



## President's Letter

While many things change over our lifetime, it's comforting that some things remain the same. The smell of the salt air in the morning. The daily gentle push and pull of the tides. And that moment in the afternoon where the sun seems to infuse every object with an abundance of color than it lacked only a moment before; making you want to stop and stare in amazement. We are incredibly lucky to be part of such a wonderful community, filled with happy moments and blissful surroundings.

Over the last 10 years as I've been a part of Nauset Heights, I've watched our delicate Spit change, both physically and politically, and with it, the Nauset Inlet and Marsh it protects. And while long-time residents have assured me the sands of the Spit do ebb and flow over the decades, I want to make sure we can protect these natural resources as part of our environment, and part of the Nauset Heights culture.

To that end, I'm keeping in contact with the Town on a possible dredging project; an effort to restore the depth of the waters that inevitably fill in with sand. While the project would help local fishermen and boaters, it also would help preserve waters that hug much of Nauset Heights, ensuring a daily cleansing from the ocean, and allowing wildlife to flourish. The Town is in favor of the project's concepts, but the wheels of government are slow to turn, and much of the project's work is in Eastham's waters, adding extra layers to the approval of work. This will clearly be a

multi-year endeavor, but Town is steadily making progress on the project which involves many people at the State and Federal level. I'll continue to track the project's progress, and keep our community informed.

Further information can be found [here](#).

Dave Strickler  
NHA President



*Nauset Inlet Summer 2018*

*We welcome submissions of photos of our beautiful neighborhood for our newsletter, directory and website. Please send submissions to [nha@nausetheights.org](mailto:nha@nausetheights.org) along with photo credit if desired.*

# 2018 Events



Lawn Party



Organic Gardening Tour

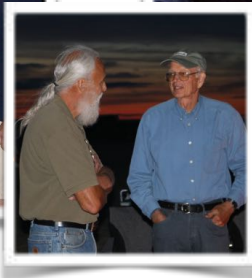
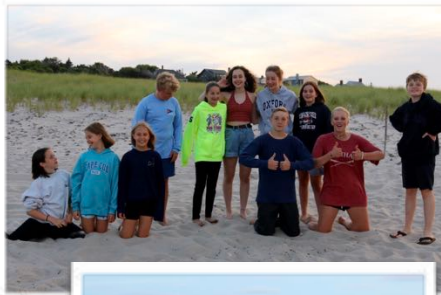


Spring Fling Clean Up



Fall Spruce Up

*Beach Bonfire*



*Sand Sculpture Contest*



*Additional photos of our events can be found at [www.nausetheights.org/nha/photos](http://www.nausetheights.org/nha/photos)*

## July Member Meeting

Many thanks to Dave Strickler and Kathy Pattison for hosting our July 14th NHA Member Meeting at their home on Standish Road.

Doing double duty, Dave Strickler was also our guest speaker. Dave's talk was all about bees, including bee facts, bee health and what you can do to help improve it, local beekeeping here on Nauset Heights and its benefits to our gardens and flora, and the collection of bee health data through Dave's organization Bee Counted.



## Annual Meeting

Despite a storm threat and gale winds, NHA's Annual Meeting did go on, hosted by Ann Deming at "Cottage B" on August 18th. The Annual member meeting is our official business meeting and election of Officers and Board of Directors.

👏 A wholehearted thank you goes to outgoing President Sandy Davidson. What a fantastic job Sandy has done over the past two years. We also thank Board Member Tim Hunt for his term, and welcome our new President, Dave Strickler, and Board members, Maura Fitzpatrick and Pat Tyng, who were elected at the meeting. See the sidebar for the complete NHA Board and roles.



## Board of Directors



Nancy Case  
Director '19



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Corresponding Secy



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Clerk



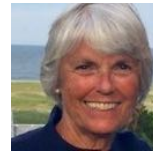
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Sandy Davidson  
Past President



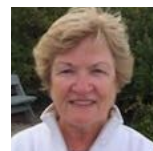
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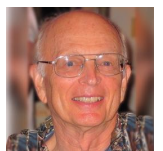
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President



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Pat Tyng  
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## Environmental Committee Update

The Nauset Heights Association's Officers, Board, and Members have always had a special connection with the natural wonders of this area. Over the past ten years, your NHA Environmental Committee has helped the Association bring additional focus to the "shared" love of our surroundings from working with the Harbor Master, Conservation Commission, and other Town Departments.

We are here to provide you with resources, education, and mentors on a wide range of areas. Some topics include:

- invasive species that might pop up in one's backyard,
- how to have the lawn we treasure, but balance with fertilizers best suited for our area to avoid impacting our waters, fishing, and clamming,
- with increasing severe storms, erosion control methods that blend in with our neighborhood, household storm water pollution prevention, etc.

In addition, we welcome all of our members for the Fall Spruce Up and Spring Fling community clean ups where we tidy up our neighborhood and have the chance to meet and talk before setting out. We see clean up efforts more than a couple of events – but an ongoing effort by the spirit of all of us when we walk around Nauset Heights throughout the year.

Our additional educational programs often come from you reaching out to us, so please continue. We have had the National Park Supervisor for Cape Cod Speak at our July Meeting, walking tours of horseshoe crabs in the inlet lead by Janet Bush, and most recently an organic garden tour hosted by Ann Rickard and Richard Thompson.

Our outreach to Environmental Officials in Orleans and beyond allows our educational opportunities to grow. In particular, the work of the Orleans Pond Coalition with their range of programs and educational resources becoming a model for all.

Check the [NHA web site](#) where we will update you on our programs, ways for you to become involved, and resources to help you and your family. Feel free to contact us directly via NHA Environmental Committee Chair Bill Dunham, Vice Chair Hank Schumacher, and our Orleans Community Affairs Liaison - Rigney Cunningham.

### Tips from the Committee

- If you have brush or other plants encasing or growing up your utility poles, trim them away to avoid electrical issues. You can contact National Grid for assistance. Bill Dunham has made this contact in the past, and he will walk you through the process.
- Keep the drains in front of your property clear and flowing. Allowing grass or dirt to cover the drains hinders proper storm water drainage.



## Member Corner

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For over 60 years, the mission of the Nauset Heights Association has been to foster a sense of community and cooperation among homeowners to protect and preserve this special place.

Our association today is 199 member families strong. Please join us in welcoming our newest families who joined in 2018:

- Robert Bryant and Christine Squarey, 14 Nauset Knolls Lane
- Julia Brezina Dunlop, 37 Nauset Road
- Antonio Gilman and Anita Sherman, 30 Alden Road
- Bart and Tina Graf, 47 Nauset Road
- Alfred Healy, 4 Cullum Road
- Richard Long and Elizabeth Charm, 3 Standish Road
- Virginia Normandy, 9 Priscilla Road
- Lance and Jacqueline Roncalli, 10 Priscilla Road
- Stanley and Claudia Vestal, 11 Pendleton Drive

The NHA reaches out and welcomes newcomers to our neighborhood. We ask that if you are selling your home or if you know of a neighbor who is selling or has sold their home, please pass along the new owners' information to our general email address: [nha@nausetheights.org](mailto:nha@nausetheights.org). The membership committee has created a welcome packet and we'd appreciate your help in making sure we are able to get it into our new neighbors' hands.



## In Remembrance

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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.

Murray Bernard 3/18/18

Donald Post 8/29/2018

John Gasparini 9/6/18

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