



CotuitCurrents

September 2025



September always feels like a shift. The kids head back to school, and the crowds thin. Things may quiet down, but the Civic Association is busy looking ahead to Christmas in Cotuit and welcoming new board members.

We are sad to say goodbye to CSCA board member Dave Fravel and want to thank him for his three years on the board and his valuable contributions to our technology upgrades. Dave was instrumental in the redesign and maintenance of our website, and also in reformatting and sending all the weekly emails. Dave has been an all-around stellar board member who will be greatly missed.

We love to hear from people who might be interested in joining our 12-member board. Serving on the board is a great way to serve the community. In addition to sponsoring community-building village activities such as the Fourth of July Parade and Christmas in Cotuit, we meet once a month from April to December to try to identify the needs and concerns of the Village, represent those needs and concerns to the Town government, and inform residents about matters that affect them. Visit cotuitcivicassociation.org to read about events and issues affecting Cotuit and find out what the CSCA board is up to! If you want to get involved, reach out to us at cscacotuitcivicassociation.org.

I hope to see you around the village enjoying the best time of the year on Cape Cod!

Lisa Abrahamson Nagel, Board Member
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Cotuit Fire District

September 10th is generally considered the peak of the Atlantic hurricane season. Cape Cod hasn't seen significant hurricane impacts since Hurricane Bob in 1991, but the Northeast is "climatologically overdue for a direct hurricane landfall," according to [AccuWeather](#) Chief Meteorologist Jonathan Porter. Advance preparation can reduce the impacts of a disaster and speed up the recovery process, and the **Cotuit Fire Department** has advice on how we can prepare for the possibility of a disaster.

1. Know how you will receive emergency alerts and warnings.
2. Know what your shelter plan is.
3. Know your evacuation route.
4. Have a communication plan.
5. Have an emergency preparedness kit.

Contact the department at 508-428-2210 with any questions about preparing for an emergency.

As cooler weather approaches, **Cotuit Water Department** reminds seasonal residents to schedule a shutoff and have pipes properly drained before freezing temperatures arrive. Frozen pipes can cause costly damage and undetected leaks and may not qualify for relief under the District's Leak Abatement Policy. Under this policy, customers may be eligible for a one-time leak adjustment if usage exceeds twice their previous peak with no obvious cause—but only if the leak is not due to negligence (such as failing to winterize). Relief will be considered only once per account. Note that irrigation system leaks are generally not eligible without proof that the system was properly maintained and monitored. Visit cotuitwater.org for full policy details. To schedule water shutoff or turn-on, contact the office at least 48 hours in advance. Each service call is \$50.

The **Prudential Committee** is hiring an architectural firm to draft technical specifications to be used for soliciting contractor bids for the demolition of the Cotuit School building. The Committee is also soliciting bids for a project manager to oversee the demolition, as is required by Massachusetts municipal law.

The Committee thanks Lisa Haven, who is leaving her role as assistant treasurer after eight years of service. Please join us in welcoming the new assistant treasurer, Ryan Ouellette. Ryan was most recently with Cape Air, where he was responsible for handling payroll.

Historical Society of Santuit & Cotuit

On Thursday, September 4, the Historical Book Club discusses *The Wide, Wide Sea: Imperial Ambition, First Contact and the Final Voyage of Captain James Cook*, by Hampton Sides. Cotuit Library, 6 p.m.

On Saturday, September 13 at 10 a.m., join Tommy Burgess for a fun, history-filled walk-and-talk along lower Main Street. The walk is about a mile long, starting and ending at HSSC.

On Thursday, September 18, Greg Ketchen, a retired U.S. Coast Guard Captain and president of the Coast Guard Heritage Museum in Barnstable's Old Customs House, will speak on the history and missions of the Coast Guard. Cotuit Library, 7 p.m.

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

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. Two- and three-day options are available. Email cotuitnurseryschool@yahoo.com, or call 508-428-1470 for more information.

Cotuit Bird and Garden Club

On Wednesday, September 10, the Club will be heading to Providence, RI, to visit the Roger Williams Park Botanical Center (New England's largest glasshouse display garden), as well as the nearby Museum of Natural History and Planetarium. On the way back, we'll stop for lunch on the water at The Black Whale in New Bedford. Meet at Lowell Park at 9:30 a.m. to carpool. Contact Joanne Miller at 508-524-1817 with any questions.

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Cotuit Library

Registration is required for all listed events. To register, visit cotuitlibrary.libcal.com.

Tech Café, Tuesday, September 9, 10 a.m.-noon. Stacey Cullen, from the Barnstable Council on Aging will be joined by another BCOA representative to chat about how technology can help create digital equity and to help you conquer your iPhones, Androids, tablets, and laptops. Bring your device for one-on-one and peer support!

Movies with Melissa: *Pride and Prejudice*, Wednesday, September 17, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

The Civil War, Ken Burns’ nine-part documentary, is airing at the library Monday, September 22 through Friday, September 26. Part 1 is Monday from 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Tuesday-Friday installments begin at 1 p.m.

