

THE VILLAGE PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF EAST HAMPTON

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WELCOME TO SUMMER PARTY

By Pat Mercer

On a beautiful evening in June, after a long week of rain, the clouds parted and VPS Chair, Joan Osborne welcomed 150 members and friends to our Welcome to Summer cocktail party at the Maidstone Club Tennis House. It was a gathering of VPS supporters that helped to launch the summer season and celebrate our 31st year as caretakers of the community. Missy Egbert Sheehan chaired the event, provided beautiful bouquets of flowers and organized the entire affair. In an effort to reduce costs and make the festivities more personal, Missy coordinated donations of food prepared by VPS Board members, which, we've come to learn, is part of our event's appeal! A good time was had by all.



VPS Board Members and guests enjoy the evening at the Tennis House.

NORTH END CEMETERY NOTES

By Averill Geus

Near the western edge of the cemetery fence line are several white marble grave stones which mark the burial places of the Henry B. Tuthill family. Here lie Mr. Tuthill, his wife Mary Jane Edwards, and their two daughters,

Mary Jane and Abby. Their son Henry died in Brooklyn where he was the builder of many Brooklyn brownstones. Tuthill was a descendent of a founding family of Southold. He taught school in his younger years. He met the 19-year old Mary Jane while walking to Bridgehampton one day. She was tending her family's sheep and he thought she was the most beautiful girl he had ever seen. They married in 1838 and shared for nearly a half century a love of "literary pursuits" and learning. Known as "Squire" or "Judge" throughout most of his life because he was a long time Justice of the Peace, Tuthill also served on the Town Board and on the Board of Trustees. His life was completely intertwined in the affairs of East Hampton Town, which makes his story quite remarkable. He went blind when fairly young but reportedly could go all over town with the aid of his cane. He still split wood, worked in his garden and sold vegetables in summer. The "Squire" and his wife built the house known today as "The Box" next to Guild Hall where they raised their children. Later they built another house on North Main Street, which is still in the family today. Henry Baker Tuthill died in 1886, aged 72. His wife died in 1893.

DEER STERILIZATION PROGRAM FINDS SUPPORT

By Kathleen Cunningham

In August, 2011, the Village Preservation Society (VPS) conducted its first deer forum, featuring the results of a successful deer sterilization pilot project conducted by Dr. Paul Curtis and Dr. Jay Boulanger of the Cornell School of Natural

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I would like to be active. My special interests are: _____

I (We) support VPS principles but do not wish to be listed as a member.

Enclosed is a contribution of \$ _____



Deer Forum presenters from left to right, Dr. Tony DeNicola of White Buffalo, Josh Stiller, Wildlife Biologist with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and North Haven Mayor Jeff Sander.

DEER, continued

Resources. On July 18, 2013, the VPS hosted another deer control forum featuring the work of Dr. Tony DeNicola of White Buffalo, Inc. Last fall, he worked with Dr. Curtis and Dr. Boulanger on a successful effort to sterilize a large number of deer in the Village of Cayuga Heights, NY. That Village has much in common with East Hampton Village, where hunting is very difficult to conduct legally and effectively. Deer can live 10 to 15 years, and one doe can reproduce between ten and thirty offspring during her lifetime. Sterilizing one deer diminishes the herd by that factor over time, and allows the doe to live out the rest of her natural life. Deer play a vital role in the development of the tick population and tick borne illnesses are enabled by the vast numbers of deer in our community, contributing to a serious human health crisis. Hunting cannot keep pace with the birth rate. Sterilization in conjunction with a culling program can bring deer numbers under control. The current no-action alternative is unacceptable and allows increasing risk for human health. The VPS will support ways to solve this problem. This forum is available for viewing on LTV's website.

Please join our team! Keep your membership up to date! Stay current with all the news from the VPS via our newsletter and website!

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GRANTS COMMITTEE AWARDS NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

By Mary Busch

As part of our ongoing effort to support the East Hampton Community, the Grants Committee of the Village Preservation Society has given its yearly grant to the East Hampton Neighborhood House on Three Mile Harbor Road to help finance the installation of a new, natural gas furnace. The Neighborhood House provides meeting room space for many programs and local organizations, and is available for many private, social events. This historic community resource is best known



locally for its nursery school where, so far there are 24 students enrolled for this year. We wish them success in the coming year and a toasty warm winter.

Renovations at the Neighborhood House will make the building more fuel efficient.

AIRCRAFT NOISE POLICY PRESENTED TO THE TOWN BOARD

By Peter Wolf

As VPS Aircraft Noise Policy Committee Chair, Peter Wolf presented the VPS Aircraft Noise Policy to the East Hampton Town Board on August 15, 2013. Wolf reminded the Board members that they were elected to protect the health, welfare and well being of the majority of the East Hampton community, rather than a very small group of residents, whose self-interest adversely impact the vast majority of residents. It is something that clear and that fundamental that is at stake here. The VPS Aircraft Noise Policy consists of four principal points: The Town should not apply for or accept any additional FAA money; no aircraft should be permitted to fly over any inland water bodies or other sensitive natural environments such as Hook and Georgica Ponds; airport hours of operation should be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., like other businesses; and frequency of operations should be limited. The Town Board did not comment specifically, but were respectful and thanked Mr. Wolf and the VPS for participating in this issue.