

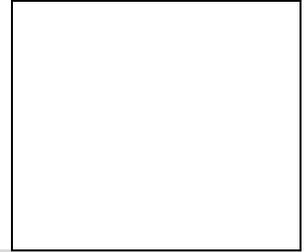


MEETING POSTING

TOWN OF NANTUCKET

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Committee/Board/s | Finance Committee

Day, Date, and Time | Tuesday, February 9th, 2016 at 4:45 pm

Location / Address | 10 Surfside Road, NHS Cafeteria

Signature of Chair or Authorized Person | Lynell Vollans

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AGENDA

Please list below the topics the chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed at the meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Review of Energy Articles for 2016 Annual Town Meeting - (Articles 90, 91, 92 and 104)
3. Review of Health and Human Services Funding Allocations
4. Review of Debt Modeling
5. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, February 11, 2016, 4:00pm, PSF Training Room
6. Adjournment



MEMORANDUM

TO: Libby Gibson, Town Manager
FROM: Lauren Sinatra, Energy Coordinator
RE: 2016 ATM Energy Article Information
DATE: February 5, 2016

This memorandum provides supplemental information regarding four energy-related articles included in the 2016 Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Article 90

(Lease of Town Land for Renewable Energy Projects)

Town Meeting authorization is required for the Board of Selectmen to execute a lease and agreement with a selected private developer for a solar photovoltaic (PV) installation on parcels of land located at the Surfside Wastewater Treatment Facility. At the 2011 Annual Town Meeting, Article 96: “Long-term Lease Authorization: Surfside WWTF” was passed, but did not include the parcels on the site which are currently being investigated for development. See map enclosed.

Article 91

(PILOT Agreements for Renewable Energy Facilities)

A selected developer of a municipal solar photovoltaic (PV) installation will be required to pay property taxes for leased land and assets which are installed on Town-owned sites, such as at the Nantucket Memorial Airport and the Surfside Wastewater Treatment Plant. Solar arrays are taxed as personal property, so the owner of the array is subject to taxation even though the array is located on property owned by the town or a tax-exempt organization.

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue allows Towns to enter into Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements, which enable the Town and the solar developer to establish a negotiated PILOT that meets the Town Assessor’s valuation for the term of the agreement. This PILOT would provide the Town with a known annual taxable income stream and would reduce tax uncertainty for the developer. The

warrant article is needed to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Town's Assessor and any other enabling authority, to negotiate and enter into this agreement.

Article 92
(Net Metering Credit Purchase Agreements)

The Massachusetts Green Communities Act of 2008 created a net metering mechanism that enables municipalities to acquire discounted electricity credits from renewable energy projects that can be used to offset their own electricity costs. The purpose of this article is to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement to acquire these metered electricity credits from a potential solar photovoltaic energy generating facility. These credits would be used to offset the electric loads of municipal accounts. Town Meeting approval is necessary because the length of the agreement extends beyond the standard three-year contracting period allowed under Massachusetts law.

Article 104
(Municipal Aggregation)

The Town is exploring the feasibility of pooling all the electric users currently on National Grid's standard service rate into one purchasing group, with the goal of driving down the cost for electricity currently being paid by the customer per kilowatt hour with a potentially cleaner electric supply (higher renewable energy content). This would be an optional alternative for the customer and participation would not be required. Under a Municipal Aggregation, individual residents and businesses would retain the right to opt-out of the program with no penalty and to choose any other competitive supplier or stay with the default utility (National Grid).

The Town will bear no cost in forming a Municipal Aggregation. Rather, an aggregation consultant will be chosen to manage all aspects of a successful program, including:

- Preparing the Aggregation Plan*¹
- Securing plan approval from various state entities (DOER, DPU)
- Managing public outreach
- Preparing an RFP for electrical suppliers
- Conducting electricity procurement, and
- Managing the contract with the winning supplier

¹ *Before an aggregation plan can be designed, there must be an affirmative vote at town meeting.

—all without direct payment from the Town—in anticipation of getting paid a \$.001 /kWh fee by the chosen supplier *only if* the Town agrees to accept the winning bidder’s electricity supply prices.

Additionally, the unique electricity load profile of Nantucket —with substantially higher usage during the peak summer months and lower, more consistent usage during most of the remainder of the year —should create beneficial pricing given the current natural gas capacity issue affecting the region. During the summer, the Town’s electricity usage is highest while there are little to no constraints on natural gas and, as a result, when rates are traditionally lowest. During the winter and shoulder seasons, the island’s electricity usage drops significantly when natural gas is most constrained, which has been driving pricing much higher in ISO New England (ISO-NE). This pricing curve should create a pricing advantage for Nantucket’s consumers. A fixed, long-term rate most likely can reduce and stabilize prices for longer periods than the local utility.

It is also worth noting that at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting, Article 23 as recommended by the Finance Committee was adopted by Unanimous Voice Vote (attached). The Finance Committee motion moved to appropriate \$35,000 “to fund a report of options for the operational structure of the municipal aggregate to be expended at the direction of the Town Administrator.” However, since then, the structure of forming and operating a municipal aggregation has evolved into a no-cost, risk-free opportunity for the Town to consider with no appropriation being necessary.

Regarding ATM 2016 Article 90



Property Information	
Property ID	87 135
Location	81 S SHORE RD
Owner	NANTUCKET TOWN OF & NANTUCKET


MAP FOR REFERENCE ONLY
NOT A LEGAL DOCUMENT
 Town and County of Nantucket, MA makes no claims and no warranties, expressed or implied, concerning the validity or accuracy of the GIS data presented on this map.
 Parcels updated December, 2014
 Properties updated January, 2015



Town of Nantucket



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April 19, 2011

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Catherine Flanagan Stover, duly elected Clerk of the Town and County of Nantucket, hereby certify that the April 4, 2011 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING adopted **Article 96: "Long-term Lease Authorization: Surfside WWTF"** at the April 6, 2011 adjourned session when ...the adoption of all articles not heretofore acted upon as recommended by the Finance Committee, or as recommended by the Planning Board was duly motioned and seconded.

VOTE: The vote on the motion pursuant to Article 96 as moved by the Finance Committee, was by Unanimous Voice Vote. The motion was adopted.

Catherine Flanagan Stover, MMC, CMMC
Town and County Clerk

ARTICLE 96

(Long-term Lease Authorization: Surfside WWTF)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of a portion of the Town-owned property, known as the Surfside Wastewater Treatment Facility, Assessor Map 87, Parcel 135 under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen and held for wastewater treatment purposes, to the Board of Selectmen to be held for wastewater treatment purposes and for the purpose of leasing the property, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease of said property and to execute a power purchase agreement each for a term of up to twenty-five (25) years, subject to the provisions of Chapter 30B of the Massachusetts General Laws or other applicable statutes, for the purposes of the development of a solar array, on terms deemed by the Board of Selectmen to be satisfactory and in the Town's best interests.

All as shown on a map entitled "2011 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 96" dated January 2011 and filed herewith at the Office of the Town Clerk.

Or to take any other action related thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION: Moved that the care, custody, management and control of a portion of the Town-owned property, known as the Surfside Wastewater Treatment Facility, Assessor Map 87, Parcel 135 under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen and held for wastewater treatment purposes, be transferred to the Board of Selectmen to be held for wastewater treatment purposes and for the purpose of leasing the property, and further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to enter into a lease of said property and to execute a power purchase agreement each for a term of up to twenty-five (25) years, subject to the provisions of Chapter 30B of the Massachusetts General Laws or other applicable statutes, for the purposes of the development of a solar array, on terms deemed by the Board of Selectmen to be satisfactory and in the Town's best interests; all as shown on a map entitled "2011 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 96" dated January 2011.

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April 24, 2007

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Catherine Flanagan Stover, duly elected Clerk of the Town and County of Nantucket, hereby certify that the April 9, 2007 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING adopted **Article 23: "Appropriation: Municipal Electric Aggregate"** at the April 9, 2007 adjourned session.

