

MILESTONES

Officer Nicholas D.P. Smith completed a nine-month training program and graduated from the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Academy on October 26, 2007. Officer Smith received his badge from his father, recently Retired Sergeant David W. Smith of the Nantucket Police Department. Nicholas is an officer on the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department and resides in the District. He is a 2002 graduate of NHS and is the son of David and Andrea Smith.



BIRTHS

Jason Joseph Ayala Casco was born at Nantucket Cottage Hospital on Nov. 17, 2007 weighing 7 pounds and 11 ounces. He is the son of Delmy Casco and Darith Omar Ayalla of Nantucket.

Gabriella Borislavova Nikolova was born at Nantucket Cottage Hospital on Nov. 12, 2007 weighing 7 pounds and 2 ounces. She is the daughter of Virginia Kostadinova and Borislav Nikolovi of Nantucket. Her grandparents are Tatyana and Ivan Kostadinovi and Mladenka and George Nikolovi of Pleven, Bulgaria.

OBITUARIES

ARTHUR E. ARNOFF

Arthur E. Arnoff, 87, died on Nov. 18 at the Health Center in Essex Meadows Conn. Mr. Arnoff, formerly of Greenwich, Conn., had, for the last three years, been living in Essex Meadows.

Born in 1920 in New York City, Arthur Arnoff was educated at the Horace Mann School and was a graduate of the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. In 1941 he joined the United States Navy and served as a Lt. (JG) on the aircraft carrier USS Ranger in the Pacific and on the USS Pasadena in the Atlantic. Upon his return to civilian life, he joined the Shirley Fabrics Corporation as an executive and later became its president.

After selling the company he retired and focused on his family and

his favorite activities; golf, gardening, boating and picnicking. He and his family spent many summers in their house in 'Sconset, Nantucket. He was for many years a member of the Nantucket Yacht Club and Sankaty Head Golf Club.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Peggy House Arnoff, his four children: Linda Mackay of Hanover, N.H., Ellen Sonis of Sherborn, Mass., Arthur (Peter) Arnoff, Jr. of Katonah, N.Y. and Polly Arnoff of Bath, Maine, his sisters Shirley A. Baerwald and Betty A. Prashker of New York City, and six grandchildren. A memorial will be held in Nantucket.

Donations in his name can be made to the Nantucket Conservation Foundation, P.O. Box 13, Nantucket, Mass., 02554. Arrangements by Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home, Centerbrook, Conn.

every third summer when they refill the beach. So, I would not recommend this to other parts of the island, or any place as unique as this.

Is there anything you want to say that I haven't asked you about today on SBPF's offshore sand dredging and beach rebuilding proposal?

When I first started attending the meeting regarding this bad idea at the Coffin School last February, a woman spoke with tears in her eyes about the possibility of losing her house over the bluff due to erosion. She stated that most of us traveled great distances to be here this evening to show its importance and that we care. I then thought to myself, if anyone traveled more than eight miles to get here tonight, this is not your home, but possibly part of your portfolio that you wish to protect. Even with that said I could still empathize with their predicament. But the enormous impacts of this project far outweigh any benefit. ■

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build upon them."

Alternately, if the project and its environmental mitigation slows the rate of erosion, creates shorebird habitat, successfully replaces the cobble areas offshore with artificial cobble areas and does not harm the ocean bottom, would you recommend other island shorelines for this erosion control method. Why, why not?

"IF", for me, that one word brings questions to the whole project in its entirety. What are you willing to sacrifice to stop the erosion? This is the largest project of dredge and fill ever proposed. The final answers are not clear to anyone. However, what is definite is it will ruin the natural habitat for fishing off Sankaty, and for the birds that migrate there for however brief a time, and the overall enjoyment for the total public 24 hours a day

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1. A number of unspecified additional things;
2. pl. additional items, odds and ends

CPC APPROVES ALLOCATIONS FOR TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Of the 18 funding requests received by the Community Preservation Committee for FY09, 16 were approved by committee members last Thursday for the full or partial amounts sought by applicants.

