

TOM NEVERS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Winter 2011 Newsletter

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Announcing our new
TNCA Email Alert Service.

To get it, please make sure we have your latest email address.



Things to keep your eye on...

Like a new challenge to our current sewer funding formula.

Like the status of the Cape Wind Nantucket Sound project.



Our 2011 Member Survey...

It'll take you just minutes to complete and it will let us serve you far better.



And your 2011 TNCA Dues invoice is also enclosed...

Please be a pal and don't just set it aside.

We'd really appreciate getting your dues check ASAP.

Is there a bike path in our future?

For many years, we've asked for a bike path along Tom Nevers Road. And as you'll probably recall, it's a key element in our Area Plan. But while sympathetic to our need from a safety point-of-view, the Town has told us again and again that we're at least 17th down in their spending priority list. A bike path would cost at least \$3.4-million—not including the huge added cost of securing the necessary land by eminent domain. And with the Town's capital budgets being pressed even tighter these days, it's realistic to conclude that a Tom Nevers Road bike path might never get built in our lifetimes!

But not one to just settle...our own Pam Bartlett-Little has stepped up and seized the initiative in a big way. Working with the Town's transportation planner, Mike Burns, and with the Town's attorney...Pam has proposed an alternative solution that will cut estimated construction costs in half...eliminate the need for property-taking by eminent domain...and reduce the estimated construction time significantly.

Rather than build a costly separate "bike path", Pam's proposal is to widen Tom Nevers Road along one side to create a dedicated and clearly-marked "bike lane"...a "bike lane" that pedestrians can also use safely. The cost savings would be enormous because the Town already has most all

the necessary easements to widen Tom Nevers Road. Also, the potential environmental impact would be minimal, because the land has already been cleared or cut.

To further this initiative...Pam, acting as a private citizen, has filed an Article to be included in the April Town Meeting. It asks the Town to fund the initial engineering/design/permitting phase of the project...at an estimated cost of \$250,000. Completing the full project would add an estimated \$1,500,000.

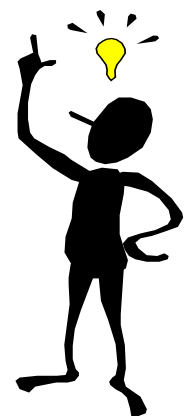
With other Nantucket capital projects already being slashed or postponed, Pam's spending request may

not receive Town Meeting approval... at least not this year!

But it's a great solution that your TNCA Board fully supports. We recommend that we all get behind it...and keep pushing until it happens! Thanks Pam...for your great and hard work on our behalf!! ❖

A Tom Nevers Road
bike path
has been near the
very top of
our wish list .

Funding it has been
the big obstacle.



You've Got Mail...

We're happy to announce that starting this spring, TNCA will launch a new email alert service that will give you up-to-the-minute news on happenings and events affecting our neighborhood.

When added to our quarterly newsletters and our TNCA website, this will let you keep far better informed on those issues affecting our property-values and quality-of-life here in the Greater Tom Nevers Area. And as an added benefit... in the future we'll be able to conduct our member surveys online...saving both cost and time.

And here's our promise—

- All our TNCA emails will be short, to-the-point, and quick to scan. Links will be included to let you drill deeper for more information...but only if you wish.
- You won't be inundated with emails. No general chat stuff...ever! Only things you'll really want to know about will be covered. Events will dictate the frequency.
- You'll be able to "unsubscribe" at any time. Every TNCA email that you receive will give you that "unsubscribe" option. ❖

But to get started—it's important that we reconfirm your current email address.

Please provide it on the "Annual Dues Form" enclosed.

Or fire off a quick email to Jack Warner at— jawarner@optonline.net



Blue Skies Ahead...

If the recession and the weather have left you yearning for sunnier days, Nantucket this summer should be a dream come true.

Our favorite climate prognosticators predict clear blue skies, low humidity and perfect temperatures. And our economics crystal-ballers forecast that due to all the recent belt-tightening, Nantucket this summer will be less frantic, less congested, and less pricey. More enjoyable than ever. More like the "good old days".

Without doubt, the recession has impacted our Island economy. More than two thousand short-term workers have pulled up stakes and left the Island. And that once daily influx of off-Island contractors is now pretty-much a thing of the past.

A number of restaurants and high-end stores have closed. And others have adjusted offerings and lowered prices to match demand. One could safely say that Nantucket's glitzy-excesses and run-away-costs have finally come back down to earth. Things are a bit calmer...and more small-town neighborly.

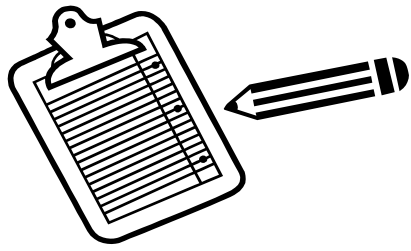
And significantly, with tax revenues slowing down, the Town is curtailing spending...always a good sign when it comes to our future real estate taxes.

