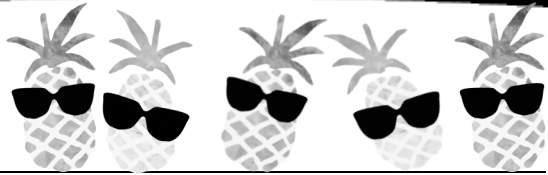




CotuitCurrents

August 2025



What a parade! It is always exciting to see everyone! This year's parade went off without a hitch, and it's important to acknowledge the work behind the scenes. The following CSCA Board members deserve a huge shoutout: Lisa Vasiloff did another awesome job with all the parade planning and coordination, which starts in the fall and continues until the parade starts; Bob Dee lined up all the antique cars and floats; Lisa Nagel helped with all the paperwork and antique cars and floats check-in; and Christy Curtis and Karen Teeley gracefully organized all the walking groups. Special thanks go to Brenda Nailor for adding pins to 1,000 ribbons, and to the countless other friends and family volunteers who donated their time and effort—we always need you! Stop & Shop donated the watermelons that were cut and distributed to parade participants and spectators. Finally, a huge thank to the Barnstable Police officers who helped with traffic control. If you loved the parade, please consider making a donation or renewing your CSCA membership at cotuitcivicassociation.org, so we can do it again next year!

Mark your calendars for an important and informative community meeting with the Cotuit Board of Water Commissioners on Tuesday, August 19. The Commissioners have pulled together a panel of experts to bring all of us up to date on all things water. See details at right under the Cotuit Fire District heading.

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Cotuit Fire District

On Tuesday, August 19, at 7 p.m. in the Cotuit Federated Church's community hall, the **Cotuit Board of Water Commissioners** hosts 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.

Our newly elected **District Moderator**, Lallie Lloyd, invites registered voters to volunteer for the Policy Review Committee or the By-Laws Committee. Serving on either committee offers residents opportunities to meet others and make meaningful contributions to our village and Fire District. Each committee includes one commissioner from each of the Prudential, Fire, and Water Commissions plus two at-large members, appointed by the Moderator. Since there are only two positions on each committee, not everyone who volunteers can be appointed, but your interest and enthusiasm are appreciated, and your curiosity welcomed. To learn more about these positions, visit cotuitfiredistrict.org and follow the [District By-Laws](#) link on the home page. If you're interested, contact Lallie at cfdmoderator@gmail.com by August 15.

It wouldn't be summer without outdoor cooking, and the **Cotuit Fire Department** has some safety tips. Whether you're using a charcoal grill, gas grill, hibachi, or fire pit:

- Always grill outdoors, at least 10 feet away from buildings, unless the manufacturer's instructions say otherwise.
- Open the lid of your gas grill before you light it, since propane can build up inside a closed lid and blow it off when ignited.
- Don't use gasoline or kerosene to start a fire in a grill.

Historical Society of Santuit & Cotuit

On Thursday, August 7, The Historical Book Club discusses *Lethal Tides*, by Catherine Muesebeck. Cotuit Library, 6 p.m.

On Thursday, August 21, Anthony Sammarco talks about the rise and fall of The Christmas Tree Shops, their special role here on Cape Cod, and the future of retail here on the Cape. Cotuit Library, 7 p.m. Admission is free; donations are appreciated.

At History Uncorked, Curator Cindy Nickerson will highlight some intriguing historical object from the Dottridge Homestead or the Cotuit Museum. Just what the topic will be is anybody's guess, but there's wine. Thursday, August 28, 6 p.m., at the Dottridge Homestead. Admission is free; donations are appreciated.

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

Cotuit Kettleers

Don't miss the final scheduled games of the 2025 season: August 1, 4:30 p.m., at home against Wareham; August 2, 4:30 p.m., at home against Bourne; and August 3, 6 p.m., at Falmouth.

Cotuit Bird and Garden Club

On Wednesday, August 13, CBGC heads to New Bedford to catch the ferry to Cuttyhunk Island, where everyone will be free to explore. The ferry leaves New Bedford at 9 a.m. and returns at 3 p.m., so lunch will be on the island. Bring your own or find a local eatery. To carpool to New Bedford, meet at 7:30 a.m. at Lowell Park. If you would like to join the expedition, call Joanne Miller, 508-524-1817.

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

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Cotuit Library

House Plant Swap, Saturday, August 23, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Bring your adoptable houseplants to the Cotuit Library Monday, August 18 and Friday, August 22. Each plant you bring earns a ticket to be redeemed during the swap. After 1 p.m., remaining plants will be available to take home without a ticket.

And for the kids:

Music & Movement, Mondays, August 4, 18, and 25, 10-10:45 a.m., for children and caregivers. Registration required.

Dance Around the World, Thursday, August 7, 4-5 p.m. on the library’s front lawn. Led by Denya LeVine, this interactive event includes dances and movement from, well, around the world.

