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Save the
DATE

2023 PENINSULA COUNCIL
ANNUAL MEETING
THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AT
NEW SEABURY
WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL MEETING
AT THE
NEW SEABURY COUNTRY CLUB
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12
AT 9:00 AM
A Continental Breakfast
will be served at 8:30 AM

**Save the
Date**

WCNS Casino Night
June 29, 2023
7PM - 10PM
The Club at New Seabury
see page 15 for details



SAVE THE DATE

Peninsula Council
New Seabury Homeowners
Sixteenth Annual
Golf Classic
Ocean Course
Monday, July 31, 2023
at Noon
Stay Tuned for More Details



President's Report

Dick Noonan

Hopefully, spring is fully underway when you are reading this. It was a pretty decent winter, so I will have no complaints even if spring takes awhile to heat up.



The Community has been reasonably quiet since our last *Peninsula Reporter*. No major issues have surfaced that we had to deal with beyond a drain or two. And, best of all we can finally, or at least in the very near future, be able to make a cell call without worrying about it dropping or being able to hear the other party. It has been a long time coming!

I would like to ask all of you to put August 12, 2023 on your calendars. It is our Peninsula Council Annual Meeting and this year we have a number of important topics to cover. Specifically, we want to provide an update on our "outsourcing" projects. And start the conversation about our Community Governance going forward.

We plan to provide an update on Village management for Sandalwood which is concluding its second year under management by Distinctive Properties. The Mews will be seven months along with its contract for Village Management with Distinctive Properties, and Poppy Place has been negotiating a contract for the same. We are also concluding the second year of outsourcing the administrative functions of ARC. The current contract is up 12/31/23.

That is a lot of activity which is providing important insights as to how we might want to manage these functions in the future. We want to provide feedback to all residents on the results of these projects and preliminary thoughts for moving forward into 2024. Bottom line, we are quickly approaching that point when decisions have to be made.

We will also be doing a much deeper dive into our financials. We got feedback last year that a number of residents would like more detail. Given that we will be requesting a vote to increase dues at this meeting it only seems appropriate that we get as deep as residents need to feel comfortable supporting this increase. And, before anyone gets too concerned we are thinking in the neighborhood of \$50 per year. That is a pretty reasonable price to maintain this Community the way you have come to enjoy.

As we approach the expiration of our Universal Village Declaration at the end of 2025, we need to think about who we are going forward. This is a 60 year old community that has been maintained initially by the developer and for the past 20 plus years by the Peninsula Council. If the Peninsula Council loses its legal underpinnings to bill and collect fees, who will maintain our roads, drains, entrances and landscaping? What would we look like without an ARC function? The Town of

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Mashpee is not going to take over these functions. This is a private community and it is up to us to manage it.

We are launching a strategic planning committee to begin looking at some of these high value issues. I doubt that we will have much to report on by August, but at a minimum we should be able to tee up the issues we need to think about and address. It sounds like a long time, but 2 1/2 years will go by quickly.

So, please plan to come to our Peninsula Council Annual Meeting and participate in the evolution of your community. Your financial investment and enjoyment of this community will both benefit.

Treasurer's Report

Mike Richardson

You have already heard a bit about the changes in naming to CAMI and PC Admin/Ops; I won't go into that. You also know that the Peninsula Council's responsibilities cover roads, drains, landscaping, lighting, walking trails etc., as well as taxes, and management of vendors. Additionally, you are all aware that we need to plan financially for the future of New Seabury when the development ceases, which is just around the corner.

The Architectural Review Committee is legally assigned to the Peninsula Council into perpetuity, and its sole function is to help maintain property values for all residents. CAMI is responsible for all Common Area Infrastructure and Maintenance, in essence, the environment in which we all live, and Maintenance pertains to individual Villages, either managed by the Peninsula Council or another management company. Lastly, Peninsula Council fees are extremely reasonable; one could say conservative, but have worked fine for years. Of late, expenses are creeping up, and age has increased maintenance costs, so we are looking at the possibility of a small increase in 2024.

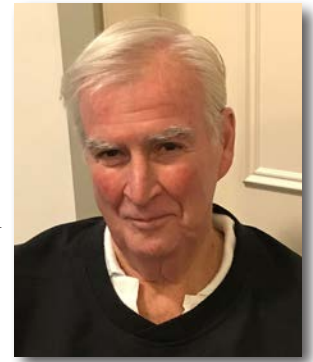
ARC: The year-end balance sheet of \$176,235.00 includes PGF escrow which are returnable funds when projects are completed. Project income shows an increased amount of work being done and real estate transfer income reflects the decrease in inventory, so we are going to need to develop a more robust format for project funding. It appears more and more difficult to balance expenses versus projects. We will be looking for imaginative ways to continue to do this work.

PC Admin/Ops: This is basically a wash with income in excess of budget by \$7,927.00 and an end of year balance of \$8,677.00. This is not without

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Executive Director's Report

Mike Richardson



As I sit down to put words of wisdom for you all, I am happy to start with acknowledging that the Celtics and Bruins are in command of the first series in both the hockey and basketball playoffs. Now isn't that a darn good feeling? Let's see where we are by the time you get this Peninsula Reporter in the mail, eh?

Ok, spring is here and it's a great season so far. Mother Nature was very nice to us over the winter of 2022-2023 with nary a snowflake on Cape Cod, yet great outdoor sports like skiing, skating and snow shoeing up north in the mountains were enjoyed by many. That's the way New England is supposed to work, for everyone.

It's given us a leg up on getting started here in New Seabury, with drain cleaning being all done, leaves being cleaned up, some tree work and a variety of small outdoor work being accomplished that normally had to wait for ice and snow to leave. We've had just enough rain to get things greening up, and irrigation will be turned on shortly. We hired a new landscape gardener who has great ideas and we're able to keep Robin for our Village entrances, so again we are in great shape.

We have a couple of changes in our operation, changing Special Maintenance to Common Area Maintenance and Infrastructure and Membership to Peninsula Council Administration and Operations to further identify the use of those funds. We continue with a pilot using Distinctive Properties doing ARC work for the Peninsula Council. They remain the management function for Sandalwood, are piloting doing the management function for The Mews, and soon to be managing Poppy Place. While all that is happening, the Peninsula Council is in the process of completely revising our Quick Books financial report formats. I thought I was tired before, but this is what I get by accidentally showing the Peninsula Council officers my birth date. They saw Father Time in the window, and told me to start making changes, so that should something happen, ugh, we would be prepared to move forward.

All good business, however, and it's given me an opportunity to more clearly identify some of the holes in our fabric. In essence, it's become a chance to tighten up some of the loose ends so that they don't come back to bite whomever is here doing this stuff down the road.

At the same time, we are toying with a Strategic Planning Committee to see just how we think the Peninsula Council should operate moving forward, and I am now discussing some more in depth detail, with Marjorie Claprod who stepped up to work with us starting the process; so, it's clear to say that we have been very busy. Kind of takes me back to the old Liberty Mutual days, only absent the daily commute to Boston.

Looming ahead of us are some unknowns that closely follow the knowns. We know that New Seabury Development is coming close to completing the entire buildout. There just isn't much land left on which to build. At some point, they will have another project which will take them elsewhere in the country, but that falls into the unknown territory. We remain responsible for the Common Areas which they presently contribute to, which opens the door for yet another unknown. The Special Permit which enables the ARC to provide some flexibility for our homeowners is set to expire in 2026, and, of course, we need to continue to work on Declarations (actually all communities need to stay on top of their Declaration expiration dates).

But, we also don't know the final outcome of the hockey and basketball playoffs either!! I carry with me eternal optimism, so given that I am right, I see a bright future for all three: Celtics, Bruins, and the Peninsula Council. Have a great year in New Seabury as this is still one of the best places to be any time of year, but especially coming into the wonderful summertime.

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CAMI

(Common Area Maintenance and Infrastructure)

Tom Caston

Once again, due to a span of good weather, we were able to complete our spring cleanup by mid-April. Lawns were thatched, edged and fertilized; shrubs were pruned and compost was added to our flower beds and rose bushes. During the same period, we removed 39 diseased trees along Rock Landing Road and Shore Drive. We will continue to monitor our trees on a regular basis.



