



Sound Waves

A Monthly Newsletter from Save Our Sound

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Alliance News & Notes



As we move into November and the season of gratitude, I want to recognize and thank the remarkable community that surrounds and supports our mission and our organization. We are fortunate to have such a strong and growing coalition—nearly 100 stakeholder organizations, along with countless members, volunteers, donors, and advocates—who speak up for this unique body of water and help ensure its protection for generations to come.

From those who attended our summer events or have tuned in to our ACONS (***A Celebration of Nantucket Sound***) educational webinars to those who contribute financially—whether through large gifts or small donations—your participation matters.

Every action, every conversation, and every show of support adds to our collective strength and fuels our mission to preserve and protect Nantucket Sound.

As we approach the close of the year and in the spirit of the season, I hope you will consider making a gift to the Alliance. Your tax-deductible contribution directly supports our ongoing efforts to secure National Historic Landmark designation for Nantucket Sound—a step that will safeguard its natural beauty, cultural legacy, and ecological importance for future generations. Be sure to look out for our end-of-year newsletter arriving soon in

your mailbox, and if you're not yet on our mailing list, you can easily join us at www.saveoursound.org/join-us.

On behalf of our entire team, thank you for being part of this work. I wish you and your loved ones a joyful Thanksgiving and a peaceful start to the holiday season.

Warmly,

Warm regards,

Audra Parker, President & CEO

Save Our Sound



Walks at South Cape Beach State Park

As the colors of autumn settle over Cape Cod, **South Cape Beach State Park** in Mashpee offers one of the most beautiful places to explore the season—and to take in sweeping views of Nantucket Sound. Located at Great Oak Road, Mashpee, this serene stretch of coastline is part of the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve and provides a mix of sandy shoreline, coastal dunes, and walking trails that wind through salt marshes and maritime forest.

Fall is the perfect time to visit—cooler air, fewer crowds, and the glow of dune grass make for a peaceful walk along the Sound. Keep your eyes open for migrating birds, seals bobbing offshore, and the occasional fisherman casting from the beach. The Waquoit Bay Trail is a favorite, offering gentle terrain and picturesque views of both the bay and the Sound.

Some Tips Before You Go:

- Visit in the early morning or late afternoon for the best light
- Bring layers—breezes off Nantucket Sound can be brisk in November
- Parking is available at the end of Great Oak Road
- Restrooms are limited in the off-season, so plan accordingly

Whether you're looking for a quiet beach stroll or a scenic trail through the pines, **South Cape Beach** is a perfect spot to enjoy the natural beauty of Nantucket Sound this time of year.

If you are interested in discovering more sites and places of interest around Nantucket Sound, please visit our website for more ideas.



*This month, we put a spotlight on **Elizabeth Wurfbain**. Since 2010, Elizabeth has led the **Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District (BID)** with a mission to make Hyannis a great place to live, work, shop, and play. Under her leadership, the BID has enhanced the downtown area through maintenance, security, marketing, and events such as the Christmas Stroll, Safe Trick or Treat, Singer-Songwriter Series, Movies on the Green, and Open Streets. Elizabeth continues to guide new initiatives to strengthen Hyannis's cultural and economic vitality, including exploring an **Ocean Side Arts Center**, a **Hyannis Children's Museum**, a **Hyannis Welcome Center**, and expanding market-rate housing downtown. She collaborates with partners like **Cape Cod Healthcare**, local municipalities, and key nonprofits to keep Hyannis vibrant and welcoming. A Centerville resident, Elizabeth serves as Vice Chair of the **Cape Cod Children's Museum**, sits on the **Hyannis International Film Festival Board**, mentors students through **Barnstable High School**, and is active in the **Hyannis Rotary Club** and **International Downtown Association**.*

1. What does Nantucket Sound mean to you?

I grew up on Nantucket Sound swimming at Craigville Beach and fishing near Horseshoe Shoal. I cannot believe we can live so close to such a pristine body of water and have such a beautiful view.

2. What are your favorite spots to visit around Nantucket Sound?

I love walking on Long Beach. I love that Hyannis Harbor is a working harbor with beautiful boats and ferries connecting us to the islands of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard.

3. Can you tell us a bit about the Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District?

The **Hyannis Business Improvement District** (BID) is one of thousands of BIDs across the world set up by stakeholders to make downtown areas better places to live, work, shop, dine, and play.

4. Can you tell us some fun events to look forward to on Main Street during these festive months?

We're excited to welcome bestselling author **Elin Hilderbrand**—the "bard of Nantucket"—to **Hyannis Arts Hall** on **Friday, November 7 at 7pm**. Elin will discuss her new novel, ***The Academy***, and share behind-the-scenes stories about her books being adapted for film and television. The event is presented in partnership with the **Cape Cod Writers Center** and **Titcomb's Bookshop**, and tickets can be found at hyannisartshall.com.

Also, our **Hyannis Main Street Holiday Stroll** is happening December 5–6! This beloved Cape Cod tradition kicks off the holiday season with festive music, a tree lighting ceremony, Santa's arrival by antique fire truck, and plenty of cheer for all ages. Enjoy Friday's Sip & Shop kickoff, the Cookie Stroll on Saturday, holiday treats, pony rides, a petting zoo, and endless opportunities to shop local and celebrate the magic of Main Street.

On **December 6th at 4pm**, as part of the Holiday Stroll, make sure to gather at the harbor to enjoy the beautifully decorated boat parade—a sparkling celebration on the waters that lead to Nantucket Sound, bringing the holiday spirit to our cherished coastline.

5. What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

I enjoy learning about gardening, design, beautiful natural and cultural locations and being around interesting people. I am fortunate that I get to enjoy these activities so frequently.