

Contributions



The Gay Head Light, dark - photography by Meg Bodnar

Help us turn the light back on!

[Tee shirts and other lighthouse merchandise available! Click here.](#)

The Gay Head Lighthouse, an island treasure and National Historical Landmark with a long and rich history, is at risk. It currently sits 47 feet from an eroding cliff, and geological experts advise it must be moved within the next two years.

The Save the Gay Head Light Committee is asking for your support in helping save this iconic structure and working navigational beacon, which has stood at the picturesque cliffs of the western most tip of Martha's Vineyard since 1799.

With a grant from Massachusetts Cultural Council, the approval of the final CPC funds for the project, and many donations of all sizes over the past few months, we have successfully reached our initial goal of \$3,000,000 in cash and pledges prior to the move!

However, due to the unpredictable environmental issues that have arisen (mitigation of the broad tinker weed, an endangered species, and lead contaminated soils from the old Lighthouse Keeper's cottage) we need to raise \$400,000 more. We need and appreciate everyone's help. The new goal is \$3.4mm. One anonymous Aquinnah donor

is willing to double their initial \$100,000 gift provided we raise the additional \$300,000 in a timely fashion. Please help if you can.

This project has brought together the island in an unprecedented way. Everyone has rallied together to save the lighthouse, we are so grateful, and we're almost there. We need to ask everyone to please dig a little deeper for our beloved Light. Thank you!

Your **tax deductible donation** will help fund the move and restoration of the Gay Head Lighthouse to a location and condition that will sustain it for several more generations. Donations of any amount are important and greatly appreciated. If you'd prefer to spread your payment over two installments (2015, 2016), this can be accommodated; please email a request for a pledge form to info@gayheadlight.org. We are racing against time to raise the funds needed to save the lighthouse.

Contributions to the Gay Head Lighthouse Fund maintained by the Town of Aquinnah for the purpose of effecting the relocation and on-going maintenance of the Gay Head Lighthouse are tax deductible under Section 170 (c) (1) of the Internal Revenue Code for U.S. income tax purposes to the same extent as permitted by applicable law under Section 501 (c) (3) of said Code.

There are a few ways to donate:

Online: Paypal is a safe, convenient donation method. You may use either your Paypal account or a credit card:

And if you would like to donate in memory of or in honor of someone, please use the button below. **IMPORTANT: After your donation is made, click on the orange "Return to Town of Aquinnah" button, where you will be prompted for details about who the donation should honor and where we should send notification of the gift.**

Donate in honor of or in memory of someone:

Postal Mail: Please make your check payable to **Town of Aquinnah**, and in the memo section, please enter "Gay Head Lighthouse Fund". Send to:

Gay Head Lighthouse Fund
Aquinnah Town Hall
65 State Road
Aquinnah, MA 02535

A portion of each donation, not to exceed 2.2% plus \$.30, will be withheld by PayPal as payment for each transaction.

The Gay Head Lighthouse Fund has been established as a separate gift account for the purpose of acquiring, relocating and restoring the Gay Head Lighthouse so that it can continue its purpose as a local and regional beacon and historic landmark. Expenses such as, but not limited to, engineering and legal costs, property acquisition, structural work, fundraising, landscaping and site development will be paid for out of the Gay Head Lighthouse Fund. This Fund will be a municipal fund overseen by the Town of Aquinnah. Donations may be made payable to the Gay Head Lighthouse Fund. All interest accrued on this gift fund account will remain with the project. All donations will be refunded on a pro-rated basis should the project not reach completion. [Click here to view the Town of Aquinnah's IRS tax exempt status.](#)

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501-c3: Please contact us if it is preferable to donate through a 501c3. That option exists. While a contribution to the Town of Aquinnah is usually tax deductible, we understand that in some instances this may be necessary.

Love the Gay Head Lighthouse? Bring a memory home with you! Get your GHL souvenirs at the following locations around Martha's Vineyard:

Bumper stickers (free with any donation)



At the Gay Head Lighthouse

Pins (\$1) and magnets (\$2)



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