



CotuitCurrents

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Please help us welcome our newest Civic Association board member, Christy Curtis. Christy joined in September to round out our 12-member board, bringing the indispensable perspective of a small-business owner to the board.

In an August community meeting, Patty Daley, a member of the Cotuit School Ad Hoc Subcommittee and the Cotuit Community Center board, presented an update on the work of the Subcommittee and shared the recommendations it submitted to the Prudential Committee. A recording of the August meeting is available for viewing at csc.wistia.com/medias/uuq1i4yr0h. A copy of the Power-Point presentation can be found on the Cotuit Community Center website at cotuitcommunitycenter.com/updates. Read about the next steps for the Cotuit School property under **Cotuit Fire District** at right.

We encourage all villagers to stay informed by attending the monthly meetings of the Prudential Committee and Fire and Water Commissioners, either in person or via Zoom. You can find out about the meetings at cotuitfiredistrict.org.

The town of Barnstable has launched a new website for the Hyannis Youth and Community Center. Visit capecodHYCC.com to learn about and sign up for programs and events and to request space for meetings, parties, and other events.

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Cotuit Fire District

The **Prudential Committee** has hired a consultant with expertise in the public bidding process to draft a Request for Proposal for a feasibility study of the options for rehabilitating the Cotuit School building based on the recommendations of the Cotuit School Ad Hoc Subcommittee. This study was required by the vote of the village at the May 4 special district meeting. Engineering firms will bid on the proposed feasibility study, and the selected firm will then estimate the costs of various options for the building's rehabilitation (or demolition). The engineering firm will present its findings at a village meeting.

October is fire safety month, so the **Fire Department** would like to share some safety tips related to lithium-ion batteries in the home. These batteries power everything from smartphones and laptops to scooters and electric vehicles.

- Be sure to purchase only devices listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Store lithium-ion batteries and the devices they power at room temperature when possible.
- Don't leave them in a hot car, direct sunlight, or in freezing temperatures.
- Always use the manufacturer's battery, cord, and power adapter explicitly made for the device. Aftermarket and generic accessories have been linked to severe fires.
- Stop using the device or battery if you notice an unusual odor, change in color or shape, leaking, or odd noises. If you can do so safely, move the device away from anything that can burn and call the fire department.

Historical Society of Santuit & Cotuit

The Historical Book Club meets at Cotuit Library on Thursday October 3, 6 p.m., to discuss *Fight Like Hell: The Untold History of American Labor*, by Kim Kelly.

Saturday, October 12 is Fall Fest at HSSC, from noon to 3 p.m. Pie sale, artisan and open-hearth cooking demos, and antique appraisals by Scott Gaynor of Gaynor's Fine Consignment (\$10 per item; 3 items for \$25).

On Thursday, October 17, 7 p.m. at Cotuit Library, Cotuit Chronicles presents *Sacco and Vanzetti: Murderers or Martyrs?*, a talk given by Gregory Williams, retired District Judge and local historian. Learn about the Cotuit connection to the controversial 1920 case of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, who were convicted of and executed for the murders of two payroll guards. Did the evidence support their convictions, or were they persecuted for being Italian immigrants and anarchists?

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

Cotuit Bird & Garden Club

On October 9, the Club hosts our own Margi Kornbloom, who will speak at the Cotuit Library at 10:30 a.m. Margi will share with us her many hints and tips for raising orchids, which she has been doing quite successfully for some time. Please join us; everyone is welcome. Call Joanne Miller with any questions, 508-524-1817.

Cotuit Witch Walk

The SandWitches of New England will perform their annual Witch Dance at the Cotuit Town Dock at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 27, followed by the first annual Cotuit Witch Walk to benefit Mills River Rescue, an equine sanctuary in Marstons Mills (millsriverrescue.com). Dress witchy and join the Witch Walk! First stop is near the Cotuit Village Green, where kids can trick or treat with the witches and see the witchy ponies! The Witch Walk continues up School Street to Cotuit Highground Golf Club for fun and raffles. Spectating is free at the dock and along the walk; for walkers, a \$10 donation to the rescue is asked, which includes a raffle ticket. In case of inclement weather, the Witch Dance and fun will begin at Freedom Hall. Be part of the magic! For more information, email Lisa Z at ldancewithwitches@gmail.com.

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Cotuit Library

Adult printmaking class with Cotuit resident and art instructor Katie McMurray, Thursday, October 10, 4-6 p.m. Registration required.

Join Ronny LeBlanc from Discovery Channel and Travel Channel's *Expedition Bigfoot* for a talk about the evidence supporting the existence of Bigfoot, Friday, October 11, 2-3 p.m. Registration required.