End of Summer Reading Bash, Friday, August 8, 1-3 p.m. Turn in your tickets at the library for prizes, games, crafts, and more.

Fun Friday Storytime, August 1 and 8, 10-10:45 a.m. Interactive stories, crafts, and more. Registration required.

Special storytime at the Cahoon Museum, Friday, August 22, 10-11 a.m. Registration required.

Special storytime with local Author Gil Newton at Ropes Beach, Tuesday, August 26, 10-11 a.m. Gil will read his book *A Young Person's Guide to the Beach*, and families can have fun combing the beach for treasures mentioned in the book. Registration required.

STEAM ahead: Lego Edition, Thursday, August 7, 1-2 p.m. Kids participate in Lego building challenges. Registration required.

For more information and to register for events, visit cotuitlibrary.libcal.com/calendar.

Cotuit Federated Church

Don’t miss the 54th annual Craftfest Cotuit, Saturday and Sunday, August 16 and 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the village green. Sponsored by CFC, this year’s Craftfest features more than 100 artisans and crafters, live music, and great food, including legendary lobsters rolls. To learn more, including where to park, visit craftfestcotuit.com.

Save the date: On Sunday, September 21, CFC’s guest preacher will be Reverend Liz Walker, an ordained minister in the African Methodist Episcopal tradition, veteran television news journalist, and author of *No One Left Alone: A Story of How Community Helps Us Heal*.

St. Michael Orthodox Church

Saturday Vespers, 5 p.m.
Sunday Orthros, 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Liturgy, 9:30 a.m., followed by potluck coffee hour

Visit stmichaelcapecod.org/schedule for information about all services and ongoing activities. Learn about opportunities to pray and serve together through the church’s women’s, men’s, youth, and homeschool support groups, as well as through outreach programs that assist local charities. Find out how you can help and be a part of this vibrant and growing community.

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, and sports camps. Families can also rent out the pool or participate in family swim times. 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 for more information. Cape Cod Academy is also enrolling for the

TOWN AND STATE NEWS

Last month, we recommended the *My Barnstable* app for requesting services, reporting issues, and receiving notifications. But you can also use the app to report a traffic situation to the Barnstable Police. To do so, open the app and tap Barnstable Police Department. On the Barnstable Police website, tap the menu icon, select Traffic Division, and open the Online Traffic Complaint Form. You can also open the form directly by going to barnstablepolice.gov/traffic-complaint-form.

The only **Town Council** meeting this month is on Thursday, August 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, 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, August 25, from 10 a.m. to noon.

2025-2026 school year. For information or to set up a tour, visit capecodacademy.org/admissions/inquire-and-tour.

Barnstable Land Trust

BLT continues its celebration of summer! For hands-on programs, check out Volunteer Fuller Farm Fridays, Weeding Wednesdays, Beach Cleanups, and the August Plant Swap at Cotuit Library. For kid-friendly programs, check out our partnership with Titcomb’s Bookshop at Fuller Farm for crafts and author readings of *The Great Pollinator Count* and *Forest Magic for Kids*, and an un-bee-lievable program at Lowell Park Woodlands with the Cotuit Library and Cahoon Museum. To learn more about BLT’s active land projects in Cotuit, visit blt.org for more information on Cotuit Highground Golf Course, Captain’s Woods (formerly the Monteiro property), and Santuit Woodlands (next to Villagio).

Cape Cod Ballroom Dancers

CCBD is hosting a Casual Dance on Saturday, August 9, at the Cotuit Federated Church community hall from 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$15/\$10 for CCBD or USA Dance members.

Cahoon Museum of American Art

Zentangle Workshop, Wednesday, August 6, 1-3 p.m. \$40/\$30 members.

Measuring Up: A Conversation with Peter Kirkiles and Daphne Deeds, Thursday, August 7, 2-3 p.m. Included with admission.

In the Garden with Alfie Glover, Saturday, August 9, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Included with admission.

Curator’s Talk: The Mermaids of Ralph Cahoon, Wednesday, August 13, 2-3 p.m. Included with admission.

Mermaid Illustration, Thursday, August 14, 1-3 p.m. Open to all levels, and materials are provided. \$40/\$30 members.

Mermaid Festival, Saturday, August 16, 1-3 p.m. Meet a live mermaid, make mermaid-inspired crafts, participate in a scavenger hunt, and decorate cookies! Included with admission.

Painting the Cape in Watercolor Workshop, Wednesday, August 20, 1-4 p.m. \$60/\$50 members.

Artful Conversations: Building the Arts Community, Thursday, August 21, 2-3 p.m. Included with admission.

Painting the Mermaids of Ralph Cahoon, Wednesday, August 27, 1-3 p.m. \$60/\$50 members. ■

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