AMENDMENT FROM MEETING FLOOR: Moved that ~~Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000)~~ **One Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$154,800)** be appropriated from the Fiscal Year 2008 tax levy and other general revenues of the Town to ~~fund a report of options for the operational structure of the municipal aggregate~~ **develop a municipal aggregator plan for the review and approval by the Town, the Division of Energy Resources (DOER), and the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE) to be expended at the direction of the Town Administrator.**

Plan Development – Components and Costs for Initial Development Effort

Task 1) Goals, Policies, & Procedures	\$7,200
Task 2) Customer Demand/Supply Analysis	\$27,000
Task 2b & 3b) NGrid and DOER Review & Meetings	\$12,000
Task 3) Organization, Mgmt & Operations	\$29,400
Task 4) Final Drafting of Development Plan	\$25,200
Task 5) Town Meeting Review/Approval	\$0
Task 5) DOER Review/Approval	\$12,000
Task 6) DTE Review/Approval	\$42,000
Subtotal	\$154,800
Task 7) Set Up "Municipal Aggregator" Operations	\$52,000
Task 8) Start "Municipal Aggregator"	\$0
Total Plan Development & Implementation Budget	\$206,800
Total – (with working capital of \$150,000)	\$356,800

VOTE: The vote on the Burns motion to amend Article 23 was defeated by Majority Voice Vote. The motion was not adopted.

VOTE: The vote on the motion pursuant to Article 23 as recommended by the Finance Committee, was by Unanimous Voice Vote. The motion was adopted.

Catherine Flanagan Stover, CMC, CMMC
Town and County Clerk

ARTICLE 23

(Appropriation: Municipal Electric Aggregate)

To see what sums the Town will vote to appropriate, and also to raise, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute or transfer from available funds, for the purposes of funding a Nantucket municipal electric aggregate; and, to take any other action as may be relative thereto.

(Board of Selectmen for Energy Study Committee)

Board of Selectmen Comment: It is the intent of the Board that this appropriation, if approved by Town Meeting, be contingent upon passage by ballot of an override referendum question exempting the amount voted from the limitations of Proposition Two and One-half so-called.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION: Moved that Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) be appropriated from the Fiscal Year 2008 tax levy and other general revenues of the Town to fund a report of options for the operational structure of the municipal aggregate to be expended at the direction of the Town Administrator.

FINANCE COMMITTEE COMMENT: While the Committee endorses the concept of a municipal aggregate, more research and planning is necessary in order to establish the structure under which the aggregate would operate.

**TOWN OF NANTUCKET
CONTRACT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

February 9th, 2016

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
FY 2017 HUMAN SERVICES GRANT AGREEMENTS
(PER CODE OF NANTUCKET CHAPTER 12)**

This presents the independent report and recommendations of the Contract Review Committee [CRC] regarding the placement on the Town Warrant of Proposed Awards of Town Human Services Grant Agreements for FY 2017. This report is submitted to the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen as required by Chapter 12 Section 6 of the Code of the Town of Nantucket.

In support of our recommendations, the CRC also forwards our Analysis and Rationale for Recommendations for each proposal [Attachment A], A Safe Place service statistics FY16 7-12-2015 [Attachment B] Data chart from A Safe Place on services provided 7-12-2015[Attachment C]. Health Imperatives email containing visit Chart 2015[Attachment D] Massachusetts School and District Profiles Enrollment Data [Attachment E] Business Insider July 15 2015[Attachment F] United States Census Bureau [Attachment G] Nantucket Cottage Hospital Quartley report FY2016 to the town of Nantucket July-September October-December [Attachment H] WGBH News article [Attachment I] WCAI article [Attachment J] Inquirer & Mirror article [Attachment K] South Coast Today article [Attachment L] WBUR News article [Attachment M] Inquirer & Mirror article [Article N] Childcare

SUMMARY

The Town Manager has identified an increase in the Human Services Budget from \$350,000 for FY2016 to \$400,000 for FY2017. The CRC supports this increase and again applauds Town Management for its continued support of such vital services to the Island community. Accordingly, the CRC is recommending allocations among the proposals received within that budget target. The CRC continues to believe that the economy, increasing human services needs, public health and safety concerns and changing demographics justify the increase in the sum that the Town has budgeted for this purpose.

Accordingly, in addition to the recommendations for funding within the target budget, the CRC has support documentation for the need of the new budget.

The CRC has done their due diligence, and deliberated carefully in crafting these recommendations. We recognize that the Town has no legal obligation to provide human services such as these, and that if it does a public purpose must be identified and served.

In an effort to have a more in depth understanding of each the Human Service Provider's programs and allocations of the Town's Human Service Grant to the recipients, The CRC requested additional information pertaining to the following services areas: Increase in services provided to individuals, had the providers expanded their services, was there an increase in the number of individuals seeking services, and was the provider collaborating effectively with other Human Services Providers? In addition, operating budgets were requested from each grant applicant.

After reviewing each grant proposal for FY17 the CRC met with the individual Human Service providers for a presentation which included a review of FY16 and their Budget as well as program or services for FY17. The CRC board members then paired up to do on site interviews after grant presentations. After on site visits and presentations some providers were asked to return for a follow up. In some instances we referred to the Town's Chief Financial officer to help in better understanding of the grant applicant's finances. The CRC spent numerous hours to have as much information and knowledge in regards to the Island's Human Service needs.

The United States Census for 2014 shows the Island population to be 10,856 with an increase of 6.431% in the Island community over 2013 with no availability of the 2015 census. The Town of Nantucket Census earmarks the population at 12,892 an increase of 3.268 % over last year. Comparably, there is a discrepancy of 18.75% between the U.S. Census and The Town of Nantucket's census. Nantucket has a registered voter population of 8,764; registered birth certificates for The Town of Nantucket show that only 34% of the children born on the Island are born to parents who are both American citizens; less than 1/3 of the children being born on Nantucket are born to parents that are American citizens. Markedly, enrollment of children under the age of 18 in licensed and accredited educational institutions and programs has increased 5.62% from 1991 to 2,103. Demographically, over the last year, the public school has seen a significant change in the school population. In 2014 the schools demographic was 61% Caucasian, 21% Hispanic, 15% African American, 3% Eastern European; in 2015-2016 the numbers are as follows: 58.1% Caucasian (-4.75%) 26.1% Hispanic (24.28%) 10.6 % African American (-29.9%) Eastern European 3.3% (9.9%), Asian 1.7%. The Nantucket Cottage Hospital Health Care Advocacy program (Social Services Department) performs 520 service hours per quarter, the MSW (Master Social Worker) shows that 31% of his hours are for community based services while the ASW (assistance social worker) logs 21% of their hours for community service. More astounding is that the HCA (Health Care Advocates) account for 80% of their hours as community based. The demographics of individuals being seen are: 65% Spanish, 10% Eastern European, with the other 25% falling into the demographics of African American, Asian, Caucasian and other. The number of community individuals seeking services quarterly is 2,467 just under 2/3 are non-citizens. Health Impartives has seen a 17% increase in clients (32% fit in the 100% federal poverty guideline), the client demographics are: 24% African American, 54% Hispanic, 4% Portuguese, 16% non-English speaking proficient. If we were to use the Massachusetts Town clerks adage formulation, for every registered voter there is a non registered voter, Nantucket's registered voter population is 8764. Using this formulation, that would earmark the population at 17,528; if we then added the 2,103 of documented children under 18 in licensed and accredited educational institutions and programs, there would be a population total of 19,631. Taking into consideration that these are the only documented population verifiers. When reviewing the available information it could be estimated that Nantucket does not have a year-round population of 10,856 or 12,892, but perhaps a more accurate figure would be close to 20,000. If we were to take the estimated population using the adage analysis of 17,528 and the US census number of 10,856 there is a 61% difference in the Island population.

The impact of the population and the change in the Islands demographics continues to strain all aspects of the Island services whether public or private, as well as increased issues related to such a diverse and unaccounted for population. A Safe Place has seen an increase in services provided by an astounding 71.42% in just 6 months compared to the last reporting year total. It is estimated, using unverifiable figures, that there is an increase of 33.33% in the use of Heroin and opiates affecting our island Community, especially our young adults. Mental health, and affordable health care, continue to be of significance in our Community. The continued care of our growing elderly population, and lack of affordable housing should make us concerned as to who will care for our Island community. Because of the inability to access State and Federal Human Services support agencies for walk in help, social service providers are called upon to provide the needed advocacy. Taking into consideration the island population and diverse demographics, it is evident, by the sheer number alone, that the Human Service providers continue to serve more needs of the Island community.

In FY2015 the Town of Nantucket allocated \$317,880 in the Human Services Grant monies. In FY2016 the Human Service Grant monies increased by 10.10 % going from \$317,880 to \$350,000. In FY 2017, the requested Human Service Grants funds increased from \$350,000 to \$400,000 which is a 14.28% increase. The difference in allocated funds for Human Service in the last two years will increase by 25.83% if the FY2017 request is granted. The increase in Human Service Grant monies by Town Management is recognized as a significant effort on the Town of Nantucket.