We have ordered 2,700 pots of flowers to be planted by the end of May. At the same time, new rose bushes and shrubs will be planted where needed.

After 20 plus years, Annie King, who did our planting and maintenance, has retired. Annie and her team did a great job in keeping our neighborhoods looking beautiful. We have hired Jaana Demeo and crew to replace Annie. Jaana has 30 years experience in the landscaping business and is very knowledgeable and creative. We have spent considerable time with her and she knows exactly what we want.

All storm drains have been cleaned and repaired and appear to be in good shape. Remember that they are over 60 years old and we never know when a problem will surface. We are in the process of cleaning all our walking paths. If you find any problem, please call the Peninsula Council office.

With the cooperation of all of our vendors, I'm confident that our community will look great as we begin the summer season.

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contribution from other sources, i.e., Ad Revenue, ARC and Admin Reimbursements, which we will be reworking as part of any increase in fees.

CAMI: CAMI covers all of our Common Areas and about seven miles of roads and hundreds of drains. While most everything looks pretty good, we get the surprise drain failure or road issue that comes up every so often. We maintain all regularly, but recognize that we are over 60 years old and show some signs of age. Income and budget were spot on around \$463,000.00; however, we got caught with about \$90,000.00 in unanticipated drain expense thus exceeding expense budget by over \$60,000.00. One positive is that we planned ahead for years, so CAMI is reserved adequately.

All things considered, the Peninsula Council is in solid financial shape with reserves in place for the unexpected. With our age and increasing costs of supplies, we will consider a very small increase to be presented to residents at our upcoming Peninsula Council Annual Meeting on August 12, 2023.

ARC Report

Allysa Murphy
ARC Administrator



Spring is in the air and the flowers are beginning to bloom! That warm weather that we have all been waiting for is quickly approaching.

If you have been thinking about projects that you would like to complete on the exterior of your home before summer rolls around, give the ARC a call! We can walk you through the correct steps and help you along the way to beautifying your home. The ARC committee has been put in place to protect homeowners as well as to maintain the New Seabury look and style that we all love.

If you are planning on making any changes to the exterior of your home like painting, roofing, siding, window/door replacement, decking, major landscaping, additions or removing trees (over 6" in diameter), please contact our office (arc@peninsulacouncil.com) to confirm if a permit is needed. If you are undertaking a project that requires a Mashpee Building Permit, please contact our office right away, as the Town will not issue you a permit until you have an ARC permit on file. Please remember that if you are within 100 feet of the water or wetlands, we will require you contact Conservation before we will consider approval of your project, and if your property abuts the golf course, we will require you get approval from the Country Club before we approve any encroachment.

The ARC meets the 2nd Wednesday (barring no committee member conflicts) of every month, so if your project needs Committee approval, please have all completed documents emailed to us by the 1st of the month.

Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation.

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Alyssa Murphy

Architectural Review Administrator



Congratulations Mark Thompson

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2023 VILLAGE ANNUAL MEETINGS

BRIGHT COVES Sunday, July 16 at 10:00 a.m. Veterans Outreach Center	POPPY PLACE Saturday, August 12 at 8:00 a.m. New Seabury Country Club
FELLS POND Saturday, July 15 at 10:00 a.m. Veterans Outreach Center	SANDALWOOD Saturday, July 22 at 2:00 p.m. Location To Be Determined
GREENSWARD Saturday, July 8 at 9:00 a.m. Veterans Outreach Center	SUMMER SEA Saturday, July 22 at 9:00 a.m. Veterans Outreach Center
HIGHWOOD Saturday, July 29 at 10:00 a.m. Veterans Outreach Center	THE MEWS VILLAGE Saturday, July 8 at 9:00 a.m. New Seabury Country Club
POPPONESSET ISLAND Saturday, July 22 at 9:00 a.m. 78 Popponesset Island Road	TRITON SOUND Sunday, August 6 at 9:30 a.m. Veterans Outreach Center - Deck

The Veterans Outreach Center is located at 33 Seaneast Drive.



Village Reports

Bright Coves

Marjorie Clapprood
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My fourth grade science teacher taught us about photosynthesis, inviting each student to write PHOTOSYNTHESIS on the blackboard (in CAPITAL LETTERS!) And, then we each had to read the definition out loud:

Photosynthesis: A chemical process that occurs in plants, algae, and some types of bacteria when they are exposed to sunlight. During photosynthesis, water and carbon dioxide combine to form carbohydrates (sugars) and give off oxygen. Photosynthesis is needed for animal and plant life.

She said if we did that, we'd always remember this word, and I DO! I was thinking about this a lot this week as neighbors and friends asked about Mashpee waters and newspaper articles that highlight the poor quality of some wetlands and waterways and how it impacts our little Villages in New Seabury, and a lot harkened back to this little scientific factoid. It seems like a very complicated subject, and it is, but not if you break it down, spell it out and say it out loud - all puns intended. Best advice I can give as one of the newer members of the Conservation Commission is to tell folks to go up on the town website (Mashpeema.gov) and track the Conservation Commission and a whole host of articles on these topics and more, including frequently asked questions and what you and I can all do to make the situation better, step by step.

Maybe you'll look a bit differently at those beautiful daffodils that are popping up and blooming everywhere or check out the work done by Save

Popponesset Bay (savepopponessetbay.org) and how the nesting of the piping plovers make such a difference in our neighborhood, indeed our little world in Bright Coves, especially. You might meet volunteers who count the herring at certain spots and learn why they do it. You get the drift. It all comes back to simple science: if photosynthesis is needed for all animal and plant life, then we all just might want to be part of protecting it.

So this month, I thought I'd remind us all that if we want to preserve and celebrate the gorgeous environs of New Seabury and our precious Villages, we can do our part by simply picking up trash on our next walk around the block, joining neighbors at meetings at the beach or at a local church to learn about saving our wetlands, buying products that contribute to clean water and clean air, sending a donation to one of the great non-profits that work on our behalf, or simply coming to a town meeting or committee meeting and volunteer to do something to help out. In the process, we all help ourselves, protect our environs and properties for our families to enjoy into the future.

Oh, and did I mention it's needed for all animal and plant life, including humans and our pets!? Write it on the blackboard and read it out loud! See you at the next meeting!



Photo by Marjorie Clapprood.

P.S. Watch for the opening of our Bright Coves pond on Waterway in May and join us at the Annual Meetings: Bright Coves is July 16th at the Peninsula Council office (see listing in this edition) and the full Peninsula Council Annual Meeting is on August 12th at the Country Club...if you read the *Reporter* cover to cover, you'll learn about a host of opportunities to get involved...AND have fun in the process!

Marjorie Clapprood
Chair, Bright Coves Committee

Fells Pond

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Spring is here!

I think it's been here all winter - crazy temperatures. April brought a few beach days - 60s and 70s, and one day was 80+! No complaints. We didn't have to shovel and the daffodils and forsythia are decorating the roadside.

We've only had a couple of fallen trees. The roadsides have been clean and are ready to go. Brush pickup will take place the week before Memorial Day. We've contracted once again with Solitude Lake Management to treat the pond starting in late June. Storm drains have been cleaned and pot holes patched. We can't maintain our Village without your help. Please pay your annual dues.

As I said in the last *Reporter*, I am asking for your help. We need volunteers to be on our Fells Pond Committee. After 26 years, I am ready to retire!

Enjoy your beautiful pond and Village.
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GREENSWARD

Darlene Furbush

It's hard to believe winter is behind us and spring has arrived. Folks are beginning to make their plans to return to Cape Cod. I hope your travels back to our little piece of Paradise are uneventful, whenever you choose to return.

The winter was kind to us. While we didn't have the warmth that those of you who were in the sunny, warm climates had, we didn't have a bad winter. We didn't get much snow which makes me a little sad as I do like and enjoy the snow. However, on the bright side I haven't seen a lot of any real tree damage. That may save the Village and homeowners some money as the winter cleanup shouldn't be as heavy as we have seen in past years. The forsythias are in bloom, reminding the gardener in you that it's time to fertilize and tend to your lawns. It's nice to see our lawn and the golf course have gone from winter to spring green. I am beginning to see that folks do their yard spring cleaning and some, like my husband, have begun to put mulch down.



