

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

We are starting to see the first signs of spring everywhere. However, this spring is especially welcomed as we never had the opportunity to celebrate it, or any of the seasons, in 2020. We hope that you and your loved ones are well as we anticipate a return to a “new normal” after the pandemic.

The NPPOA is optimistic that we will be able to organize the traditional events that bring our community together. Our beach and rights-of-ways clean-ups, our annual yard sale, and our many get togethers will all be welcomed ways to get to know each other and toast the 2021 Season on Nassau Point.

Over the winter, your Board has continued to work with the Town of Southold on improving our roads, improving drainage, and controlling the speed of vehicles on our streets. We continue to fight for the unfettered access to our beaches and rights-of-way for our residents.

We had over 35 houses change ownership and lots of new families, including many year-round residents, moved in. We welcome all our new members, and we ask everyone to get to know your neighbors, whether old or new.

Finally, the Board would like to remind everyone that it is up to each one of us to preserve “our little slice of paradise.” Worthy of reminder - Please do not speed. Pick-up after your dog. Always keep your dog on a leash. Ride your bike with the traffic. Walk facing traffic. And, for this year, do not forget to wear a mask and social distance when appropriate.

*Best regards,  
Al Martinez-Fonts,  
President  
Nassau Point Property  
Owners Association*



## PROPERTY & PLANNING REPORT

The NPPOA Board has identified several important issues that require attention now that more residents are enjoying walking, biking, and jogging on our roads. It is wonderful to see families, young children, and neighbors traversing our many scenic routes. To encourage these activities, and provide a safer environment, this Committee, headed by Jack DiPaola, has been in contact with the Town’s Highway Department throughout the winter, specifically addressing speeding, drainage, and road repair. Your Board feels some progress has been made but are subject to certain realities – limitations brought on by COVID, increasing demand across the entire Town of Southold, and, of course, budgetary constraints. In this report, the ongoing management of NPPOA issues are discussed.

### SPEEDING & SAFETY

In March, a meeting was held with Roger Tabor, the Deputy Superintendent of the Highway Department, spending a good portion of the morning driving around the Point surveying the inventory of signs. Particular focus was on Nassau Point Road and Vanston Road where, it was agreed, speeding is a usual occurrence on both roads. Although the other roads are important, they are mostly used by the residents that live on them and are used significantly to get to their homes. Contractors use these two main roads to get to their work locations and then slow down as they look for their clients address on the interior roads. It is a fact that residents of a particular street will drive slowly as they approach their homes. As reported previously to the Town, both main roads do not have enough 30 MPH speed signs on them. With Mr. Tabor, new locations on the north and south side where identified where new speeding signs will be installed. The 30 MPH speed signs that are currently located on the interior roads will also be moved to more visible locations

Nassau Point roads have multiple yellow cautionary signs (triangular in shape) - Curve, Slow - 15 MPH, Children at Play, Deer Crossing, etc. They cannot be enforced by traffic laws. These signs are meant to warn the driver about the hazards /

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### *Property & Planning Report continued*

situations lying ahead on the road. The driver should obey these for their own and pedestrian safety. Installing additional cautionary signs was discussed, hoping signage could play a major part in reducing the speeding problem on the Point.

So how do we get this matter under control? Many, including some experts, will opine the best way is by enforcement. The reality is that most of the speeding is done by our residents, a good percentage being NPPOA members. No one “wants to go there”, but the resulting dangers are too monumental. We encourage raising awareness in each household, with our guests, and with contractors. Traveling Nassau Point Road “tip-to-tip” at 50 MPH vs. the posted limit of 30 MPH will “save” far less than one minute.

### **ROADS, DRAINAGE & PAVING**

Also discussed with Mr. Tabor was the planning of Drains and Paving. Last fall, the Committee submitted to the Town an inventory of where the drains are located, and where more are needed (e.g., (i) Haywaters, near Fisherman’s Beach; (ii) intersections of Wunneweta and Old Menhaden; (iii) Nassau Point Road and Vanston; and (iv) Bridge and Nassau Point Road). Mr. Tabor responded that Town backlog is significant, but our projects are on their schedule.

Street cleaning will begin soon, and brush pickup will start in April. NPPOA members are encouraged to prepare for this pick-up. Missing the spring pick-up will result in debris on roadsides until the fall pick-up.

### **POLICE & FIRE PROTECTION**

While touring the Point with Mr. Tabor, it was noticed that many houses do not have their address (STREET NUMBER) either on their mailbox or located visibly near the street entrance to their home / driveway. This is particularly important for Police & Fire personnel to locate your house in case of an emergency. Many homes locate the number of their home across the road from where they live for mail delivery. This practice may impair the ability of Police & Fire Departments to respond to an emergency timely and efficiently.

