

TOM NEVERS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

July 2010 Newsletter

Important Dates ...

“Latest on Lyme” Forum
Thursday, July 8th



Our Annual Cocktail Party
Saturday, July 24th



The Boston Pops at Jetties
Saturday, August 14th



Our Annual Meeting
Wednesday, August 18th
7:00pm at the Sconset Casino



Demolition Derby
Sunday, August 22nd



Island Fair at Tom Nevers Field
Sat./Sun., September 11th & 12th

Your 2010 Dues Invoice ...

If an invoice is enclosed, we still
haven't received your 2010 Dues
Payment.

Please be a pal and send us your dues
check ASAP.

What's Ticking ?

Now that Nantucket voters have spoken, the Selectmen...acting as the Board of Health...have asked the Nantucket Tick-borne Disease Committee to move ahead in finalizing plans for a comprehensive effort to reduce the incidence of tick-borne diseases on Nantucket.

To be effective, the effort will consist of five coordinated parts—

1. Deer Reduction—through a carefully-planned and monitored deer herd reduction program that will be implemented in five phases over several years.

2. Vegetation Management— with an effort designed to reduce the number of ticks in close proximity to homes and recreational areas...by encouraging homeowners, landscaping contractors and conservation organizations to cut back some of the shrubby and woody foliage where ticks thrive.

3. Pesticide Usage— To seek approval, on an experimental basis, for the use of a number of “Four Poster” installations to treat feeding deer with an authorized pesticide. And equally important...considering that many property-owners may already be using pesticides...to institute a program that will monitor the overall level of acaricides in environmentally sensitive areas across the Island.

4. Public Education— Recognizing that personal protection is our first line of defense in avoiding tick-borne dis-

eases, an ongoing program will be implemented to teach and remind both residents and visitors how to avoid tick bites and tick infections.

5. Measuring Results— Our singular goal is to reduce to a minimal level the incidence of tick-borne diseases on Nantucket.

To let us measure our progress toward achieving this goal...and to guide any necessary mid-course corrections...reliable data is needed on an ongoing basis—both from the health community and from the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife.

Throughout, it is essential that we monitor the changing number of our tick-borne diseases and the changing density of our deer herd. ❖

On April 13th
(by a 2-to-1 margin)
Nantucket voters
said “yes”
to increasing the
Island’s deer harvest
to combat
tick-borne diseases.

So, what's happened to date?

A great deal!

Deer Reduction— On April 28th, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to instruct the Nantucket Tick-borne Disease Committee to meet with island hunters to craft a plan to reduce Nantucket’s deer population. On May 28th, the NTDC held a public meeting with island hunters and interested parties to get their input for a “Nantucket Driven Plan”. These ideas were then collated, synthesized and discussed in an open Committee Meeting. Subsequently, the NTDC asked Fish &

Wildlife for their “unofficial comments” in order to get a sense of what current thinking might be at the State level. Once this “unofficial response” is received from Fish & Wildlife, the NTDC will develop and present a formal proposal to the Board of Health/Board of Selectmen. Following approval by these Nantucket officials, negotiations with Fish & Wildlife will begin. The goal is to have all approvals and implementation resources in place prior to the 2011 hunting season.

Public Education— On July 8th, a major public forum will be held at the Nantucket High School Auditorium. (See separate article in this issue.) Personal protection, vegetation management...and far more...will be featured at this important community forum.

To design and implement an ongoing, effective...and contemporary...public education program, the NTDC has enlisted the students and professors at Worcester Polytechnic Institute to develop—as part of their fall semester—a special communications program. Adding to this will be numerous letters, articles and features for the local media...along with personal appearances at local meetings and events.

Measuring Results— As part of improving both our passive and active surveillance systems, the Board of Health (at the NTDC’s request) has authorized Dr. Tim Lepore to act as their agent in collecting statistics on tick-borne diseases on the Island. This provides the legal mechanism for Dr. Lepore to share with the Board of Health the third-party-sponsored research that he is collecting from other Nantucket physicians and from the Nantucket Cottage Hospital. Dr. Lepore’s compiled results will provide us with a more comprehensive and accurate measure of the incidence of tick-borne disease rates on the Island. (Realistically, we may never have an accurate estimate of the incidence of tick-borne diseases contracted on-Island, but diagnosed off-Island.)

Costs— An effective program has costs. And certainly, funds are tight. For that reason, wherever possible, grants from non-profit organizations and public agencies will be sought out. It should be noted, that thanks to the support of Dr. Lepore and Worcester Polytechnic Institute, significant cost savings will be realized. ❖

The TNCA wishes to officially applaud...and publicly thank...Dr. Malcolm MacNab and his entire Nantucket Tick-borne Disease Committee for their dedicated efforts, unmatched expertise, and generous service on our behalf. ❖

Much progress has already been made...and we look forward with confidence to their leadership in overcoming this major challenge to the health and economic well-being of our beloved Island. ❖

Get Informed:

Learn all the “Latest on Lyme”

You can learn all the “Latest on Lyme” at a free public forum of national experts—to be held at the Nantucket High School Auditorium on Thursday, July 8th from 10:00AM to 11:30AM.

