

SIASCONSET CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Summer is coming! Here are a few updates until we meet again.



SAVE THE DATE

Member meetings will be **July 7** and **Aug. 4** this year.

We hope it will be safe enough to hold these meetings in-person but that decision will have to be made closer to the date. Stay tuned.



THE 'SCONSET AREA PLAN UPDATE AND TOWN GOVERNMENT

During the winter and spring, a working group has been updating the 2007 'Sconset Area Plan to reflect changes in the village over the last decade that impact Town planning and resource allocation. The group includes Lynn Filipski, Elizabeth Grubbs, Clement Durkes, Caroline Ellis, Bob Felch, Rolf Nelson and Andrew Vorce of NP&EDC. Relying on responses to the Civic Association's community survey and other sources, including the 'Sconset Trust and 'Sconset Advisory Board, the group has updated recommendations that the Select Board can review for future planning. The issues included in the survey that helped with the revision included questions on traffic, parking, noise, commercial property, recreation and more. We will be sharing the updated Plan with our members and the broader 'Sconset community and look forward to receiving feedback on it.

We have closely followed Warrant Articles for the 2021 Annual Town meeting including the proposals on rental properties and noise. We encourage our members who are eligible to do so to participate in any Town Meeting and voice their suggestions and concerns.

LARSEN PARK

We are ready to start the renovation of Larsen Park with the help of funds from the Nantucket Garden Club. The Nantucket Conservation Foundation has agreed to letting us replace the privet hedge with a combination of native plants and butterfly-friendly favorites to brighten up this well-loved park for residents and visitors alike. Whether it is enjoying an ice-cream cone from the 'Sconset market or enjoying your morning coffee, this is a lovely place to sit on a bench with friends. With the help of Amy Manning Landscaping, who plants and tends the Rotary and Pump square, things will look bright and beautiful!

COASTAL RESILIENCY AND EROSION

The Town of Nantucket has hired the consulting firm Arcadis to analyze sea level rise and the effects of coastal erosion and flooding. Erosion is a major issue for the eastern shore and they will look at the erosion on Baxter Road as well as the threat to Codfish Park and the beach. We look forward to working cooperatively with them on possible coastal resilience and infrastructure approaches. We invite all residents to share their ideas and stay involved as they examine issues for the entire island.

LIGHT POLLUTION AND THE DARK SKY MOVEMENT

Vice President Gail Walker coordinated a public forum on behalf of the Nantucket Civic League that focused on light pollution on Nantucket and issues involved in converting streetlights to energy efficient LED lights. Held March 23rd via Zoom, the forum featured the Interim Executive Director of the Maria Mitchell Association Jason Bridges (also a Select Board Member), the Deputy Director of Planning for Nantucket Leslie Snell, Nantucket's Energy Coordinator Lauren Sinatra, and an officer of the MA Chapter of the International Dark Sky Association. If you missed it, the recording of the forum is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ImrOHWJxmFo>. Please watch to learn more about these important issues!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to our many volunteers, including Clean Team members who pick up trash around the village and the beach once a month for most of the year.

Also, many thanks to the Department of Public Works for taking care of Town trees, removing garbage and recycling, the Comfort Station, and signage and infrastructure improvements.



BE SAFE: TWENTY IS PLENTY IN 'SCONSET!

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