



Cotuit Currents

July 2024



I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the 4th of July Parade. The registration form for floats, antique cars, and walking groups is now available online at csca@cotuitcivicassociation.org.

In case of inclement weather, please check our website for parade updates, too.

This year's parade will have a new marching band and the US Air Force 102nd Intelligence Wing Color Guard! And Civic Association board members will again be handing out a limited number of commemorative ribbons.

The parade starts at 11 a.m., but Main Street and all its feeder roads along the parade route will be closed starting at 10 a.m., so be sure to alert all your guests to arrive early. See page 2 for parade parking do's and don'ts.

As always, we need volunteers to assist in crowd control and helping to ensure a safe event. Anyone interested in helping should email cotuitevents@gmail.com.

See you at the parade!

And on the evening of Friday, July 5, look out for runners in the Cotuit Firecracker Classic 5K road race, which benefits the Civic Association and other local non-profits. To register and view the course, visit semcsports.com. Registration is \$37 for adults, but members of the Civic Association can use code COTUITSANTUIT for a \$5 discount.

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Theresa A. Egan, 1947-2024

We are sad to say goodbye to Theresa Egan, who died on May 18. Theresa edited *Cotuit Currents* for nine years, until she handed off to me in 2023. She will be missed.
—Jennifer Smith, editor

Cotuit Fire District

The **Cotuit Fire Department** and the Board of Fire Commissioners would like to thank all the residents who attended the Annual District Meeting and supported the Fire Department. With the village's support, we will work to ensure that the Village of Cotuit is protected well into the future. All are welcome to stop in with any questions you may have as we move forward on the station renovation design and engineering stage of the project. We are looking forward to another great summer and the July 4th Parade. See you all along the parade route!

From the **Cotuit Water Department**: PFAS (per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances) are harmful chemicals that are being found in drinking water supplies nationally. PFAS are found in many household products, including clothing, cleaners, shampoos, cosmetics, and even certain brands of toilet paper. When these products are flushed down shower, sink, and toilet drains, PFAS migrate from our septic systems into the underlying groundwater and into our drinking water supply or bays.

In some communities, PFAS mitigation has required water treatment plants costing \$10–\$20 million. Fortunately, the Cotuit water supply system currently complies with applicable water quality standards for PFAS. Staying ahead of the game, though, we want to encourage our customers to try to avoid products that are known to contain PFAS. For information on how you can make safer choices to protect your family and our drinking water, email jen@cotuitwater.org.

Historical Society of Santuit & Cotuit

The Historical Book Club meets at the Cotuit Library on July 11th, 6 p.m., to discuss *Camera Girl: The Coming of Age of Jackie Bouvier Kennedy*, by Carl Sferrazza Anthony.

Cotuit Chronicles presents David Allen Lambert, Chief Genealogist with American Ancestors/ New England Historic Genealogical Society, on Thursday, July 18, 7 p.m. at Cotuit Library. The evening's topic is Resources for Tracing Your Cape Cod Ancestors. Admission is free; donations are appreciated.

Come to The Taste on July 20, from 5-8 p.m. on the HSSC lawn. Enjoy food and wine from local folks, and bid at our luxe auction, which features an all-inclusive wine tasting trip to the Napa Valley. Tickets will be sold online starting June 15th. This is the HSSC's biggest fundraiser of the year—the one that keeps the lights on and the doors open!

History Uncorked, July 27, 6 p.m., at the Dottridge Homestead is a fun and casual evening of friendship and community, where the HSSC Curator highlights some intriguing historical object from the Dottridge Homestead or Cotuit Museum. Admission is free, and there's wine!

Cotuit Kettleers

The season is underway, and July promises some exciting events! On July 4, starting just after the parade, the park will be full of games and other activities for kids, staffed by players, interns, and coaches. On Friday, July 19, Big Nick's Ride for the Fallen comes through the Park just before the game. At the game on Sunday, July 21, all well-behaved dogs on short leashes are invited to attend Bark in the Park. (There will be treats!). And on Thursday, July 25, Cotuit Center for the Arts' Art Bus will be in the Park from 4 p.m. through the game. As always, please park carefully and legally. Interns and volunteers are always available to help.

Cotuit Library

Where do you find yourself on a Friday evening in Cotuit when the Kettleers aren't playing? At the Cotuit Library Cornhole Tournament, of course!

Join us on Friday, July 12, from 4:30-8 p.m. on the Village Green for our second annual cornhole tournament. It's going to be a wicked good time with Wicked Cornhole Events! Cape Cod Beer will be on-site for adult beverages, and Cotuit Fresh Market will bring the feast! Grab a teammate and get your tickets today at cotuitlibrary.org, or stop by to watch the fun.

Remember to stop by the library during the day to cool off from the summer sun. We're celebrating our 150th birthday all summer with plenty of programs for the whole family!

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Friends of the Cotuit Library

The Friends' annual membership drive for the 2024-2025 season is underway. This season promises to be an exciting one as we celebrate the Cotuit Library's 150th anniversary. Please consider joining or renewing your membership online at cotuitlibrary.org/join-the-friends.html. If you prefer to pay by check, you can download a registration form from that page or pick one up at the library.

Cotuit Bird & Garden Club

On July 10, the CBGC will go on a tour of the Chatham Bars Inn Farm. We will meet at Lowell Park at 9 a.m. to carpool. Lunch at one of the Inn's restaurants will follow the tour. Attendance is limited, so if you'd like to join, please reach out to Joanne Miller at 508-524-1817.

