



## *Santuit Pond Estates Association SPLASH! Newsletter – Spring 2025*



Greetings to my neighbors!

Feeling a “spring” in your step? Get out there and take a walk around our neighborhood!! Play at the

tennis and basketball courts and ballfields, stroll along the path to the old bogs at the end of Bayberry Drive, or get a look at Santuit Pond from the beach at the end of Cranberry Lane.



*Chop Chaque bog barn*

The Board of Directors, along with many volunteers, have put in many hours cleaning up these areas for the use of all our residents. Each landowner owns a piece of these common properties, therefore each of us contributes to the responsibility of them by paying our dues. Just one payment of \$85 for the whole year pays for liability insurance, taxes and maintenance of our properties. I’m looking forward to spring and being part of this community!

Sincerely, Nancy McDermott, President

### **Did you Know?**

Our neighborhood was originally intended to be a campground! Donald Blakeman, the developer, proposed this idea to the town in the 70’s and was denied. He then put in roads and electricity to develop this area, keeping many of the beautiful trees as part of the landscape, and he designated four areas to be open space common areas. In the 90’s, Paul Pecci and his board of directors consulted with Mashpee’s conservation department to update the stairs and landscape leading down to the beach. If you’re wondering about the granite slabs in the parking area, Dave Lenart donated them to be used for stairs. We are hoping that dues contributions will bring in enough for us to have them placed this year. We’ve had a plan to rejuvenate the stairs using the granite for a few years.

### **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

The family who sponsored the hayride this past Halloween, the Thackstons, used to live in our community. They remembered what a wonderful neighborhood it was and enjoyed many of the events the Association sponsored. Their generosity is a great example of

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Ballfield tractor ride 2024

neighbors helping neighbors. Several other people have been very helpful to their neighbors, giving hours of hard work throughout spring, summer and fall. John Kabat faithfully helps by monitoring the pond's water quality and by keeping the beach clear of trash. These are the men who have volunteered to help keep the grassy areas of our common areas mowed: Bob Cloutier, Jerry Thiboutot, David Young, Cam Fizell, Mike Paradise & Michael Longchamps. These helpful neighbors have

beautified our neighborhood by planting and maintaining the flowers in the barrel planters: Sue Joyce Douglas, Rosane Costa, Elaine Shapiro, Wendy Rappazzo, Deb Longchamps, Katie Buchsteiner & her children. Thank you to those mentioned and to others.



Former Board led by Paul Pecci getting ready to start the beach renovation project



Past field days at Ballfield, not sure who won the potato sack race!



Every bit of help makes a big difference!



Please join the Santuit Pond Estates Association Facebook group and thank you in advance for paying your \$85.00 annual dues in a timely manner.

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