Five of the nation’s leading Lyme disease experts will be there to brief you on the latest developments in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease and other tick-borne infections. Then in a lively Q&A session, they’ll open the floor to address your specific questions and concerns.

Brought to Nantucket by “LymeMD” (the non-profit Lyme Disease Research Foundation based in Baltimore, MD)—the forum will be moderated by **Jim Lentowski**, Executive Director of the Nantucket Conservation Foundation.

The Forum will feature **Dr. Timothy J. Lepore, M.D., FACS**, President of the Nantucket Cottage Hospital Medical Staff; **Dr. John N. Aucott, M.D.**, President & Founder of LymeMD (the Lyme Disease Research Foundation) and a member of the Johns Hopkins Hospital Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases Divisions; **Malcolm W. MacNab, M.D., PhD**, Chairman of the Nantucket Tick-borne Disease Committee; **Peter J. Krause, M.D.**, Senior Research Scientist, Division of Epidemiology of Microbial Diseases, Yale School of Public Health, Yale University; and **Sam R. Telford III, ScD**, Associate Professor of Infectious Diseases, Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, Tufts University.

**Thursday, July 8th
10 – 11:30 AM**



**Nantucket High School
Auditorium**

Come Meet & Greet !

Mark your calendar...and get ready to celebrate at our

Annual TNCA Cocktail Party

Hosted in the garden at Eleanor & Steve Roethke's beautiful home.

The Date: July 24th (rain date July 25th)

The Time: 5:30-7:00 pm

The Place: 23 Flintlock Road

New This Year—

If you can, please bring one of your favorite hors d'oeuvres to share at the party.

We'd like to lighten the load on that group of regulars who have been providing our wonderful hors d'oeuvres over the years.

Plus...we'll all get to sample some of your special treats!



TNCA Annual Meeting To be held at Sconset Casino...

More convenient new place..More convenient day-of-the-week and time...With a guest speaker primed to answer all your questions about our property tax assessments on Nantucket.

The Date...August 18th

The Time...7:00—8:30pm

The Place...Sconset Casino

**Our Guest Speaker...Debbie Dilworth,
Nantucket Town Assessor**

At our Annual Meeting, we'll also be electing two TNCA Directors. If you'd like to be a candidate....call or email our TNCA Secretary —

**Jane Connell...508-257-9818
janeack@comcast.net**



What's Your Legal Liability?

Some of our members have been asking—
"What's our legal liability if we let hunters use our property?"

According to Massachusetts General Law—
(M.G.L., Chapter 21 : Section 17C)—

Any landowner permitting the use of his or her property for recreational purposes without charging a fee is not liable for personal injuries or property damage sustained by such members of the public, except in cases of willful wanton or reckless conduct by the owner.

You can learn more by going to the Mass Wildlife site at—

www.mass.gov/dfwele

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TNCA Officers - 2009-10

Dual Macintyre ...President
Jack Warner ... Vice President
Jane Connell ... Secretary
Steve Roethke ... Treasurer

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Ralph Mueller ... 2012
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Our Greater Tom Nevers Neighborhood

Tom Nevers East-

Chuck Hollow/Crestwood/Flintlock/
Green Hollow/Heath/Jonathan/ Long-
wood /Lyons/Parson/Sandpiper/
Sandsbury/Whitetail/Wood Hollow

Tom Nevers South-

Bosworth/Cheshire/Dorset/Elliott's/
Hampshire/Hollister/Lyford/Marcus/
Mayhew/Nichols/Old Tom Nevers/
Surrey/Sussex/Van Fleet/Wanoma

Tom Nevers West-

Arlington/Berkley/Clarendon/
Cornwall /Dartmouth/Devon/Driscoll/
Exeter/Fairfield/Gloucester/
Huntington/Ipswich/Kendrick/Marion

Tom Nevers Central-

Tom Nevers Road

Madequecham West-

Hinsdale/Madequecham Valley/New
South /Russell's/Waquoit/Wigwam/
Wright's Landing

Our TNCA Website:

Check it out.

It's loaded with useful info on
your Association., including...

- Info on our neighborhood, TNCA,
and our complete Area Plan.
- The detailed recommendations of
the Tick-borne Disease Committee.
- Past TNCA Newsletters in pdf form.
- White Papers on several topics of
neighborhood interest.
- Dozens of quick info-links to other
Nantucket organizations.
- Plus much more...

You can access it at—
www.tomnevers.org

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Tom Nevers Civic Association
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Nantucket, MA 02584

You Deserve a Break Today-

With visiting family and guests, projects-a-plenty, duties to others, and lots of commitments to keep...what should be a relaxing summer can rush by with hardly a breather for yourself. So why not take a night or two (or even more) off...to kick back and have fun. Here are just a few of the zillion options just minutes away—

Movies, Movies, Movies...

In addition to the cozy **Starlight Theatre** on Union Street, there are a number of other places where you can catch a great flick during July and August...

