



President's Letter

I hope this newsletter finds everyone healthy. I imagine you are living in your Nauset Heights home or your winter home or are with family. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NHA cancelled some of our planned events this past summer. The Golf Outing and the Annual Member Meeting were held. There was a modified Donut Distribution in place of the gathering for the Donut Dip and a modified Sand Sculpture Exhibition instead of the group contest. Also Members voluntarily cleaned up the neighborhood on their own in the Spring and Fall.



Aerial view of Nauset Heights, summer 2020

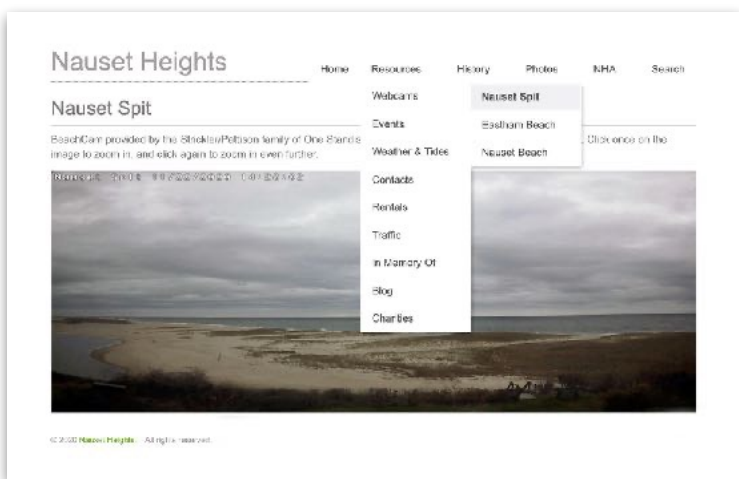
At the Member Meeting it was announced that Fred Turner had resigned as Treasurer. Fred has been the NHA Treasurer for more than a decade. Many thanks to Fred for all his diligence in the role. King Nelson is now the Treasurer. The new Board of Directors met in the Fall and planned a full slate of activities for the summer of 2021. Let's hope these events take place!!

I am in Florida until the first of May. While I am away from Nauset Heights I visit the Nauset Heights website to see the beach and the ocean. Go to <https://www.nausetheights.org/> So much to see there. The Nauset Spit webcam shows a live view of the Spit during daytime and the weather on the

Bluff. Go to History and learn some background of the old Cottages and click on Community and learn some history of the area. Click on photos and see Vintage, Community, Artistic or Aerial photos. Click on NHA and learn about the Officers and Board Members.

Enjoy!

Ann Farnham Deming
NHA President



Live views of Nauset Spit, Eastham Beach and Nauset Beach are located under Resources > Webcams

Dredging Update

At the October 31 Town Meeting, voters approved two articles relating to dredging in Orleans. Voters approved \$120,000 to fund the Town consultant's work in seeking permits for the Nauset Estuary dredging project during the current fiscal year. This project involves dredging a main channel from Town Cove to Nauset Inlet, and a spur channel from the main channel past Snow Shore to Priscilla Landing. Permitting is likely to last at least two years, so it is likely another funding article for additional permitting costs will be on the warrant for the next Town meeting. The permitting stage will include both Federal and state environmental impact analyses, after which the Town will pursue various Federal, state and local permits. Given this long timeline, it is unlikely dredging will begin before 2023.

Voters also approved a \$50,000 Town expenditure for other dredging related costs. Part of the funds will be used for the engineering of dredged material disposal sites in Pleasant Bay. These sites will be used when five Pleasant Bay channels are dredged, probably in 2022. Permitting of the Pleasant Bay dredging work will get underway when the disposal sites are resolved. The rest of the funds will pay for studies related to the dredging of the Mill Pond Channel between Priscilla Landing and the Mill Pond. These studies should be completed next summer. Assuming the studies do not reveal major issues, permitting of the Mill Pond Channel dredging will be folded into permitting of the larger Nauset Estuary project.

The funding approved by the Town Meeting articles now must be approved once more via ballot questions at the special town election on December 1. Please vote!