I look forward to seeing those of you who have spent the winter away back on campus. Have a safe trip back.

Please mark your calendars as The Greensward Annual Village meeting is scheduled for Saturday July 8th at 9:00 AM at the Veterans Outreach Center (The Grace Center).



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HighWood

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Highwood Facts - Based on the original 1963-1974 development plans and the Town of Mashpee GIS mapping, Highwood Village covers an area of 184 acres, originally with 132 building lots. Today, 121 of these lots are developed, with four privately owned lots that are still undeveloped and seven lots that are still owned by New Seabury that are deemed undevelopable due to environmental restrictions. Twenty six (21%) of our Village residents live along the perimeter roads of Rock Landing, Uncle Percy's, Aunt Janes and Alma Roads and are an equal part of our community.

There are approximately 35 acres (18.9%) of "Reserved Area" in Highwood Village that contain the various trails and two ponds. The reserved areas, originally owned by New Seabury, were deeded to the Peninsula Council in the 1980s. The Peninsula Council maintains the trails and ponds out of the Common Area Maintenance and Infrastructure (CAMI) funds, as they are common areas for all Villages to use and enjoy. However, Highwood Village pays the real estate taxes on the land, which comes to about \$1,800 per year. Under a mutual agreement between the Peninsula Council and Highwood Village, we shared the cost to remove nine trees that had fallen into Fish Hook Pond, at a cost of \$1,750 to Highwood Village. Their removal was important to the health and aesthetics of the pond. This work was performed in October 2022 by a contractor hired by our Village. We have since retained this contractor to provide annual spring cleanup and tree work within the Village, as needed.

We have Highwood Village residents Maryann Ganzenmueller and Bob Biemer to thank for their efforts on the CAMI committee in seeing to the maintenance of the ponds and trails. A special acknowledgement to Andre Termeulen who passed away in February at the age of 95. Andre spearheaded the effort in installing the aeration system and fountain in Frogs Leap Pond and installed the fountain every spring up to the age of 90. These are people behind the scenes that do this on a volunteer basis, purely for their love of the outdoors and desire to maintain the natural beauty of New Seabury for the rest of us to enjoy.

Our annual brush pickup will be held the week of May 22nd. Place sticks and branches no larger than six inches diameter, in a neat pile along the street with the larger diameter end facing the street. Leaves, trash and other debris will not be picked up. Please understand that this



service is provided for do-it-yourselfers that are doing a light spring cleanup of their property. Please do not allow your landscape contractor to place brush and logs at the curb expecting the Village to pay for their disposal; we will not pick them up. Disposal of branches and cleaning our streets comes out of our very limited budget, so please do what you can to minimize this Village expense. As always, please ask your landscaper to clean the street and any storm drains in front of your house when they come to service your property.

Our Village expenses from January through March 2023 were \$4,007 which is 7.9% of our yearly budget of \$50,925. As of the end of March 2023, our reserve fund is currently at \$160,756. As noted in past issues of the Reporter, the major concern and future expense in our Village is maintaining the condition of our roads. We have 2.2 miles of road, 27 street storm drains, 11 street lanterns (gas, electric and solar), 14 street signs and 19 traffic signs within High Wood Village that we are responsible for maintaining. Landscaping of the Highwood Way and Paddock Way Village entrances and clearing our streets twice a year of leaves and branches is done by Coriste Landscaping, which is contracted by the Peninsula Council. We spent \$16,000 on landscaping last year. This all comes from your Village dues of \$500 per year.

As of March 30th, 84% of our Village residents have paid their dues in full for the year. We appreciate the timely payments and encourage those that haven't yet paid to do so to keep our finances in order.

Our Village Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 29th at 10:00 AM at the Grace Veterans Center, 33 Seaneast Drive in New Seabury. We will be sending out a notice informing you of issues that may require a vote and urging everyone to attend. We are faced with some budget issues that we need to decide on as a group and on how we are going to proceed. I will provide our budget sheets and projected costs at the meeting

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for everyone to look at. The major issues that will be discussed are future road and storm drain maintenance costs, landscaping issues and improvements and the possible need to increase our annual Village dues. The future of the Peninsula Council management and extension of the Universal Village Declaration (UVD) that holds this all together and keeps our community looking the way it is will be discussed. The UVD is very important in making New Seabury a desirable community to live and maintaining our property values.

Your attendance at the meeting is very important. Mariana and I are volunteers trying our best to do what's right for our Village; however, Mariana still works a full-time job and although I am retired, I have many other outside activities that I enjoy that keep me busy. Your assistance is needed and appreciated in helping us manage our Village and direct it on a path that is best for all of us; we do not want to be in a position of making these decisions alone.

As always, don't hesitate to contact me or Mariana if you have any concerns, questions, or suggestions regarding Highwood Village or the Peninsula Council. For Village issues, please contact us directly rather than the Peninsula Council. Mike Richardson has many community wide issues to deal with and focus on.

Our next report will be in the August 2023 issue of the Reporter. Let me know if you have any items that warrant mentioning. Keep active, stay cool and enjoy the summer.

The News



Wayne Luther

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Happy Spring!

We hope everyone is enjoying the mostly warm weather as summer approaches. Our neighborhood is very busy with homeowners nearing the completion of their projects, both large and small. Two major home renovations are nearing completion. Yard cleanup has begun on many homes with leaves and weeds being cleared and new mulch being spread. Your yard cleanup should be completed by May 31st. As a reminder, contractor hours in our neighborhood, as in all of New Seabury, are:

Off Season (Labor Day to July 3rd):

Monday - Friday, 7:00AM - 5:30PM

Saturday: 7:00AM - 1:00PM

In Season (July 4th to Labor Day):

Monday - Friday, 7:30AM - 5:30PM

Saturday: No Work Allowed

No contractor work is allowed on Sundays. If you have an emergency, these hours will be overlooked.

We've planned overall Village street and common area cleanup, including our landscaping on Mid-Iron Way, to be performed beginning the week of April 24th. By the time you read this, the neighborhood

should be ready for summer!

We have three landscaping projects planned: the top circle on Brassie Way (spring/ summer 2023), the Walking Path connecting Mashie Circle with Brassie Way (fall 2023) and the top of Mashie Circle on the inside corner (spring 2024), budget allowing. Once these are complete, we will have re-landscaped all common areas in our Village.

Additionally, we'll be performing some routine maintenance: painting fire hydrants according to town specs, painting street light posts as needed, sealing cracks in the roads and cleaning signposts.

On April 4th, you received an introductory E-mail from Distinctive Property Services. We welcome them as our new property management company, which began on March 21st. DPS is familiar with our neighborhood, and we did a thorough walkthrough with them recently. They will be assisting the HOA Committee in managing the maintenance and executing new projects for our neighborhood. If you see anything around the neighborhood that needs attention, such as malfunctioning irrigation, inoperative common lighting, damage to common property, please call or email DPS to let them know. They are authorized by the Committee to remedy such situations independently. Of course, you're still welcome to contact any of your Committee members as well.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone back in the neighborhood very soon!

Popponesset Island

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Happy Spring!

Having just returned to Poppy Island, it is hard to miss the beauty of our island and the waterways around it. Again, I am struck by the many hues of blue over Popponesset Bay and the Nantucket Sound along with

the shimmering sands of the Spit at the “golden hour” before sunset. All the homes on Poppy Island, save three, are waterfront and enjoy bay or creek views, including stunning sunsets and sunrises. It was with great concern that I read the January 4, 2023 New York Times article “A Toxic Stew on Cape Cod: Human Waster and Warming Water”. This article singled

out Popponesset Bay for its alarming rising water temperatures as well as the serious and degrading waterway pollution around Mashpee. Shellfish harvests are shrinking including the oyster beds on Little Thatch Island in the middle of Popponesset Bay. While town sewers and the Mashpee wastewater treatment project will help ease this situation, it will be many years before public sewerage reaches the New Seabury area.

How can each of us help? It should be noted that by helping we are actually protecting our home investments! The nonprofit “Save Popponesset Bay” continues its important work to dredge sand to keep key navigation channels open, improve water quality, and restore the Popponesset Spit. Currently, there's a need for volunteers to help strategize and execute the capital fundraising for the “Longer, Wider, Deeper” project. Check out the latest work on page 28.