- The **Dreamland Theatre** will be screening family-friendly films in the great out-of-doors.
- The **Sconset Casino** will be showing current films every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday nights... starting at 8:00pm...for just \$5.00.
- The **Egan Maritime Institute** will be screening classic Maritime Movies at the **Coffin School** (Mutiny on the Bounty, Treasure Island, Moby Dick, Master and Commander, and more.) Showtime is 7:00pm every Monday night. And they're free!
- Free movies are also back at the **Sconset Chapel**...starting Wednesday evening, July 7th at 7:30pm. For the full schedule, go to— www.sconsetchapel.org. ❖

Music, Music, Music...

In addition to the **Boston Pops at Jetties Beach**...great concerts at various Churches and Halls around Town... high-energy music at the **Box**, the **Muse**, the **Rose & Crown** and other clubs...and those big-name-star fund raisers...don't forget the "**Nantucket Musical Arts Society**" series at the **Congregational Church**. On six Tuesday nights in July and August...they bring truly world-class classical musicians to our shores. (Their concerts are regularly "sold out" at Carnegie Hall!) Concerts start at 8:00pm and cost an amazingly low \$15 at the door. ❖

Lectures & Book Talks...

There's something going on almost every night...especially at the **Nantucket Atheneum** and the **NHA Whaling Museum**...and most are free. Then there are the biggies at the **Unitarian Church** and **Nantucket High School**...where you can see and hear Thomas Friedman, Nat Philbrick, Chuck Geschke & Bob Melcalfe and many others.

- But one program you don't want to miss is "**Sconset History Night: The Actor's Colony**" at the **Sconset Casino**. It takes place on August 16th.

More on back...

Dance, Dance, Dance...

You can put on your dancing shoes and boogie all night...but if classical ballet is your thing, the **Nantucket Atheneum Dance Festival** is a dream come true.

- It kicks off at 7:00pm on July 26th and 27th with two free dance films in the **Atheneum Great Hall**...a Jerome Robbins documentary and "West Side Story".
- Then it moves to **Nantucket High School** on July 28th...with a free 4:00pm live ballet performance for children.
- On July 29th at 4:00pm at **Nantucket High School**... there's a special Dance Lecture & Demonstration by acclaimed choreographer, Benjamin Millepied.
- All this builds up to two breathtaking Gala Ballet Performances at **Nantucket High School**... featuring 16 star dancers from the American Ballet Theatre and the New York City Ballet. Performances are at 6:30pm on both Friday, July 30th and Saturday, July 31st.
- On the morning of July 31st, two Youth Master Ballet Classes will also be held at the High School for pre-registered students. ❖

The Play's the Thing...

There are all those great **Theatre Workshop of Nantucket** plays to see...there's the **Shakespeare Festival**...and more. But closer to home, at the **Sconset Casino**, you can see "On-the-Isle's" production of "Nunsense". It runs from July 22nd -to- July 25th. At a date yet to be announced, "On-the-Isle" will also present "The Actor's Nightmare" in workshop form. ❖

September & October...

You've made it through the summer in one piece...so enjoy these extra treats—

- Nantucket Restaurant Week – September 27th through October 3rd.
- Nantucket Cranberry Festival – October 9th.
- Nantucket Arts Festival – Dates & Program yet to be announced. ❖

Want All the Specific Details...

The fastest and most convenient way to get them is to check out the Events Calendar at these two Nantucket websites...www.nantucketchamber.org...www.yesterdaysisland.com. ❖

Enjoy!!

TNCA MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT

Statement Date: March 1, 2010
Due Date: April 1, 2010
Account #: 127

*Reminder...
We still haven't
received your 2010
Dues Payment!*

Description
■ ANNUAL DUES — Tom Nevers Civic Association (January 1 –to– December 31, 2010) \$ 15.00
■ ANNUAL DUES — Nantucket Civic League (\$5.00)..... Included in your TNCA Dues
2010 Total — Please pay this amount \$ 15.00

The Tom Nevers Civic Association is your “official neighborhood organization”—giving voice to your concerns at the Local, Town, County and Statewide levels. With a volunteer board and volunteer officers, elected by you, our singular focus is in shaping the outcomes of key decisions that will directly affect the quality-of-life and property values in the Greater Tom Nevers Neighborhood. And in this we’re succeeding. With more than 525 members, our collective voice is being heard “loud and clear”. Your Membership Dues make all this possible !

The Tom Nevers Civic Association, Inc. is a non-profit organization under IRS Code: 501(C)(4).

Please cut here and remit this portion with your payment. Thank you!

TOM NEVERS CIVIC ASSOCIATION / 2010 Membership Renewal Form

- Enclosed is my check for \$15 for 2010 dues.
- Enclosed is my check for \$30 for 2010 and 2011 dues.
- I've also enclosed a special contribution of _____ to help TNCA protect and improve our neighborhood.

Name(s) as you wish to be listed _____

Island Property location _____

Island Mailing Address _____ Tel. _____

Off-Island Address _____

_____ Tel. _____

Current Email address _____

Preferred mailing address: _____ Off-Island _____ On-Island

**Please make your check payable to the “Tom Nevers Civic Association”
And return with this form to — Dual Macintyre / TNCA / P.O. Box 2926 / Nantucket, MA 02584**