Aerial view of Nauset Inlet, July 2019

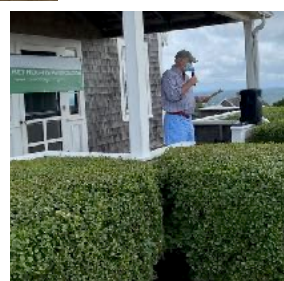
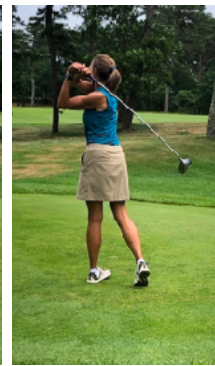
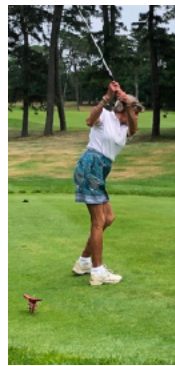


*Voter using wireless voting device at Town Meeting
(photo credit: Cape Cod Times)*



Town Meeting at Nauset Beach, October 31, 2020 (photo credit: Cape Cod Times)

Events



Sand Sculpture Exhibition

TEAM: CHARLIE-O'S
ENTRY: DINOSAND



TEAM: ANDERSEN
ENTRY: THOMAS' DINOSAUR



TEAM: JUST SOME OF THOSE TYNGS
ENTRY: A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT



TEAM: COTTAGE CREW
ENTRY: PULPO AU NATUREL



TEAM: FITZPATRICK
ENTRY: MAYBE NEXT YEAR



TEAM: CRUSTY CRAB (CARMONDY)
ENTRY: SQUIDWARD'S LUCKY DAY



TEAM: CAPE COD CASTLE BUILDERS (NELSON)
ENTRY: BEACH MINION



TEAM: FOXTROT
ENTRY: 2020 COVID + COMET



TEAM: WILLIAMSON
ENTRY: SEA DOG



TEAM: THE SEAGULL CATCHERS (STRICKLER)
ENTRY: GIANT SQUID



Environmental Committee News

Pollinator Program

The NHA Environmental Committee will host a short program with beekeeper and NHA Past President Dave Strickler, and organic Master Gardener neighbor, Ann Rickard Thompson.

You will learn the importance of bees and other pollinators to our world and how to protect them in our neighborhood, homes and gardens with ideas for using native plants that attract bees and butterflies. Please come to the Strickler's home at 1 Standish Road on Saturday, June 6 at 10:00 a.m. Lawn chairs advised. For more information, contact Bill Dunham (chair), Janet Bush or Rigney Cunningham.



Russian sage provides for pollinators when food isn't plentiful

Coyotes (Coywolf)

We have all heard the howling in the middle of the night, but how much do we know about the Eastern coyote that generates it? Jonathan Wray, a local researcher, has compiled his findings in the [Eastern Coyote/Coywolf Research \(ECR\) website](#). If you are confused as to why "coywolf" is in the title with eastern coyote, Wray explains that the eastern coyote is really a hybrid between western coyotes and wolves. He does not believe it is accurate to call them coyotes when their DNA (throughout northeastern North America) is composed of western coyote, eastern wolf, gray wolf, and dog genes.



An Eastern coyote/coywolf meanders along Nauset Inlet

The town of Barnstable has an informative page with some basic steps to follow to help avoid problems with coyotes. Be sure to check it out [here](#).

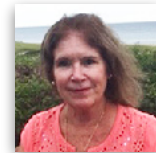
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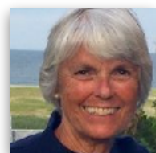
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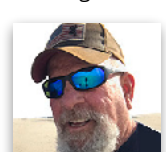
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Member Corner

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.

As of the time of this writing, our association today is 200 member families strong. Please join us in welcoming our newest families who joined in the second half of 2020:

- Susan Kalinoski-Franklin & Thomas Kalinoski
8A Alden Road (Pilgrim Lane)
- Caroline Ogonowski
25B Doane Road (Pilgrim Lane)
- Laura Ogonowski
25B Doane Road (Pilgrim Lane)
- Tighe & Christy Smith
14 Standish Rd

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. 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.



Socially distanced August 2020 member meeting under stormy skies

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.

- Pete Andersen
September 21, 2020
- Betty Barnes
September 3, 2020
- Carol Robinson
July 27, 2020
- Kip Snow (Emeritus member)
September 16, 2020



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