The town of Mashpee has established the Mashpee Harbor Management Committee along with its Mashpee Waterways Commission. The goal of this new Harbor Management



The shimmering sand on the Spit at the Golden Hour

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Committee is to develop a comprehensive plan for our waterfront, bays and estuaries. The Town, through the Department of Natural Resources, is creating this plan under a State Grant program, which they were awarded. The goal is to create a "State approved" plan. It is a two year process that just kicked off. UMass Boston and the Woods Hole Group will serve as consultants, both having had considerable experience helping a number of Massachusetts towns develop similar plans.

An important part of their process is to reach out to "stakeholders" to solicit input. The villages of New Seabury, including Popponesset Island, certainly are considered key stakeholders given our proximity and use of the waters of Popponesset Bay. The consultants will come to a future Peninsula Council meeting and would like the opportunity to work with Village leadership to put together some Focus Groups this summer. This is an opportunity for direct input and the potential to impact thinking. It's a real way to contribute to an important effort and it would be great to have a few Poppy Island residents participate. As the environmentalist, John C. Sawhill (The Nature Conservancy) once said, "In the end, our society will be defined not only by what we create, but by what we refuse to destroy." Please consider being a part of this as more details become available.



Oyster bed prep on Little Thatch Island in Popponesset Bay.

SEASON TWO OF THE OSPREY NEST CAM: A new camera has been installed with sound to improve the live stream viewing of an active osprey couple aptly named Rachel and Carson, after the famed environmentalist. This nest is at the Waquoit Bay Reserve, brought to you by the Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge. Truly gives a bird's eye view! Check this out at: <https://waquoitbayreserve.org/live-osprey-cam/>. Our own island continues to host two osprey nests, one on the northern tip of the island and the second along Popponesset Bay on the beach behind 86 Popponesset Island Road.

BRIDGE SIGNALS: Please continue to proceed with caution as you cross our bridge. While the signals appear to be working, they will sometimes not work properly. The signal company is trying to figure out why. We may have to install a new trip wire mechanism. In addition, the electricity at the bridge had to be turned off due to a faulty meter socket wire. Hopefully, this will be repaired by the time this is published. As this is a narrow bridge that humps up in the middle, always proceed with caution so that you can react to any oncoming traffic.

CAPE COD TIPS FROM NEIGHBORS: Opening day for the Heritage Museum and



Winter Sunrise over the Popponesset Bay.

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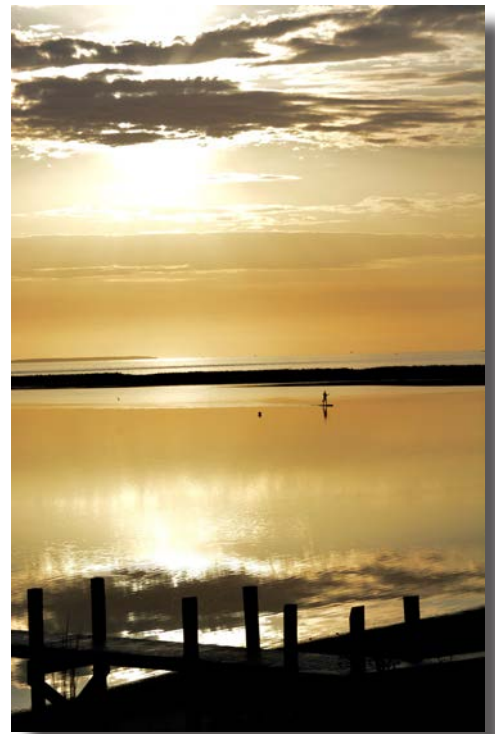
Gardens in Sandwich is April 22. They have a lot of events and family activities planned for this season among their stunning gardens, including a classic and antique auto show, hydrangea planting workshops and "Grapes in the Garden", a ticketed fundraiser on May 19 where you can experience the colors, sounds and sweet air of spring with wine parings and hors d'oeuvres.

COMING UP: With the wonderful positive feedback from our August 2022 old-fashioned potluck Block Party and to continue to promote community, we plan to hold a potluck again, but earlier in the season. We will also host our annual Popponesset Island Association meeting on July 22nd. More to come!

Enjoy the beauty around us as the island springs to life with forsythia, daffodils and tulips soon to be followed by the beautiful hydrangea. We look forward to welcoming you all back!

Your PLA team,
Margie, Dave, Joel and Karen

All photos by Karen Joyce-Marie



A Brave Paddleboarder just after sunrise
circling Popponesset Bay.

The Women's Club of New Seabury
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Poppy Place

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It has been a busy winter and early spring for the Poppy Place community. The homeowners overwhelmingly approved a two-week minimum rental restriction (Thank you, Andrew Pearlstein). Tree trimming work by Quality Tree (Thank you, Deb Reed) has been completed along the interior and exterior perimeter along the fence lines and overflow parking areas. Common area spring cleanup has been completed by Linhares Landscaping. The community, in addition, has two projects in process; we are working with Noonan Electric, our electrician, to complete needed repairs and to install additional accent lighting along the entrance area; we are entertaining bids to repaint and/or replace the now 16-year-old wooden perimeter fencing. At the time of this writing, your Board is working with Distinctive Property Services to engage them as the new property manager for our community. This initiative is as part of a “pilot” by our current provider, Peninsula Council. We look forward to welcoming back our neighbors as summer approaches.

Key dates:

- Common area and homeowner Irrigation is scheduled to commence in late April
- Trash pickup begins May 1
- Poppy gate activation begins Memorial Day weekend.
- Poppy Place Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 12th at 8 AM.

Promontory Point 6A

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Happy Spring!

After a long and dark winter, we are heartened to see the signs of spring popping up at last! The snow sticks have been removed (!), pansies and azaleas are in bloom, hydrangeas and rhododendrons are starting to sprout, and the fairways are turning green. Strutting turkeys and turtles on the fairway also announce that spring is here! While the beach may not be busy now, this group of seagulls is certainly finding it welcoming!

Projects are underway (or soon to be completed) to ready our community for the summer season:

- Spring cleanup throughout the property—winter debris removed, common areas raked and planting beds cleaned up and mulched.
- Exterior painting of Buildings D and F (units 2,4,12,14) begins soon, with the hope that all work will be done by summer.

A quick reminder that as we approach the summer, per the ARC, builders, contractors, subcontractors are not permitted to perform work on Saturdays or Sundays from July 4th



Turtles on the fairway...

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weekend through Labor Day weekend, and can only work from 7:30 am - 5:30 pm during the weekdays. Your neighbors will be grateful for your consideration.

Please mark your calendars for August 12 for the PP6A Annual Meeting. Details about time and place will be forthcoming. Please plan on joining us.

We are looking forward to a wonderful summer for all and catching up with everyone around the circle!



...and strutting turkeys announce that spring is here!



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July 16 4:45pm @YD	July 17 6pm @Hya	July 18 OFF	July 19 6pm Har	July 20 6pm @War	July 21 6pm Bou	July 22 All Star Game Whitehouse Field Harwich 6pm
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Lowell Park, 10 Lowell Street, Cotuit

» CHATHAM ANGLERS
Veteran's Field, 702 Main Street, Chatham

» HARWICH MARINERS
Whitehouse Field, 75 Oak Street, Harwich

» HYANNIS HARBOR HAWKS
McKeon Field, 120 High School Road, Hyannis

» ORLEANS FIREBIRDS
Eldredge Park, 78 Eldredge Park Way, Orleans

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Clem Spillane Field,
54 Marion Road at Viking Drive, Wareham

» YARMOUTH-DENNIS RED SOX
"Red" Wilson Field, D-Y Regional High School,
210 Station Avenue, South Yarmouth



Photos by Betty Barrett

Sandalwood

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Tis the season and the reason we all live on Cape Cod and New Seabury – Summer!!

