

# Greetings Neighbors and Friends

MAY 2017

You say you're tired of all the negative news? You say the country has turned mean and everyone out there is ripping off everyone else? In this world of greed is everyone looking out for numero uno with a get-them-before-they-get-you mentality? Let me tell you about an oasis, right here in Dennis...

“Wherever you turn, you can find someone who needs you. Even if it is a little thing, do something for which there is no pay but the privilege of doing it. Remember, you don't live in the world all of your own.”  
ALBERT SCHWEITZER

**Volunteering:** It's a great antidote to what's in the news. For every looter you see on television we have dozens of volunteers who pitch in and work to keep our Town and our Village the way they love it. These volunteers and your donations are the life blood of your Society. Each year we use this newsletter to publicly thank some of these volunteers. We tell you about our projects. We ask you to join with us.

**At the Park:** Have you noticed the evening landscape lighting? It is subtle, involving some uplighting and backwash against a few trees in the back. Thanks to Steve Burke who was patient as we tried various combinations of lights with him. We often went out late, occasionally with heavy coats over our jammies, on cold, dark, winter nights to observe as this project was being created.

**The Kelley Property:** Your Society continues to work with Dennis Engineering Department at this property located across from the playground. We all know well the need for extra municipal parking in the Village. Hopefully, for summer 2017 there will be parking areas there and a handicapped accessible porta-potty.

**At the Playground:** Funds donated in memory of Russ Tomasetti were used to purchase and install wavy monkey bars. A plaque in memory of Russ will be installed at the base.

**More Memories:** Two long time members and past officers of your Society have passed. Charlie Crowell, a former president of V.I.S. (1970-1983), died June 19, 2016. Muriel Hanger, who was a vice president and our corresponding secretary for many years, died December 26, 2016. The gavel that is used at our meetings was carved by Muriel's late husband, Bill, out of Applewood; a treasure indeed.

**Help Needed:** After 31 years Carole Bell has officially retired as director of a beloved holiday tradition here in Dennis, the Living Crèche and the Annual Candlelight Procession. It is time for this torch to be passed, quite literally. We are seeking a new leader or perhaps a team to come forward and carry on. Carole assures us that this is a turn-key operation and welcomes any inquiries. 508-385-2175.

*These shared common spaces are all improved and maintained by dozens of volunteers who care about our fair Village. We trust you will find us worthy of a donation.*

Sincerely,



Pat Hassett



The VIS uses organic treatments on all of its properties.

## Coming Up: AS OF THIS PRINTING.

- Saturday, July 8 Dream Day
- Saturday, August 12 Dennis Union Church Annual Auction
- Saturday, October 7 Apple Festival

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

## Acknowledgments:

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