In reviewing each proposal, we have determined that 1) a public purpose is served by the services; 2) the provider has demonstrated that the proposal is cost-effective; and 3) the services meet a specific need level which was identified by the Council for Human Services in its “Back To Basics” 2010 Report to the Board of Selectmen on Human Services Contracting. [Attachment H].

REQUEST

We respectfully request that the Board of Selectmen adopt the funding recommendations set forth below and that the Finance Committee issue a positive recommendation on these allocations within Article 9 of the Town Warrant.

CRC FY 2017 Article 9 Funding Recommendations

	Agency	FY 2015 Award	FY 2016 Award	FY 2017 request	FY 2017 CRC Recommendations
1	A Safe Place	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
2	ASAP	\$4,000	\$6,750	\$16,750	\$16,750
3	Elder Services of Cape Cod	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$16,000	\$16,000
4	Health Impartives	\$11,000	\$24,960	\$24,960	\$24,960
5	Family & Childrens	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$120,000	*\$100,000
6	MVCS	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
7	Legal Services	\$4,000	\$4,120	\$4,250	\$4,250
8	Rental Assistance Program	\$30,000	\$25,000	\$38,000	\$25,000
9	Emergency Food Pantry	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$40,000	\$35,000
10	NCH Social Services	\$35,880	\$52,170	\$65,380	\$65,380
11	MY Nantucket			\$20,000	\$20,000
	Totals	\$317,880	\$350,000	\$427,055	\$369,340

Contract Monitoring

In 2013 the CRC started to conduct site visits and interviews with providers who were performing services in order to have a more hands on method for reviewing and assessing the performance of providers.

Although the Human Services Director had provided such oversight and reported to the Council for Human Services and the CRC in the past, the CRC believed that first hand observations and contact would enhance the ability of the CRC to understand the work provided under the town's Grant Agreements and to more accurately report to the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee regarding the public purpose served as well as the cost effectiveness of the programs observed.

After discussion and analysis, the CRC established the following methodology: Two members were assigned to a provider and were asked to visit with and interview the principals of the agencies assigned. Thereafter, the factual details and results of the visits and interviews were reviewed and discussed at an open meeting of the CRC.

All members reported that they had learned much from the experience. Written narratives were submitted in some cases and in other cases reports of the CRC members were provided orally at the open meeting.

For FY2017 the CRC has made recommendations for added provisions to some contracts to help better monitor the services providers.

*CRC recommends \$100,000 to Family & Children's Services, \$50,000 of which would be used for individual mental health and substance abuse therapy for uninsured clients with the additional \$50,000 restricted, to go towards a management audit. Any remaining funds, after the audit, would go back into therapy.

The CRC recognizes the significant efforts made by FCSN over the last two years to strengthen their financial stability. The CRC also recognizes the role FCSN has, along with the other 25 private Island Clinicians, in Mental Health and Substance abuse treatment in our Community. It is with this understanding and appreciation of the impact both of these diseases have had in our community that The CRC has made this recommendation.

The FCSN financial stability, not only now but five to ten years from now, is vital to the FCSN existence.

The CRC reached these recommendations after countless hours of meetings which involved FCSN, the accounting firm Conley and Wood and, Brian Turbitt, Nantucket Director of Municipal Finance.

The CRC stands behind this recommendation unanimously.

ASP Service Statistics FY16

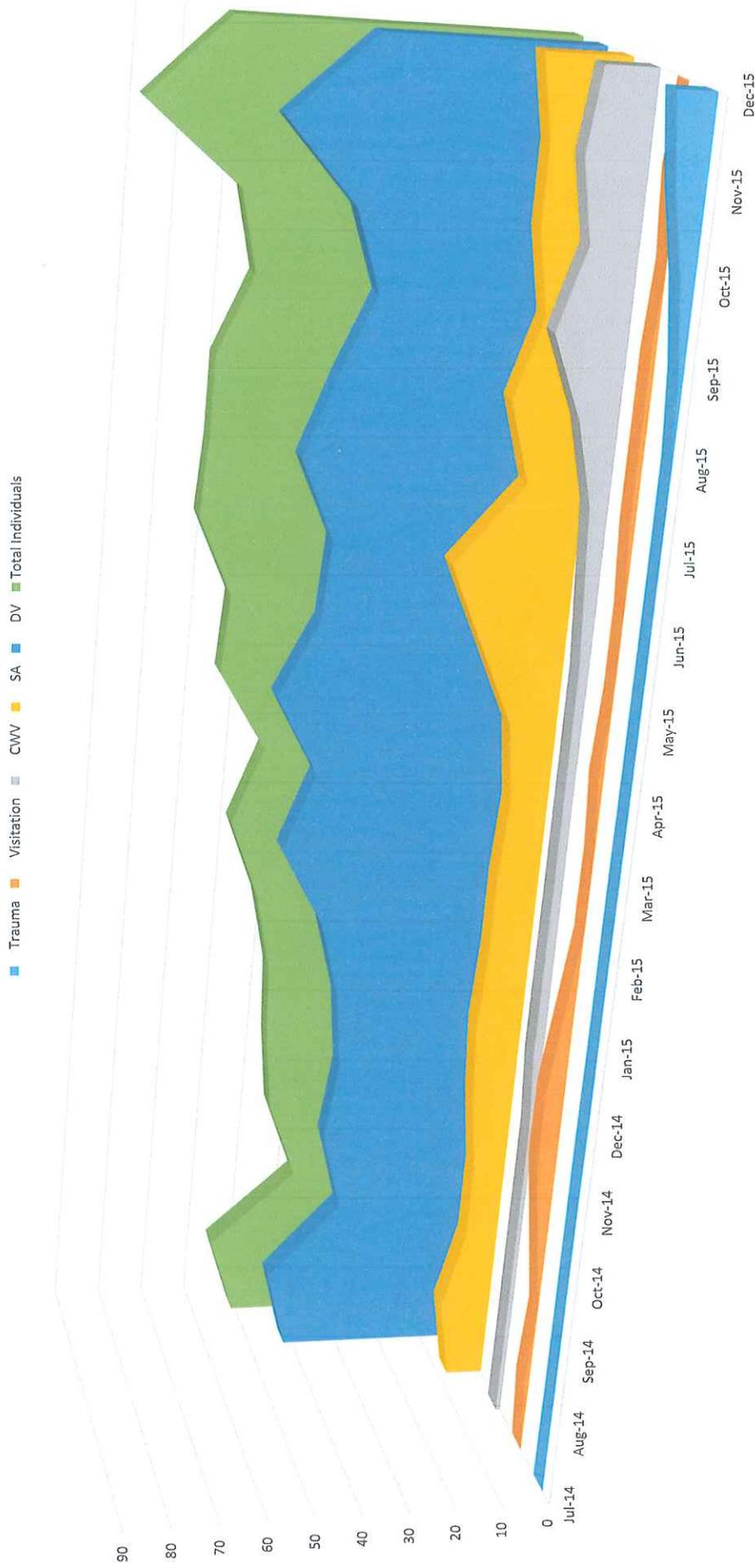
Total Individuals during this time period: 144

Sessions per Service	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	TOTAL SESSIONS	AVERAGE PER MONTH
DV Counseling	92	147	158	100	497	124
SA Counseling	28	11	15	17	71	18
Trauma Counseling	0	0	0	4	4	1
Advocacy - Legal	11	16	5	12	44	11
Advocacy - Medical	1	2	0	2	5	1
Advocacy - Police	0	2	1	2	5	1
Advocacy - Financial	3	5	2	10	20	5
Advocacy - Housing	1	3	6	3	13	3
Advocacy - Education	1	0	0	1	2	1
CWV Session	10	14	23	22	69	17
Supervised Visit/Intake	0	1	0	0	1	0
Immigration Support	7	2	1	5	15	4
Follow-up	13	9	3	8	33	8
Support	7	12	24	9	52	13
Beacon Call	7	2	0	6	15	4
Information	23	18	16	14	71	18
Other	3	0	0	0	3	1
Total Sessions	206	244	254	215	920	230

new service

A Safe Place, Inc.

How many individuals received services in each program each month?





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Health Imperatives Information

From: **Julia E. Kehoe** (jkehoe@healthimperatives.org)

Sent: Wed 1/27/16 9:43 AM

To: **hoss.75@live.com** (hoss.75@live.com)

Hi Dee,

It was great to talk to you—as always. I will let you know the next time I am on the island—hopefully sometime early Spring.

