



Welcome Back!

Join us for member meetings at the Casino this summer **Monday, July 11** (special speaker Libby Gibson, Town Manager) and **Monday, August 8** (special speaker Lauren Sinatra, Nantucket Energy Coordinator). Refreshments are at 5:30pm and the meeting begins at 6pm. We look forward to sharing issues affecting 'Sconset and hearing what is on your mind.

New Logo

All of our board members have special talents but none can match the design skills of Holly Pagon who designed the new logo for us, shown above. Holly, an accomplished professional photographer and graphic designer, created a logo that we think captures the essence of 'Sconset. Look for this new design on all our communications and future T-shirts.

Is a Quieter Village Possible?

The hum of gas-powered landscape equipment can be deafening on a summer day. A town warrant article last year mandated that commercial landscapers use electric leaf blowers but did not address mowers or hedge trimmers. Need a reason to change what you are doing on your property? A gas-powered lawn mower emits over 80-100 decibels versus an electric mower at approximately 56 decibels. According to the CDC, prolonged noises louder than 85 decibels can cause hearing loss.

With improved electric landscaping tools, most landscapers should be encouraged to switch to this quieter—and significantly more environmentally friendly—method of taking care of lawns and hedges. We encourage you to speak with your landscaper about going electric and eliminating carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxide and other emissions from gas-powered equipment.

Other contributors to noise include air conditioning units (68 decibels), generators (60 decibels), and pool pumps (65-90 decibels). When adding or updating equipment at your home, consider the impact on you and your neighbors. Let's make the village the quiet place it should be.

Dark Sky and Nantucket Lights

Recently the Civic Association Board voted to contribute \$1,000 to Nantucket Lights (<https://nantucketlights.org>) to create a video/film to raise awareness about light pollution. Homeowners can help preserve our dark skies by using outdoor lighting only where it's really necessary, using motion sensors and timers to reduce the time it is on, using low light levels (lumens), and using warmer light colors (2200K is best). Light attracts insects all night, making them prey to bats and birds, and excessive light at night interrupts the circadian cycle of all animals and even adversely affects plants. Uplighting is especially harmful and is generally prohibited by Nantucket's outdoor lighting bylaw. Let's all try to do more to protect our dark sky.

Photo by Henry Michaelis,
<https://www.henrymichaelisphotography.com/nantucket>



At Siasconset Civic Association meetings, the "Save the Night" bumper sticker will be available to members at no charge.



More information about light pollution and what we can all do to help reduce it is available on the Nantucket Lights website.

Bike and Scooter Safety Day is Coming!



Every July the Civic Association sponsors a bike and scooter safety day for children. This year, the Nantucket Police Department will set up a course **July 20** on New Street for riders to practice safe navigation on the streets. Upon completion, every participant will receive a T-shirt and an ice cream coupon from our special sponsor the Sconset Market. Encourage your children or grandchildren to participate.

For more details, please visit the [Events Calendar](#) on our website.

Town Committees, Boards and Commissions to Follow

Many of us read *The Inquirer and Mirror* for the local news but how many keep current with town government? The Siasconset Civic Association Board follows the activities of the Sconset Advisory Board, the Historic Preservation Commission, the Conservation Commission, the Select Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment and more to keep current on topics and projects that affect Sconset. We advocate on behalf of 'Sconset residents on issues of infrastructure, safety, historical character, climate impacts and quality of life concerns. You can participate by checking the Town of Nantucket calendar for upcoming meetings. Simply go to <https://nantucket-ma.gov/agendacenter> and keep current!

Student Scholarships

Every year we seek applicants for a \$2,500 scholarship to a deserving 'Sconset student to be used for undergraduate or graduate academic or technical training. A tradition of long-standing, our scholarship is an important way to support our local community and applaud the future dreams of our recipients. This year's winner will be announced at the July meeting.

Clean Team Volunteers

Thank you to the volunteers who participated in the 3rd Annual Litter Derby and we look forward to seeing more volunteers at our monthly clean-ups around the village and at the beach. Please visit the [Events Calendar](#) on our website for the dates and join us for an hour one Saturday morning.



Flower Power Around the Village

Did you know the Civic Association maintains the landscaping at the Rotary, Pump Square and Larsen Park? With generous donations from our members and hard work from Amy Manning Landscaping, our public spaces look picture perfect from Daffodil Day through the fall.



Membership Dues

Annual dues of \$40 are due June 1st for the 2022-2023 membership year. Please help us out by paying online and eliminating the burden that payment by check or cash imposes upon our Treasurer and Webmaster.

Anyone who has paid their dues before our member meetings will receive a PRE CHECK pass that can be printed out or shown on a phone to gain admittance without standing in line. That makes it easier for you and also helps us start our meetings on time!



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