THE CRISIS

Mashpee has a severe nitrogen problem in our waters that has already killed the eel grass and wildlife that are critical to the ecosystem of Popponesset and Waquoit Bays. 82% of the nitrogen comes from our septic systems. Water treatment facilities can lower the nitrogen going back into our waters from 40 to 3 mg/l. The Mashpee Commons and New Seabury have water treatment facilities but the majority of our wastewater is still NOT treated for nitrogen. This crisis puts our beloved environment, Mashpee's economy, and ultimately our real estate values at risk.

### THE PLAN

After 15 years of analysis, Mashpee approved a highly innovative plan in 2015. It combines natural solutions like shellfish with selected water treatment facilities. To date, the plan has not been funded. In the interim, the problem keeps getting worse. The costs keep rising. And the risk grows that a lawsuit will take control away from the town, costing the taxpayers significantly more.

The good news is that the Mashpee Board of Selectmen is developing a handful of warrants for the May 4th Town Meeting that fund the planning stages of a new wastewater treatment plant and create funding sources for Phase I of the nitrogen remediation plan. This phase will cost roughly \$150/year to the average Mashpee home, but in return, you'll protect the precious waters that drive our local tourism, economy, and property values.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

**LEARN** – Join in the conversation in our Mashpee Clean Water Group on Facebook. Explore our extensive resources at www.MashpeeCleanWaters.info. Follow the issues in the Mashpee Enterprise.

SHARE - Share this sheet with your friends and neighbors. Host an info session. Help spread the word.

**RAISE YOUR HAND** - Be there at the May 4 Town Meeting and vote for the water quality articles.

HELP IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF OUR WATERS AND ENSURE OUR FUTURE LIFE AND ECONOMIC QUALITY Much more information is available at www.mashpeecleanwaters.info and https://www.facebook.com/groups/mash-

peecleanwaters/Or reach out at m.adams.oleksak@comcast.net or 781-729-9650.

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Cape Cod

# AWESOME

Chili Challenge

2020

Popponesset Inn





Congratulations to The Club at New Seabury who took home the prize for Best (Professional) Chili!



















Cape Cod Awesome Chili Challenge supports the Boys and Girls Club of Cape Cod and The Falmouth Service Center.

# Women's Club of New Seabury

Susan Finkle, President

ollowing a most successful Giving Fair event, the Women's Club of New Seabury was able to celebrate at the December luncheon by awarding our most deserving beneficiaries with 100% of the Giving Fair proceeds. We honored the following organizations that do so much good in our local community: Mashpee Council on Aging, Cape Cod Boys and Girls Club, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Falmouth Service Center, A Baby Center and the Mashpee Scholarship Foundation Trust. Their acceptance of the donations were laced with words of deep appreciation and compliments for the WCNS 2019 fundraising and all the work undertaken in the past to support their missions. This event also included moments of levity and enjoyment with guitar music provided by Steve Gregory and ukulele Christmas Carols provided by a few of his students, the Seabury Strummers. Steve will need to continue his dedicated teaching, as we all have room for improvement...... The afternoon ended with a demonstration from Amie of Amie Bakery in Osterville culminating in delicious cupcake desserts with butter cream frosting.

January, February and March find the WCNS executive board planning and confirming programs

that will begin in April, 2020. We are always open to members' suggestions for events

that they might like us to present. In 2020 we will hopefully increase our membership by reminding this readership of our mission to promote friendship, fun and philanthropy. Members can participate in small and large ways: come to a few of our events and bring some friends, let us know how you might help out at a particular event, or volunteer to become part of a committee. The Women's Club of New Seabury is proof that so many women have abilities, strengths and passions to contribute and new friends to meet.

As I reflect on my years as a member, this quote from Annie Lennox comes to mind, "When women get together as a group, it is immensely powerful". Come join our group, help your community and have some fun while participating....you'll be glad you did.

To learn more about the WCNS take a look at this link from Mashpee TV that illustrates just what we're all about:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6QkhYcAx25Q

## MEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

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Joe Fisher, President

The 2020 kick-off event for the Men's Club will be the annual Welcome Back Social in late May, probably back at our annual location - Dino's. A golf and dinner event (Nine and Dine) at Holly Ridge Golf Course is also in the planning stages. Dates and details will be published a month prior to each outing.

Additional plans for 2020 will include Speaker's Luncheons, performance(s) at the Cotuit Center for the Arts and a number of new ideas.

Members will automatically receive emails announcing each event. If you're not a member and would like information about joining, you can contact:

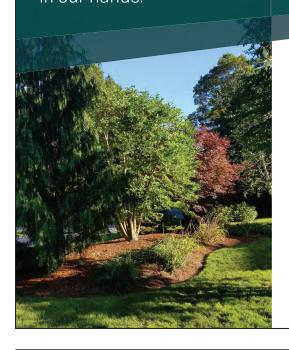
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# AN UPDATE FROM THE NEW SEABURY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF MANAGERS

Greetings from the New Seabury Members Association Board of Managers. While we've all settled into our winter schedules, there is still a great deal of activity taking place here at the Club. For those who are still in the area, we want to highlight a few of the off-season activities as well as the improvements underway in preparation for the 2020 season.

The beautifully remodeled 95 Shore restaurant is now open on a year-round basis. If you're in the area, you'll now be able to grab dinner Thursday through Saturday, Lunch on Friday and Saturday, and a terrific Brunch on Sundays throughout the winter months. The particulars on hours of operations are posted on the New Seabury Website. This affords everyone the opportunity to get a great meal during the winter months without leaving the New Seabury campus.



The Main Dining Room area at 95 Shore.

We also wanted to provide a quick update on the Ocean Course renovation project.

The majority of the major construction work has been completed. Tree removal work will continue over the winter and the finishing touches will be finalized in the spring. The Club expects to reopen the Course for normal play around Memorial Day Weekend as scheduled.



New tees on the second hole of the Ocean Course

If you are an Association member, you can find 90 pictures of the renovation work under the "Community Corner" tab on the New Seabury Board of Managers website. We'll continue to stay in touch through our regular email blasts, updates in the New Seabury newsletter, and additional articles in the Peninsula Reporter. You can also find additional information about the goings on at the Club on our website www.nsbom.com. If you aren't receiving our emails, send your contact information to newseaburybom@gmail.com and we'll add you to our distribution.

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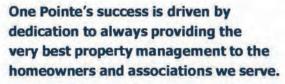


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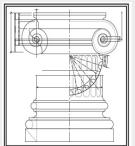


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