Alex will be able to attend the February 8th meeting as well as the Selectman meeting whenever it's scheduled. She really is the best—as we both know! She did contact the AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod and they are interested in coming to the island and trying to be more available for the community. She is working with the police department, fire department and Family and Children's Service to organize a community screening of Heroin and they would like to have the AIDS Support Group either be there or plan a Narcan/ harm reduction training for early Spring. We use to offer bleach kits but ran out, so they will supply them to us and teach us to teach clients to use them (we are also in contact with DPH about the kits).

We believe that Access had an "informal" needle exchange program but don't believe it is possible for us at this point given our license but we think the above strategy will make a big difference. We will keep you posted.

Below please find the comparison of the number of visits and clients we have seen at family planning this calendar year (ending December) compared to last. You will see that we saw an increase of 17% clients which is great, but even better—a %29 increase in visits which means they are following up with their health care as well. I will send the information on WIC and Healthy Families under separate cover. JK

Nantucket Family Planning	CY 2014 visits	CY 2015 visits	% change	CY 2014 clients	CY 2015 clients	% change	Client demographics
	483	621	+29	350	411	+17%	32% <100% Federal Poverty l 24% Black; 30% Hispanic;

Contacts	205	61	950	1216
<u>2nd qtr FY'14 (10/1-12/31/13)</u>				
Hours	134	48	334	516
Contacts	302	72	1270	1644
<u>3rd qtr FY'14 (1/1-3/31/14)</u>				
Hours	78	51	362	491
Contacts	191	78	1060	1329
<u>4th qtr FY'14 (4/1-6/30/14)</u>				
Hours	96	58	287	441
Contacts	220	85	730	1035
<u>1st qtr FY'15(7/1-9/30/14)</u>				
Hours	98	62	262	422
Contacts	241	92	674	1007
<u>2nd qtr FY'15(10/1-12/31/14)</u>				
Hours	145	68	422	635
Contacts	382	101	1070	1553
<u>3rd qtr FY'15(1/1-3/31/15)</u>				
Hours	139	51	615	805
Contacts	366	81	1705	2152
<u>4th qtr FY'15(4/1-6/30/15)</u>				
Hours	125	75	387	587
Contacts	349	90	1408	1847
<u>1st qtr FY'16(7/1-9/30/15)</u>				
Hours	141	98	386	625
Contacts	395	102	1023	1520
<u>2nd qtr FY'16(10/1-12/31/15)</u>				
starting here using 80%of HCA time				
Hours	161	110	679	950
Contacts	404	125	1938	2467

Massachusetts School and District Profiles

Nantucket High

Enrollment Data

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Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity (2015-16)				
Race	% of School	% of District	% of State	
African American	12.7	10.6	8.8	
Asian	1.2	1.7	6.5	
Hispanic	21.6	26.1	18.6	
Native American	0.0	0.0	0.2	
White	62.0	58.1	62.7	
Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.1	
Multi-Race, Non-Hispanic	2.5	3.3	3.2	

Enrollment by Gender (2015-16)			
	School	District	State
Male	268	802	488,472
Female	245	765	464,957
Total	513	1,567	953,429

Enrollment by Grade (2015-16)																
District	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	SP	Total
Nantucket High	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	146	138	110	117	2	513

2.7. Last Year

BUSINESS INSIDER

One of America's most exclusive islands has an unsavory secret



DENNIS GREEN
JUL. 15, 2015, 3:11 PM

Nantucket, the 50-square-mile island known for lighthouses, quaint boutiques, idyllic beaches, and ritzy summer homes, has a dark secret.

Located 30 miles south of Massachusetts, the island has not escaped the opiate problem of the mainland. In fact, the community's heroin problem is worse than ever.

"Heroin is more prevalent than a few years ago," Nantucket police Lt. Jerry Adams told island-based newspaper *The Inquirer and Mirror*. In the past week, three island residents were sent to the hospital with suspected overdoses, according to the paper.

The heroin problem on Nantucket has been bubbling since the late '90s. As the vacation island's population rises in the summer, so, too, does the prevalence of opiates.

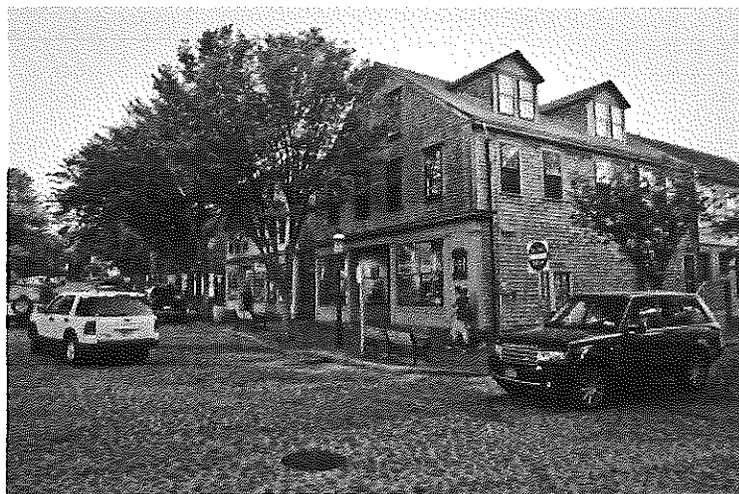
"If you go certain places there are lots of needles around [during the summer]," Dr. Tim Lepore, a surgeon at the island's only hospital, told WBUR, the Boston affiliate of NPR.

The heroin surge is a byproduct of Nantucket's prescription-opiate-pill problem: Young residents get addicted to painkillers like Oxycontin and eventually turn to heroin, which is less expensive. But dealers can reportedly sell their product for "double — sometimes triple — what they make selling heroin on the mainland," according to WBUR.

Indeed, it's the island's wealth and isolation that may have exacerbated its heroin problem. In 2014, there were 1,000 opioid deaths in Massachusetts, and since 2012, the number of opioid deaths has risen by 33%, according to a state report.

Since it's more difficult to get help with addiction on the island, and there's no residential rehab facility or detox center, the problem often goes untreated until it's too late.

Nantucket police have stepped up measures to combat the problem recently, with detective units executing search warrants and routine stops uncovering multiple grams or more of the controlled substance.



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Nantucket has struggled with its heroin problem for years.

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Nantucket County, Massachusetts

People QuickFacts	Nantucket	
	County	Massachusetts
Population, 2014 estimate	10,856	6,745,408
Population, 2010 (April 1) estimates base	10,172	6,547,817
Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2014	6.7%	3.0%
Population, 2010	10,172	6,547,629
Persons under 5 years, percent, 2014	6.4%	5.4%
Persons under 18 years, percent, 2014	20.9%	20.6%
Persons 65 years and over, percent, 2014	13.4%	15.1%
Female persons, percent, 2014	48.9%	51.5%
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White alone, percent, 2014 (a)	88.4%	82.6%
Black or African American alone, percent, 2014 (a)	8.1%	8.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent, 2014 (a)	0.2%	0.5%
Asian alone, percent, 2014 (a)	1.4%	6.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent, 2014 (a)	Z	0.1%
Two or More Races, percent, 2014	1.8%	2.2%
Hispanic or Latino, percent, 2014 (b)	12.8%	10.8%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent, 2014	76.7%	74.3%
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Living in same house 1 year & over, percent, 2009-2013	90.0%	86.7%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2009-2013	16.6%	15.0%
Language other than English spoken at home, pct age 5+, 2009-2013	13.0%	21.9%
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25+, 2009-2013	94.0%	89.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25+, 2009-2013	44.0%	39.4%
Veterans, 2009-2013	510	383,087
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16+, 2009-2013	12.1	28.0
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Housing units, 2014	11,822	2,828,492
Homeownership rate, 2009-2013	65.8%	62.7%
Housing units in multi-unit structures, percent, 2009-2013	10.4%	41.7%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2009-2013	\$929,700	\$330,100
Households, 2009-2013	4,069	2,530,147
Persons per household, 2009-2013	2.40	2.51
Per capita money income in past 12 months (2013 dollars), 2009-2013	\$47,331	\$35,763
Median household income, 2009-2013	\$85,478	\$66,866
Persons below poverty level, percent, 2009-2013	10.4%	11.4%
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Business QuickFacts	Nantucket	
	County	Massachusetts
Private nonfarm establishments, 2013	934	172,533 ²
Private nonfarm employment, 2013	4,400	3,062,689 ²
Private nonfarm employment, percent change, 2012-2013	11.4%	0.9% ²
Nonemployer establishments, 2013	2,322	484,147
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Total number of firms, 2007	3,017	596,790
Black-owned firms, percent, 2007	S	3.4%
American Indian- and Alaska Native-owned firms, percent, 2007	F	0.4%
Asian-owned firms, percent, 2007	S	4.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander-owned firms, percent, 2007	F	0.0%
Hispanic-owned firms, percent, 2007	S	3.3%
Women-owned firms, percent, 2007	24.3%	29.8%

Manufacturers shipments, 2007 (\$1000)	0 ¹	86,428,959
Merchant wholesaler sales, 2007 (\$1000)	39,771	95,275,672
Retail sales, 2007 (\$1000)	342,825	88,082,966
Retail sales per capita, 2007	\$30,997	\$13,553
Accommodation and food services sales, 2007 (\$1000)	88,915	14,917,210
Building permits, 2014	149	14,486

Geography QuickFacts	Nantucket	
	County	Massachusetts
Land area in square miles, 2010	44.97	7,800.06
Persons per square mile, 2010	226.2	839.4
FIPS Code	019	25
Metropolitan or Micropolitan Statistical Area	None	

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Number of hours provided this quarter: 625 (last qtr 587)

Number of individual contacts this quarter: 1542 (last qtr 1847)

Brief Narrative

This quarter's numbers are about the same as the previous quarter. The summer was busy but did not include any open enrollment periods so the particularly high numbers associated with those periods were not reflected during this period. Health Care Advocates will plan on a much busier second quarter as the Open Enrollment Period for the State Connector Care insurances will open November 1st.

