

Greetings Neighbors and Friends

MAY 2016

Your Society was established (and chartered*) for the purpose of improving and ornamenting the streets and public grounds of the Village of Dennis October, 1902. That was **114 years ago**. We're still here, following the same mandate. A venerable organization indeed.

"I expect to pass through this world but once: any good thing therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to a fellow creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

PROVERBIAL SAYING

Some more recent happenings:

At the Playground: A new large structure and safer ground cover were installed last spring. Since then 4 new benches have been put in place. One of these benches was donated by Robert and Johanna



Perry in memory of their son, Bob. The Playground was their family's favorite place in Dennis. **Acorn Landscaping** installed all these benches. Gratis. Also, a damaged sign was replaced along with some broken swings. We now have a dolphin spring toy bouncing next to the seahorse.

Nearby: Across from the Playground on Nobscussett Road (behind Nobscussett Park) a municipal parking lot on the former Kelley property is being developed. Your Society is taking the lead in assisting the Town in this much needed project.

See the nearby box listing the many businesses that help your Society throughout the year. When you have occasion to visit any of them please remember to thank them. The help of these civic minded folks is well, invaluable, to your Society.

A shout out to **Bill Creighton**, a member of our Executive Board and a volunteer since forever. He takes care of the flag on our Green. He knows what holidays it needs to be flown at half mast and keeps an eagle eye to be sure a torn flag is replaced. Bill is a member of VFW Post 10274, East Dennis.

We lost a valuable member, **Russ Tomasetti**, this past February. He and wife Kathy joined V.I.S. in 2012. He hit the ground running, volunteering for anything that needed to be done. Kathy became our secretary. Russ wanted donations in his memory to be earmarked for the Playground.

Our properties** could be defined as a **SHARED COMMUNAL SPACE**. Improved and maintained by dozens of volunteers using their time, talents and energy, who love our fair Village-by-the Sea. Once each spring we ask for your help. We trust you will find us worthy. *We anticipate your donation and thank you in advance.*

Sincerely,

Pat Hassett



Acknowledgments:

The Society wishes to acknowledge the following for their support and in-kind donations: Village Garden Club of Dennis, Acorn Landscaping, Bartlett Tree Experts, E. Lambton Landscaping, Hart Farm, Scotts Lawnservice, Fairway Tree and Lawn, Curb Appeal Landscaping, and Liz Philbrook.

Coming Up:

- May 30 Memorial Day parade on the Village Green
- June 27 Monday Painters will return. Every Monday.
- July 9 Dream Day fund raiser
- August 13 Dennis Union Church Auction
- October 1 Apple Festival and Cape Cod Spinners

Schedule for our ever popular Monday night summer band concerts are listed on the reverse.

Help Needed:

Alas, after 30 years **Carole Bell** is retiring as director of a beloved holiday tradition here in Dennis, the Living Creche and the Annual Candlelight Procession. Time for the torch to be passed. Literally. We are seeking a new leader or perhaps a team to come forward and carry on.

* A copy of this original charter hangs in Dennis Memorial Library
 ** V.I.S properties include the Village Green on the corner of 6A and Old Bass River road in front of the Union Church; the Playground on the corner of Nobscussett and New Boston roads; the Soldier's Training Field along 6A. We also maintain the Nobscussett Park