Local author Corey Farrenkopf will host a book talk for his debut novel, *Living in Cemeteries*, Friday, October 18, 2-3 p.m. Registration required.

Craft and a Movie: Paint pumpkins, eat popcorn, and watch *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*, Thursday, October 24, 4-5 p.m.

Craft and a Movie: Watch *Hocus Pocus* and stir up some slime in your cauldron, Saturday, October 26, 2-3 p.m. Snacks included!

Our firefighters are back for All Hallows Eve, Thursday, October 31, 4:30-6 p.m.

Visit cotuitlibrary.org/events to register and to see all October programs and events.

Friends of the Cotuit Library

Join the Friends on Wednesday, October 2 at the Cotuit Library to kick off the Speaker Series. Gerree Hogan, author of *Cape Cod Libraries: A History and Guide*, and Autumn Hassett, Executive Director of the Cotuit Library, discuss the fascinating history of the Libraries on Cape Cod. Moderated by Lynne Pepall of the Cotuit Library Board. Register online at cotuitlibrary.org/friends-events-calendar.html.

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. Visit stmichaelcapecod.org/schedule for a full schedule of services and activities.

Cotuit Federated Church

Sunday worship services are at 10 a.m.
Sunday School and child care are offered every Sunday.
On Sunday, October 6, at 11:15 a.m., CFC will host a lunch to raise funds for our food

ministries at Miracle Kitchen and Faith Family Kitchen. All are welcome. Later that day, at 4 p.m., bring your pets (or pictures of your pets) to the CFC outdoor terrace for a Blessing of the Animals.



The Fall Rummage Sale takes place Friday, October 18, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, October 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations of gently used clothing and shoes, toys, books, jewelry, household items, and furniture will be welcomed from October 14 to 16, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

On Halloween, stop in to Hamilton Hall (formerly Bruce/Community Hall), from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to trick or treat.

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.

Cape Cod Academy

Cape Cod Academy invites Cotuit families to an Admissions Open House on Saturday, October 26, at 9 a.m. Families of students entering grades K-12 are invited to attend and learn about Cape Cod Academy's signature programs and personalized tuition, meet faculty and staff, and tour our 46-acre campus. If you cannot attend and would like to visit Cape Cod Academy at another time, email or call our admissions team at admissions@capecodacademy.org or 508-428-5400 to set up a tour. To learn more visit capecodacademy.org.

Barnstable Land Trust

Celebrate National Arts and Humanities Month with BLT in October. Many programs and events--some at the Fuller Farm barn on Route 149 in Marston Mills--invite you to experience nature through different creative perspectives: Watch a demo with plein air and pastel artist Betsy Payne Cook, or see how the Cape Cod Woodturners make art from local wood. Families will want to check out the special interactive poetry walk through the farm's meadow trails, as well as a special visit by Cotuit Center for

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

Seth Burdick, Cotuit's Town Councilor, will hold office hours on October 15, 3:30-5 p.m., at the Cotuit Library. You can also reach Seth by email or phone, seth.burdick@town.barnstable.ma.us or 774-228-0308.

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, October 3** and **Thursday, October 17**, in the Hearing Room at Barnstable Town Hall. Visit townofbarnstable.us/towncouncil for For Zoom links.

the Arts' art bus! And take a creative stroll around Eagle Pond with Mark Kesling of the daVinci Pursuit as part of the Town of Barnstable's Land Acquisition & Preservation Committee (LAPC) Walking Weekend. For more details, go to www.bl.org.

Cahoon Museum of American Art

Gallery Talk: Varujan Boghosian, Wednesday, October 2, 11-11:30 a.m. Included with museum admission

Fall Open House, Saturday, October 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Family program, 10 a.m.-noon, Reception for Varujan Boghosian and New England Book Artists, 1-3 p.m. Admission is free.

Advanced Phone Photography with Linda Sharp, Thursday, October 10, 1-4 p.m. \$55/\$45 members

Director's Talk: The Work of Varujan Boghosian, with Executive Director Sarah Johnson, Thursday, October 17, 2-3 p.m.

Botanical Illustration: Beautiful Bounty, Saturday, October 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$115/\$100 members

ConVERSations: Discussion with Mary Kane and Angela Rose, Saturday, October 19, 2-3 p.m. Included with admission

Long Point Gallery Remembered, with Grace Hopkins, Thursday, October 24, 4:30-6 p.m. \$25/\$20 members

Book Arts Workshop: Tunnel Books and Flag Books, Saturday, October 26, 1-4 p.m. \$55/\$45 members

Cyanotype Workshop, Thursday, October 31, 1-4 p.m. \$55/\$45 members. ■

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