The MSW continued to be busy with the usual array of community services. Financial need, long term care planning and the multiple "baby boomers" hitting 65 and needing Medicare explained along with a lot of Behavioral Health patient/family demands outside of the usual Hospital ED or med surg Behavioral Health patient load. The Open Enrollment Period for Medicare D Prescription Drug Plans starts October 15th and will bring with it a lot more visits to assist the seniors evaluate their plans.

The Interpreter/Assistant numbers are definitely going back up as my previous Interpreter resigned in Feb and I was able to hire a new person who is showing herself to be very capable and competent. Her value is clearly evident as I have been able to entrust her almost entirely with the oversight and management of all of the funds managed by this department.

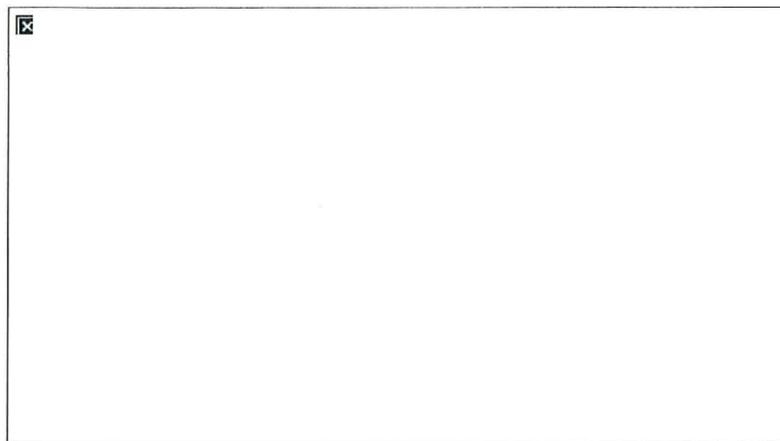
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September 22, 2014

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In the fall, Kubisch says the school will add a fourth ELL instructor to accommodate the growing number of non-English speaking students

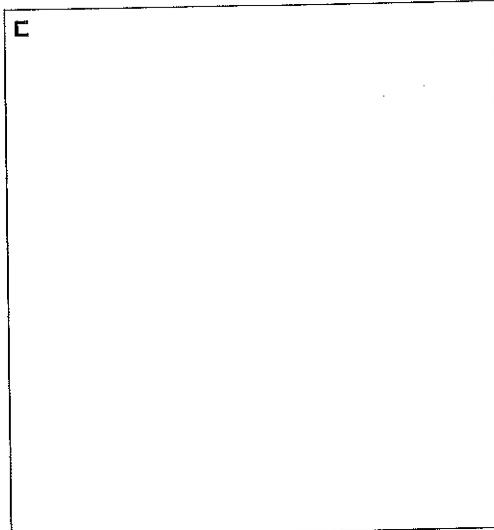
"I would say the biggest population we have here are Spanish speaking," Kubisch said, "behind that would come Portuguese, but then we have Russian, we have Bulgarian, we have Nepalese, we have Thai..."

Cozort said the school system has responded to the growing number of non-English speaking students by adding a full-time interpreter to his staff. He projected that the district's \$400,000 ELL budget could soon approach \$1 million as it adds more teachers and eventually a full-time, dedicated director.

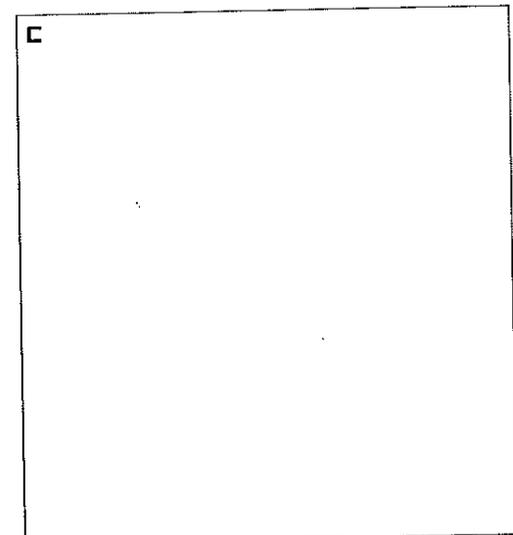
But those challenges are tempered by what he sees as the opportunities of a school system that is quickly diversifying.

"I like to point to the boys soccer team, it's like the United Nations," Cozort said. "You've got an American goalkeeper, a Jamaican sweeper, a kid from El Salvador at left mid, a kid from Ireland as a striker, a kid from Mexico and Brazil, and it works, because they have a common language and a common goal. It's pretty special. They don't look at each other as from a country. That's my teammate."

School officials point to an improving economy, specifically the island's



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recovering building and tourism industries, to explain the rising enrollment in Nantucket's schools. But what's driving immigrants to come and settle on a remote island where the cost of living is extremely high?

Nantucket resident and demographer Peter Morrison said Nantucket offers the promise of opportunity.

"Nantucket has many of the hallmarks of what we refer to in my field as an immigrant entry port," Morrison said. "And by that I mean a place where people from all over the planet are drawn to move, to seek a future beyond the regions of birth."

Morrison, who spent 40 years analyzing population trends (<https://www.linkedin.com/pub/peter-a-morrison/6/91/bb1>) for the Rand Corporation, said island's recent immigrants were able to find good-paying and steady jobs on the island, and spread the word to family and friends who followed.

"And what happens is this conveyor belt of people who come and go seasonally with the tourist industry here, some small fraction of the individuals on that conveyor belt coming and going step off and decide to make Nantucket their home," Morrison said.

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Nantucket's schools offer educational opportunities their children couldn't get elsewhere, so they strive to keep them enrolled. Despite the initial language barrier, many students have seized those opportunities.

Consider Nantucket High School senior Carlos Chavez. Chavez said his family fled El Salvador in the 1990s and settled in Boston before following his uncle, a janitor at Nantucket High School, to the island.

Chavez was just two years old when his family came to Nantucket. He learned to speak English by watching TV and through the ELL program at the elementary school.

"The program was not that big," he said. "There was very little Hispanics at the school at that time, compared to now."

Fast-forward to his senior year of high school, and Chavez was named homecoming king in the fall, played soccer, ran the finances for the school newspaper, and was just recognized as one of the top students in his class during a scholarship competition. In the fall, he will attend Lehigh University.

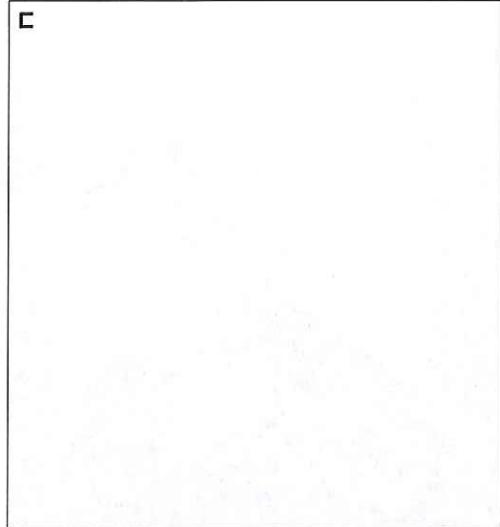
As he prepares to leave the district and the island, Chavez said the school's goal should be to expand the ELL program, so those coming up behind him have the same opportunities.