The two requests not approved for funding were \$600,000, the second highest amount of all requests, asked for by the Nantucket Housing Office to buy land near public utilities for construction or relocation of affordable housing; and a \$15,000 request from Parks and Recreation to install a shuffleboard court at Children's Beach.

The total amount of all requests came to just under \$5 million. The allocations equal \$3,152,353, up from last year's \$3 million for 16 projects. The amount of \$93,211 makes up FY09 administrative and operating expenses for the committee, rounding off the new final total at \$3.2 million. The amount of \$844,775 is going to the category of historic preservation; \$1,482,578 is slated for community housing; and \$825,000 is allocated for open space conservation/recreation.

"It was obviously difficult because of the amount of requests and the money that was available, but just under half was for community housing," CPC member Ken Beaugrand said of the challenge of determining who will receive funds.

- Under historic preservation, the **Maria Mitchell Association** was fully funded at \$21,775 to complete preservation work on the Maria Mitchell family house.

- The **Nantucket Town Clerk** will receive \$123,000 of the \$513,250 sought to complete phase two of the town's cemetery restoration project.

- The **South Church (Unitarian) Preservation Fund** will receive \$250,000 of the \$408,000 requested for various work within and outside the church.

- The **'Sconset Trust** is allocated its full request of \$250,000 to help with the cost of moving Sankaty Lighthouse and restore its former site.

- **First Congregational Church** will receive \$200,000 of its \$260,000 request for interior preservation and safety systems.

- Under community housing, the **Nantucket Human Service Center** will receive \$300,000 of its requested \$480,000 to design affordable workforce living units on its Miacomet Road campus.

- The **Interfaith Council** is to receive all \$55,000 it asked for to maintain its emergency rental assistance program.

- The **Nantucket Housing Authority** will be allocated the full \$10,000 it requested to develop a proposal for its planned 50 affordable, owner-occupied dwelling units on its open nine acres along Surfside Road.

- The **Planning Commission** is to receive its full request of \$83,578 to hire a housing planner/specialist to focus on affordable housing.

- The **Nantucket Housing Office** is being allocated its full request of \$245,000 to build a secondary dwelling on Clarendon Street.

- The **Nantucket Housing Office** is being allocated its full request of \$235,000 to build a second dwelling on Norquarta Drive.

- The **Nantucket Housing Office** will receive its full request of \$104,000 to help fund year seven of the administration of its affordable housing programs.

- The **Nantucket Housing Office** will receive \$350,000, its full request, for a housing resource center containing two affordable apartments. The structure is proposed for Millers Lane.

- **Habitat for Humanity Nantucket** is being allocated its full request of \$100,000 to develop a new affordable housing unit.

- Under open space/recreation, the CPC decided to allocate \$500,000 to the **Parks and Recreation Commission**, half its request to build new youth playing fields off Nobadeer Farm Road.

- The **Nantucket Conservation Foundation** is being allocated \$250,000, its full request, to reduce debt payments on its purchase of the Nantucket Field Station from the University of Massachusetts.

- Finally, the sum of \$75,000 is being set aside in an open space reserve fund for future years. The revenue amount of \$3,245,564 is derived from approximately \$1.6 million generated by a surcharge on local property tax bills, nearly \$1.3 million in matching state funds and \$358,564 from an undesignated reserve balance fund.

NAN SPONSORS WORLD AIDS DAY EVENT

On Saturday, Dec. 1 Nantucket AIDS Network and the Rev. Nancy Nelson will commemorate World AIDS Day with a candlelight walk to the harbor. The walk will begin at the steps of the Pacific National Bank at 5 p.m.

In addition to the Saturday evening event, NAN will screen the film, "A Closer Walk," at Nantucket High School (day and time to be announced). "A Closer Walk" is the first film to depict humankind's confrontation with the global AIDS epidemic. The film is produced and directed by Academy Award nominee Robert Bilheimer, and narrated by Glenn Close and Will Smith. More than 50 women, men and young people were interviewed or profiled from regions all over the world. Also appearing in the film are the Dalai Lama, former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan and Bono of U2.

The office is located at 35 Old South Road. For more information, visit nantucketaids.org. or call 228-3955. ■