Your Board of Directors has been busy making sure the Village is in tip top shape to greet you and your guests this season. The spring cleanup was completed in April, and depending on when this article arrives at your mailbox, the brush pickup may have occurred as well. As you may recall, we conducted a survey of residents regarding how important they think the brush pickup is for the maintenance of their property. Out of 103 properties we only received 20 responses (not counting the BOD) and 17 were in favor of keeping the service. The BOD decided to budget for the pickup in '23, but will reevaluate it for '24. The main drivers of keeping the service are to help those who cannot remove the debris themselves and who do not have a landscaping service. We also evaluate the service each year based on the number of residents who are behind on their fees and how many of those people use the service – it's not fair to the residents who don't use the service and who pay their fees to subsidize the deadbeats!

We will continue to aggressively collect any past due association or special fees that are in arrears. Along with assessing a substantial interest penalty to past due accounts we are using legal means for collection – this may include property liens. The cost of maintaining the Village is only going up and residents who don't pay on time or at all are taking advantage of the goodwill of all of our responsible neighbors.

Unfortunately, we have to continue to remind everyone to pick up after your dog and to drive the Village speed limit of 20 MPH – it's just the right thing to do! The BOD may be forced to install additional speed bumps to slow down the people who carelessly refuse to obey the law.

We are planning to extend this year's Annual Meeting to include a Village get-together. In order to accommodate this, the meeting will be scheduled later in the afternoon - so please mark your calendars for Saturday, July 22nd from 2-5 p.m. The venue will be announced as soon as possible. Hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine will be served. This event will also serve as our New Neighbor meet and greet – the BOD decided to combine the events to optimize the “greeting” part of the meeting!! The Village's semi-annual posting of financials will be done before the meeting. '22 year end financials, '23 strategic plan and the dates/times of '23 BOD meetings have all been posted to the Sandalwood website.

We are supplementing the front entrance plantings this year with annuals to fill in the spaces between the new plants that are still young and growing. We will do so in the fall as well. We hope that you think the front entrance looks fresh and beautiful! Again, our thanks to Stephanie Jensen for volunteering her time to create the design.

The BOD wishes you and your family a happy, healthy and fun summer season!



Summer Sea

Risa Schneider Fine

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Greetings!

Spring has sprung! The magnolias and cherry trees are blooming and many perennials are popping up!

Just a reminder, please be a good neighbor and do your spring cleanup and bring a bag along on walks to pick up refuse as you walk! Our annual brush pickup is the week before Memorial Day. Place your fallen branches (no leaves) at the curb on your property. That is the only pickup of yard debris for the season, so please keep the date in mind. Also, keep an eye on our drains near your homes and try to clear any leaves/debris that have accumulated during the winter. If you have trees or shrubs that are blocking the view of oncoming cars along the road, please prune them!

There have been many coyote sightings. Please be cautious when walking with your pets. Speaking of pets, remember to collect and dispose of dog waste in a respectful manner. We continue to replace our gas lights with solar. If you are aware of a location we should consider for solar, please let us know. Please consider leaving your outside lights on in the evening since we really don't have enough street lighting!

Summer Sea has a Facebook group where we can share information of interest to our Village - "Summer Sea Village in New Seabury". We hope you will join!

We are looking into the traffic patterns at the entrances/exits from Summer Sea, as many of you have let us know that you consider them dangerous. Our Village Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, July 22 at 9 a.m. at the Peninsula Council office. More information will follow. We hope you will join us!

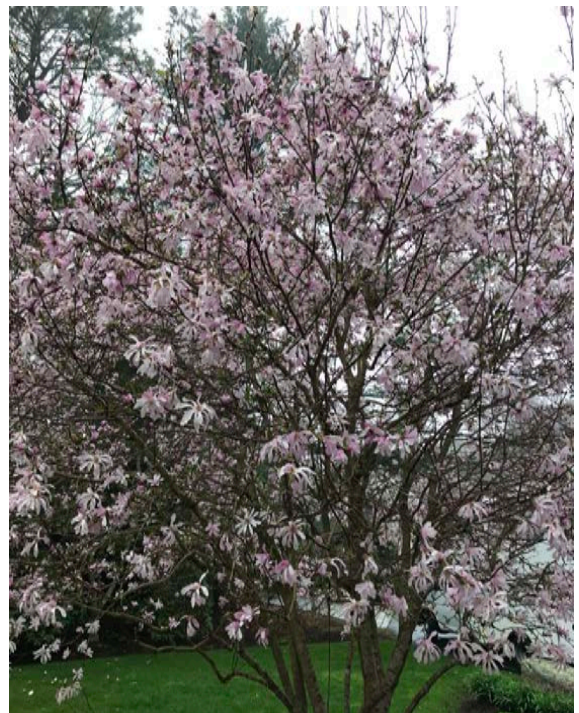
Fredda, Risa, Bill, Larry, Julie, Doug and Judy



Spring has Sprung! Photo by Fredda Zaiger



Yay ! it's Spring!...Photo by Fredda Zaiger



Magnificent magnolia! Photo by Barbara Gubitose

TRITON SOUND

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It's spring again on Triton Sound! It's nice to see our neighborhood starting to come alive with activity. As I write this in mid-April, the weather has already turned the corner, and summer will be here before we know it!

Thankfully, it was a fairly mild winter in our area, and there was minimal cleanup from large storms. Our financials remain in line with our budget so far for this year. Invoices for 2023 were sent out in early January, so please make your payments promptly if you have not done so already. For those of you that already have done so, we appreciate it!

A quick reminder, as we approach the summer, that voices and music travel further than you think on nice quiet nights, so please continue to observe local regulations to keep outdoor noise to a minimum from 10p.m. – 8a.m. In addition, per the ARC, Builders/Contractors/Subcontractors are not permitted to perform work on Saturdays or Sundays from July 1 through Labor Day, and can only work from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. during the weekdays. And, for the safety of everyone around, please slow down while driving around our community.

Our Village Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday August 6, 2022 at 9:30a.m., at 33 Seanest Dr, Mashpee – we will meet on the deck weather permitting. I am excited to see some familiar faces, and meet some of our newer friends and neighbors. We will send out more details on the meeting, as it gets closer.

We are all looking forward to a great summer on the cape!

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

Vineyard Reach

Connie Strait

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Spring is in the air at Vineyard Reach and as we sail into summer we are reminded that our views just never get old! Our new interactive website has proven to be a great tool for our homeowners and the Board members. Our Board has met periodically over the winter months voting on a few changes. Pelican Landscaping company has been hired to take care of our properties and we look forward to working with them. Our soon-to-be updated gate system will have many more additional features making our gated community even more secure. Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday, July 16 at 4:00 P.M.



Sailing into summer. Photo by Connie Strait



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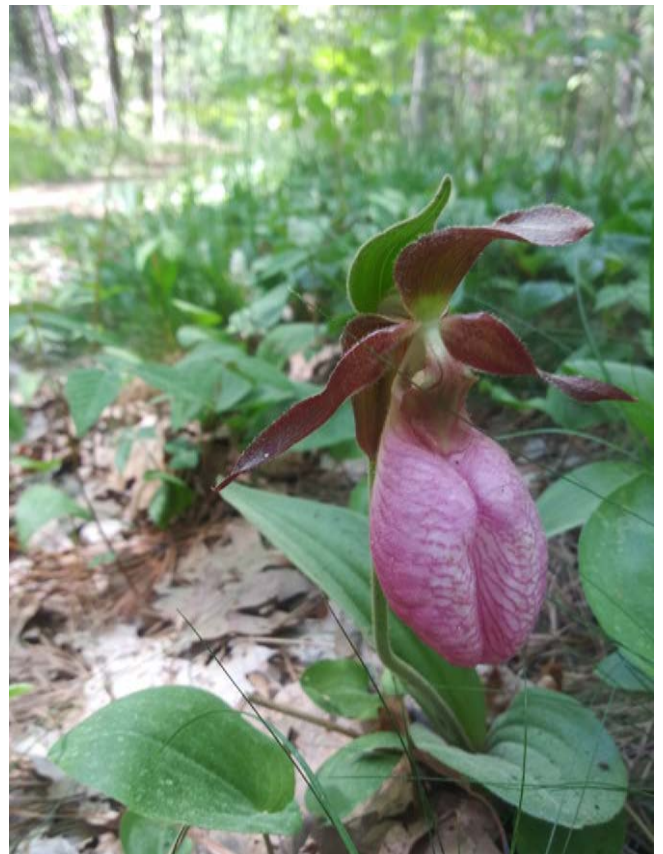
If you enjoy fresh air, scenic views, and natural beauty, than you might want to check out Barnstable Land Trust (BLT), a community-supported, nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving open space and natural resources in the Town of Barnstable (Barnstable, Centerville, Cotuit, Hyannis, Osterville, Marstons Mills, and West Barnstable). BLT has protected 1,100 acres in the Town of Barnstable and supported the Town in conserving over 11,000 more.