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"I think we should really put emphasis on this ELL program to really motivate these kids and give them opportunities that their parents didn't have," he said. "They can be first generation Americans, first generation college students and just set a new legacy."

That legacy, whatever it may be, will indeed be a new one for Nantucket Public Schools, and one forged by students from all over the world.

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Carlos Chavez, right, whose family fled from El Salvador in the 1990s before settling on Nantucket, was named homecoming king of Nantucket High School in the fall of 2013. Here he is shown with Homecoming queen Mikayla Molta.

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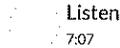
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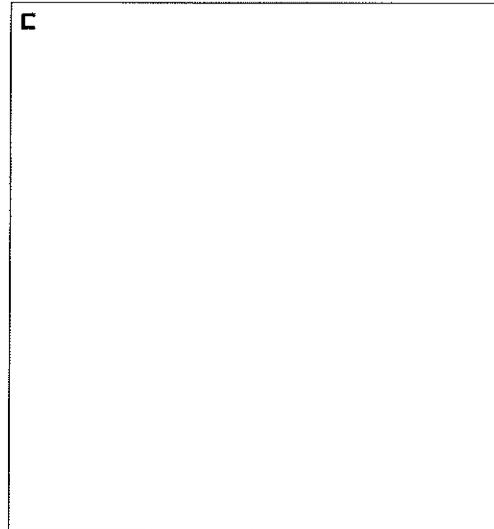
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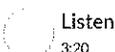
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Skatepark a magnet for gang-like activity

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(Jan. 14, 2016) Nantucket's skatepark has taken center stage in recent weeks for what appears to be an increasing amount of gang-related activity on the island.

It's activity that on Dec. 10 hit a boiling point after two men were arrested for allegedly attacking another man with a machete and a board with nails protruding from it after a confrontation that began at the skatepark. One of those men, Jose Tejada, 19, is still in custody and is being held on \$2,500 bail after cutting the alleged victim in the arm with the machete.

"We've had some disturbing developments around the skatepark in the last few months," Nantucket police chief Bill Pittman said. "For a long time we've known about and had complaints about drug sales and things like that. We've had some investigations where we've actually made or witnessed drug transactions."

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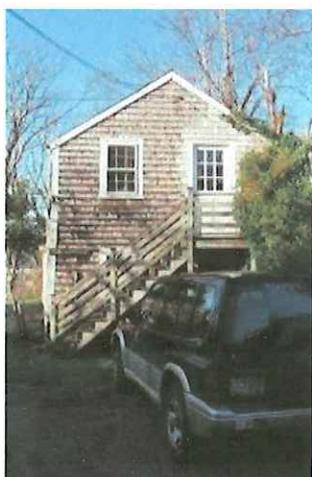


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NANTUCKET -- Heroin has made some ghosts on this island.

Nantucket in the winter resembles a seaside version of the traditional ghost town. During the day, January weather turns the famous resort destination into a dreary collection of closed shops and shuttered homes wrapped in gray. At night, the tangle of narrow streets is largely empty and the moaning of a harbor foghorn echoes like a rhythmic warning from the dark.

And now, Bruce Killen haunts the town.

"We don't know what happened," said Police Chief Randy Norris of Mr. Killen's death. "I'm just not going to talk about him."

If the island needed a wake-up call that heroin was making its mark here, it came on April 10, 1998. Mr. Killen, a 49-year-old island contractor died that night of an overdose. His was not the first overdose on the island, but it struck a chord.

And last weekend, the island buried Pamela Bouchard, 29, the fifth islander to die of a heroin overdose since 1996.

Now she too is an invisible but felt presence here, difficult to talk about.

Police, residents and health officials are open about discussing the emergence of the drug on the island.

"Heroin is everywhere," said one cab driver last Friday night outside a local tavern. "And it's getting bigger."

But it is bad form to speak Bruce Killen's name here. He's remembered as an affable man, a generous employer and a well-liked Nantucket native. His wife Pamela was an island selectman up until his death, and the Killen real estate business has its office in the heart of downtown, right on Easy Street.

"People knew he was struggling (with addiction)," said Cheryl Bartlett, an island nurse who has taken the lead in making the heroin problem a public discussion. "But it was still such a blow. That was a watershed."

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Despite the fact that his death certificate lists an overdose as the cause of his death, many islanders won't -- or can't -- accept that the popular businessman died from drugs.

Ms. Bartlett said Mr. Killen's death was what prompted her to include education about heroin in the activities of the Nantucket AIDS Network she heads.

Even before the deaths, all indications of a rising heroin problem were present on the island.

Narcotics Anonymous saw increased membership, the make-up of the AIDS population -- estimated at 15 to 20 -- from exclusively gay men to mostly IV drug users. And police began hearing of heroin use, despite the silence users surrounded it with.

"It was here even 20 years ago," said Chief Norris. "But for years it was considered low class."

Last Friday night, the crowd was dancing late at the Chicken Box, one of the handful of year-round bars where islanders pass the winter with music and drink.

"She was just in here last week," said bartender Ryan Tritt of Ms. Bouchard. "It really grabbed people. But I don't think it put a dent into (heroin use) at all."

People here will tell you the off-season mix of ages and occupations resembles the island's heroin users now twenty-somethings and middle-aged couples, professionals and laborers.

"We've got a problem," said Chief Norris. "And it's all over. It permeates all walks of life." You won't find people doing heroin in the bathroom of the Chicken Box though. Police claim, and islanders agree, that the estimated 200 addicts here are quiet, discreet and suspicious of outsiders.

"It's a small island" is a common refrain here though, and rumors travel fast.

"Everything here is hearsay," said Crystal King, 23, a lifelong resident of Nantucket. "People are quiet and nosy at the same time ... it's a strange place."

Instead of turning up in bars, heroin is being used in houses along Madaket Road or on Union Street, where Ms. Bouchard allegedly spent her last night doing the drug with friends.

Some of the faces lingering after midnight at the Chicken Box will appear in St. Paul's Church on Fair Street Saturday morning for Ms. Bouchard's funeral.

And tucked behind the stately church is a small, two-story, innocuous looking cottage. No sign marks it as Recovery Resources, but the organization housed there -- aside from the nightly Narcotics Anonymous meetings -- is the only agency available to counsel addicts.

Ms. Bartlett has organized an invitation-only forum of island leaders for next Friday. At that meeting, Nantucket officials are expected to broach the subject of establishing a methadone clinic or other treatment programs on the island.

Currently, addicts who feel they need methadone to kick heroin must travel to the mainland and Yarmouth -- or New Bedford -- to enroll in a clinic.

Ms. Bouchard had sought treatment at a New Bedford methadone clinic during her two-year stay in the city. But islanders say she soon fell off the wagon upon returning to Nantucket in December. Her mother has been a vocal proponent of establishing a clinic in Nantucket.

Travel costs for off-island treatment are prohibitive for many, said Ms. Bartlett, and many islanders don't want to uproot and leave Nantucket at all.

"You have to understand people love this island," she said. "Many of the residents feel they ought to be able to do that here."

And if islanders are recognizing they must address the heroin problem now, the feeling that it may in part be an imported crisis persists.

When you get a little too rowdy at the Chicken Box, when you've had too much to drink and they have to show you the door, the staff there will often bid you adieu with a uniquely Nantucket dismissal "Go back to New Bedford."

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though it has micro-brews on tap, a smoke machine and a battery of disco lights for nightclub ambiance.

Certainly the Box -- or the Muse, or Shannon's, or any of the clutch of establishments open year round on Nantucket -- doesn't come close to approaching the seediness of the waterfront bars in the New Bedford section known as the Devil's Triangle.

And it is the perception of New Bedford as just that -- seedy, drug-infested and vulgar -- that makes the oft-used farewell at the Box such a natural.

"It's just how we make fun of people," said Box bartender Tritt last Saturday. "They (islanders) think New Bedford's trash."

Last Friday night at the Box was typical of winter nights here.

A deejay was spinning '70s funk tunes while a healthy crowd danced, shot pool and drank. The cabs that are so ubiquitous during the summer wove intermittently between the Box and the handful of other night spots.

The patrons are not the millionaire set that uses the island as a playground. They are carpenters and scallopers and wait staff at the few restaurants, bars and hotels that keep the doors open year round.

After the summer, the population on Nantucket drops to about a quarter of its summertime size, to about 6,000 residents.

"This is not just a rich resort place," said Crystal King, 23, who works the reception desk at an island hotel. "We work."

And so the perception of New Bedford as drug infested is not a case of class snobbery, they say.

It comes from the drug trade, from years of seeing New Bedford as the center around which island residents rotate through cycles of addiction, recovery, relapse and -- more and more often -- death.