St. Michael Orthodox Church

Saturday Vespers, 7 p.m.
Sunday Orthros, 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Liturgy, 9:30 a.m., immediately followed by potluck coffee hour—bring a dish to share!

We offer many opportunities to pray and serve together through our Women's, Men's, and Youth Groups, Homeschool Support, and Outreach programs to assist local charities on Cape Cod and beyond. Visit stmichaelcapecod.org/schedule for a full schedule of activities.

Cotuit Nursery School

On Thursday July 18, don your most festive tropical attire and come to the Community Hall at Cotuit Federated Church for the school's Boutique Bag Bingo fundraiser. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., and bingo starts at 7 p.m. We'll play 10 rounds, for which the prizes are beautiful purses and bags generously donated by local shops and boutiques. Tickets are \$30 each and include 3 bingo cards. Additional cards will be available for purchase. Purchase tickets at boutique-bag-bingo.cheddarup.com or by mailing a check made out to Cotuit Nursery School to PO Box 1671, Cotuit, MA 02635. Must be 18+.



TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

Office hours for **Town Councilor Seth Burdick** were unavailable at press time, but you can reach him at 774-228-0308 or at seth.burdick@town.barnstable.ma.us.



DRIVING AND PARKING ON PARADE DAY



On Parade day, parking is allowed at the following locations. Some of these roads will be closed to traffic starting at 10 a.m. (see below), so park early, if needed:

- East side of Highland Avenue
- East side of Old Oyster Road from Coolidge Street to the Elementary School
- Elementary School parking lot
- Lowell Park parking lot
- South side of School Street from Crockers Neck Road to Piney Road

DO NOT park at the Cotuit Highground golf course or on any sidewalks or lawns.

Roads closing to traffic at 10 a.m.: Main Street from the Elementary School to School Street (the parade route), Putnam Avenue from Lowell Avenue to Main Street, Coolidge Street, High Street, and School Street from Highland Avenue to Main Street.

Cotuit Federated Church

Sunday worship is at the regular hour of 10 a.m. this summer. Please don't park in the rear of the post office's side lot.

Cape Harmony returns to CFC on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. weekly through August 13th.

Cape Cod Academy

Cotuit families are invited to join CCA's 2024 Summer Experience. Our team of experienced summer instructors offers high energy, educational, and fun activities and classes for all ages, including swimming, arts and crafts, cooking, coding, STEM Club, Math Games, Acting, Musical Theatre, Dance, Cheerleading, Jewelry Making, Art Mindfulness Painting Studio, plus many more. Individual tutoring programs are available for students entering kindergarten through grade 12. Learn more at capecodacademy.org/summer/summer-program.

Cape Cod Ballroom Dancers

Dance the night away! Cape Cod Ballroom Dancers meet for a Casual Dance in the Cotuit Federated Church's Community Hall on Saturday, July 20, from 7-9:30 p.m. Singles, couples, and beginners welcome! \$15/\$10 members.

Barnstable Land Trust

BLT loves the month of July! You can support us as a proud beneficiary of the Firecracker Classic Road Race on July 5. If you want to get your hands dirty for a few hours, our volunteer days are fun for the whole family! Or catch Cotuit's Gil Newton, a BLT founder and local treasure, at a talk celebrating Thornton W. Burgess' 150th Anniversary. BLT will also be at the Cotuit Library's first-ever Nature Olympics at Ropes Field. Nearby, join us at Osterville Village Library for a fascinating author talk on "My Summer with Ospreys." And most importantly, BLT members are invited to the Annual Meeting

at Cape Cod Community College's new LEED-certified Wilkens Science and Engineering Center on Wednesday, July 17. For event dates and times, visit blt.org/events.

Cotuit Center for the Arts

It's a sizzlin' hot summer at Cotuit Center for the Arts! Join us in July for shows on our outdoor stage, including The All Worn Out Jug Band, Reed Foehl, 60's Thunder, Monica Rizzio & the Roundup, Kemp Harris, Nelli McKay, Oxford Drive, Buoys of Summer, Suede, Sara Sneed and Pat Ryan, and Twisted Pine. The whole family will enjoy *Dragons Love Tacos*, showing July 24-August 9. On the main stage, *Little Shop of Horrors* runs from July 10-28, and More Women Rock! opens July 31. Breaking the Shakespeare Code is slated for July 22 in the Black Box Theater. We've got classes for all ages: watercolor, ceramics, jewelry-making, and Theater Camps for kids! To learn more, purchase tickets, and register online, visit artsonthecape.org.

Cahoon Museum of American Art

Gallery Talk: Quilts for These Times, Wednesday, July 3, 11-11:30 a.m. Included with admission
Brush Off Live Auction and Cocktail Party, Saturday, July 6, 5:00-7:00 p.m., \$75
Lecture: Early New England Quilts, Wednesday, July 10, 4:30-6 p.m. \$25/\$20 members
Gelli Print on Fabric Workshop, Thursday, July 11, 1-4 p.m. \$55/\$45 members
Paint Night: Ralph Cahoon's Mermaid's Wash Day, Friday, July 12, 5-7 p.m. \$55/\$45 members
Accordion Book Workshop, Saturday, July 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$95/\$80 members
Director's Talk: 40 Years of Collecting with Executive Director Sarah Johnson, PhD, Thursday, July 18, 2-3 p.m. Included with admission ■

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