


SIASCONSET CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER Spring 2019

After a very mild winter with virtually no snow, and a lovely display of daffodils this spring, let the summer begin! The village of 'Sconset is alive, well, and the sound of construction and landscaping projects fills the air. 'Sconset looks great as there are many new upgrades and renovations to public spaces around the village. Hopefully you will take the time to notice.

The Civic Association is particularly pleased to report the following:

- The Department of Public Works (DPW) replaced the stairway on the footbridge and finished replacing the treads on the bridge in January. It looks terrific and is considerably safer!
- DPW has committed to building two wooden bins for trash and recycling barrels at Larsen Park and at the 'Sconset Public Beach entrance. The new recycling guidelines for 2019 will be indicated on the wooden bin. Trash pick-up at these locations will be twice daily Memorial weekend through Columbus Day.
- The Porta Potties, installed by DPW, were a huge help last summer to all who visited the playground and the public beach in 'Sconset, and they will return again this summer.
- After collaboration with representatives from the Nantucket Visitors Services and the DPW, which manages the 'Sconset Comfort Station, the public restrooms will now be open from the third week of April through Columbus Day weekend, from 8am to 8pm daily. Once the current contract expires in 2021, the Town of Nantucket will consider extending the number of days the restrooms are open because visitors continue to be a steady presence through Stroll weekend.
- Another DPW improvement is at the NRTA Wave bus stop, now open and used year-round. The new coat of white paint and power washing of the benches brings a fresh look to that formerly neglected waiting area.
-  'Sconseter Peter Brodie, volunteered to build a new bulletin board for the Civic Association, replacing the one that blew over in high winds in 2017. Installed next to Isky's bench, and using the pole that formerly supported a fire box, this installation received support from the Nantucket Fire Department which allowed the Civic Association to repurpose this historic carved iron pole. Many thanks to Peter and his fine carpentry skills used on this project, and to Chief Murphy. Please stop by and check our postings on the bulletin board from time to time, and feel free to use the open cork board for posting small items like business cards. (Please, large flyers should not be posted here.)



- Fire Chief Murphy has informed us that the 'Sconset Firehouse renovations will be completed soon, including repairs on the front doors, a new coat of paint on all trim, and a refurbished outdoor stairway. There were inquiries over the winter to once again sound the fire horn at noon, a practice discontinued when the 'Sconset Firehouse and its volunteer force were retired several years ago. The Fire Chief is considering reinstating the traditional practice if it can be done electronically. Stay tuned.

- Perhaps the most exciting Civic Association initiative this winter was working with the Nantucket Conservation Foundation to upgrade Larsen Park, aiming to make it a more user-friendly space. The Civic Association Board approved the use of funds to extend the brickwork all the way to the 'Sconset Market allowing for optimal placement of an extended bike rack. Freeing up the center of Larsen Park where bike racks once stood allowed for the placement of picnic tables that the Association purchased for that space. The tables will provide 'Sconseters and visitors with more seating in Larsen Park to enjoy the outdoors. The DPW will remove trash from Larsen Park twice a day from Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day.



- The Civic Association's Clean Team has already been at work. On May 15th, participants Rena Crisp, Charles Mappin, Kit Murphy, Mary Will, Charley Polachi and Martha Polachi picked up trash on Sankaty Road, Coffin, Clifton, Lindberg, Lower Baxter, Rosaly, Butterfly, Sconset Avenue, Front, Broadway, Center and Shell Streets, and Ocean Avenue.



- The Clean Team will be cleaning the village again on Tuesday June 11. If you will be on island, we hope you can help. For details and to register, please visit <https://www.siasconsetcivicassociation.org/events>. And please let the Civic Association know if there is a particular area in the village in need of attention.
- Last fall the Civic Association collaborated with the 'Sconset Trust and the Visitor Center of Nantucket to put together a new, comprehensive map of 'Sconset. This should assist our many

visitors to tour the village on foot and direct them to points of interest along the way. The map will be available at the 'Sconset Market, Claudettes, and the Wave bus stop.

- And finally, the Civic Association developed a brochure designed for renters and new home buyers in 'Sconset. It explains what the Civic Association does for the village and hopefully will encourage new membership and participation in the Civic Association. It will be distributed by 'Sconset Real Estate, and will be available at the bulletin board and at our summer meetings.

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

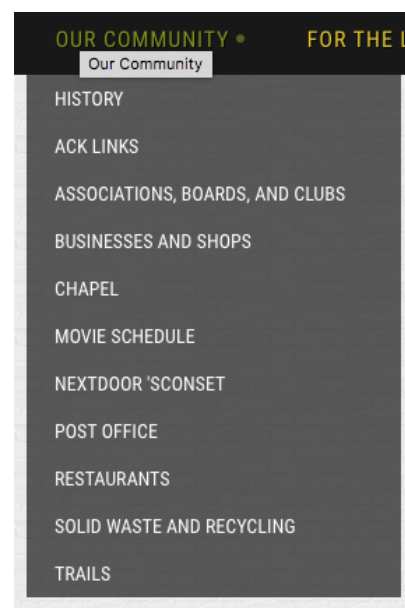
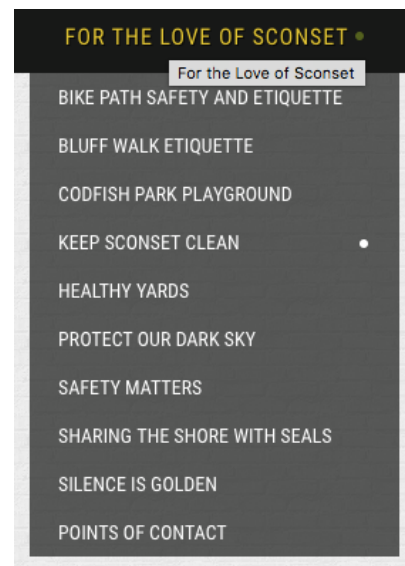
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The general meetings of the Sconset Civic Association are scheduled for **Wednesday July 10** at 6 pm, and **Wednesday August 7** at 6 pm (immediately followed by a BBQ for all members). Hope to see you there - and please invite any new neighbors you have to come!

Martha Polachi
President, Siasconset Civic Association

COMMUNITY RESOURCE

Our website continues to expand as we add more information and links as a resource for the 'Sconset community. Information about the new guidelines for solid waste and recycling has been added -- and much more! Suggestions for additional content are always welcome.



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 our summer meetings or by emailing us at sconsetcivic@gmail.com.



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 at the door before either of the Civic Association's summer meetings. Please pay in advance if you can. That will help make check-in for the meeting go much quicker!

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 may payable to the CFN.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CIVIC ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETINGS
(at the 'Sconset Casino)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 6 PM
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 6 PM - FOLLOWED BY MEMBER BBQ

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