

Siasconset Civic Association Spring Newsletter 2013

Hello Fellow Sconseters,

Summer is closing in fast on Nantucket. Hedges are being trimmed; lawns mowed; storm windows raised. It is a welcome sight after a long winter of cold weather, high winds and serious erosion to our beloved bluff. Our hearts go out to Ann and Sam Furrow who lost their Baxter Road home to this winter's storms. The town of Nantucket is now looking at 4 options of creating a new road which will provide access to Baxter and the lighthouse from Sankaty Road. The Sconset Civic Association is monitoring this political process and will keep Sconseters abreast of the situation. Details of the options and land takings are available at www.nantucket-ma.gov.

Codfish Park is slowly gaining back some of the beach it lost. The movement to upgrade the Sconset Playground has cleared some hurdles and has the blessing of the Land Bank which owns the swing set area. This is all due to the hard work of a group of Sconset parents who have worked with various agencies and architects to bring the idea of a Sconset playground to reality. They are now in the fund raising stage and would love to hear from families who support the playground. Contacts for them are:

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I have been meeting with the Department of Public Works throughout the winter regarding work needed to be done in Sconset. Top priority has been the rotten flagpole in the rotary. Although not a permanent solution; the DPW has informed me that we will have lights and a yardarm by the end of June. The SCA has researched new flagpoles and presented this info to the town. The costs run higher than available funds in the SCA treasury, so if the town does not replace it in the future a fundraising effort may be necessary.

Thanks to the generosity of the Craighead Foundation, plans are unfolding for a landscaping facelift of the town land located in the triangle entering Sconset from Milestone road. Dutra landscaping (the talented gardeners who care for the Post Office boxes and the Coffin Real Estate garden) were hired to submit a plan using native plants, grasses, trees, and wild flowers. This would include extending the canopy trees which make our Main Street so attractive down to the fork of New St. and Main. The SCA hopes to unveil the plans at its July meeting for members perusal and feedback. The board of the SCA stays in contact during the winter and meets monthly in the summer to discuss and further causes beneficial to our village. We encourage all Sconset residents to get involved.

Association dues remain at \$40. Additional amounts help Sconset projects thrive.

Hurry Home!

Sincerely Sconset,

Mark Donato President

JULY MEETING: July 10 @ 7PM

AUGUST MEETING and BBQ: August 7 @ 6PM

Bike Safety Course: July 3