

SIASCONSET CIVIC ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2020



After an interesting few months of quarantining and social distancing, some normalcy is surely welcome, but it may come very slowly this summer. Gathering a group for dinner, playing tennis with friends, or hugging someone we haven't seen in months are important to all of us but please be smart and practice Covid-19 safety measures around 'Sconset this summer.

We urge you to check the **MA guidelines** for preventing the spread of Covid-19 (<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-updates-and-information#regulations-&-guidance->) and ask that you wear a mask in the public areas in the village -- at the Post Office and 'Sconset Market; at food establishments when you are picking up your order; and on the bike and bluff paths. Please carry your mask with you at all times, even at the beach, so you are prepared in the event social distancing becomes impossible.

Your Civic Association Board has this news to report:

- A committee met with Amy Manning, the landscaper who has installed the garden in the 'Sconset rotary, to discuss further enhancements to Larsen Park. In collaboration with the Conservation Foundation, the Civic Association will fund and oversee the installation of some new plant materials in and around the park at the appropriate time.
- New water refill stations will be installed at a future date by the Wanacomet Water Company at Larsen Park and at Sankaty Head Light in response to the decision by the Town of Nantucket to discontinue the sale of single use plastics on the island. This will ease the burden of the employees at the 'Sconset Market and Claudettes to refill 150+ water bottles per day in the summer months.
- DPW will be installing new trash/recycling enclosures to house the barrels that now reside at Larsen Park and 'Sconset beach. This will be a welcome improvement at both locations.

- Fire Chief Steve Murphy has informed us that the outside stairs of the 'Sconset fire station will be restored as soon as the Town hires a mason or arranges for the work to be done by their facilities department. Consideration of the renovation/expansion of it is now off the table as it's been decided that there is not enough room on the current site to expand. A site for a new station and what will be done with the old fire station remains to be decided.
- Members of the 'Sconset Civic Association Clean Team were out and about in the village this spring to pick up trash and recyclable items along the roadways. Village clean-up will continue throughout the summer but only on an individual or family basis because of Covid-19. Watch for an email to members and/or posting on the Civic Association bulletin board about our safety protocol for this summer.
- Check out the new look of the picnic tables at Larsen Park. Amy Manning and crew were busy this winter applying a coating on the tables to make them easier to clean. A huge thanks to Amy Manning Landscape, Inc for taking such good care of the village for the past couple of years. The rotary plantings are gorgeous and Larsen Park looks terrific!

Thank you, Sam Daniel!

The Board would like to recognize Sam Daniel for his dedicated service to the village, as he has planted flowers annually at pump square for the last fifteen years.

Information regarding our 'Sconset businesses: *(Subject to change as restrictions are lifted)*

- **Claudette's** opened Memorial Day weekend, taking phone orders, credit card payment, and curbside pick-up. No deck seating at this time. (<https://www.claudettesconset.com/>)
- The **'Sconset Market** opened this past weekend with online ordering (<https://sconsetmarket.com/>), curbside pick-up, and a new take-out window for coffee, baked goods, sandwiches, and ice cream. Social distancing and masks are required for shopping inside.



- The **'Sconset Book Store** has also opened with online ordering (<https://sconsetwines.com/>) and limited inside shopping.
- The **'Sconset Café** will be opening sometime in June for take-out dinner orders only. (<https://sconset-cafe.business.site/>)
- The **Chanticleer** will be opening in mid-June for take-out only, for both lunch and dinner. They will expand to table service when allowed under MA guidelines (<http://chanticleernantucket.com/>)

- The **Summer House Bistro** will be opening in mid-June with outside social distance seating, compliant with all MA restaurant guidelines. (As far as we know, the main restaurant of The Summer House will remain closed for the season for renovations.)

<http://thesummerhouse.com/thesummerhouse.com/dining/the-beachside-bistro/>

AND ...

- The Bartlett's truck hopes to be in 'Sconset again this summer from 9am to 1pm, three days a week, pending Town approval.

Civic Association Summer Meeting:

Unfortunately, we will not be able to have in-person meetings for Civic Association members this summer because of Covid-19. However, we plan to have a **Zoom meeting at 5 pm on Wednesday July 8** for those of you who would like to participate. A Zoom invite will be posted on our website and sent by email closer to the date.

For those who were planning to pay membership dues at one of these meetings, please see below for information on where you can drop off a check instead of mailing it. (All those comfortable doing so are encouraged to pay online.)

Civic Association Elections:

This is the last newsletter that you will receive from me as my term as President will be over in mid-July. It has been my extreme pleasure to serve the village of 'Sconset for the last twelve years, first as a Civic Association Director (six years), then as Secretary (one year), and then as your President (five years). Thank you very much for putting your trust and faith in me. I'm very pleased with everything we have accomplished during that time.

In lieu of elections by members this year (which, under our Bylaws, must be done in person), pursuant to applicable provisions of the Bylaws, the Board members whose terms do not expire in July will choose a new slate of officers from amongst themselves and make appointments to fill Director vacancies.

Any member of the Civic Association whose dues are paid in full is eligible to serve as a Director. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else to serve as a Director, please contact Mary Will (marywill@comcast.net), who serves as Chair of the Nominating Committee. Nominations must be received by June 15 to be considered.

Many thanks to those Board members whose terms will be expiring in July, who have served 'Sconset for the past six years: Cathy Bowman, Nelson (Snooky) Eldridge, Gene Hilzenrath, CO North, and Mary Will. I deeply appreciate all of their contributions to this Board and to the village.

They will continue serving you this summer, along with myself and the other members of the Board, who are: Maggie Boone (currently serving as Secretary), Lynn Fillipski, (currently serving as Vice President), Wendy Holding, Maxwell Mundy, Cindy Nelson, Whitney Schrauth, and Gail Walker.

Stay safe and see you around the village!

Martha Polachi
President, Siasconset Civic Association

MEMBERSHIP DUES

The 'Sconset Civic Association is volunteer-run but dues are needed to support programs and projects. Dues of \$40 per household can be paid online through our website (www.siasconsetcivicassociation.org); by mailing a check to P.O. Box 360; or by dropping off a check at 15 Burnell Street.

Paying online or dropping off a check is strongly encouraged. This would eliminate trips to the Post Office (and possible exposure to Covid-19). It would also ensure your payment doesn't get lost in the mail and is recorded before you get another automated reminder.

DONATIONS

In addition to paying membership 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) are not tax deductible but are needed to help cover our operating expenses.

Donations may also be made via the **Community Foundation for Nantucket** and earmarked for the **Sconset Civic Association Fund**. These donations (tax deductible) will be used for programs and projects to benefit the 'Sconset community (but can't be used to cover operating expenses).

Visit <https://cfnan.org/give-now/named-funds/sconset-civic-association-fund/> or send us a check made payable to the CFN.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

20 IS PLENTY IN 'SCONSET

With so many pedestrians and bikes on our street, 20 is plenty in 'Sconset! Please drive slowly and put the "20 IS PLENTY IN 'SCONSET" bumper sticker on your car to remind others. Available for free at the 'Sconset Market or by emailing us at sconsetcivic@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**CIVIC ASSOCIATION ZOOM MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 5 PM**

(Link will be posted on our website and sent by email closer to the date)

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