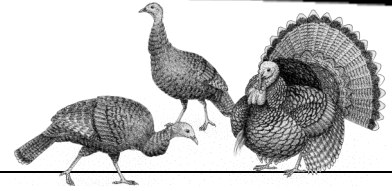




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Don't forget to VOTE on **Tuesday, November 5**. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Most Cotuit residents are in Precinct 7 and vote at Freedom Hall, 976 Main Street, Cotuit. Villagers in Precinct 5 vote at Osterville Fire Station, 999 Main Street, Osterville. Precinct 12 votes at 7th Day Adventist Community Building, 2736 Falmouth Rd, Marstons Mills. If you aren't sure where you vote, call the Town Clerk's office at 508-862-4044.

Please welcome the new CSCA officers, who were voted in at the executive board meeting in October: Phillip Odence, Secretary; Natalie Spence, Treasurer; and Carol Zais, Interim President. In a couple of new twists this year, the Vice President slot will rotate, and members of the board will take turns guest-writing this column throughout the next year.

Save the date: Christmas in Cotuit is slated for Saturday, December 7. Santa will arrive at Town Dock at 3:45 p.m., followed by the tree lighting in Memorial Park. We are busy gathering information on all the village activity planned for that day and will post it in the December issue of *Cotuit Currents* and on our website, cotuitcivicassociation.org. And while you're there, sign up to receive timely email updates between *Cotuit Currents* issues by sending us your email.

Carol Zais, President
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Cotuit Fire District

With heating being Massachusetts' leading cause of fire deaths, the **Cotuit Fire Department** would like to share some tips to help you reduce the risk this winter.

- Before turning on your furnaces and lighting up the woodstoves and fireplaces, it is essential to give them a checkup to ensure they're ready to heat your homes safely this winter. Preventive maintenance can save money and prevent fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.
- If heating your home with wood or pellets, dispose of the ashes in a metal container with a secure lid away from the house. A single ember can stay hot for days without being detected and be quickly fanned back to life.
- Space heater fires are rare but often deadly. Plug space heaters directly into the wall outlet; do not use extension cords.
- November is also a great time to check your smoke alarm batteries and ensure all your alarms work correctly.

The **Cotuit Water Department** manages five active wells across 260+ acres, supplying over 200 million gallons annually to more than 2,300 homes and businesses in Cotuit and Santuit. About 70% of the demand occurs during the summer (May-September), influenced by seasonal population increases, lawn irrigation, and drought conditions. However, efforts to reduce demand are showing progress. Between 2022 and 2024, summer water usage dropped nearly 20%, thanks to higher rates for heavy users and a ban on new irrigation systems connected to the water supply. The Water Commissioners will continue tracking and reporting on water conservation efforts. Every one can do his or her part!

Historical Society of Santuit & Cotuit

The Historical Book Club meets at Cotuit Library on Thursday November 7, 6 p.m., to discuss *The Witches, 1692*, by Stacy Schiff.

Support the HSSC by entering to win a hand-crafted holiday centerpiece from Terra Coastal Design. Every \$10 donation gets you one entry. Entries will be accepted in the gift shop from November 1 to December 7, when the winner will be announced.

Holiday wreaths, artfully decorated by the HSSC board, will be on sale for \$45 at the gift shop, Friday, November 29 through Sunday, December 1.

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 Kettleers

The Cotuit Athletic Association wishes you and your families a safe and happy holiday season. Thinking about holiday shopping? The Kettleers' Store will be open on Friday, November 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday, December 7, same hours, for Christmas in Cotuit. Or give someone special a lasting memory at Lowell Park by having a personalized paver placed in our Walk of Champions. If you're already thinking ahead to next season and want to consider housing a player or intern, please contact Shelley Tomyl at shelleytomyl@kettleers.org.

Cotuit Library

It's shark week! On Friday, November 1, 2-3 p.m., shark expert Dr. Greg Skomal will discuss his latest book, *Chasing Shadows*. On Saturday, November 2, 2-3 p.m., journey into the world of shark super-powers with scholar and researcher Jaida Elcock, Registration required for both events.

NEW! The Silent Shelf Silent Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month, starting Wednesday, November 6, from 2-3:30 p.m. Bring your own book and enjoy a peaceful 60 minutes of reading, followed by light discussion.

Don't Fear the Earbuds! An Intro to Podcasts, Friday, November 8, 2-3 p.m. Registration required.

