



# CotuitCurrents

May 2025



May is a month full of civic opportunities for Cotuit residents, and it seems like a good moment for acting local.

On Saturday, May 10, the Civic Association hosts its annual Cleanup Day (see the sidebar on page 2 for information on how to sign up), and later in the month, there are three important events around Cotuit Fire District budgets and elections. See the key dates, times, and locations under the Cotuit Fire District heading at right.

At the Civic Association’s annual Candidates and Budget night on Tuesday, May 20, Cotuit Fire District officials will review their proposed budgets and warrant articles in advance of the Annual District Meeting eight days later. You will also hear from and may ask questions of the candidates who will stand for election on Tuesday, May 27. Four positions are up for election, each for a three-year term: Town Moderator, and one member each on the Board of Fire Commissioners, Board of Water Commissioners, and Prudential Committee.

The day after voting for District candidates, we get to vote on the District’s next fiscal-year budget at the Annual District Meeting on Wednesday, May 28. Residents must attend in person to vote.

I look forward to seeing everyone at these events! If you have any questions, please email us at the address below.

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**Cotuit Fire District**

May is election month for the Cotuit Fire District. Here are the key dates, times, and locations:

- Tuesday May 20, 7 p.m., Candidates and Budget Night at Freedom Hall and via Zoom. (Check the CSCA website for the Zoom link.) Learn about the Fire District budgets and the candidates for Fire District offices.
- Tuesday, May 27, 4-8 p.m., election day for Cotuit Fire District. Vote at Freedom Hall or by absentee ballot (ballots are available at the Water Department, 4300 Falmouth Road).
- Wednesday, May 28, 7:30 p.m., Annual District Meeting at Cotuit Federated Church. Come vote on warrants related to the funding of the proposed firehouse renovations and the future of the Cotuit school property.

The **Water Department** reports that our region is currently experiencing significant drought conditions. To help conserve water, consider installing a well for outdoor irrigation, and check for any indoor leaks from toilets, faucets, and showers, which result in more than 60 percent of indoor use, according to the Massachusetts Drought Management Task Force.

The **Fire Department** invites you to learn more about the fire station project:

- Tuesday, May 13, Board of Fire Commissioners meeting, 5:30 p.m., at Freedom Hall or on Zoom, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3462071880>
- Wednesday, May 14, Open House at the fire station, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 17, Open House at the fire station, 9-11 a.m. (rescheduled from May 15)
- Tuesday, May 20, Civic Association Candidates and Budget night, 7 p.m., at Freedom Hall

These informational sessions will cover the project’s goals, design, timeline, and anticipated costs. Department leadership will be available to answer your questions. The Department is committed to transparency and to ensuring that residents have an opportunity to ask questions, provide input, and understand the benefits of this important initiative. Your feedback is valuable, and all residents are encouraged to attend.

**Historical Society of Santuit & Cotuit**

The Historical Book Club meets at Cotuit Library on Thursday May 1 at 6 p.m., to discuss *The Art Thief* by Michael Finckel.

Docent Orientation Day starts at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 16. If you’ve given any thought to becoming an HSSC docent, this is a great opportunity to learn what HSSC docents do and see if it’s for you. If you can’t make it, there’s a Zoom orientation on Saturday, May 17 at 10 a.m. For the Zoom link, visit [cotuihistoricalsociety.org/](http://cotuihistoricalsociety.org/).

Friday, May 23 is opening day for the Dottridge Homestead, Cotuit Museum, Rothwell Ice House, and Gift Shop, plus there’s a Gift Shop sale.

**Cotuit Kettleers**

Enrollment for the Kettleers summer baseball clinics is in full swing. For more information, visit [capecodleague.com/cotuit/about/clinics](http://capecodleague.com/cotuit/about/clinics). Watch social media and for sandwich board signs for several Kettleers store openings throughout the spring. Contact housing director Shelly Tomy at [ShellyTomy@kettleers.org](mailto:ShellyTomy@kettleers.org) if you would like to share your home with a player or an intern for the 2025 season. Housing is always needed and vital for a successful season. On June 7, help welcome Coach Hibbs and his staff to Cotuit at a meet-and-greet in the park from 5-6 p.m. at the park, and mark your calendar for the home opener against Wareham on June 15.

**Cotuit Bird and Garden Club**

The CBGC kicks off the 2025 season with its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 10 outside the Cotuit Fresh Market, from 8 a.m. to noon. This is the club’s only fundraiser, and it benefits a scholarship for a senior at Barnstable High School. Plant donations are needed and may be dropped off on Friday, May 9, in the driveway of 825 Main Street (next to the Market). Call Joanne Miller at 508-524-1817 if you have any questions or need help with donations.

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Friends of the Cotuit Library

The Friends’ annual Plant/Bake Sale is Saturday, May 24, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Freedom Hall. The Friends need volunteers to help with plant pickup and setup during the week before the sale. If you’d like to volunteer, email [friends@cotuitlibrary.org](mailto:friends@cotuitlibrary.org). If you are dividing and transplanting from your garden, please drop plants off in the driveway of 251 School Street by Monday, May 19. For any plant questions, contact Margaret at 978-257-9434.

Bakers are also needed for the bake sale. Contact Alberta, 339-793-1704, for bake sale information.

Next up: the June Book Sale. The Friends are looking for donations of books that are no older than 10 years, in very good condition, and without annotation. Please bring books to the library by June 1.

Cotuit Library

Here’s a sample of what the library’s got going on in May. Registration is required for all listed events.