Jack DiPaola

Chair, Property & Planning Committee

## **HOW I GOT TO NASSAU POINT**

*Arnold & Karen Blair*

As a child, Karen visited her grandparents’ home in Mattituck. She introduced me to the North Fork in 1976 shortly after we met. I fell in love with the area – the empty beaches, farmland vistas and farm stands. Hargrave was the only vineyard. The following summer we rented a house on Nassau Point Road. We loved it so that we rented it year-round for 2 years, enjoying winter weekends walking the snow-covered beaches.

It was an unusual arrangement in that the owner, an elderly Mrs. Demo, lived in a small apartment attached to the house which was accessible through a narrow hallway. We visited her Sunday afternoons for a cocktail, as she related fascinating stories of her early years on Nassau Point.

In 1979, we bought a house on West Road in Fleets Neck. Our children enjoyed spending summers there, as it was a neighborhood with many children.

In 1987, we started searching for a house on the water. Our real estate agent called us in New York City one day advising of a house on Nassau Point that was going to go on the market and suggested we see it before a brokers’ open house scheduled for the coming weekend. We drove out midweek, were awed by the views from the property, walked down to the beach, looked up at the house and said, “We’ll take it!” – even before setting foot in the house.

It turns out our coming to Nassau Point was a homecoming for Karen. We just discovered, within the last week through Ancestry.com, several interesting facts. John Tuttle, born in 1635, who came to Orient from Plymouth, Massachusetts, and was the founder of Southold Town, is Karen’s 10th great-grandfather!! Her family tree contains many other original settlers of Southold. Notably, her great-great grandmother was Electa Ann Tuthill, born in Aquebogue, in 1805.

We have been blessed with 33 years in the most magical spot we could ever imagine.

***Tell us “How You Came to Nassau Point”! Please send your story to the Newsletter Editor at [RWal54@verizon.net](mailto:RWal54@verizon.net).***





# KAYAK NEWS

Last year a kayak and paddle board registration system was initiated for those residents who wish to leave their kayaks or paddle boards **overnight** at NPPOA property. Specifically, Causeway Beach and Landing Road / Fisherman’s Beach raised concerns that both sites had overcrowding problems and that nonresidents were using these areas. As a result of the registration system, Causeway Beach saw a marked decrease in the number of boats stored there.

Each registered kayak / paddle board received a numbered sticker which had to be attached on the bow of the boat. We found that adding clear package tape over the sticker helped it stay on for the season. We ask each of you who have a 2020 sticker to **LEAVE IT** on your boat, perhaps add more clear tape, and it will suffice for the 2021 season.

Those requiring a replacement sticker, or if you have a new registration, please send an email to Noreen Fisher at [NQFisher@gmail.com](mailto:NQFisher@gmail.com) with your name, NP address, preferred email address, phone, and mailing address, if different. You will be mailed a sticker at no cost. Please cover stickers with clear packing tape when you put it on your boat. You do NOT need a sticker if you do not plan on leaving your vessels overnight on NPPOA property.


Once or twice a month during the summer, NPPOA will again organize group kayak trips for those interested. Everyone who has registered a boat will automatically receive an email notice. If you do not wish to be on the email chain, simply let us know. Those who do not need to register can get on the kayak trip email list by sending an email to [NQFisher@gmail.com](mailto:NQFisher@gmail.com), requesting to be added. We informally arrange these trips during the week to avoid weekend boat traffic and we launch either from Fisherman’s Beach or Causeway Beach. All participants are required to wear their life jackets while on the water.

Welcome to a new season on the water.

Noreen Fisher  
Chair, Kayak Committee



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# MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND UPDATES

## NEW MEMBERS:

*Nassau Point has seen an explosion of new residents. Between the Winters of 2020 and 2021 a total of 50 homes have been sold and purchased. We are delighted to report that 30 of those households have joined our membership. We would like to introduce our latest members as of this Newsletter. Please join us in welcoming the following families to the NPPOA:*

<b>Claudia &amp; Panos Voyiatzis</b>	<b>910 Vanston Road</b>
<b>Barbara &amp; Danny Fisher</b>	<b>1652 Bridge Lane</b>
<b>Katie &amp; Bob Doctor</b>	<b>1175 Haywaters Road</b>
<b>Christine &amp; Jerry Ioveno</b>	<b>1320 Little Peconic Bay Road</b>
<b>Samatha &amp; James Moore</b>	<b>75 Haywaters Road</b>
<b>Andrea Parks (Returning member)</b>	<b>3995 Nassau Point Road</b>
<b>Alana &amp; Brian Fuller</b>	<b>1435 Vanston Road</b>
<b>Vironica &amp; Eugene Rusu</b>	<b>900 Haywaters Road</b>
<b>Penelope &amp; Gregory Pitaro</b>	<b>2465 Wunneweta Road</b>
<b>Cayley &amp; Sean Gelbwaks</b>	<b>1285 Bayberry Road</b>

*As we begin to emerge from the pandemic, we anticipate resuming our annual events, including our New Members Meet and Greet Welcome Gathering.*