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A trio of virtual author talks, sponsored by Friends of the Cotuit Library:

- “A Navajo Investigator’s Search for the Unexplained: In Conversation with Stanley Milford, Jr.,” Thursday, November 7, 7-8 p.m.
- “Sobre la migración infantil desde Centroamérica—En conversación con Javier Zamora,” sábado 9 de noviembre, 14:00-15:00 horas. Solamente en Español. “On Childhood Migration from Central America—In Conversation with Javier Zamora,” Thursday, November 14, 4-5 p.m.
- Native Rights and Culture in Fiction—A Conversation with Mona Susan Power, Wednesday, November 20, 7-8 p.m.

Registration required.

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

Friends of the Cotuit Library

Join the Friends at the Cotuit Library on Wednesday, November 20, 11:15 a.m., for a fireside chat with Katherine Garofoli, Americorp Program Director, and Jack Gardner, District Moderator and Friends Co-chair of Speaker Events. \$20/\$15 members; lunch is included. To register, go to cotuitlibrary.org, and select Luncheon Registration from the Friends menu.

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

The Wednesday Artists of the Cotuit Federated Church welcome new, aspiring, and experienced artists to join in the fun of painting together in Hamilton Hall on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon, from September through June. The cost is \$5 for each Wednesday you attend. Bring your own art supplies, easel, and protective covers for the floor and table.

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

On Tuesday, November 19, starting at 9 a.m., Cotuit families of students in grades K-12 are invited to visit, take a campus tour, and learn about the academic, athletic, and arts opportunities at Cape Cod Academy. Administrators and teachers will discuss the school’s unique offerings, personalized approach to learning, and its tuition model that gives families affordable access to quality education on Cape Cod. If you would prefer to visit at another time, call or email the Admissions Office at 508-428-5400 or admissions@capecodacademy.org to set up a tour. Visit capecodacademy.org to learn more.

Barnstable Land Trust

There’s a chill in the air, but not enough to keep us inside! Join BLT in November for programs like Bog Stomping at Crocker Neck with Cotuit local Gil Newton, and a nature sketch walk at BLT’s office on Route 6A. For more inspiration—bird programs, art-inspired workshops, talks and walks—visit blt.org/capeconservationcalendar and explore all the possibilities in the Cape Cod Conservation Calendar, recently launched by BLT and the Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts. If you’re in an inside mood, do some holiday shopping by purchasing a BLT glass leaf, hand-blown by Sandwich artist Michael Magyar, at blt.org/shop. Finally, during this month of gratitude, BLT wants to thank the Cotuit community for its support over the years in preserving so many special natural places and spaces! We have much to be thankful for.

Cahoon Museum of American Art

Paper Making Workshop, Saturday, November 2, 1-4 p.m. \$80/\$75 members
Poetry Drawn and Cut: Found Poetry and Cut Paper Workshop, Wednesday, November 6, 1-3 p.m. \$35/\$25 members
Gelli Print Workshop, Thursday, November 7, 1-4 p.m. \$55/\$45 members

TOWN NEWS

The Town of Barnstable’s **Local Comprehensive Planning** Committee is updating the Town’s Future Land Use Map with proposed land use study areas that will guide Barnstable’s future over the next 10 years. To view the map, and to learn about upcoming meetings and how to get involved, visit BarnstableLCP.com or call 508-862-4678.

From September through June, the **Town Council** meets bimonthly on the first and third Thursdays, and Town Council meetings are public. This month, meetings are on November 7 and 21, at 6 p.m. in the Hearing Room at Barnstable Town Hall or via Zoom. Visit townofbarnstable.us/towncouncil for Zoom links.

Seth Burdick is Cotuit’s Town Councilor for Precinct 7. Seth will be holding office hours at the Cotuit Library on Wednesday, November 13, from 3 to 4 p.m. He can also be reached at 774-228-0308 or at seth.burdick@town.barnstable.ma.us.

STATE NEWS

State Representative **Kip Diggs** will hold office hours at the Cotuit Library on Monday, November 25—and every 4th Monday—from 10 a.m to noon.

An Afternoon of Envelope Making with Mary Kane, Friday, November 8, 1- 2 p.m. Included with museum admission

Pop-Up Travel Journal Workshop, Saturday, November 9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$95/\$80 members

Decorative Painting Workshop: Peaceful Ornament, Wednesday, November 13, 1-4 p.m. \$60/\$50 members

Director’s Talk: 40 Years of Collecting with Executive Director Sarah Johnson, Thursday, November 14, 2-3 p.m.

ConVERSations: Discussions of Art and Poetry, panel discussion about the work of Varujan Boghosian, led by artist and poet Lauren Wolk, and including Heidi Boghosian, Christine McCarthy, and Grace Hopkins, Friday, November 15, 2-3:30 p.m. Included with museum admission

ConVERSations: Discussions of Art and Poetry with Heidi Boghosian, Saturday, November 16, 2-3 p.m. Included with museum admission ■



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