



CotuitCurrents

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Welcome spring!

Cotuit Currents is back from our January-March hiatus, and we are ready to bring you the news of Cotuit in 2025. You can always stay up-to-date by visiting our website at cotuitcivicasociation.org.

Our 2025 Membership Drive has begun. In addition to renewing memberships, we are working hard to bring in new members. If you have a friend, neighbor, or colleague who lives in Cotuit and is not already a member, please help us spread the word!

Our members are so important! The Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association (CSCA) is YOU! Run by a 12-person volunteer board, the CSCA helps you stay informed on matters that affect our Village and Cotuit Fire District by coordinating important community meetings, publishing *Cotuit Currents*, and sending email updates about timely issues and events. We also plan the annual July 4th Parade, Christmas in Cotuit, and Village Clean-up Day. A few things your \$25 annual membership fee and generous donations make possible:

- *Cotuit Currents*, 9 issues per year (about \$950 each for printing and mailing)
- 4th of July Parade (\$4,000-\$6,000)
- Christmas in Cotuit and our beautifully lit Christmas tree! (\$1,200-\$1,500)

Join or renew now and help us keep those lights on! To pay online, click Become a Member on our website. If you prefer to mail a check, you can use the form on the back of this newsletter or download a form from our website.

Lisa Vasiloff, Board Member
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Cotuit Fire District

The **Water Department** began its annual water main flushing program in March and will complete it before the end of June (last year it wrapped up by the end of April.) This preventative maintenance program is an important component of ensuring that our water quality is not compromised. While the program is ongoing, signs will be visible in the flushing area, and flushing locations will be posted daily at cotuitfiredistrict.org/waterdepartment/news-announcements and on the Water Department Facebook page. Discoloration of the water may occur and should clear after a short time. Residents are advised to set aside water for drinking and cooking and to avoid doing laundry between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. It's also wise to check water clarity before use by running the cold water first, as water lines outside of the immediate flushing area can be affected. Call the Water Department with any questions, 508-428-2687.

The **Prudential Committee** has entered into an agreement with ICON Architecture to conduct a feasibility study on the Cotuit school building. This study is designed to satisfy the requirements of the warrant passed at the Special District Meeting. It will estimate the costs of various scenarios for rehabilitating the building or demolishing it. The ICON team includes architects, site consultants, structural engineers, and hazardous material experts. The team has inspected the building and site and is now assessing its findings. When it has completed its review, ICON will present its conclusions at a village-wide meeting to be scheduled some time this spring.

The **Fire Department** building committee has been working through the winter on the design process for the new fire station, meeting with architects and community stakeholders to develop plans that meet the community's needs and ensure that Cotuit's emergency services are well prepared for the future. The current facility, built decades ago, cannot meet modern firefighting demands or standards; the new station will provide adequate administrative and living space, appropriately sized apparatus bays, and improved training spaces.

Public input remains a key part of the process. There will be an open house to share the design, receive public input, and answer questions on Wednesday, April 30, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Two more open houses will follow on May 14 and 15 (same times), then an in-depth presentation on Candidates and Budget night on May 20.

Historical Society of Santuit & Cotuit

The Historical Book Club meets at Cotuit Library on Thursday April 10 at 6 p.m., to discuss *Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies*, by Jared Diamond.

The Dottridge Homestead, Cotuit Museum, Rothwell Ice House, and Gift Shop will reopen May 23.

Cotuit Kettleers

The Kettleers are heading into the 2025 Cape Cod Baseball League season with a new head coach! Loren Hibbs, the 10th head coach in the Kettleers' 78-year history, was head baseball coach at University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Wichita State University and has been named Coach of the Year in four major conferences: Metro, Conference USA, Atlantic 10, and American. Coach Hibbs, a top-notch roster of collegiate baseball talent, and our dedicated interns and volunteers will continue to provide exciting gameday experiences at Lowell Park. Mark your calendar for the home opener against Wareham on June 15. For the full summer schedule, visit capecodleague.com/cotuit/schedule/2025-06.

The Kettleers still need billets— if you're thinking about hosting a player or intern this season, visit capecodleague.com/cotuit/housing or email Shelly Tomyl at ShelleyTomyl@Kettleers.org.

Friends of the Cotuit Library

The Friends' Annual Plant sale is on May 24, and the Friends need volunteers now to help solicit plant donations, and more volunteers to help with plant pickup and setup during the week of the sale. Anyone wishing to donate from their own garden should start thinking about what plants might be ready to divide. Please email friends@cotuitlibrary.org with your interest.

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Cotuit Library

Spring is in the air at the Cotuit Library! Don't miss these children's programs:

Spring Scavenger Hunt, Saturday, April 12, 2-3 p.m.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 19, 10-11 a.m. BYO basket! Registration not required.

Special Storytime at the Cahoon Museum, Tuesday, April 22, 10-11 a.m.

Math Blast with Miss Sharon, Tuesday, April 22, 2-3 p.m.

Earth Extravaganza with Barnstable Land Trust and Cotuit Center for the Arts, Wednesday, April 23, 2-3 p.m.

