



The Surfside Association - Nantucket, MA

- Member of the Nantucket Civic League –

Dedicated to the protection and preservation of our lands and homes and of lands contiguous to Surfside; and to the advancement and beauty of the place and its informality, which we have cherished over the years.



Early Summer, 2012

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It seems that this year CHANGE is the dominant word. We see it happening everywhere. Even the Beach has changed much to our benefit giving us the widest nicest beach ever, and including a new “food truck”. Change is happening around us as properties are sold and houses are expanded or newly built. Roads are repaired or totally rebuilt and the unused “Paper Roads” taken so they can be extinguished. In some areas Zoning Laws were changed to conform to existing conditions. Your Surfside Association has done its best to stay on top of these changes, to preserve and protect our neighborhood, and insure our “Area Plan” recommendations are included in all of the decision makers discussions. We thank you for your support and welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Tom Quigley

FROM OUR EDITOR

We are deeply grateful to Victor Paving for the excellent job he did in repairing and paving the Boulevarde, a portion of Lover's Lane, Okorwaw and Monohansett, In addition he installed 3-4 cisterns that eliminated flooding by 99% at that dreadful Boulevarde/Lover's Lane corner! So far the roads have held up during the winter, with a couple of small areas that will be taken care of. We are indeed appreciative of all the people who contributed to the Surfside Roads Fund that enabled the great improvement to these roads. We are in talks with the Town to take them over, and more repairs will undoubtedly be necessary during this period. If you would like to help defray the costs of additional repairs, please send your check, marked Surfside Roads Fund, to P. O. Box 3474, Nantucket, MA 02584 – and thank you!

Speaking of roads, through communication with Kara Buzanoski, Director of the Department of Public Works, we were instrumental in getting Nonantum totally rebuilt and repaved. All the drains were reworked and there are no more puddles there either!

At the Annual Town Meeting this year, many zoning changes were voted to make the Surfside area more conforming within its boundaries. The original area was drawn up haphazardly by lots in the 1880's, and several warrant votes corrected mis-matches. In addition, many areas zoned LUG 2 were voted changed to LUG 1, enabling property owners greater leeway in building. Also, several small parcels of town owned land, small (5,000 sq. ft or less) lots, and all the paper roads in Surfside were voted on at Town Meeting to be taken by the Town, and sold to abutters through the Yard Sale process. To explore the process for extinguishing a paper road near you, contact Andrew Vorce at the Nantucket Planning & Economic Development commission (NP&EDC), phone 508-228-7237.

As you may have heard, at the Annual town meeting, the wind generator proposed by the Nantucket Energy Study Committee at the Madaket Landfill was defeated. A group of people opposed to the wind generator had even published a pamphlet stating that Surfside might be the next location for a wind turbine! This idea was readily declared false by the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager and others.

Additionally, Chris Magee was very convincing at Town Meeting persuading the voters to defeat Art. 80 which asked to provide the land at 47 Boulevarde for public housing. The voters' instead wanted to have the town sell the property and use the proceeds for affordable housing in more appropriate island areas.

Nobadeer Beach will have a food wagon this summer providing hot dogs and other lunch items as approved by the Board of Selectmen this winter. We must keep an eye on how trash is disposed of. When the request came before the BOS, newly elected Selectman, Bruce Miller of Nonantum Avenue, raised the trash question, and was assured "it would be taken care of".

Surfside continues to be a very desirable place to live or vacation as witnessed by much new and renovated building taking place. The following pictures were taken along Nonantum. There is a very ambitious complex being developed at the end of Nobadeer as well.



The annual fishing and golf tournaments will be held again this year. The 2012 Eighth Annual Surfside Association Fishing Tournament is held from Memorial Day weekend through the Surfside Association party on Labor Day weekend, with casting from the beach anywhere from Nobadeer to Point of Breakers. Prizes will be given out at the Annual Labor Day party. The 2012 golf tournament is a 9-hole scramble with reception at Miacomet Golf Course; date to be announced. The President's party will be held at Tom Quigley's house, 35 Nobadeer, Saturday, July 28, at 5:00. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre!

The Surfside Association annual meetings are July 14 and August 12 at 10:00 at the Star of the Sea Youth Hostel on Western Avenue. Please attend! The meetings are a great way to find out what is going on around our part of the island and how the Association works for the benefit of all Surfsiders. Questions welcomed! Our speaker for the July 14 meeting will be Dr. Margot Hartmann, CEO of Nantucket Cottage Hospital, who will discuss current services and future plans. Again, questions welcomed! There will be a "gam" at the August meeting with Surfside residents talking about life they experienced here many years ago. Such conversations are being promoted and audio-taped by the Nantucket Historical Association in areas all over the island, and they are part of the oral history collection at the NHA Research Library. In addition, it's a great way to engage all of us in discussion and storytelling during the gam. Should be lots of fun, and we will certainly learn more about Surfside!

Nominating Committee Report: Officers: President: Tom Quigley; Vice President: Ned Fawcett; Vice President: Chris Magee; Secretary: Tom Szydlowski; Treasurer: Debby McIntosh. In order to develop a rotating system of at large Board members, as voted on last summer in a by-law change, the following members are being nominated for specific three, two and one year terms: Three years: Sybille Andersen, Andrew Ley, Chip Newton; Two years: Allen Reinhard, Lisa Todd; One year: Pat Newton, Glenn Stewart. The slate will be presented at the July 14 meeting, and voted on at the August 11 meeting.

Enclosed is a return envelope for you to use for sending in your 2012 dues. Your dollars are spent for the protection and preservation of the beauty and the informality of Surfside, as stated above. We have several new families in Surfside and all are encouraged to support our neighborhood organization. We also hope those who have not been regular dues payers will join this year. The Surfside Association played an important role in encouraging support of the private campaign to underwrite the costs of the Boulevarde, Lover's Lane, Okorwaw and Monohansett road resurfacing. Another very good reason to join: five dollars of everyone's \$25.00 dues goes to the very active Nantucket Civic League whose mission is to preserve the island's resources and improve the quality of island living in order to help keep all of Nantucket the place we know and love.

Have a great summer!
Pat Newton

Our website is
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Some useful phone numbers:

Emergency	911
Fire	508-228-2323
Police	508-228-1212
State Police	508-228-0706
Hospital	508-228-1200
Poison Control	800-682-9211
Coast Guard	508-228-0388
Airport	508-325-5300
Steamship	508-228-3274
Hy-Line	508-228-3949