Certainly, tough times have hit our construction trades and our real estate market. But Nantucket seems to be coming out of the downturn a bit faster than most. Another good sign for those with properties to sell, and families to feed. And if the recent Christmas Stroll is any indica-

tion, our popularity as a holiday destination remains vibrant.

Add it all together and we predict that this summer will be one of our best. Ever! And just to be safe...we're crossing our fingers. ❖





Who are we? And what do we like best?

**Please complete and return
the Survey Form enclosed!**

Take a few minutes to complete and return the enclosed "Getting To Know Each Other Better" survey form. When tallied, we'll all gain some fascinating insights into our shared interests and views. And that can't help but lead to an even more neighborly neighborhood!

And of course, the tallied results will be reported in our next TNCA newsletter. ❖

Your Dues are Due

As your "Official Neighborhood Association", the Tom Nevers Civic Association both needs and values your continued financial support.

Our TNCA dues remain just \$15 per year for your entire household... and that includes \$5.00 for your annual membership in the Nantucket Civic League. Also included are our quarterly TNCA Newsletters... our comprehensive Website... the new TNCA Email Service... and our annual TNCA Member Cocktail Party and Annual Meeting. Plus all our out-of-pocket expenses to keep working on your behalf to protect our property values and quality-of-life here in the Greater Tom Nevers Area. It's even tax deductible! ❖

**Please send in your 2011
Membership Dues ASAP !!!**

Things to keep your eye on...

Sewer Funding...

For more than two years we fought hard to make sure that the funding for the \$45-million Wastewater Treatment Facility at Surfside would be fair to all of us on septic systems. (The fair allocation—one-third to those actually using the sewer system, one-third to new sewer hook-ups, and one-third spread across the entire tax base... which includes us.)

Since we don't use the sewer system and will have to personally bear the full cost of maintaining or replacing our own septic system when and if it fails...we successfully argued that anything more than a one-third assessment would be patently "unfair" to those of us on septic systems. We prevailed...and that one-third, one-third, one-third formula became the law about five years ago.

Now someone wants to change that! One former selectman is proposing that the old formula be thrown out—to be replaced by a new formula that will raise our share of the costs significantly. And if new sewer lines are extended into Monomoy...a concept now under consideration...the financial impact on those of us in Tom Nevers could be even greater.

When, and, and if this proposed Warrant makes its way to the April Town Meeting...do everything you can to make your voice heard. This is a biggie that we can't afford to lose! ❖



New Police Station...

The impressive...and much needed...new 36,000-square-foot Public Safety Building off Fairgrounds Road has just opened and is now home to the Nantucket Police Department, the Island's 911 system, and a well-equipped new 100-seat public meeting facility. In the future, it may also house other Nantucket public safety departments.

Many have asked how much did it cost? And how will my real estate taxes be impacted? Starting this year, you can figure on being billed an extra \$39 per year on a property assessed at \$600,000...or an extra \$78 per year on a property assessed at \$1,200,000.

Of the facility's total \$15-million cost, \$9-million (60-percent) will be paid out of ongoing deeds-excise revenue. The remaining \$6-million will add to our real estate tax bills.

The Nantucket Civic League is planning a presentation on the evolution of the building. And public tours will be offered. This summer, you might want to come see both. ❖

Cape Wind...

The EPA has just issued the final permit needed by Cape Wind Associates...to let them begin construction and operation of a massive 180-turbine wind farm on Horseshoe Shoal in Nantucket Sound.

But wait! They still have to finance the project. And they're working with Barclays Capital to find investors and banks willing to back the project.

Always optimistic, Cape Winds' president says they're hopeful that the investment dollars will roll in and they can begin... "producing power in around 2012."

Keep an eye out for those 180 windmills. You can't miss them! ❖

TNCA

TNCA Officers - 2010-11

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

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Robert Hestwood .. 2012
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Kathy Baird ... 2011
Dix Shevalier ... 2013
Pam Bartlett-Little ...2013
Lucas Fischer ...Director at Large

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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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Tom Nevers Civic Association
P.O. Box 2926
Nantucket, MA 02584

TNCA Membership Dues Invoice

Statement Date:	January 15, 2011
Due Date:	March 1, 2011
Account #:	312

Description...	Amount...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 2011 ANNUAL DUES — Tom Nevers Civic Association (January 1 –to– December 31, 2011) \$ 15.00 ■ 2011 ANNUAL DUES — Nantucket Civic League (\$5.00)..... Included in your TNCA Dues 	
2011 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 / 2011 Membership Renewal Form

- Enclosed is my check for \$15 for 2011 dues.
 - Enclosed is my check for \$30 for 2011and 2012 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. _____
- 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**

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- Please make sure that I receive all important Tom Nevers “News Alerts” via email.
My current email address is _____