Popular with locals and tourists alike, BLT's new trail map series provides several handy guides to discovering over 95 hiking miles within the Town of Barnstable. From short walks to more adventurous hikes throughout the Town, the maps also include parking information, historical and cultural context, and natural points of interest. They are available free at many libraries, BLT's office, or online.

This year, in celebration of its 40th Anniversary season, BLT is also offering 55+ diverse programs happening throughout the year. From casual hikes, bird walks, art and photography workshops, educational talks, and more – there are plenty of opportunities to experience the natural beauty on Cape Cod. And don't miss some of their special events:

- Words in the Wild: Discover original site-specific trailside inspiration by eight local poets.
- Tour de Barnstable(June 4):Volunteer to support hundreds of riders who pedal for preservation.
- Hike Barnstable Challenge: Get out and about by joining this special self-paced challenge which encourages hikers of all ages and abilities to explore at least 40 miles on trails in Town of Barnstable this summer.
- Flower Pot Music Concert: Bring a picnic to this family-friendly concert celebrating the Summer Solstice (June 21) as part of the global Make Music Alliance's festival.
- Thoreau's Cape Cod Readathon (October 7/8) – Volunteer as part of this first-of-its-kind, two-day live reading of Henry David Thoreau's Cape Cod featuring over 90 readers (also live-streamed) as BLT celebrates a remarkable work that depicts the natural beauty of Cape Cod and the environment that surrounds it.
- First Day Hikes(January 1): Created and championed by BLT, this regional celebration features 11 free events celebrating the outdoors as the perfect way to kick off the new year.

To learn more about Barnstable Land Trust, how to volunteer, join as a member, or sign up for the bimonthly e-newsletter visit <http://www.BLT.org> or call 508-771-2585, or contact Sue Sullivan (a New Seabury resident and BLT's Director of Communications and Programs) at sue@blt.org.



Lady Slipper Walk – Crocker Neck, Cotuit Courtesy of BLT

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Flowerpot Music Concert – Ropes Field, Cotuit. Courtesy of BLT



First Day Hikes – Pogorelc Sanctuary, W. Barnstable. Courtesy of BLT



The Michael R. Kramer Center at Fuller Farm (Marstons Mills) – where the Thoreau Readathon will take place. Photo by Chris Ellis



BLT Trail Maps (including one in Portuguese). Courtesy of BLT

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It's All About Partnership

The Peninsula Council, The New Seabury Country Club and the Town of Mashpee Working Together

On April 13, 2023, The Club at New Seabury and the Peninsula Council partnered to put on a presentation at 95 Shore to enable residents to learn about and ask questions regarding a proposed change to Mashpee General Bylaws as relates to wetlands in Mashpee.

Mashpee Conservation Director Andrew McManus, Natural Resources Director Ashley Fisher and Mashpee Town Planner Evan Lehrer took approximately 60 local residents through the presentation, which essentially dealt with the Buffer Zone which is the area along open water. The Town is recommending that the present 100 foot buffer be increased to 150 feet, and the vegetated strip in that buffer be increased from 50 feet to 75 feet. The presentation explained the impact to homes and development should this be voted in at the upcoming Town Meeting.

The meeting went well, the many questions were readily answered, and the information provided our residents with a more comfortable feeling as to what exactly is being recommended.

The Peninsula Council wishes to thank The Club at New Seabury for graciously opening up their facilities and setting up everything for the presentation.

Mike Richardson



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Oysters and Caviar on a Friday Afternoon

It doesn't get much better than that. But before we could indulge, we took the Winter Caviar and Hatchery Tour at Duxbury's Island Creek Oyster Farm. Our guide, Karla, took us through the complexity of algae production, oyster spawning and the production of millions of baby oysters ready for harvesting in Duxbury Bay as well as all along the eastern coast. After being impressed by the tour, we just had to relax at The Raw Bar at Island Creek Oyster Farm overlooking Duxbury Bay. The massive fire pit outside warmed us all up on that chilly April day before we headed inside for the Oysters, Caviar and Wine Pairing. We were introduced to three types of caviar by Helena: Adamis Caviar (creamy and brie-like), Sterling Caviar and the Marshallberg Caviar (intensive rich flavor), along with Island Creek Oysters with tastes of a sea-salty wave of

the ocean full of brine with a smooth finish. But... the crème de la crème was tasting the caviar on the oysters; the flavors complemented each other so unbelievably.... very decadent! All of this was paired with three white wines: a California chardonnay, a Slovenia orange wine and a sparkling wine from Maine. It was a wonderful day thanks to the friendly and knowledgeable Helena and Karla, and our new fellow tour friends.



There is so much more to learn about Island Creek Oysters. First of all, the oysters and caviar are available for purchase for indulgence at home; these famous oysters are served in restaurants locally as well as far and wide; check out the Duxbury Retail Store, and if travelling up the coast, stop in at The Shop in Portland, Maine. Island Creek Oysters and The Raw Bar are located at 401 Washington Street,

Duxbury, MA. For Tour tickets and to find out more, go to their website: islandcreekoysters.com.



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Save Popponesset Bay: Update

Eric Brandt

We are fortunate to live and play in this gorgeous area known as Popponesset Bay. Boating, fishing, swimming, sunning, games on the beach, or just sitting and watching the tide roll in and out. It's a wonderful place for us all to find an escape.

Yet, at times, we can take for granted how wonderful this area is, any time of year. Popponesset Bay is a very fragile ecosystem. One which we, Save Popponesset Bay (SPB), spend countless hours and resources to maintain, to clean, to provide safety/security, access to and from the Bay, and even water quality management. Yup, it's a lot of meetings, conversations, outreach to the town, the Harbormaster, the Conservation Commission, advocacy, and much more. This is all accomplished by a very small volunteer board, and a few others who are kind enough to help us out.

By the time you read this article, the annual dredging of the main channel into the Bay should be completed by the Barnstable County dredge to allow for safe passage of all who enjoy boating and related activities which require appropriate water depth. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond the

County's control including mechanical issues with the dredge, inclement weather, and commitments to dredge other communities, the dredging of the outer channel was delayed this spring. We know

of a couple of boaters who had some issues with high sand levels in the channel. While this will be corrected, as it is each year, SPB has been actively engaged with the Town of Mashpee, Mass Audubon, State of MA, Army Corps of Engineers, and several other organizations to provide a long-term solution to this issue. You may have heard us speak about Longer, Wider, Deeper – a program which would dredge approximately 40,000 cubic feet of sand from the main channel, and place much of it on the Popponesset Spit beach. This would be the ultimate win/win for all. The cost for this effort will be approximately \$2M – yes, a huge undertaking for which we will need everyone of our neighbors to assist by making

a special contribution to SPB. More on this in future articles.

When we last wrote, we mentioned the concern about water quality in Mashpee, how it has quickly deteriorated over the past few years. We at SPB are now working with the town and appropriate



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sub-committees to better understand the issue, and how we can work together on finding solutions for the problem. From what we know so far, this issue didn't appear overnight and it will take some time, and various resources, to resolve. We urge you to visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/masheecleanwaters> to learn more about this matter and what Mashpee is doing.

Now for the birders, we've been advised by Mass Audubon that the Piping Plovers are back, nesting and enjoying their return to the Spit. Please, as you too return to the Spit, observe the fencing and avoid grassy areas as this is where the plovers make their home. That brings up a few other reminders for the Spit; please obey the "no dog" signs on the Spit, as well as no alcohol. This is all being done for the safety and security of us, and the plovers. And please, when enjoying your time on the Spit, don't forget to take away all you bring in with you. We all benefit from that!

Save the Date for SPB's annual summer event - Friday, July 14th at the New Seabury Beach Cabana pool. Here's to another great summer on Popponesset Bay!