Special Storytime with the Cotuit Fire Dept., Thursday, April 24, 11 a.m.-noon.

Crafternoon with the Cahoon Museum, Friday, April 25, 1-2 p.m. Registration not required.

And for the adults:

Movies with Melissa: *Emma*, Wednesday, April 9, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Spring Blooms, Adult Painting Craft, Thursday, April 10, 4-5:30 p.m.

Registration is required for all of these events except where noted. To register and learn about all April programs, events, and virtual author talks, visit cotuitlibrary.org.

The library is closed on Monday, April 21 for Patriots Day.

St. Michael Orthodox Church

Saturday Vespers, 5 p.m.

Sunday Orthros/Bible Study (ages 10-18), 9 a.m. Sunday Liturgy, 10 a.m., followed by potluck coffee hour—bring a dish to share!

Church school (ages 4-9) after communion, about 11:15 a.m.

Visit stmichaelcapecod.org/schedule for all Lenten/Pascal services and ongoing activities.

Cotuit Federated Church

Community blood drive in Hamilton Hall on Tuesday, April 1, 9 a.m.-3p.m. Schedule your appointment at capecodhealth.org/ways-to-give/blood-center/.

Holy Week at CFC:

Saturday, April 12, For Such a Time as This: Conversation with Rev. Darrell Goodwin, 1-5 p.m.; dinner (optional), 5:30 p.m.; Movement for Such a Time as This led by Kentavis Goodwin-Brice, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday with guest preacher Rev. Darrell Goodwin

RUN FOR SOMETHING!

In this year's Cotuit Fire District elections, we will vote to elect a District Moderator and one member on each of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Board of Water Commissioners, and Prudential Committee for a three-year term. If you would like to run for one of these seats in 2025, here's what you need to do:

1. Pick up nomination papers at the Cotuit Water Department, 4300 Falmouth Rd.
2. Collect at least 25 signatures. Extra signatures are recommended in case some signatures cannot be verified or are deemed invalid.
3. Deliver the completed paperwork to the Town Clerk's office (367 Main St, Hyannis) for signature verification no later than **4:30 p.m., April 8.**
4. Return the signature-verified paperwork to the Cotuit Water Department by **4 p.m., April 23.**

For more information, contact CFD Clerk Charlie Eager at ceager@cotuitfire.org.

Thursday, April 17, Maundy Thursday Dinner Church, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 18, Good Friday Observance, a simple service of prayer and scripture at noon in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, April 20, Sunrise Service on Loop Beach 5:45 a.m. and Festival Worship in the Sanctuary at 10 a.m.

Cotuit Nursery School

Cotuit Nursery School is accepting registrations for the 2025-2026 school year. Email cotuitnurseryschool@yahoo.com or call 508-428-1470 for more information or to schedule a tour.

Cape Cod Academy

Cape Cod Academy will host Tuesday Tours on April 1, 15, and 29 at 8:30 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 CCA. Administrators and teachers will discuss the school's unique offerings, personalized approach to learning, and a tuition model that gives families affordable access to high-quality education

on Cape Cod. If you prefer to visit at another time, email or call the Admissions Office at admissions@capecodacademy.org or 508-428-5400 to set up a tour. To learn more, visit capecodacademy.org.

Barnstable Land Trust

Celebrate Earth Month with Barnstable Land Trust this April! Check out the Earth Extravaganza in partnership with the Cotuit Library and Cotuit Center for the Arts, take a Mary Oliver poetry—inspired “walking readers” stroll, come to the Honor the Earth Fair with the Native Land Conservancy, and join our first seasonal birding walk with Cotuit local Tom Burgess. Visit blt.org/events to learn about more events and sign up for the bimonthly e-newsletter.

Cahoon Museum of American Art

Botanical Illustration: Welcome Spring! Thursdays, April 3, 10, and 17, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$180/\$165 members
“Cahoon Museum of American Art: Celebrating History, Folk Art, and the Future,” lecture at Osterville Library, Saturday, April 5, 11 a.m.-noon. Free

Director's Talk: “Beauty and Meaning: The Enduring Allure of Still Life,” Thursday, April 17, 2-3 p.m. Included with admission

Spring Blooms Floral Arranging Workshop with Floral Esthetics, Friday, April 18, 2-4 p.m. \$120 /\$110 members

Story Time with Miss Julie, Tuesday, April 22, 10-11 a.m. Register at cotuitlibrary.org.

Painting with Martha workshops, 1-4 p.m. \$60 /\$50 for one; \$165/\$135 for all three.

Light and Dark, Wednesday, April 23
Color and Texture, Wednesday, May 14
Figures, Wednesday, May 28

Mermaid Tea Party, Thursday, April 24, \$35/\$25 members. Seating 1: 10:30 a.m.-noon, seating 2: 1-2:30 p.m. ■

TOWN NEWS

This month's **Town Council** meetings are April 3 and 17, at 6 p.m. in the Hearing Room at Barnstable Town Hall or via Zoom. Visit townofbarnstable.us/towncouncil for Zoom links.

Seth Burdick, Town Councilor for Precinct 7, can 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, April 28, from 10 a.m. to noon.

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