



CotuitCurrents

June 2024

Summer is nearly here!

The 2024 annual membership drive is ongoing. Thank you to everyone who has already renewed or joined the CSCA! If you haven't yet, you can do so online, or by mailing in the membership slip on page 2 with your check. Every dollar of your membership dues and donations helps to pay for the activities we provide, such as this newsletter, Christmas in Cotuit, and the Fourth of July Parade.

Speaking of the parade, if you plan to join the parade with an antique car or float, please visit our website for up-to-date information and forms. If you will be walking or riding a bicycle, no form is needed.

The parade starts at 11 a.m., but the surrounding streets are closed at 10 a.m. If you live near the parade route, remember to alert anyone coming to your house that day to come early. Also, people who will need to park at Lowell Park or Cotuit School should come early too, as parking spaces are limited.

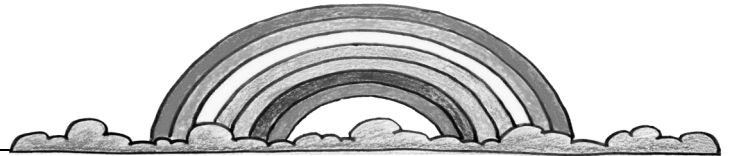
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OFFICE HOURS IN JUNE

State Representative Kip Diggs will hold office hours in Cotuit on Monday, June 24, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Freedom Hall.

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



Cotuit Fire District

You may be aware of the dangers of PFAS or "forever chemicals," which were in the news this spring when the US Environmental Protection Agency issued new, stricter limits for these common household chemicals in public drinking water. The **Cotuit Water Department** began testing for PFAS chemicals in our five wells in the fall of 2019 (before the state issued its first guidelines). We have continued those tests ever since, with no violations of either the old or the new limits for PFAS. We continue to monitor levels of contaminants in our water supply and will keep you informed of any changes.

The **Cotuit Fire Department** Building Committee is excited to share concept designs for a proposed renovation and expansion of the current fire station on High Street. The fire station that was built in 1938 no longer accommodates the apparatus and operations of a modern emergency services department. The committee has made a great effort to create a financially responsible vision that retains the historical character of the neighborhood while meeting the needs of today and the future. In the coming weeks and months, the Fire Department will host opportunities for the



community to tour the fire station, review concept drawings, and ask questions. For dates and times, see the websites of the Fire District and Civic Association, cotuitfiredistrict.org and cotuitcivicassociation.org.

Historical Society of Santuit & Cotuit

The Historical Book Club discusses *The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams*, by Stacy Schiff, on Thursday, June 6, 6 p.m. at Cotuit Library.

Kick off the summer season with fresh strawberries, bakery-made biscuits, and homemade whipped cream at the Strawberry Festival, Saturday, June 8, noon to 2 p.m. Place your order online at cotuithistoricalsociety.org starting May 24. \$10/\$8 members.

David Weeden of the Mashpee Wampanoag Nation is the Cotuit Chronicles speaker on Thursday, June 13, 7 p.m. at Cotuit Library. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

Members are invited to the Annual Meeting and Museum Grand Reopening taking place on Thursday, June 20, 6:30 p.m. The evening will include remarks by HSSC President Beth Johnson, the election of board members, and the introduction of this year's Ken Ballou Memorial Scholarship recipient. Mingle with some wine and appetizers before and after the meeting. The Museum, complete with new exhibits, will be open!

Cotuit Kettleers

The Lowell Park field renovation is complete, and Kettleers season is here! Come to our season opener on Saturday, June 15, at 5 p.m., when the Kettleers play the Harwich Mariners on our beautiful new turf. If you can't wait that long, stop by on June 9 at 2:30 p.m. to see the boys of summer scrimmage with the Lexington Blue Sox. For the full 2024 Kettleers schedule, visit cotuitkettleers.org/schedule.

Because parking around Lowell Park is limited, last season we began directing people to safely and legally park at the former elementary school across Main Steet, and we will be doing that again this season. Staff at the Lowell Park drop-off and on Lowell Avenue and Main Street will direct you. If you would like to volunteer to help with game-day parking, please contact Cheryl McPhillips at cherylam56@gmail.com.

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Cotuit Bird & Garden Club

On June 12, the Club is hosting a timely talk about bees. Please join us at the Cotuit Library at 10:30 a.m., where Dr. Miguel Zamora, from the Barnstable County Beekeeper’s Association, will tell us about bees and how to create a bee-friendly garden. Everyone is welcome.

