

Nantucket Preservation Association President's Letter Annual Meeting January 28, 2017

Fellow Neighbors:

I recently became President of the NPA Board and have been honored to work with the Board and the Residents in Nantucket. 2016 has come and gone and with several accomplishments and other ongoing challenges. What seemed long ago was that we were successful with the College Station City Council in making sure a convenience store or filling station would not be built on the property at the entrance to Nantucket Drive by showing up in force and speaking to preserve our residential neighborhood. We (lead by Marie Wolfe) have tirelessly work with the County and the City of College Station and were successful in getting the No Trucks signs installed at the entrances to our neighborhood, which has reduced the amount of through truck traffic in Nantucket. While several other residents have formed a Tracking Roads Advisory Committee (lead by Karen Pitts) that continues to work feverishly to prevent the future dividing of our neighborhood if Harpers Ferry Rd. and Nantucket Rd. become collector roads feeding SH 6.

The Board changed the bylaws on the definition of a quorum in order to prevent having second Annual Meeting to adopt the motions acted on during the original Annual Meeting thanks to Bernie Bernard. Also, Bernie has recreated the Nantucket Website to better serve our neighborhood. The entrances from SH 6 and Arrington Rd have new lights installed to better light the entrances into our neighborhood thanks to Kim Thompson and Kevin Griffin. And Kim Thompson and Cecivon Garcia have been working hard to keep the entrances looking very nice while Kevin has worked hard to keep the sprinkler system and monument lighting working. Cecivon has overseen the maintenance mowing of the park and road right of ways and had the trees pruned within the park to keep it very attractive.

Unfortunately a part of our neighborhood was destroyed by feral pigs, but it fueled the neighbors within the area to band together, and watch out for signs of damage and to act to protect their properties. We had 2 experts on feral pigs present information on the best methods for reducing the potential threat from the pigs and several of the neighbors volunteered to get releases signed so that the state trapper could enter the properties to trap the pigs. And others formed a committee to communicate any activity and try to head off the problem on the adjacent larger tracts of land. Our hats are off to this group for their "will do" approach and teamwork to minimize future incidents.

This Board is steadfast in continuing to work on current issues and has proposed to look further down the road to future projects such as; new signs at the park, studying ways to prevent the erosion occurring from the concrete spillway into the creek passing under SH 6, inspecting the timber piling under the fishing pier, and continuing to improving the appearance of the entrances with more landscaping and better lighting.

All in all, we are very proud to live in Nantucket and truly appreciate having everyone in Nantucket as neighbors.

Best Wishes for a Great 2017,

Bob Cochrane
Nantucket Preservation Board President