And for the kids:

Fun Friday Storytime on September 5, 12, 19, and 26, 10-10:45 a.m.

Music & Movement Mondays on September 15, 22, and 29, 10-10:45 a.m.

Building Blocks Party on Thursdays, September 18 and 25, 4-5 p.m. Building challenges and problem solving for kids 6+.

Friends of the Cotuit Library

The Friends are ramping up for the new fiscal year and looking forward to seeing you at our events. Our membership drive is currently underway. If you are a member, thank you for your support, and if you are not, a single membership is \$30; a family membership is \$40. Find more information at the library and at cotuitlibrary.org/friends-of-cotuit-library.

Our Speaker/Luncheon Series kicks off on Wednesday, September 10, with a lunchtime conversation with Barnstable’s Town Manager, Mark Ells, about civic and environmental issues shaping Cape Cod. For more information and to register, visit cotuitlibrary.libcal.com.

Cotuit Federated Church

Liz Walker, an ordained minister in the African Methodist Episcopal tradition and a veteran television news journalist, will be CFC’s guest preacher on Sunday, September 21 at 10 a.m. Rev. Walker currently serves as the Founding Director of the Social Impact Center and the “Can We Talk” network, through which she has been expanding her Roxbury-based model of transformative, trauma-informed care. During the service, we will also celebrate the installation of Rev. Dan Smith as Associate Pastor and

Community Minister. At 11:30 a.m., Rev. Walker will be joined by several guests for an after-church presentation of her new book, *No One Left Alone: A Story of How Community Helps Us Heal*.

St. Michael Orthodox Church

Normal Sunday hours resume this month: Saturday Vespers, 5 p.m. Sunday Orthros, 9 a.m. Sunday Liturgy, 10 a.m., followed by potluck coffee hour

Visit stmichaelcapecod.org/schedule for information about all services and activities.

Cotuit Kettleers

Big thanks to our loyal and generous fans for another exciting Cotuit Kettleers season. The Cotuit Athletic Association appreciates your continued support as we strive to make Kettleers Baseball at Lowell Park a cherished part of summer in Cotuit. If you would like to volunteer with the CAA, visit cotuitkettleers.org for more information.

Cape Cod Academy

CCA is hosting a Tuesday Tour on Tuesday, September 30 at 9 a.m. Cotuit families of students in grades K-12 are invited to visit, take a campus tour, and learn about the school’s academic, athletic, and arts opportunities. 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, call the Admissions Office at 508-428-5400 or email admissions@capecodacademy.org to set up a tour. For more information, visit capecodacademy.org.

TOWN AND STATE NEWS

This month’s **Town Council** meetings are on September 4 and 18 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, will hold office hours on Wednesday, September 10 from 4-5 p.m. at the Cotuit Library. Going forward, he will be available on the second Wednesday of each month, same time and place. Seth can also be reached at 774-228-0308 or by email at seth.burdick@town.barnstable.ma.us.

State Representative **Kip Diggs** will hold office hours at the Cotuit Library on Monday, September 22, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Barnstable Land Trust

With community support, Barnstable Land Trust is poised to acquire Cotuit Highground Country Club this October. On **Thursday, September 11, at 7 p.m.** join us at Freedom Hall to hear about the details of the acquisition, the vision, and the final fundraising needs.

Also this month, BLT’s popular “Climate Conversations” returns with 15+ art, literature, film, and science programs. Enjoy a benefit concert with Jon Shain at Fuller Farm, take a VIP tour with Resilient Woods Hole along the Climate Trail, and explore Native American Nature Poetry. Other events include a Cape Homeowners climate readiness talk and a Turtle Hatching Hunt. For more details about these programs and more, visit blt.org/events.

Cape Cod Pottery Trail

Did you start your holiday shopping at last month’s CraftFest Cotuit? Keep it going this month on the Cape Cod Pottery Trail, a self-guided tour of pottery studios on the Upper Cape, including Cotuit. This open-studios event runs from September 26-28 and showcases the work of 26 ceramic artists. Opening reception at Brick Kiln Farm, Friday, September 26, 5-7 p.m. For more information and a map of studio locations, visit capecodpotterytrail.com.

Cahoon Museum of American Art

School Supply Decorating Party, Saturday, September 6, 1-3 p.m. Add unique flair to your school supplies this year. Decorate your backpack and create book covers with stencils inspired by artwork on view at the museum. Open to students of all ages and their caregivers. Included with museum admission.

Stencil workshop, Wednesday, September 10, 1-4 p.m. Learn more about the stencils of Ralph and Martha Cahoon while decorating a small, wooden box. Open to all levels, and all materials are provided. \$60/\$50 members.

Salvaged Valentines, Saturday, September 13, 1-4 p.m. Join local artist Anna Murfin for this unique workshop creating sailors’ valentine-inspired mosaics using discarded materials. \$60/\$50 members.

Art Lab, Saturday, September 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Join the museum for a day of family fun and art projects. Included with museum admission. ■

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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