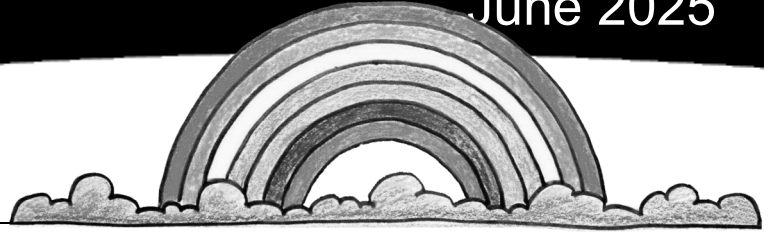




# CotuitCurrents

June 2025



Summer is upon us, and the Civic Association Events Committee is hard at work planning next month's Fourth of July Parade.

Last year's parade featured bands, floats, costumes, a fly-by from Joint Base Cape Cod, and enough candy to last through Halloween. We look forward to welcoming back past participants and hope to see new groups and floats joining this year!

To help us plan, all walking groups, floats, and antique cars should **complete the Parade Application** at [cotuitcivicassociation.org](http://cotuitcivicassociation.org) on the Fourth of July Parade page (under the Community Events menu). And it's not too early for parade-goers to make a plan, either. The parade starts at 11 a.m., but the surrounding roads start closing an hour earlier, so remember to alert your guests.

As always, we need volunteers to assist with crowd and traffic control to ensure a safe event. If you can help, or if you have questions or feedback, please reach us at [cotuitevents@gmail.com](mailto:cotuitevents@gmail.com).

The Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association is looking for a few individuals to join our 12-member board! Serving on the board is a great opportunity to serve the community. We meet once a month from April to December to discuss topics important to Cotuit. We try to identify the needs and concerns of the Village, inform residents about matters that affect them, and represent the needs and concerns to the Town government. And we also sponsor community-building village activities such as the Fourth of July Parade. Email the address below if you are interested in joining the board.

John Havel, Board Member  
[csca@cotuitcivicassociation.org](mailto:csca@cotuitcivicassociation.org)

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## Cotuit Fire District

The **Prudential Committee** reports that in a public meeting on April 25, ICON Architecture presented its findings regarding the costs of renovating or demolishing the Cotuit School building. ICON concluded that demolishing the building and returning the site to nature would cost \$1.86 million. Alternatively, necessary renovations to restore the building for possible use as a community/senior center total \$14.29 million. A partial renovation that focused on recreational uses would cost \$11.13 million. ICON's presentation and report are available on the Cotuit Fire District website. You can find a link to the [report](#) on home page and a link to the [presentation](#) on the Prudential Committee Meetings page.

Did you know the **Cotuit Water Department** maintains over 53 miles of water mains to deliver safe drinking water to 2,329 service connections? These pipes run through 99% of the District, from Oregon Beach at the end of Main Street to areas north of Route 28. The system includes mains ranging from 4" to 12" in diameter, branching into smaller pipes that serve individual homes. Some sections date back to the department's founding in 1936, when cement-lined cast iron was used. Today's pipes are cement-lined ductile iron, which is both stronger and lighter. As part of the department's ongoing infrastructure maintenance, aging pipes are replaced as needed and as funding permits. Last fall, a 700-foot stretch along the east side of Lewis Pond Road was upgraded at a cost of \$200,000. This project was competitively bid and contracted to ensure cost-effectiveness and quality.

## Historical Society of Santuit & Cotuit

The Historical Book Club meets at the Cotuit Library on Thursday June 5 at 6 p.m., to discuss *An Unfinished Love Story* by Doris Kearns Goodwin.

All HSSC members are welcome to attend the annual meeting on Thursday, June 12, starting with wine and appetizers at 6:30 p.m.

The Strawberry Festival is Saturday, June 14, from noon to 2 p.m. Fresh strawberries, bakery-made biscuits, and homemade whipped cream. Tickets are available online at the Historical Society's website, [cotuithistoricalsociety.org](http://cotuithistoricalsociety.org).

On Thursday, June 26, Cotuit Chronicles presents Dr. Michael Pregot, who will speak on "Sea Captains, Slavery, and Abolition on the Cape" at 7 p.m. in the Cotuit Library.

On Saturday, June 28, join Tommy Burgess for a history walk-and-talk along lower Main Street, starting at the HSSC and returning by way of Loop Beach. Meet in the HSSC parking lot at 10 a.m. \$15/\$10 members. Email [info@cotuithistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@cotuithistoricalsociety.org) to register.

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

## Cotuit Kettleers

Cotuit baseball is back! The season opens on Saturday, June 14, with Cotuit at Orleans, followed by the home opener at Lowell Park on Sunday, June 15. Don't miss the home scrimmage with the Lexington Blue Sox on Sunday, June 8, at 1:30 p.m. As always, please obey parking signs, and take advantage of parking at the old Cotuit Elementary School. Parking attendants will be on hand to help.

Meet Cape Cod Athletic Association (CAA) board members and new Kettleers coaching staff on Saturday, June 7, 5-6 p.m. at Lowell Park and Monday, June 9, 5-6 p.m. at the Cotuit library. Big Nick's Ride for the Fallen will be at Lowell Park on Friday, June 20. Housing is still needed for players and our interns; if you are able to open up your home and provide a room, please contact Shelley Tomyl at [shelleytomyl@comcast.net](mailto:shelleytomyl@comcast.net) for more information.