For children:  
Music & Movement Mondays, May 5, 12, 19, 26, sessions at 10-10:30 a.m. and 3-3:30 p.m.  
Special storytime, with puppets! Thursday, May 8, 4-4:30 p.m.  
Storytime Fridays, May 9, 16, 23, and 30, 10-10:45 a.m.  
For adults and older kids:

Folk Music from the Tumultuous 1960s, Saturday, May 3, 1-2:30 p.m. Clark Daggett explores the intersection of politics and folk music during a decade of social upheaval.

Scams and ID Theft, Thursday, May 8, 2-3 p.m. Michelle Nogueira Pais will teach you how to identify and report scams and how to spot the warning signs of identity theft.

Fancy Nancy Mother's Day Soiree, Saturday, May 10, 2-3:30 p.m. Moms and grandmothers, aunts and caregivers, come to the library for dancing, cookie decorating, and iced tea.

Movies with Melissa: *Sixteen Candles*, Wednesday, May 14, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Author talk: How Judy Blume Rewrote Childhood for All of Us, with author Rachelle Bergstein, Wednesday, May 21, 2-3 p.m.

Author talk: Lauren Wolk talks about her writing process and books for young readers, focusing on her newest book, *Candle Island*, released last month. Saturday, May 31, 2-3 p.m.

COTUIT CLEANUP DAY!



The Civic Association will host its annual Village Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to noon (rain date: May 17). Please join your fellow villagers in keeping our neighborhoods litter-free and beautiful! Participants will meet at Lowell Park at 10 a.m. to receive their area assignment and equipment (trash bags, grabbers, and gloves). To sign up, email [cotuitevents@gmail.com](mailto:cotuitevents@gmail.com) by May 9, and include a phone number and the full names of those in your group.

Cotuit Nursery School

Cotuit Nursery School is accepting registrations for the 2025-2026 school year, offering a half-day program Monday through Thursday for students aged 2.9 to 5 years. Two- and three-day options also available. Email [cotuitnurseryschool@yahoo.com](mailto:cotuitnurseryschool@yahoo.com) or call 508-428-1470 for more information or to schedule a tour.

St. Michael Orthodox Church

Summer schedule (in parentheses below) begins May 24.  
Saturday Vespers, 5 p.m. (7 p.m.)  
Sunday Orthros/Bible Study (kids 10+), 9 a.m. (8:30 a.m.)  
Sunday Liturgy, 10 a.m. (9:30 a.m.), followed by potluck coffee hour  
Church school (kids 4-9), 11:15 a.m. (ends May 25 for summer break)

Visit [stmichaelcapecod.org/schedule](http://stmichaelcapecod.org/schedule) for all Lenten/Paschal services and ongoing activities.

Cape Cod Academy

Cape Cod Academy invites Cotuit families to join the 2025 Summer Experience on Cape Cod Academy’s campus in Osterville. This summer, CCA is offering swimming classes, arts and crafts, cooking, coding, STEM classes, and more. Families can even rent out the pool. A team of experienced summer instructors offers high-energy, educational, and fun activities for all ages, as well as one-on-one summer tutoring for students entering kindergarten through grade 12. Visit [capecodacademy.org/](http://capecodacademy.org/)

TOWN AND STATE NEWS

This month’s **Town Council** meetings are May 1 and 15, at 6 p.m. in the Hearing Room at Barnstable Town Hall or via Zoom. Visit [townofbarnstable.us/towncouncil](http://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](mailto:seth.burdick@town.barnstable.ma.us).

State Representative **Kip Diggs** will hold office hours at the Cotuit Library on Monday, May 26, from 10 a.m. to noon.

[summer/summer-program](#) to learn more. Cape Cod Academy is also enrolling for the 2025-2026 school year. To learn more and set up a tour, visit [capecodacademy.org/admissions/inquire-and-tour](http://capecodacademy.org/admissions/inquire-and-tour).

Barnstable Land Trust

Spring into May with a full calendar of BLT events. You’ll spot Cotuit locals leading weekly bird walks, exploring coastal ecology at Kalmus Beach, and celebrating the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual shell fishing tradition of the Blessing of the Rakes. During Spring Walking Weekend (May 16-18), join a history-meets-landscape walk at Bell Farm and explore ‘secret worlds’ at Fuller Farm. And don’t miss the park ranger–led Sandy Neck Beach Walk or a talk on the 17-year return of the cicadas by Plymouth County entomologist Blake Dinius. This is just a sampling, so be sure to check out the full calendar at [blt.org/events](http://blt.org/events) or sign-up for the bi-monthly e-newsletter at <https://blt.org/enews>.

Cahoon Museum of American Art

Spring Open House, Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Still Life, Still Evolving: Contemporary Perspectives on a Timeless Tradition (lecture), Saturday, May 10, 2-3 p.m. Included with admission.  
Mothers’ Day, Sunday, May 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free for moms.  
Painting with Martha, 1-4 p.m. \$60/\$50. Color and Texture, Wednesday, May 14  
Figures, Wednesday, May 28  
Art Lab: Landscapes, Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Included with admission.  
Museum Mondays in May, Monday, May 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free.  
Still Life Phone Photography Workshop, Wednesday, May 21, 1-4 p.m. \$60/\$50 members.  
On Thursday, May 22, 2-3 p.m., an intimate conversation with still life photographer Curtis Speer. Included with admission.  
Flowers as Food Cooking Demo with Edible Creations by Gerry, Saturday, May 31, 1-2:30 p.m. Included with admission. ■

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