



CotuitCurrents

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The Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association’s mission is to educate and communicate all things Cotuit. During August’s CSCA Annual meeting, we voted in two new board members to help carry out the mission: Lisa Nagel and DJ Long. Also, Lisa Vasiloff and Natalie Spence were re-elected to the 12-person board. We are always looking for new board members. If you have an interest in joining the CSCA board, send us an email at cscacotuitcivicassociation.org.

We are excited to announce a new page on our website that presents an overview of the Cotuit Fire District governance. Please take a peek at cotuitcivicassociation.org/governance. We are happy to answer any questions, and encourage your participation in local governance.

Are you on our email list? If you’d like to receive updates and other communications via email, visit cotuitcivicassociation.org/contact, enter your email address, and click Subscribe.

Carol Zais, President
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TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

The Town Council meets bimonthly (except July and August), and Town Council meetings are public. You can attend in-person or via Zoom.

This month’s meetings are on Thursday, September 5 and Thursday, September 19, in the Hearing Room at Barnstable Town Hall. For Zoom links, visit Town’s website at townofbarnstable.us/towncouncil.

You can reach Seth Burdick, Cotuit’s Town Councilor, by email or phone, seth.burdick@town.barnstable.ma.us or 774-228-0308.

Cotuit Fire District

On Wednesday, September 25th, the 3rd annual 55+ Community Safety Day will take place at the Barnstable Adult Community Center from 1 to 5 p.m. Members of the **Cotuit Fire Department’s** Community Risk Reduction team will be there to offer information on fire safety, fall prevention, residential lock box benefits, and the reassurance program. If you can’t attend this free event and wish to learn more about the programs offered at Cotuit Fire, contact Firefighter Gardiner at cgardiner@cotuitfire.org.

In other news, the Fire Department received a \$27,159.04 grant to purchase a Lucas Chest Compression System through FEMA’s Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Program. The grant will allow both ambulances to be equipped with this life-saving system.

“Cape Cod is a sole source aquifer; all of our water is connected.” We hear that, and it is partially right. In 1982, the US EPA designated Cape Cod as a Sole Source Aquifer, meaning that our only drinking water comes from the groundwater beneath our feet. However, there are six distinct “lenses” of groundwater on the Cape; they do not touch each other. Cotuit is in the largest, the Sagamore Lens, stretching from the Canal to Bass River. Groundwater flow determines which part of this lens supplies Cotuit’s wells, and it is a very small sliver. If we can maintain and restore water quality in that sliver, we can keep our drinking water safe. Is your house and septic system in that sliver? Contact the **Cotuit Water Department** to find out. —M. Robinson, Water Commissioner

Historical Society of Santuit & Cotuit

The Historical Book Club meets at Cotuit Library on Thursday September 5, 6 p.m., to discuss *The Woman All Spies Fear: Codebreaker Elizebeth Smith Friedman and Her Hidden Life*, by Amy Butler Greenfield.

On Sunday, September 8, join Tommy Burgess for a Cotuit Port Historic Walk along Putnam Avenue to Old Shore Road, and hear about the houses and businesses that graced this area in the 1700’s and 1800’s. Meet at the Coop (737 Main Street) at 10 a.m. \$15/\$10 members. Rain date the following Sunday. Reservations required; email info@cotuihistoricalsociety.org.

History Uncorked, Thursday, September 12, 6 p.m. at the Dottridge Homestead. During this casual evening of friendship and community, the HSSC Curator highlights an intriguing historical object from the Dottridge Homestead or Cotuit Museum. Admission is free, and there’s wine!

On Thursday, September 19, 7 p.m. at Cotuit Library, Cotuit Chronicles presents Chris Gargiulo, President of Cotuit Oyster Company. Chris will discuss the history of the company, from its start in 1857 to today’s modern oyster farming.

The Dottridge Homestead, Cotuit Museum, Rothwell Ice House, and Gift Shop are open Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gift shop is fully stocked!

Cotuit Bird & Garden Club

On Wednesday, September 11, 10:30 a.m. at the Cotuit Library, the Club hosts William Farrell, owner of Alchemy Garden Ponds, who will share his extensive knowledge of developing and caring for a water garden. Everyone is welcome. Call Joanne Miller with any questions, 508-524-1817.

Cotuit Library

Happy birthday to... Cotuit Library! Join us on Friday, September 6, for the biggest birthday bash in Cotuit. Stop in for cupcakes, bubbly, and fun from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. to help us celebrate our 150th!

You can keep the celebration going by donating a party. The library will collect party decorations, cake mixes, and other party essentials to donate to The Independence House, a local food pantry. Families focused on essential needs often go without extras, but your help can make family celebrations feel a little more special. Please bring donations to the library front desk between Tuesday, September 3, and Saturday, September 7.

Visit cotuitlibrary.org/events for all of our September programs and events.

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Friends of the Cotuit Library

The Friends kick off the Speaker Series on October 2 with Gerree Hogan, author of *Cape Cod Libraries: A History and Guide*. \$20/\$15 members. Lunch is included. Please register online at cotuitlibrary.org/friends-events-calendar.