## Cotuit Bird and Garden Club

On Wednesday, June 11, the Club hosts noted horticulturist, teacher, and lecturer Paul Split, who will speak on "Gardening for the Birds" and "Growing and Using Herbs for all Seasons." Everyone is invited to the Cotuit Library at 10:30 a.m. Call Joanne Miller, 508-524-1817, with any questions.

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Cotuit Library

The annual *Private Spaces and Gardens of Cotuit Tour* is on Thursday, June 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The self-guided tour offers a rare glimpse into some of the village’s most enchanting private gardens and outdoor spaces. To purchase tickets, visit [cotuitlibrary.org/private-spaces-and-gardens-tour](http://cotuitlibrary.org/private-spaces-and-gardens-tour)

And for the kids: Grab some friends and join the All Around Cotuit Scavenger Hunt, which runs from 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 24, to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 28. Pick up a scavenger hunt sheet at the library or any participating location, including Barnstable Land Trust, Cahoon Museum, Cotuit Center for the Arts, Cotuit Federated Church, Cotuit Fresh Market, Cotuit Fire Department, Cotuit Kettleers, and Historical Society of Santuit and Cotuit. First team to bring their completed sheet in to the library gets a prize.

Friends of the Cotuit Library

Go on a book treasure hunt! The Friends’ Annual Book Sale to benefit the Cotuit Library is on for two days in the library’s Kirkman Room on Friday, June 20 and Saturday, June 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cotuit Federated Church

On March 1, Cotuit Federated welcomed the Rev. Dan Smith to serve as their half-time Associate Pastor and Community Minister. Dan previously served as Senior Minister at First Church in Cambridge in Harvard Square. He’s excited to help CFC continue to serve and build connections with the wider community, both in the village and beyond. You can learn more about him and other staff and church offerings at [cotuitfederatedchurch.org](http://cotuitfederatedchurch.org).

St. Michael Orthodox Church

Summer schedule is in effect from May 24. Saturday Vespers, 7 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](http://stmichaelcapecod.org/schedule) for all services and ongoing activities.

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 also available. Email [cotuitnurseryschool@yahoo.com](mailto:cotuitnurseryschool@yahoo.com)

TOWN AND STATE NEWS

The **Department of Public Works** will hold an informational session to discuss current progress and upcoming sewer expansion plans as part of the Town of Barnstable’s Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. at the Barnstable Adult Community Center (825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis). You can learn more about Barnstable’s CWMP at: [barnstablewaterresources.com](http://barnstablewaterresources.com).

Heads up: The Town is preparing to install drainage improvements at two locations in Cotuit for the purposes of reducing stormwater inputs to the estuaries and improving shellfish habitat: on Clamshell Cove Road near Cotuit Cove Road, and on Old Shore Road near the boat ramp. The DPW is looking at a September start date, but if you have questions or want to receive project updates, contact the DPW at 774-487-5110.

This month’s **Town Council** meetings are June 5 and 19, 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, June 30, from 10 a.m. to noon.

or call 508-428-1470 for more information or to schedule a tour.

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. Visit [capecodacademy.org/summer/summer-program](http://capecodacademy.org/summer/summer-program) for more information. CCA is also enrolling for the 2025-2026 school year. Visit [capecodacademy.org/admissions/inquire-and-tour](http://capecodacademy.org/admissions/inquire-and-tour) to set up a tour.

Barnstable Land Trust

Hike Barnstable kicks off this month with fun programs and hike challenges (with prizes!) for kids and adults. In Cotuit, learn about All Trails with the Appalachian Mountain Club at Eagle Pond, take a Lady Slipper Hike at Crocker Neck with Cotuit native Gil Newton, enjoy family fun at the Ropes Field Games with Cotuit community partners, and don’t miss BLT Day at the Ballpark with the Kettleers on June 21. Other programs include an afternoon reading of Thoreau’s “Walking” essay (and you might even spot the man himself), a Nordic Walking 101 primer, and ranger walks at Sandy Neck Beach, featuring birds, turtles, flora, and fauna. For the full calendar and details, visit [blt.org](http://blt.org).

Cotuit Center for the Arts

On Saturday, June 7, Sharon Preston-Folta, the daughter of Louis Armstrong, comes to CCftA for the Woods Hole Film Festival Film Series presentation of her Emmy-winning PBS documentary *Little Satchmo*. The film begins at 7 p.m., followed by a live Q&A with Preston-Folta, the film’s main subject and executive producer. *Little Satchmo* was co-produced by Cotuit native Muriel Minot. Tickets are available at CCftA (4404 Falmouth Road) and online at [cotuit.org/explore/whff-little-satchmo-2025](http://cotuit.org/explore/whff-little-satchmo-2025).

Cahoon Museum of American Art

Colors of the Impressionists, Wednesday, June 4, 2-3 p.m. Included with admission. Guided Tour, Thursday, June 5, 11 a.m.-noon. Included with admission. Cahoon in Bloom Garden Party and Garden Exhibit Opening, Friday, June 6, 5-7 p.m. \$75 Botanical Illustration: Summer Blooms Captured, Friday, June 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$90/\$75 members Axel and Martha, Father and Daughter: A Legacy of Art, Sunday, June 15, 11 a.m.-noon. Included with admission. In observance of Juneteenth, admission is free on Thursday, June 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Painting the Mermaids of Ralph Cahoon, Wednesday, June 25, July 23, August 27, 1-3 p.m. Series of 3 \$165/\$135 members. Afternoon with Artist Peter Kirkiles: Bronze Casting Demonstration, Friday, June 27, 2-3 p.m. Included with admission. Summer Open House, Reception for Duke Riley, Brush Off Art Auction Kick-off, Saturday, June 28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. ■

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