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Is there anything better than a good cup (or two) of coffee in the morning? Are you one of those people who identifies with that mantra, and have in the back of your mind a place that you went to over your lifetime that reminded you of exactly that? Maybe it was the coffee, or the service or the atmosphere, or maybe even the company? Well, all of you know that the Popponeset Marketplace already has the atmosphere right here in New Seabury. You can get that cup of coffee

and walk across the street to the beach. I mean how good is that. So, are you looking for a new place to find your morning cup of coffee? Coming this summer, you'll find the best brew at the "The Coffee Bah" at the Popponeset Marketplace! The new owner, AJ Wickel, was inspired by the Coffee Table which had been in this location for many years. He always enjoyed the atmosphere of the Coffee Table and wanted to bring back that nostalgic feeling of returning for the summer and seeing familiar faces. AJ is no stranger to the area having grown up in Mashpee where his first job was at the candy shop in the Marketplace. The Coffee Bah will feature espresso drinks, breakfast and lunch sandwiches and bakery items.

So, now you know where to go for that good cup of coffee and the associated other offerings while at the same time supporting one of our own home grown residents as he returns to the Marketplace again. See you at The Coffee Bah!



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- **ELITE CLINIC:** Boys and girls ages 11-14 are welcome (kids aged 10 or 15 may participate with permission ... email Linda Peters at lpeters.fc@gmail.com). The Elite Clinic is intended for kids who have significant experience in baseball through AAU Leagues, Little League, or similar. The focus will be on attaining advanced skills (NOTE: Hard balls are used). The cost per 4-day session is \$195.

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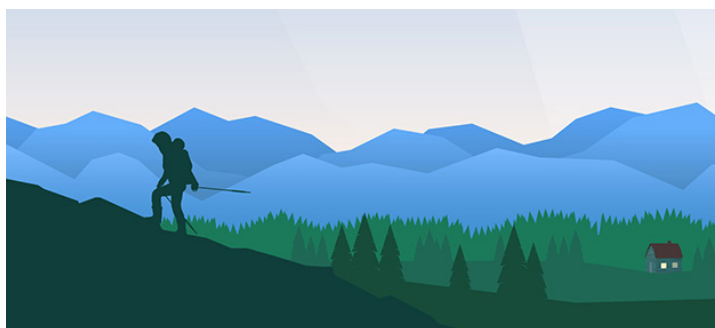
I was very pleased at the favorable response I received on my last write-up on hiking trails on the Cape and the requests for my Highwood Village trail map. It was great to hear from so many people from other Villages - Bright Coves, Summersea, Greensward and The Mews that told me that they frequented the trails, some on a daily basis. In the next month or two, we will be installing trail signs to help you navigate through the various trails. It was agreed that we don't want a lot of signs to take away the natural feeling of the trails, but enough to get you to explore the inner trails and to memorialize the historic equestrian names given to the trails when they were first constructed.

I mentioned last time that I would provide some information about biking and kayaking as well, but wasn't sure how many people were interested in these activities. I was pleased to get a response from Matt, a new resident of Greensward Village who said he was looking forward to my write-up on kayaking/SUP and mountain biking. Originally, my goal was to tackle every trail and estuary on the Cape, but as I researched it, I found the number of locations to be overwhelming. Since I have a lot to cover, I'll have to be brief on each topic. Feel free to contact me if you would like more information on any of these activities, I'm not an expert, but have gotten around a little to offer some suggestions.

Hiking/Walking

A popular web site used to identify hiking trails is www.alltrails.com. Here are a couple of short local trails in Mashpee I've done that are nice to explore:

Great Flat Pond Preserve - This flat 1.0 mile loop trail takes you through the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, land originally owned by New Seabury that was acquired by the State of Massachusetts through eminent domain in the 1980s. Park in the lot on the right side of Great Oak Road, just before the Mashpee town beach. The trail goes along the marsh on a narrow wooden boardwalk with beautiful views across the Flat Pond grasslands, then into pine forest loaded with inkberry. The trail loops back across Great Oak Road to a viewing platform that overlooks Sage Lot Pond marsh. You can extend the hike by continuing to Wills Works Road to Waquoit Bay and walk along the sandy shores of the bay. For other trails in the Preserve go to Trails - Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (waquoitbayreserve.org)



Dead Neck Trail - This is a 2.8 mile out and back trail along Dead Neck between Waquoit Bay and Nantucket Sound, starting at the Mashpee Town beach parking lot at the end of Great Oak Road. Take it all the way to the end to the rock jetty at the inlet to Waquoit Bay, or stop and turn around at any point along the way. Enjoy beautiful views of the bay, natural vegetation and wildlife. Dogs are not allowed during the summer season.

Mashpee River Woodlands -The North Trail is a 3.7 mile loop trail that you can make shorter with intersecting paths within the loop. The parking lot is 600 feet from Route 28 on the right side of Quinaquisset Ave. You can also try the trail along the upper end of the river, called Fitch Trail, starting at the parking lot across from Asher's Path East by the Mashpee transfer station.

Others I'll cover next time are Santuit Pond Loop and Eagle Pond Loop. You can also check out hikes in Barnstable at Hit the Trails - Barnstable Land Trust (blt.org)

Biking

Miscellaneous - I'm more of a fitness and recreational rider and don't do long distances, staying on the south side of Great Neck Road to avoid any traffic. However, you can put in some miles going thru the various villages of Summersea, Bright Coves, Popponesset, and Greensward to the New Seabury clubhouse, and down Great Oak Road to Mashpee town beach. Another route you can try is along Red Brook Road down Monomoscoy Road to the end and back, or Ostrom Road to Little River Boat Yard. Red Brook Road is a very bike friendly road with wide shoulders and very little traffic.

Shining Seas Bikeway - This level well-paved bike path is a great place to go as a family with your kids or grandkids. You can do the entire length of 11 miles from Route 151 to Woods Hole, or what I strongly suggest is a 3.5 mile trip (one-way) from the parking lot on Depot Ave, in downtown Falmouth to Woods Hole and back. The trail runs along a beautiful stretch of Falmouth Beach for about 0.6 miles. Plan on having lunch at the Captain

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Mountain Trail Biking (MTB)

I got interested in MTB a few years ago when I moved to the Cape and was curious about all of the bikers parking at the Otis MTB trailhead at the intersection of 151 and Rt. 28. It's a really great way to explore the woods and get a little of a thrill ride if you choose. I strongly suggest that you do it with a partner, if possible. Even if you are not an aggressive rider it can still be dangerous. If you are already into mountain biking you probably already know the numerous locations of MTB trails on and off the Cape. An amazing web site www.trailforks.com/map has the distances and elevation profiles of even the smallest of trails worldwide. For those of you that would like to get started, there are numerous locations with mild sloped trails, such as the Mashpee and Quashnet River trails and West Barnstable Conservation Area. I started with a hard-tail front suspension bike, followed by full-suspension and fat tire bikes, which greatly added to the fun. Electric MTB's are becoming more popular and almost the standard for steep mountain climbing, but not necessary for the Cape. I was surprised when I encountered ebikers at 8,000 feet while hiking the Alps last September.

Kayaking/SUP

I haven't tried Stand-up Paddle boarding (SUP), but the locations are generally the same as kayaking, except if you like to venture out into the rougher ocean water, which I like to do. It can take several trips to explore

all of Popponesset Bay and its tributaries. One option is to go out the inlet, south along the beach, portage back over the Spit and paddle around the back side of Popponesset Island. Other options are to paddle up Mashpee and Santuit rivers as far as you can go. Until several years ago you could launch on a vacant New Seabury lot by the Popponesset bridge, but the property is now gated and leased out to an outfitter. The marina will charge you the same amount of money to launch a kayak as a boat. Public launch areas are Ockway Bay Landing just outside of the New Seabury entrance and Mashpee Neck Marina on Mashpee Neck Road. I would hope that we could eventually establish a launch location for all New Seabury residents. Contact me for my secret on where I launch.