"No offense," said Ms. King. "But we really see New Bedford as a drug capital. A lot of people here are naive and never leave the island. Drugs that's all we hear about New Bedford."

Nantucket selectmen voted 4-1 to oppose a proposed Steamship Authority Ferry route between the island and New Bedford it's too expensive, it's logistically difficult.

And the risk of increased drug traffic is too great.

Island police chief Randy Norris has said the idea of a daily link with New Bedford "scares the hell out of me."

The arrest of a New Bedford man for giving Ms. Bouchard the heroin that killed her did nothing to assuage those fears.

Chief Norris and island health officials say they know New Bedford is not to blame for Nantucket's drug woes.

plane, on the ferry and in the countless private boats that shuttle between the mainland and Nantucket, heroin has gained access to the isolated, closed community of islanders.

A stunned island is learning now, said Narcotics Anonymous Nantucket spokesperson Susan, what the quiet community of addicts on the island have known for years.

"Addiction doesn't discriminate," she said.

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Top Tucked behind St. Paul's Church on Fair Street in a non-descript cottage, Recovery Resources is one of the few places on the island to turn for drug counseling. Bottom The Chicken Box is a popular watering hole where islanders can shoot pool, dance and drink the winter away.

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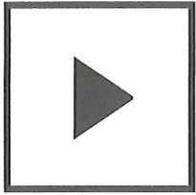
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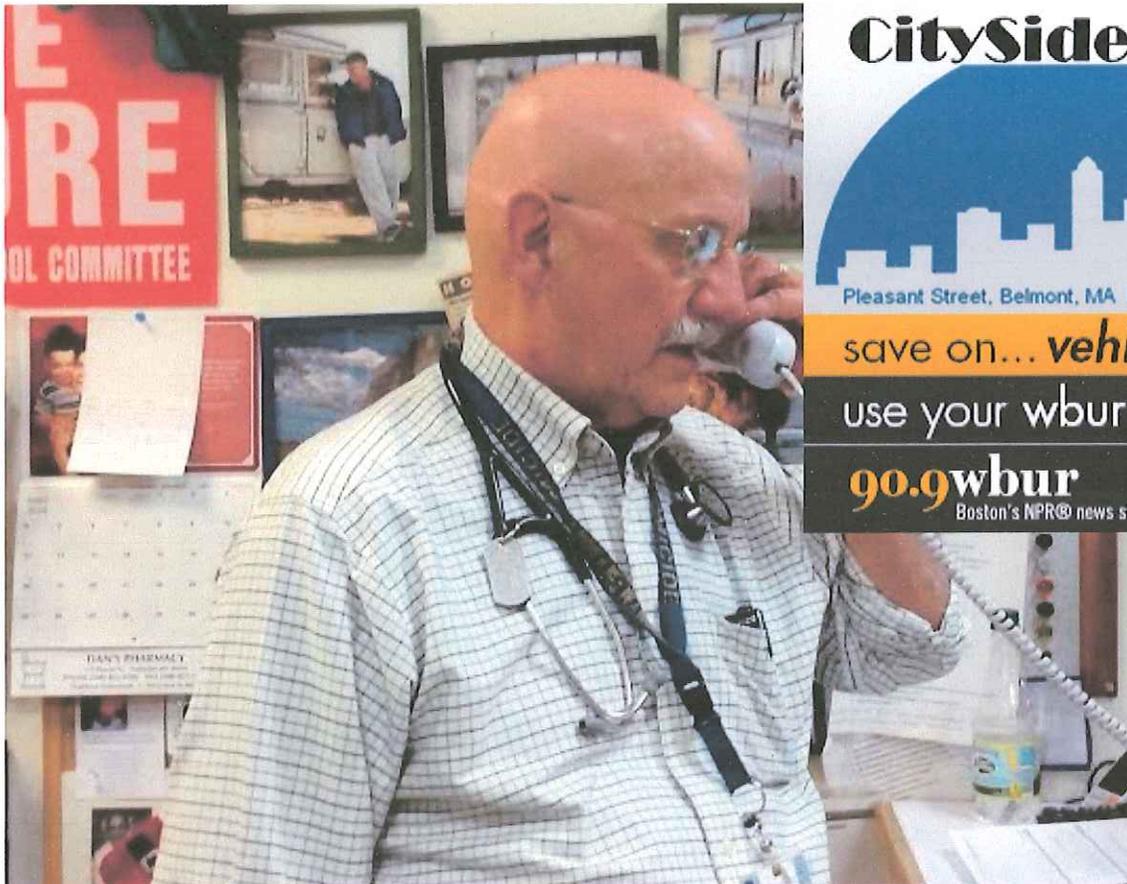
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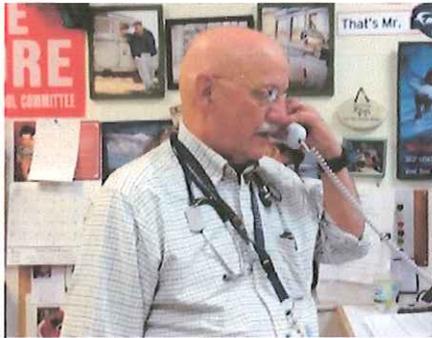
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NANTUCKET, Mass. — Perhaps there is no more affluent place in Massachusetts than Nantucket. The median single-family home price on the island is more than \$2 million.

But amid the prosperity is evidence of the state's opiate problem — which many say is only exacerbated by the wealth and isolation of the island, and the tens of thousands of vacationers who arrive every summer.

'A Lot Of Opiate Use' In The Summer



Dr. Tim Lepore is a general surgeon at Nantucket Cottage Hospital, the island's only hospital. (Deborah Becker/WBUR)

Nantucket's quaint shops, cobblestone roads and picturesque shoreline make the 14-mile-long island a popular summer vacation spot. But the beauty doesn't hide opiate abuse.

"I think it is dramatic. I think on Nantucket if you go certain places there are lots of needles around," says Dr. Tim Lepore, a general surgeon at Nantucket Cottage Hospital, the island's only hospital. He also runs a program to help those addicted to opiates, and prescribes Suboxone to help with withdrawal symptoms.

Lepore says the wealth on Nantucket may actually contribute to the problem.

"You see a 130-foot yacht in the harbor but then you also see people working four jobs to pay the rent," he says. "The disparities in income are tremendous and I think that that contributes to some of these problems."

The entire island gears up for the influx of tourists in the summer, when Nantucket's population grows tenfold. Most officials are concerned that this summer, opiates will be a big issue, given the vacation mentality.

"In the summer, I hate to say it," Lepore says. "After five o'clock I anticipate everybody is drunk. Half the island goes to AA and the other half should."

Although there are dozens of AA, or Alcoholics Anonymous, meetings on

the island any given week, Lepore says it's not so anonymous.

"If you're living in Framingham or you're living in Brockton, you may not know what your neighbor is up to," he says. "Out here you pretty much know if your neighbor is taking their meds."

One 23-year-old — who didn't want his name used so people wouldn't know about his problem — has twice left Nantucket for residential substance abuse treatment. He's been sober for about a month. He grew up on the island and says once the temperatures rise, drugs become prevalent.

"In the summertime there is a lot of opiate use," he says. "I notice a lot more cocaine, mushrooms, weed, ecstasy — things like that — social drugs."

He believes the island's affluence helps fuel the availability of opiates; it's drug world economics, he says. Dealers can make double — sometimes triple — what they make selling heroin on the mainland, and they'll front drugs to try to build a customer network.

"Back when I was using a lot I was selling also. I was trying to support my habit," he says. "I was getting it on the Cape. They know people from Nantucket have money and they know that there are no drugs out here. They're very willing to work with people."

'It Often Feels Like Missionary Work'

Nantucket police are aware of this and are trying to crack down. While they don't have statistics on only opiate-related arrests, last year there were 14 arrests on the island for drug

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distribution. Lt. Jerry Adams says by May of this year there were 10 similar arrests.

“Heroin seems to have made a comeback when the prescription pills became more available,” Adams says. “What I’m seeing now is a younger crowd using opiates. It is very pervasive.”

The Nantucket police force doubles in size in the summer, bringing on reserve and special, so-called “community officers” to handle traffic and minor matters. Adams expects this summer officers will also have to deal with what might be a trend: increased crimes such as larceny, especially at construction sites, presumably to pay for drugs.

He says the island’s small-town atmosphere also makes it difficult for police.



