



CotuitCurrents

July 2025



Looking forward to seeing you all at the Fourth of July parade. This year's parade will include the Highland Light Scottish Pipe Band, along with an array of floats, antique cars, walking groups, and decorated bikes. If you haven't registered your float, car, or group yet, the registration form is available on our website, cotuitcivicassociation.org.

CSCA board members and volunteers will be handing out commemorative ribbons again this year. Volunteers are still needed; (please!) email cotuитеvents@gmail.com if you'd like to help. And in case of inclement weather, please check our website for parade updates.

The parade starts at 11 a.m., but Main Street and all its feeder roads along the parade route will be closed starting at 10 a.m., so park early! Parking is allowed at the following locations:

- East side of Highland Avenue
- East side of Old Oyster Road from Coolidge Street to the Elementary School
- Elementary School parking lot
- Lowell Park parking lot
- South side of School Street from Crocker's Neck Road to Piney Road

DO NOT park at the Cotuit Highground golf course or on any sidewalks or lawns.

See you at the parade!

Karen Harvey Teeley, Board Member
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P.S. The Fourth of July parade is just one of many ways the Civic Association contributes to the village. If you aren't familiar with them all (or even if you are), please take a moment to read the annual appeal letter from the Civic Association enclosed with this issue.

Cotuit Fire District

In case you missed it, the **Prudential Committee** reports that at the Cotuit Fire District's Annual Meeting on May 28, attendees voted to demolish the Cotuit school building and return the site to nature. The article received strong support, passing by voice vote. The next steps will involve hiring an architectural firm to create technical specifications for the demolition to prepare an Invitation for Bid.

The **Cotuit Fire Department** would like to thank villagers for their support of the Cotuit Fire Station renovation and addition project. This investment in our village's future will provide our firefighters with a safer, more modern facility that improves response capabilities and serves Cotuit for generations to come.

The Department is also pleased to offer a Personal Flotation Device Loaner Program. If you're heading out on the water and need a life jacket, stop by the station to borrow one at no cost. It's a simple way to help keep everyone safe while enjoying the beautiful waters around Cotuit.

Save the date! On August 19, at the annual meeting of the Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association, the **Cotuit Water Department** will host a panel of experts to discuss the future of wastewater treatment in Cotuit. With source water protection as the focus, the discussion will cover the timeline, options, and potential impacts of upcoming plans. The Town of Barnstable has formed an ad hoc committee, chaired by Water Commissioner Scott Horsley, to revise the next phase of its Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. This meeting will provide the latest updates on the town's sewer planning, explore innovative and alternative septic systems, and highlight strategies to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus levels in Cotuit's ponds, drinking water, and bays.

Historical Society of Santuit & Cotuit

On Thursday, July 10, The Historical Book Club discusses *The Address Book: What Street Addresses Reveal About Identity, Race, Wealth, and Power* by Diedre Mask. Cotuit Library, 6 p.m.

On Thursday, July 17, Cotuit Fire Chief Sean Brown takes a historical look at the role fire has played in shaping our forests and communities on Cape Cod and describes today's risks and the steps we can take to mitigate those risks in the future. Cotuit Library, 7 p.m. Admission is free; donations are welcome.

Don't miss HSSC's signature fundraiser, The Taste, on Saturday, July 19, 5-8 p.m. Enjoy live and silent auctions, games of chance, and of course great local food! Purchase tickets online at cotuithistoricalsociety.org/tastetickets.

History Uncorked is a fun and casual evening of friendship and community, where the HSSC Curator highlights an intriguing historical object from the Homestead or the Museum. Admission is free, and there's wine! Thursday, July 24, 6 p.m., at the Dottridge Homestead.

The Museum and Gift Shop are open Friday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cotuit Kettleers

The Kettleers season is well underway. Look out for some exciting events coming up in July: a fun Fourth of July event immediately following the Cotuit parade; fan appreciation night, including Cotuit Center for the Arts' Art Bus, on Saturday, July 5; first responders day/touch a truck on Friday, July 11; and on Tuesday, July 15, all well-behaved dogs on short leashes are invited to Bark in the Park. The Cotuit Athletic Association is currently seeking volunteers for the 2026 season and beyond. Contact any board member to learn more about joining us and giving back to the community.

Cotuit Bird and Garden Club

The Club's members-only annual luncheon is at noon on Wednesday, July 9, at the home of Nancy Jarvis. Plans for the day include a Yankee plant swap and a fun game of croquet. If you would like to learn more about or join the CBGC, call Joanne Miller, 508-524-1817.

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Cotuit Library

Whether you're tossing bags or just along for the fun, come and enjoy some friendly competition, awesome barbeque, and summer celebration at the 3rd annual Cotuit Library Cornhole Tournament on Friday, July 18. Check-in begins at 4:30 p.m.; bags fly at 4:45 p.m. sharp. Teams of two can register at cotuitlibrary.org. Select Cornhole Tournament under the Fundraisers menu.

Running July 8 through July 18, the Cotuit Library Annual Art Auction features paintings and artwork from talented local artists. View and bid at the library or online.