Another great place to explore is Waquoit Bay. You can launch at the Waquoit Public Landing on Town Landing off of Great Oak Road, or at the Waquoit Bay Kayak Launch on Wills Works Road, a dirt road at the end of Great Oak Road. You need a truck to get to the launch site on Wills Work Road; the town does little to maintain this dirt road. In Waquoit Bay you can explore Little River, Great River, Quashnet River, Jehu Pond, Hamblin Pond and Sage Pond. Follow the south shoreline of the bay to the inlet and Washburn Island and go behind the island through the Seapit River at the north end. Check the tides because it can be tough kayaking the rivers against the strong tides, particularly Little River. Contact me when you're ready to tackle some ocean kayaking; one of my favorites is Woods Hole around Penzance Point out to the Elizabeth Islands. Enjoy.

MEN'S SOCIAL CLUB *at New Seabury*

Joe Fisher

This month, the Men's Club awarded five academic scholarships to five exceptional Mashpee High School seniors. The Scholarship Committee, chaired by Bill Blaisdell, does an excellent job each year performing the difficult process of selecting the winners from an amazing group of Mashpee High School seniors.

SAVE THE DATE: Join us on June 6th at the Gazebo for our annual Welcome Back social. Details will follow in May.

In addition, we're currently planning a social in June and an evening at the Cotuit Center for the Arts in July and other programs. Details for all of our events will be emailed to our members. If you'd like to be included in the mailing, please send us your email.

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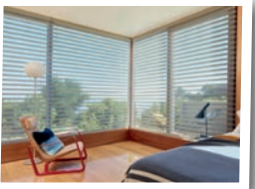
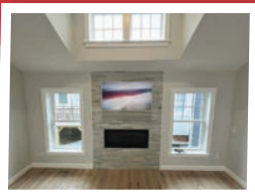
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Women's Club of New Seabury

Ann Everett, President



Late Spring Greetings!

From the Women's Club of New Seabury

On April 11th, a number of members and guests gathered at Bleu Restaurant for lunch and socializing following our winter hiatus of WCNS activity. We had a splendid meal, and there were animated conversations about plans for future events.

Our next event was held on May 9th at the Club at New Seabury. It was our Annual Meeting luncheon and included WCNS members modeling in a fashion show hosted by Chico's. Those attending also had the opportunity to participate in Take A Chance, a very popular activity that historically was offered at our Giving Fairs.



The month of June finds the WCNS offering our second annual CASINO NIGHT to be held on THURSDAY, JUNE 29th from 7-10 P.M. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend, and spread the word to family and friends. This is a "fun" fundraiser through which we will work to raise much needed funds for our beneficiaries. There will be a raffle associated with this event which will be for cash prizes. More details are available on our website, www.womensclubofnewseabury.com.

Another opportunity to gather comes on July 12th when we plan to have a cocktail party with entertainment at the Club at New Seabury. And, on August 9th at our luncheon we shall have renowned impersonator, Sheryl Faye, who will be performing as Ruth Bader Ginsberg. All are welcome to these events.

The Women's Club of New Seabury, a social and philanthropic organization, is always ready to welcome new members. If you would like to join, or know someone you think would like to join, please visit our website, www.womensclubofnewseabury.com to learn more about the Club. A membership form is available from our website.



Culinary Corner

Christine Mone

Three deliciously light recipes to celebrate this beautiful spring and the beginning of summer!



Caramelized Sea Scallops

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
2 lbs. large sea scallops
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
Mixed greens for serving
Sliced lemons



Chipotle Cream Sauce

2 tablespoons chipotle powder
(or any spice you would like)
Juice of 2 fresh limes
3/4 cup sour cream
Salt and pepper, to taste

Heat up pan medium to high heat.
Sear both sides of scallops until slightly brown.
Toss in the fresh parsley.
Drizzle Chipotle Cream Sauce over the top.
Serve over fresh watercress or steamed spinach
(keeping it healthy and low carb).
Serve with a lemon wedge.
Serves 4 - 6

Homemade Shrimp Ceviche

1 lb. of fresh raw shrimp
3 limes
1/2 red onion
3 vine ripe tomatoes
1 medium cucumber (peeled)
1/2 cup of cilantro
1 small jalapeno
1 avocado, (optional), chopped
Salt and pepper to taste



Chop up the red onion, tomatoes, cucumber, jalapeno, cilantro into fine pieces.
Add together in a medium size bowl.
Chop up shrimp and add.
Squeeze juice of 3 limes, toss and refrigerate for 30 - 40 minutes.
Add the avocado before serving.
This is delicious on tortilla chips, wrapped in iceberg lettuce leaves or by itself!

** Scallops, salmon, yellow fin tuna and white fish can be used instead of shrimp**
Delicious!!!! Pairs nicely with a white wine!!!

Homemade Guacamole

3 avocados
2 tablespoons red onion
1/4 cup chopped tomato
2 limes
1/4 cup cilantro
Salt and pepper, to taste
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder (optional)



Cut and mix up 3 avocados (I use a whisk to mix up by hand or you can use food processor).
Mix together the red onion, cilantro, tomato, garlic powder (optional), fresh lime juice, and salt and pepper to taste. Mix everything together and serve.

** I leave the pit in the Guacamole until serving, keeps the Guacamole from turning brown**

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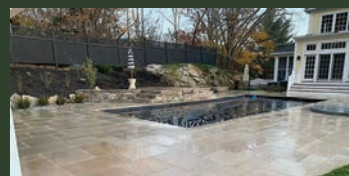
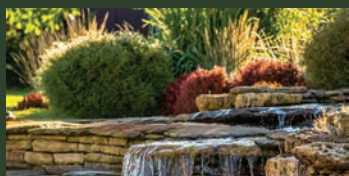
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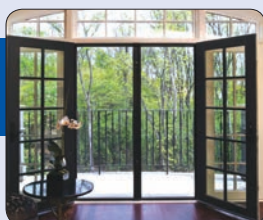
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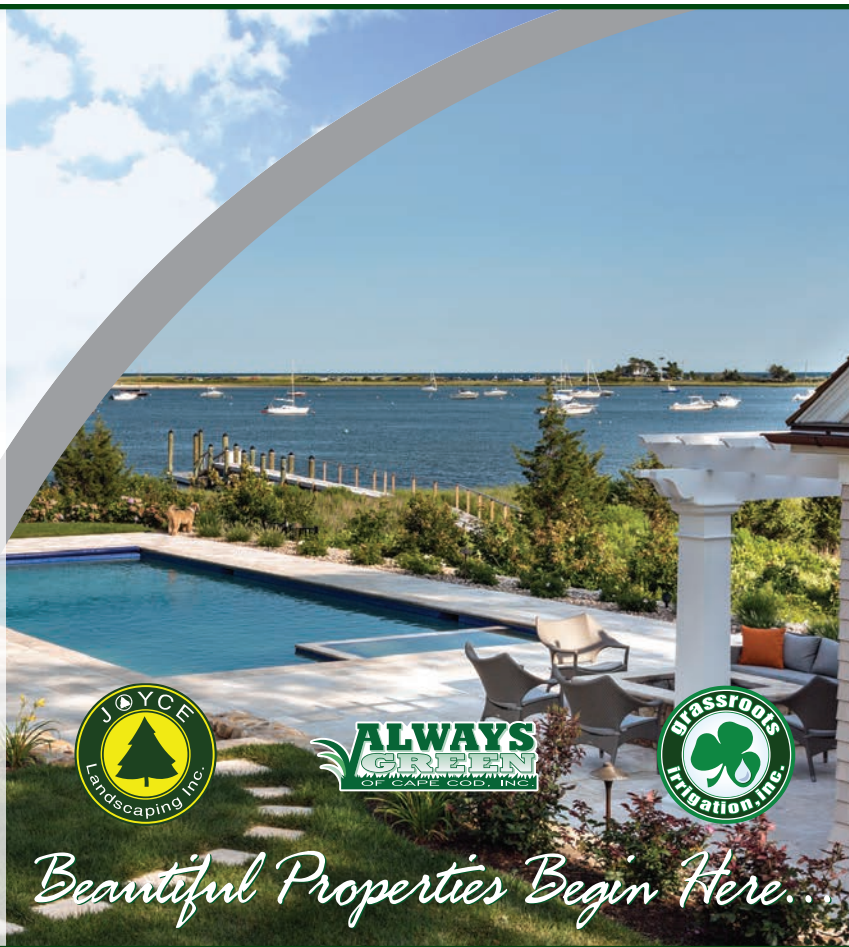
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