Tessandra Pearson is the executive director of Family & Children’s Services of Nantucket, which offers substance abuse counseling. (Deborah Becker/WBUR)

“Some of these officers have grown up with some of these individuals. Now they’re in the position to have to arrest them for drug-related crimes,” Adams says.

“Unlike other communities, officers can’t live in the town next to them. They see them at church or in the grocery store. We’re all here together.”

There is no structured substance abuse treatment on Nantucket — no detox or residential treatment center. In the past year, 25 people from Nantucket were taken to Gosnold Treatment Center on Cape Cod, the closest detox facility.

“Someone once told me that moving to Nantucket was like paradise. Well, it often feels like missionary work, where you are giving and giving to a community that needs a lot,” says Tessandra Pearson, the executive director of Family & Children’s Services of Nantucket, which offers private substance abuse counseling and outpatient counseling.

Pearson’s group also operates a crisis hotline. In just one week last month, the hotline received six calls, three involving opiate overdoses.

“We can say we’ve never had a wait-list this long and we haven’t seen crisis popping like this in quite some time,” she says. “With working with the hospital and other nonprofits, it’s a concern for all of us to see this impact such a small community in a big way.”

Pearson is hiring more counselors and trying to expand services in an effort to reduce the impact of the problem, especially this summer.

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Suspect arrested in rapes that rattled Nantucket

Carpenter could face more charges



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David Matterson was arraigned Wednesday at Nantucket District Court.

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NANTUCKET — The rapes, at knifepoint, began in 2008. Then came another, and a third and fourth. By the time another woman was assaulted last year, many islanders were on edge. But the cases went unsolved.

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In at least two of the attacks, the man was said to have a Jamaican accent, information that circulated on social media and put the island's Jamaican community on the defensive. When authorities asked Jamaican men to voluntarily offer DNA samples, nearly 100 did.

Then on Columbus Day weekend, police got the break they had been waiting for. A woman fought off an assailant who had broken into her home, and evidence left behind linked him to other attacks.

On Tuesday, police approached a job site to arrest David Matterson, a 35-year-old carpenter from Jamaica. When he saw them, he broke down as his co-workers watched in disbelief.

"He was someone who always had a smile on his face," said Frank Daily, the owner of Daily Construction, where Matterson worked as a subcontractor. "No one you would think had another side."

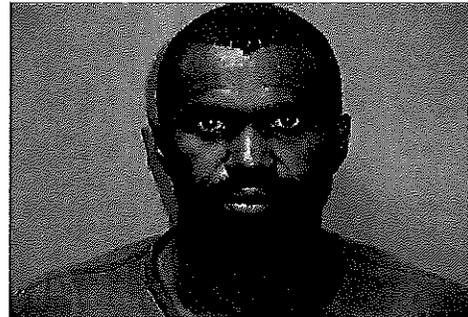
Matterson was arraigned Wednesday in the 2008 and 2014 sexual assaults, and Police Chief William Pittman said he expects Matterson will face additional charges. It is also possible, he said, that other victims may not have come forward.

Matterson pleaded not guilty and was ordered held without bail until Monday, when a hearing will determine whether he is too dangerous to be released.

Prosecutors said investigators had separately obtained Matterson's DNA from a soup container and matched it to evidence from the two rapes.

In both cases, prosecutors said, Matterson raped the women at knifepoint. In the 2014 attack, he cut off the woman's bra with a knife and took it when he left.

Authorities declined to specify how they came to bring charges against him, saying the investigation was ongoing. Records in the case were impounded. His lawyer declined to comment on the charges.



NANTUCKET POLICE DEPARTMENT

David Matterson.

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2008, part of a large contingent of seasonal workers from Jamaica and other countries.

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As he left the courthouse Wednesday, escorted by a pair of police officers, a woman shouted at him: "Hope you die in jail, scumbag."

Nantucket residents said they were relieved by the arrest, and some said the island was not as safe as many believe.

"I have the heebie-jeebies walking around by myself with the dogs, and I get laughed at on occasion, but this is why," said Shelli Howard, a year-round resident. "You want to think Nantucket is quiet, quaint, protected, no evil, but it's just like New York City or Boston or any suburb. I think a lot of us need to wake up."

Pittman, the police chief, said that between 2008 and 2014, at least three other women were victimized in attacks similar to the ones with which Matterson was charged.

"Matterson was a very legitimate threat to the women in our community," he said.

Pittman praised the Jamaican men who, in an unusual step, provided DNA samples. He said it was regrettable they had been viewed with suspicion in recent months.

"That was unfair," he said.

In the 2008 attack, Matterson allegedly sexually assaulted a woman for several hours after entering a home through an unlocked door, Pittman said. Matterson was also charged with assaulting a woman in September 2014 until another resident rushed to her aid. The suspect fled the scene.

Matterson rented a room in a gray-shingled home on a dead-end street, one street from the site of the Columbus Day weekend attack, and neighbors said they rarely saw him. Two women who also lived in the home said they believed he lived alone.

"We hardly see each other," said one of the women, who declined to speak further.

Patrick Irving, a Jamaican native who worked with Matterson, said co-workers used to tease him for being so quiet and never going out after work.

They joked that he should have a lot of money since he didn't have a girlfriend and generally stayed in. Matterson would only laugh in reply.

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“Sometimes you see people and you don’t know what is on the inside,” Irving said.
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“He’s so quiet, you don’t know.”

Irving, who saw the arrest, said Matterson began crying before the officers spoke to him.

As they led him away, Irving asked, “David, what’s happening?” and “David, what’s wrong?” But Matterson just kept crying.

Daily said the charges against Matterson had left him badly shaken. But even in retrospect, he could recall nothing suspicious about his behavior.

“This pains me to say, but our foreman and I always said we wanted more workers like him because he was so diligent and productive,” he said.

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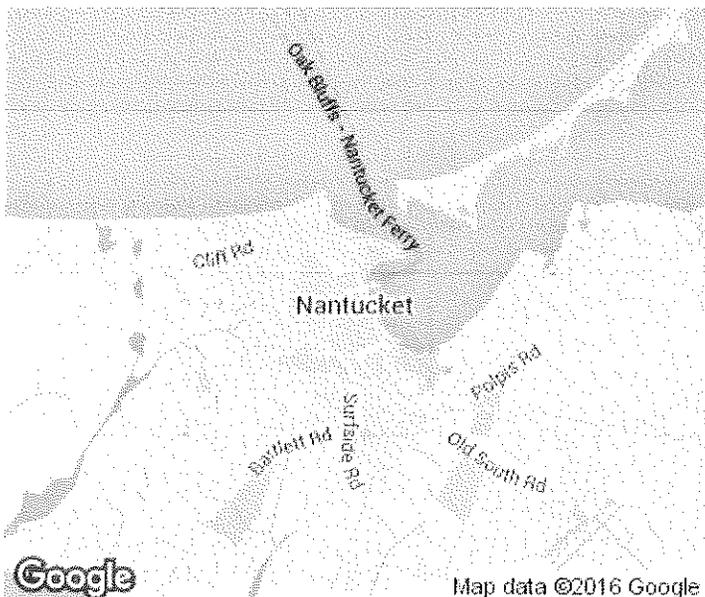
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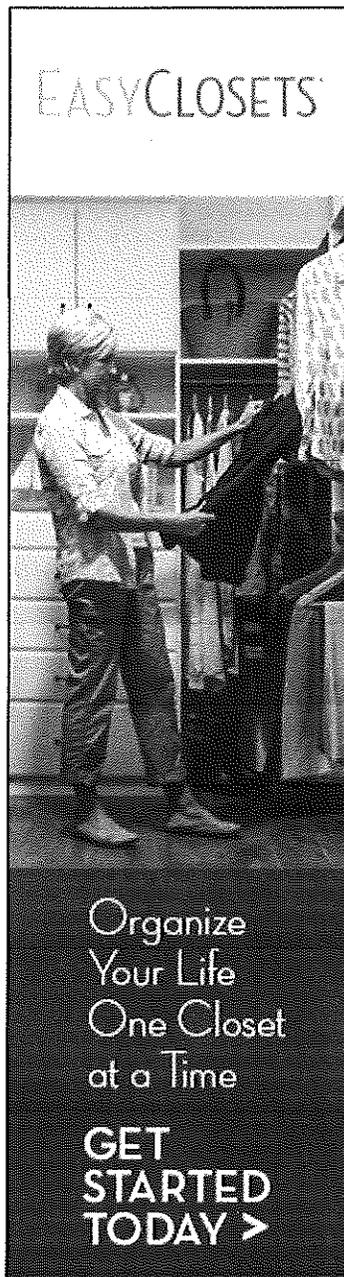
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