The Friends annual membership drive continues. Join or renew at cotuitlibrary.org/join-the-friends. If you prefer to pay by check, you can pick up a membership form at the library's front desk or download one from the membership page.

Cotuit Kettleers

Big thanks to our loyal and generous fans for another exciting Cotuit Kettleers season. The Cotuit Athletic Association appreciates your continued support as we strive to make Kettleers Baseball at Lowell Park a cherished part of summer in Cotuit. If you would like to volunteer with the CAA, visit cotuitkettleers.org for more information.

Cotuit Federated Church

Sunday worship services continue at 10 a.m. A nursery is staffed for childcare during services.

Sunday School starts on September 8; there will be a blessing of backpacks and calendars during the service.

The community is invited to a Block Party on Sunday, September 15, starting at 11:15 a.m. Plenty of food and games for everyone.

Cape Cod Healthcare Blood Drive, Tuesday, September 24, 9 a.m.-4 pm. Sign up at capecodhealth.org/ways-to-give/blood-center/.

Mark your calendars for the fall Rummage Sale, Wednesday, October 18, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Thursday, October 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Donations of gently used items will be welcomed from October 14 to 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

St. Michael Orthodox Church

Saturday Vespers, 5 p.m.
Sunday Orthros, 9 a.m.
Sunday Liturgy, 10 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.

Come find out how you can be a part of this vibrant and growing community. Visit stmichaelcapecod.org/schedule for a full schedule of activities.

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.

Barnstable Land Trust

Throughout September, explore "Climate Conversations" with Barnstable Land Trust (BLT) through art, literature, film, and science programs with the goal of inspiring people of all ages to take collective action as we face the climate challenge together. Don't miss Rising Waters Fish Flags, a public art installation at Hyannis Harbor's Aselton Park on Saturday, September 21, 1-3 p.m.

Other events include a film watch party of Dr. Seuss' the Lorax and planet-friendly craft and a bog stomping program with Gil Newton, beach cleanups, story times, a tour with Resilient Woods Hole of their new Climate Trail, author talks, and a walk integrating Native American Nature Poetry. For more details, visit www.bltr.org.

Cotuit Center for the Arts

The Second Summer Cycle Charity Ride sets off Sunday, September 15 at 6:30 a.m. All levels of experience welcome. For details and signup info, visit artsonthecape.org/explore/cotuit-cyclists-for-the-arts.



On the main stage, Pepper Grinds presents the 11th Annual Summer Striptacular, a burlesque extravaganza, September 5, 6, and 7 at 7:30 p.m.

On the outdoor stage:

Folk musician Jeffrey Foucault, Sunday, September 8, 3 p.m.

Dawna Hammers: Back to the Garden, Friday, September 13, 7:30 p.m.

Rising Stars, an evening for stories and

songs, Saturday, September 14, 7 p.m.

Cotuit Dance Festival, a two-day celebration of award-winning dancers, spotlighting 10 dance companies. Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22, 3 p.m. both days.

Americana duo Honeysuckle, Friday, September 27, 7:30 p.m.

For more information and tickets for CCA events, visit artsonthecape.org/explore.

Dream Tale Puppets

On Saturday, September 28, Dream Tale Puppets presents *Alice, or the Red King's Dream*, the fantastically nonsensical adventures of a little girl, inspired by Lewis Carroll's writings, for ages 5 and up. The hour-long show starts at 4 p.m. at Freedom Hall. Admission is \$6 at the door (cash only).

Join a world of make-believe where two vagabonds bring Alice to life and set her on a journey to find a lost kitten. Alice enters a world of puzzles inhabited by a jumble of characters from Lewis Carroll's stories, and as she looks for the lost kitten, the audience can enjoy deciphering theatrical riddles. Visit dreamtalepuppets.org/shows/alice/ for more details.

Cahoon Museum of American Art

Gallery Talk: Ralph and Martha Cahoon, Wednesday, September 4, 11-11:30 a.m. Included with museum admission.

Mermaid Drawing Workshop, Wednesday, September 4, 1-3 p.m. \$30/\$20 members

No-Sew Quilt Workshop, Wednesday, September 11, 1-3 p.m. \$55/\$45 members

Paint Night, Friday, September 13, 5-7 p.m. \$55/\$45 members

Afternoon with Deborah Carter: Garden Art Party, Saturday, September 14, 1-3 p.m. \$30/\$20 members

Consider the Source: Influences on the work of Ralph and Martha Cahoon with Cindy Nickerson, Thursday, September 19, 4:30-6 p.m. \$25/\$20 members

Wild Journals Workshop, Saturday, September 21, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$95/\$80 members

Magical, Mystical Mermaid Drawing Workshop, Wednesday, September 25, 1-3 p.m. \$30/\$20 members

ConVERSations: Layered World, Layered Work, with Poets Lauren Wolk and Brett Warren, Saturday, September 28, 2-3 p.m. Included with museum admission. ■

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