Cotuit Federated Church

Cotuit Federated Church will be leading the Shopping Cart Brigade in this year’s Fourth of July Parade. Villagers are invited to bring non-perishable food items to the parade to fill the carts for donation to local pantries.

CFC joins Cape Cod Camino Way Talk and Walk, a series of guided walks that explores landmarks, hidden histories, and the living legacies of social and racial justice movements on Cape Cod. On Sunday, July 13, 11:45 a.m.- 12:45 p.m., join founder Dr. Peggy Jablonski for a presentation on the Cape Cod Camino Way. On Wednesday, July 30, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Peggy will lead a walk from the JFK Museum in Hyannis to Zion Heritage Church. All are welcome for both events! To sign up for the walk, email Rev. Dan Smith, at communityminister@cotuitfederatedchurch.org.

Registration is open now for Vacation Bible School, August 11-15. Register at cotuitfederatedchurch.mycokesburyvbs.com.

Save the date: CraftFest 2025 is coming on August 16 and 17. You can find additional information at craftfestcotuit.com.

St. Michael Orthodox Church

Saturday Vespers, 5 p.m.
Sunday Orthros/Bible Study (ages 10-18), 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Liturgy, 9:30 a.m., followed by potluck coffee hour

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

Cotuit Firecracker Road Race

Runners, start warming up for the Cotuit Firecracker Road Race on Saturday, July 12. The mostly flat, 5K evening race provides a lovely tour through the village, and benefits the Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association, Cotuit Athletic Association, Barnstable Land Trust, and Cape Cod Challenger Club. Yummy prizes

from Centerville Pie Company will be awarded for each of 10 age categories, and all kids who finish will win an ice cream cone from Polar Cave. To learn more and sign up, visit semcsports.com.

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 are available. Email cotuitnurseryschool@yahoo.com, or call 508-428-1470 for more information.

Cape Cod Academy

Cape Cod Academy invites Cotuit families to join the 2025 Summer Experience on the Osterville campus. This summer CCA is offering swimming classes, arts and crafts, cooking, sports camps, 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. For more information, visit capecodacademy.org/summer/summer-program. CCA is also enrolling for the 2025-2026 school year. Visit capecodacademy.org/admissions/inquire-and-tour to set up a tour.

TOWN AND STATE NEWS

Got a complaint or request for the Town of Barnstable? Want to look up property information or stay in the loop on traffic situations and beach status? Download the **My Barnstable** app from the App Store or Google Play Store. As well as providing access to the town website and notifications, the app gives residents a direct way to request services and report potholes, graffiti, and other issues. To report an issue, open the app, select Report a Problem, and click the link to email the Town.

There’s just one **Town Council** meeting this month, on July 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 Representative **Kip Diggs** will hold office hours at the Cotuit Library on Monday, July 28, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Barnstable Land Trust

Barnstable Land Trust loves the month of July! On Thursday, July 3, start the morning with a story time/craft hour, and go on to an early afternoon program on healing endangered animals, with some extra-special guests! Other July highlights include a family-friendly Flowerpot Music concert, a craft morning with Cape Symphony, and, of course, volunteer days. All BLT members and supporters are invited to the Annual Meeting at Cape Cod Community College’s Wilkens Center on Tuesday, July 15, to hear important updates on new land projects, programs, and other initiatives. For more information, visit blt.org/.

Dream Tale Puppets

Kids ages 3+ and other puppetry lovers are invited to the Summer Puppetry Series in Cotuit. All shows are at Freedom Hall. The door opens at 4:35 p.m.; shows start at 5 p.m. Admission fee at the door (cash only).

- Wednesday, July 9: *Three Little Pigs*, \$6.
- Tuesday, July 15: *Jack and the Beanstalk*, \$8.
- Thursday, July 31: *Alice, or the Red King’s Dream* (for ages 5+), \$8.

Dream Tale Puppets is a touring ensemble of artists living on Cape Cod and beyond. To learn more, visit dreamtalepuppets.org.

Cahoon Museum of American Art

Guided Tour, Thursday, July 3 and July 10, 11 a.m.-noon. Included with admission.

Marine Plastic Debris: From Trash to Treasure, Wednesday, July 9, 2-3 p.m. Included with admission.

Brush Off Art Auction – Live Art Auction Cocktail Party, Saturday, July 12, 5-7 p.m.

Curator’s Talk: John Enneking, Wednesday, July 16, 2-3 p.m. Included with admission.

Colors of Twilight: Color in Art and Nature, Wednesday, July 16, 2-4 p.m. Included with admission.

Shell Art Workshop, Thursday, July 24, 1-4 p.m. \$60/\$50 members.

A Gallerist’s Perspective: A Conversation with Yng-Ru Chen, Thursday, July 24, 2-3 p.m. Included with admission.

Story Time with Miss Julie from the Cotuit Library, Friday, July 25, 10-11 a.m. Free.

Art Lab Art Making Experience, Saturday, July 26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Included with admission.

Painting the Mermaids of Ralph Cahoon, Wednesday, July 30, 1-3 p.m. \$60/\$50 members. ■

The Cotuit Civic Association welcomes your support

Our mission is to inform and communicate; sponsors of the Fourth of July Parade and Christmas in Cotuit

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