Cotuit Library

- Friday, June 7, 2 p.m., learn about the “Mysteries of Seaweed” with Gil Newton.
- Saturday June 15, 1 p.m., adults and teens 16+ are invited to embroider with Sunshine. No experience necessary!
- Thursday, June 20, our popular “Private Spaces and Gardens of Cotuit” tour runs from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Garden guru C.L. Fornari will give a private talk on June 19 from 4-5:30 p.m. To learn more and purchase tickets, visit cotuitlibrary.org.
- Friday, June 28, our Lucy Gibbons Morse art exhibit opens, with several pieces on loan from Lucy’s family. Lucy’s great grandson, Will Beebe, will host a talk about the Morse family history on June 29, 10:30 a.m.

And for the kids:

- Tuesday story time at 10 a.m., June 4, with Cotuit firefighters, and at 10:30 a.m., June 18 with Kettleers Coach Roberts.
- A Fancy Nancy Garden Party on the front lawn on Thursday, June 13 at 3 p.m.
- Summer reading kickoff party on Monday, June 24, 1 p.m.

Friends of the Cotuit Library

The Friends’ Annual Book Sale is at Freedom Hall on Friday, June 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, June 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

St. Michael Orthodox Church

Summer schedule from May 26:
Saturday Vespers, 7 p.m.
Sunday Orthros, 9 a.m.
Sunday Liturgy, 10 a.m.; Coffee Hour follows
Visit stmichaelcapecod.org/schedule to see special services and ongoing activities.

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.

Cotuit Federated Church

Vacation Bible Camp runs from Monday, June 24, through Friday, June 28, from 9 a.m. to noon. All Children are welcome! \$15 per child/\$25 family maximum. To

COTUIT FIRECRACKER ROAD RACE

Save the date and start training for the Cotuit Firecracker Road Race on Friday, July 5. This 5K-ish evening race benefits Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association, Cotuit Athletic Association, Barnstable Land Trust, and Cape Cod Challenger Club. The mostly flat course provides runners with a lovely tour through the village, finishing at Lowell Field. Yummy prizes from Centerville Pie Company will be awarded for each of 10 age categories, and all kids who finish will win an ice cream cone from Polar Cave.

To learn more and register, visit semcsports.com. Registration is \$32 for adults (increases to \$37 after June 3; see note below) and includes 2 free beers and food at the after-party. Registration for kids is \$10.

Note: After June 3, Civic Association members can get a \$5 discount using the code COTUITSANTUIT.



register, visit cotuitfederatedchurch.org and scroll down to click on the VBS graphic.

Save the date: CraftFest Cotuit is on August 17 and 18 this year.

Cotuit Nursery School

Cotuit Nursery School is accepting registrations for the 2024-2025 school year. We offer a half-day program Monday through Thursday for students aged 2.9 to 5 years. Two-, three-, and four-day options are available. Call (508) 428-1470 or email cotuitnurseryschool@yahoo.com for more information or to schedule a tour.

Save the date: On Thursday July 18, 7-9 p.m., the Cotuit Nursery School will host a “Jimmy Buffet Bingo Night” fundraiser at the Cotuit Federated Church.

Cape Cod Academy

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

Barnstable Land Trust

In June, join Barnstable Land Trust for 20+ Hike Barnstable programs (shoutout to Cape Cod Healthcare for their support). Cotuit highlights include a Lady Slipper hike at Crocker Neck with local Gil Newton and a Lowell Park Woodlands experience with the daVinci Pursuit (thedavincipursuit.com).

At Eagle Pond, join a World Environment Day celebration with the Walking Readers group and Ed Yong’s *An Immense World*, and explore the All Trails app with the Appalachian Mountain Club. And on the summer solstice, enjoy the annual Flowerpot Music Concert with partners Cape Cod Symphony and Cotuit Library. Picnics encouraged! Other notable events include “Bug Out with BLT” (learn about the Cape’s mosquitos and greenhead flies), ranger walks at Sandy Neck Beach, volunteer days, and a virtual program with Cape Cod’s Pollinator Pathways. For details, visit blt.org.

Cape Cod Ballroom Dancers

Feel like dancing? Cape Cod Ballroom Dancers meets for a Casual Dance in the Cotuit Federated Church’s Community Hall on Saturday, June 15, from 7-9:30 p.m. Singles, couples, and beginners are welcome! \$15/\$10 members.

Cahoon Museum of American Art

Artist in Action: Joe Cunningham Installs the Outdoor “Quilted Cahoon,” Tuesday, June 18, Wednesday, June 19, and Thursday, June 20, 12-12:30 p.m.

Meet the Curator: Julie Silber – “Small Quilts, Big Stories,” Wednesday, June 19 and Thursday, June 20, 1-2 p.m. Included with admission

Quilt Sharing: Discussion with Julie Silber and Joe Cunningham, Thursday, June 20, 4:30-6 p.m. \$30/\$20 members

Perspectives on Quilting with Julie Silber and Joe Cunningham, Friday, June 21, 1-3 p.m. Included with admission

Summer Open House: Artist Reception for Joe Cunningham and Small Quilt Show, and Brush-Off Kick-off, Saturday, June 22, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free ■

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