

SIASCONSET CIVIC ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2018

After an extremely long winter of grey days, little snow, lots of rain, and high winds, we are finally seeing a few signs of spring as the days are getting longer and daffodils are beginning to bloom all around the village. These are all welcome signs that spring is here and the promise of warm summer days is in our future!



Working closely with Rob McNeil, Director of the Department of Public Works, our rotary renovation project got started last fall with the installation of the new flagpole donated by National Grid. The project commenced again in late February and was completed by Daffodil Weekend. The new flagpole and jackstaff are in place and port and starboard lights have been installed. The town purchased a new, appropriately sized flag for our taller flagpole, which we raised on Daffodil weekend. The old circular cement wall that had been patched in several places has been replaced with a lovely, light grey granite, shaped exactly like the old wall. Drip irrigation has been installed and the brick walkways were reset by the DPW so they are safe and level. Hydrangea, carpet roses, echinacea, and sedum have been selected by Girard Ruddick and Susan Whitlock as long blooming shrubs/perennials to fill the plant beds with color for months. Daffodils and daisies were added to the beds as well. The roses will be installed as soon as they arrive at the nursery this spring.

It was nice to see so many Sconset friends at this past weekend's Daffodil Festival! We started the festivities with a rededication ceremony at the rotary at 1pm on Saturday. Accompanied by Rob McNeil of the DPW, I rededicated the rotary to fellow Sconseter, David Gray, and raised our new American flag with Snooky Eldridge and Nick Duarte of the DPW. Representatives from the Town of Nantucket and the CPC were in attendance and were thanked for their funding of the project. Hearty cheers from the crowd followed, and the party on Main Street ensued!



VIDEO OF FLAG RAISING ON APRIL 28 AVAILABLE AT:

<https://www.siasconsetciviccassociation.org/news>

Another project in the village, now underway, is the renovation of the Sconset Firehouse. The window trim is being replaced, new front doors have been ordered, the front steps will be replaced to make them safe and more attractive, and the building will be given a new coat of paint. That project will be ongoing for a while.

Some of you may be aware by reading the I & M, that the lots in the Cannonbury Lane subdivision are being sold to a new developer who is proposing the installation of a community

pool and associated cabana/recreation building on one of the lots. This requires that there be a change in the old plan for the development established a number of years ago. The Sconset Civic Association was in communication with the Town of Nantucket's Planning Board, as well as the Sconset Trust, to understand the ramifications of such a proposal. The Board of Directors of the Sconset Civic Association made the decision to oppose the modification of the original plan for the Cannonbury Lane subdivision, and subsequently sent a statement to that effect to the Planning Board. There was a public meeting of the Planning Board on April 9 where this issue was discussed, and it is our understanding that the developer withdrew his proposal for a community pool, but that the community center/cabana is still on the table. The next meeting of the Planning Board is on May 14 when the developer will present a more detailed plan. The Sconset Civic Association will continue to monitor this closely.

The Board of Directors of the Siasconset Civic Association serving you this summer are:

Martha Polachi-President
Cathy Bowman-Vice President
Mary Will-Secretary
Gene Hilzenrath-Treasurer
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Maggie Boone
Nelson Eldridge
Lynn Filipski
Jennie Greene
Maxwell Mundy
CO North
Susan Ried
Whitney Schrauth
Kate Stahler Starrett
Gail Walker
Mark Donato-Ex Officio

Ginger Ivey has resigned from the board of directors as she has sold her home in Sconset. Many thanks to Ginger for her years of service to our community.

The general meetings of the Sconset Civic Association are scheduled for Wednesday, July 11 at 6 pm, and Wednesday, August 8 at 6 pm, followed by a BBQ for all members.

Bicycle Safety Day will be announced as soon as we receive a date from the Police Department.

We look forward to seeing the rest of our Sconset friends as you arrive over the next few months.

Martha Polachi
President, Siasconset Civic Association

DUES & DONATIONS

The Sconset Civic Association is volunteer run but dues are needed to support programs and projects. For those who are already members, an automated email will be sent about two weeks before your membership dues need to be paid. Dues of \$40 per household can then be paid online through our website (www.siasconsetcivicassociation.org) with a credit card or PayPal. Or you may pay at the door before either of the Civic Association's summer meetings by cash, check, or credit card. Payment by check can be sent to P.O. Box 360 in Sconset as well.

In addition to paying dues, we urge those who can to also make a donation. Donations made through our website (<https://www.siasconsetcivicassociation.org/Donate>) or by check made payable to the Siasconset Civic Association, while not tax deductible, are needed to help cover our operating expenses. Donations made to the **Community Foundation for Nantucket** that are earmarked for the Sconset Civic Association Fund -- through its website (<https://cfnan.org/give-now/named-funds/sconset-civic-association-fund/>) or by check may payable to the Foundation -- are tax deductible but may only be used for programs and projects to benefit the Sconset community and not for operating expenses. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CIVIC ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETINGS (at the Sconset Casino)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 6 PM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 6 PM - FOLLOWED BY MEMBER BBQ

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