## Members Display Their Generosity

*We would like to thank the following members for their contributions over and above the annual dues. These donations are enormously helpful in achieving our goals to keep our community safe and beautiful for all to share. Our appreciation goes to these families:*

Avolese, Barthel, A. Blair, J. Blair, Bolfill, Brady, Brennan, Brewster, Carubba, Cornwell, Coster, Deak, DeBorger, Despagni, DiPaola, Dircks, Duva, Fisher, Fleming, Flotteron, Friedland, Dylewsky/Gallagher, Giese, Hansen, K. Harrison, P.Harrison, Hickey, Hill, Hochstasser, Hughes, Hussey, Iovino, Kasschau, Keating, Kutner, Kegendre, Leone, Lindsay, Lott, Ludlam, Maniga, Marlin, Martini, Masso, Mayne, McCarthy, McCartney, McManus, McSherry, Mirro, Molloy, Monaghan, Ng, Niebling, Paterno, Perretta, Previte, Radin, Rathgeber, C. Riely, J. Riley, Rollauer, Rosenblum, Sena, Slade, Slattery, Soto, Stack, Stagg, Stark, Stauffer, Stronski, Thompson, Thorp, Toscano, Walters, Wansor, Watson, Weber, Weiland, Zimmer.

**\*An extra special thank you goes to these families for their very generous donations which we greatly appreciate:  
Al & Raquel Martinez-Fonts, James & Samantha Moore, and Chris & Mary Pia.**

Donna Mayne  
Chair, Membership Committee



## DEER COMMITTEE REPORT



We are having the best deer cull ever this season, despite challenging conditions for the hunters. With so many residents living here full time due to the pandemic there is naturally more human activity outdoors, which alters deer movement and sometimes limits the ability to hunt. Hamilton Archers hunters have nonetheless done an admirable job, even hunting long hours through the night in order to be successful in helping us achieve success. We have so far culled 29 deer, 23 of them does. That means about 75 fewer deer on the Point this summer, as each doe usually has 2 fawns. The total for the last 5 culls is 118 deer – thus hundreds of fewer deer on Nassau Point. It also means fewer hosts for ticks, less foliage and woodland damage, and reduced risk of auto collision.

The North Fork Deer Alliance has reported we have the most well organized and successful deer cull of any community on Long Island.

I have, however, received reports from residents of more deer herd sightings. Craig Jobes, who organizes the hunters and manages our cull, estimates that after the cull there are between 20-30 deer now on Nassau Point, but their tendency now is to travel in herds, which accounts for such sightings. It is likely the same herd is spotted at different locations as the herd moves around.

In summer, does and their fawns separate from males and you will likely see a few males traveling together. In summer, the population swells to about 40-50 with newborns, as well as deer coming from off the Point. Of the 20-30 current deer population, Mr. Jobes estimates 60% are male and only 40% are remaining reproductive does.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Deer Fund. Contributions are still welcome as the fund is used to incentivize and reward the hunters. Please make check payable to NPPOA Deer Fund and mail to NPPOA Deer Fund, PO Box 346, Cutchogue NY 11935.

Arnold Blair  
Chair, Deer Committee

## THE HISTORY CORNER: VIGNETTES OF THE POINT

Nassau Point is a place for conservation.

Nassau Point is a bird sanctuary.

Nassau Point is where many homes that were once summer cottages opened in the spring and shuttered for the winter, are now lovely permanent residences.

Nassau Point is a landscape where trailing arbutus is found beneath pine trees in the woods. Arbutus is an endangered species with flowers that are a beautiful bell-shaped pink. Residents do not pick the flowers, but deer love to forage for them.

Nassau Point is where residents who do not have waterfront property treasure the ROWs for their access to sand, shells and colorful stones.

Nassau Point is a haven where grandchildren visit. We will squeeze in together, walk to the very end of the Point, eat clams on our decks and pray that generations to come will also enjoy, laugh, swim, sail and conserve forever.

Susan Everett Brewster  
Historian

## IN MEMORIAM

**Peter Masso**

**Robert Barratt**

March 2, 2021

**James Trentalange**

March 17, 2021

**Doris Stauffer**

March 19, 2021

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>BEACH &amp; RIGHT-OF-WAY CLEAN-UP</b> Causeway Beach, 8:00 am	<b>May 22</b>
<b>FAMILY PICNIC</b> Time & Location – TBD	<b>June 5</b>
<b>YARD SALE</b> Causeway Beach, 7:00 am	<b>June 12</b>
<b>ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING</b> Peconic Lane Recreation Center, 9:00 am	<b>July 24</b>
<b>ANNUAL WINE &amp; CHEESE PARTY</b> Location – TBD, 5:00 pm	<b>July 24</b>
<b>FALL WINE PARTY</b> Time & Location – TBD	<b>September 18</b>

*All events will follow recommended COVID guidelines in effect at the time of the event.  
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