

SIASCONSET CIVIC ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2017



After a cold but less snowy winter than in recent years, the sight of daffodils and crocus peeking out of the earth in mid-March was welcome. As I write, the village of Sconset is buzzing with construction and landscaping projects. The tennis courts at the Casino are being rolled and relined, the shelves of the Sconset Market are being stocked with new products, and John Pearl is prepping Claudette's, so much will be ready as our summer friends arrive.

Town meeting in April proved to be a success for Sconset as we were granted \$100,000 from Town funds and \$45,000 from the Community Preservation Committee for our David Grey Memorial rotary project. Upon his arrival, Rob McNeil, Nantucket's new Director of the DPW, responded promptly to an email I sent requesting a meeting to discuss the Sconset rotary. We met for nearly two hours to discuss the installation of the new flagpole and the necessary demolition and reconstruction of the rotary that surrounds it. Rob anticipates putting the job out to bid by early summer and he plans to attend the August Sconset Civic Association meeting and BBQ, Wednesday, August 9th, to present the plans and answer questions from the public.

At our general meeting on Wednesday, July 12th, I have invited Nantucket Police Department (NPD) Chief Bill Pittman to address perennial concerns regarding vehicular traffic and traffic speed in Sconset, as well as to review NPD's ongoing efforts and solutions. Recently, I spoke with NPD Lt. Angus MacVicar and we agreed that the radar trailer would rotate around Sconset intermittently throughout the summer. The intention is to place it in locations of concern to slow the traffic. The NPD will also provide an officer on a motorcycle to enforce speed limits and ticket when necessary. Years ago "20 is Plenty in Sconset" campaign raised awareness to slow traffic speed, and many of us still sport the bumper stickers on our cars. But how many of us really observe that traffic speed around the village? I entreat residents to be more conscious of your speed when driving a vehicle through the village this summer. With a huge number of cyclists and pedestrians ever present, let's all slow down and avoid an accident.

Sconset hosted another successful Daffodil picnic, April 28th. We had great weather, despite the forecast. With 65 degree temperature, many antique vehicles (bedecked with interesting daffodil related decorations), and some very creative picnic displays (by Sconseters and town people alike), appeared like bursts of sunshine after days of rain. The only damper on the weekend was the closing of the Sconset footbridge. Due to an unreported vehicular strike to

the center of the bridge, the DPW was forced to close the bridge until structural engineers can fully examine the bridge, determine the extent of the damage, and make repairs. The Town of Nantucket will fund this project and the repairs. The DPW plans to complete the repairs prior to the summer season.

Monday, July 3rd the Bike Safety Program returns to Sconset led by Board member, Lynn Filipski. All are welcome and children of the village ages 5-15 are encouraged to attend. Please see the signs posted at the Casino regarding the time of the program. This is another important effort to keep both bikers and drivers safe this summer.

Finally, a reminder that your Sconset Civic Association is volunteer run but dues are needed to support programs and projects. Dues of \$40 per household can now 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 PO Box 360 as well.

In addition to paying dues, we urge those who can to also make a donation. Donations made through our website 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.

See you this summer!

Yours in service to Sconset.

Martha Johnson Polachi
President, Siasconset Civic Association

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IMPORTANT DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

BIKE SAFETY CLASS MONDAY, JULY 3, AT THE CASINO (time to be announced later)

CIVIC ASSOCIATION PUBLIC MEETINGS:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 7PM, AT THE CASINO

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 6PM, FOLLWED BY BBQ, AT THE CASINO