



President's Letter

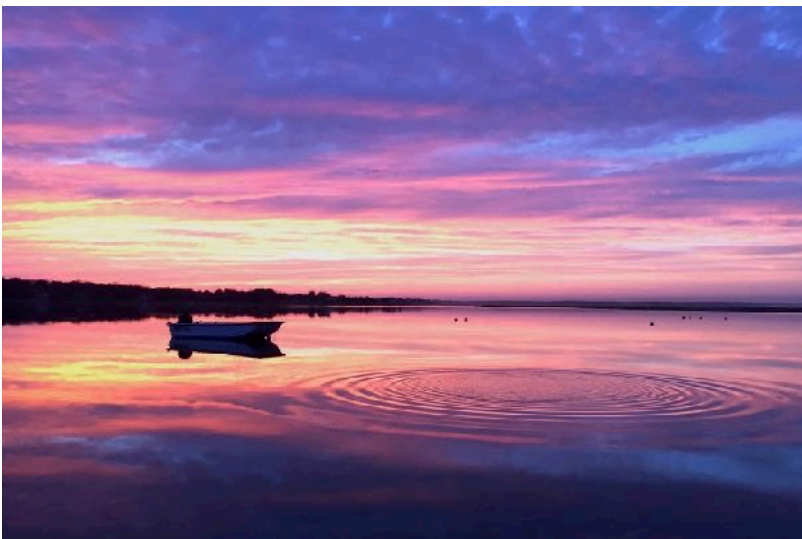
I hope this newsletter finds everyone healthy. I have been looking back on this summer on Nauset Heights and it was almost a return to normal. That seemed to be the case because our activities were held outside which was still safer during these Covid times. All of the events were held and were well attended. Tops was the Lawn Party with close to 250 people attending. Some pictures of the Activities are included in this newsletter.

One issue affecting Nauset Heights Residents on Priscilla Road, Standish Road, Iyanough Road, Pilgrim Lane and Doane Way over the last summers has been cars parking on those streets and then people walking down our stairs to the beach. Sometimes residents' driveways were even blocked! This past season the Town of Orleans instituted a Beach Parking Pass for \$25. Any resident Parking at Town Landings and Beaches needed a resident Parking Pass to Park in those areas. During July and August, the Police monitored those parking areas and fined violators \$50. The fee to Park at Nauset was \$30per car- in other words cheaper. This Town regulation greatly helped Nauset Heights residents.

The town dredging plans are going forward to help with safety issues in Nauset Inlet channels and navigation from the Inlet to the Town Cove. The Consultant from Woods Hole has been asked to come up with a new plan for the dredged material from the Mill Pond and Priscilla Landing. The project will not include the use of Callanans Pass and a dewatering area North of the Public beach in the dunes.

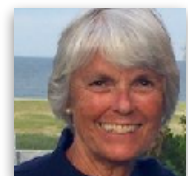
In September the Board appointed Jim Tyng as the new Treasurer, who is replacing King Nelson at King's request. King will be an Assistant to Jim performing the day to day functions of banking and paying the bills, as a non-Board Member. Jim has prepared the Annual Budget and will develop financial plans for NHA. There will be no dues increase for 2022.

The Board of Directors met in September and planned a full slate of activities for the summer of 2022. The Lawn Party which alternates between July and August is scheduled for July 23rd. Susan Brezina and Mark Ayer were nominated and elected to 3-year terms on the Board at the Member Meeting in August.



As I mentioned in last year's Fall Newsletter, a great way to view Nauset Heights for those of us away during the winter is to visit the Nauset Heights website. The [Nauset Spit webcam](#) shows a live view of the spit during the daytime.

Ann Farnham Deming
NHA President



2021 Events



Emergency Access

Geoff Deering, Chief of the Orleans Fire and Rescue Department, was our speaker at the July Member Meeting. Chief Deering spoke about his 25- member team of firefighters and EMTs who answer approximately 3,000 calls per year. Four round-the clock shifts are manned by five men and women on duty per shift. Paramedics, whose initial training requires 1,800 hours, are able to provide services nearly equal to hospital emergency rooms.



The Fire Department faces several significant challenges, including affordable housing for employees who must live within seven miles of the firehouse and the dated and inadequate size of the firehouse itself. Chief Deering closed by reminding homeowners that clearly visible house numbers and easily passable roads and streets are important components to speedy response time.

For this fall newsletter, we followed up with Chief Deering, asking him to provide further information on Emergency Access. Below are his words of wisdom:

"Your Orleans Firefighters face many challenges every day. We regularly respond to emergencies where the private (non-town) roads are narrowed due to overgrowth along the sides, low hanging branches, or other reasons. These obstacles slow or hinder the response of our Ambulances and Fire Trucks. That time is very valuable in an emergency. We are asking that you work with your neighbors to ensure the roads are open and clear. The Town of Orleans has an Emergency Access bylaw in which the preferred road width and height is 14' by 14'. By maintaining this clearance year-round, this will ensure that our firefighters can reach you quickly and deliver the high-quality emergency service you deserve.

If you have questions about the Emergency Access, please contact us at 508.255.0050. We would be happy to meet you on site and provide input on how to best provide access."

– Geoff Deering, Fire Chief

Further information on Emergency Access can be found on the Town of Orleans website: [Chapter 90 Emergency Access](#)

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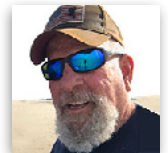
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Environmental Committee News

NHA Environmental Committee members Paul and Deborah Soules offer the following tips:

We all know that pollinators, such as bees, help bring wonderful and beautiful flowers to life. We also know that bees have been challenged in recent years with exposure to toxic chemicals and loss of habitat. To assist with this latter issue, we have found a fun way to both beautify our home while at the same time helping solitary bees to find places to nest and grow their population.



We have done this through installing a Bee House at our home. Bee houses are available retail at: Agway (Orleans store has a big display near the register), Tractor Supply, Home Depot, and Lowe's.



They are also available online at these resources:

- [Uncommongoods](#)
- [Amazon](#)
- [Agway](#)



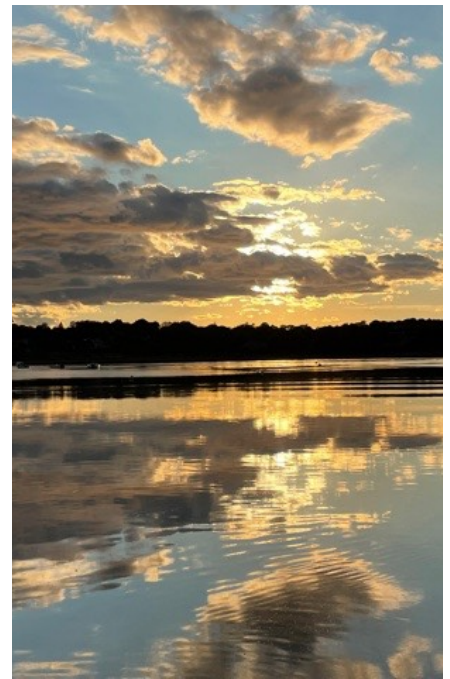
Please let the environmental committee know if you set one up on your property. Contact Bill Dunham at wpdunham@juno.com.



In remembrance

The following Nauset Heights residents or former residents have passed away since our last newsletter publication. We send our sympathy to their families. They will be dearly missed.

- [Stephen Hopkins](#)
May 30, 2021
- [Ted Oberteuffer](#)
July 25, 2021
- [Alice Ungethuem](#)
September 11, 2021



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