



CotuitCurrents

October 2025



"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."
—Anne Shirley in *Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery

Hi neighbors. As the cooler air and vibrant autumn colors creep in, I too am thankful for Octobers. And as things around the village slow down, take a moment to savor all the season has to offer. But before you slow down too much, take some time to learn about a few projects affecting villagers.

In 2017, discussion began on possible **Memorial Park improvements**. The project was paused during the pandemic, but now draft plans are again being discussed. To provide information and an opportunity for input prior to the adoption of a final plan, the Civic Association will hold a community meeting on **Tuesday October 21, 7 p.m. at Freedom Hall**.

Does Main Street Cotuit sometimes feel like the Indy 500? To slow traffic and improve pedestrian safety, a **raised crosswalk** adjacent to the library has been proposed, and the Town is seeking comment. To express an opinion, email seth.burdick@town.barnstable.ma.us.

The 1783 **Ebenezer Crocker Jr. house**, which sits at the corner of Putnam Avenue and Old Shore Road overlooking the bay, is Cotuit's oldest house and rich in its history.

The Cape Cod Commission will review a proposal to demolish the house's ells and move the main structure from its present site. If the proposal is accepted, the house will lose its historic additions, one of which was the first post office in Cotuit Port, as well as its listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

To comment on this proposal, email regulatory@capecodcommission.org or submit comments by mail to the Cape Cod Commission, P.O. Box 226, 3225 Main Street, Barnstable, MA 02640.

Christy Evans, Board Member
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Cotuit Fire District

The **Board of Water Commissioners** (BOWC) thanks everyone who attended the Wastewater Workshop in August. The panel of experts shared updates on Barnstable's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, explored innovative septic technologies, and discussed strategies to protect Cotuit's ponds, bays, and drinking water. Community engagement is key as plans move forward, and your participation is appreciated. If you weren't able to join, a full recording is available at csca.wistia.com/medias/0npx8a8law.

The BOWC also reminds residents that Cape Cod and the Islands remain under Level II Severe Drought Conditions. Please help conserve water by limiting outdoor use to two days per week and avoiding non-essential water usage between 5 a.m. and 8 p.m. Together, we can protect our water resources for the whole community.

October is Fire Safety Month, and **Cotuit Fire Department** reminds us that small steps can make a big difference in protecting your home and loved ones. Take time to test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, review your family's fire escape plan, and make sure everyone knows two ways out of every room. Keep matches and lighters out of children's reach, and never leave cooking unattended.

Construction on the new fire station is anticipated to begin next month, marking a major step forward in improving our facilities and ensuring we can better serve the Cotuit community for generations to come.

Historical Society of Santuit & Cotuit

On Thursday, October 2, the Historical Book Club discusses *America First: Roosevelt vs. Lindburgh in the Shadow of War*, by H. W. Brands. Cotuit Library, 6 p.m.

On Saturday, October 11, bring the kids to Fall Fest from noon-3 p.m. Fire Chief Sean Brown will bring a fire truck for kids to explore and talk about fire safety. Kids can also participate in a craft project and a scavenger hunt. There will be a hearth-cooking demonstration and pies and scones for sale.

Thursday, October 16, Cotuit Chronicles: The American Revolution with Dr. David Martin. Cotuit Library, 7-8:30 p.m.

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

Cotuit Nursery School

Cotuit Nursery School is accepting registrations for the 2025-2026 school year, offering a half-day program Monday-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, October 8, the Club hosts Thomas Sequin, noted wood carver and local Bonsai specialist, who will introduce us to the art and care of Bonsai plants. All are invited to join at 10:30 a.m. at the Cotuit Library.

Cotuit Witch Walk

Join the SandWitches for their 5th annual Witch Dance at the Cotuit Town Dock on Sunday, October 26 at 3 p.m. Don your most enchanting witchy attire and join on a magical journey through the village for the second annual Cotuit Witch Walk to benefit Mills River Rescue animal sanctuary (millsriverrescue.com).

First stop: near the Cotuit Village Green, where little ghouls and goblins can trick-or-treat with the witches and meet the witchy ponies! The Witch Walk then floats up School Street to the Cotuit Highground Golf Club for festivities.

Spectating at the dock and along the walk is free; walkers are asked for a \$10 donation, which includes a raffle ticket. In case of inclement weather, the Witch Dance and fun will begin at Freedom Hall. For more details, email Lisa Z at ldancewithwitches@gmail.com.

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Cotuit Federated Church

On Tuesday, October 14, join us at 6:30 p.m. for an urgent community conversation on immigration, featuring local experts and advocates discussing the challenges facing immigrants on Cape Cod. Panelists include Barnstable County Sheriff Donna Buckley and representatives from the Brazilian Resource Center, Community Action Committee of Cape Cod & Islands' Immigration Resource Center, Cape Cod Coalition for Safe Communities, and Falmouth Immigrant Rights Coalition. The evening will include updates, personal stories, and practical ideas for action, followed by Q&A. All are welcome!

Fall rummage sale on Friday, October 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, October 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations accepted October 20-22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please do not leave donations in the Church parking lot. For more information, visit cotuitfederatedchurch.org.

Cotuit Library

Registration is required for listed events unless otherwise noted. To register, visit cotuitlibrary.libcal.com.
Connect with Color offers an opportunity for adults to relax and enjoy coloring, drinks, and socializing. Thursday, October 2, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Registration not required.
Movies with Melissa: *Mission: Impossible–The Final Reckoning*, Wednesday, October 15, 1-4 p.m.

And for the kids:
Fun Friday Storytime on October 10, 17, 24, and 31, 10-10:45 a.m.
Music & Movement Mondays on October 20 and 27, 10-10:45 a.m.
Building Blocks Party on Thursdays, October 9, 16, 23, and 30, 4-5 p.m. For kids 6+.

Friends of the Cotuit Library

The Friends need your support! Your membership helps us supply the Cotuit Library with many of the nice-to-have items that cannot be funded in the annual budget. Last year, for example, we provided funding for the Virtual Speakers Series; purchased the periodical racks, demonstration table, and Vibe Board; and contributed \$10,000 to the library's annual budget. A Friends membership (\$30 single/\$40 family) also comes with some perks, such as discounts on Friends merch and on tickets to our Speaker Series.

Our next Speaker Series event, *Hidden Histories*, explores Cape Cod's untold past in a conversation with historian Richard DeSorhger on Thursday, October 9 at 4 p.m. And knitters of all levels are invited to join the Friends' Made with Love Knitting Fundraiser, a four-week series blending creativity, community, and giving back. Mondays, October 27 (2-4 p.m.) and November 3, 10, and 17 (2-3 p.m.).

For more information and to register for these events, visit cotuitlibrary.libcal.com. To join the Friends, visit cotuitlibrary.org/friends-of-cotuit-library and click Join the Friends at the bottom of the page.

St. Michael Orthodox Church

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.

Dream Tale Puppets

Dream Tale Puppets presents *Alice, or the Red King's Dream* for children 5+ and their families on Saturday, October 25th at 2 p.m. at Freedom Hall. Follow Alice down the rabbit hole in search of her lost kitten into a land of puzzles, talking flowers, and a jumble of Lewis Carroll's curious characters. Doors open at 1:35 p.m. The show runs about an hour, and admission is free.

Cape Cod Ballroom Dancers

CCBD will host a Casual Dance on Saturday, October 18, at the Cotuit Federated Church community hall from 7-9:30 p.m. \$15/ \$10 for CCBD or USA Dance members.

TOWN AND STATE NEWS

This month's **Town Council** meetings are on October 9 and 23 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, holds office hours on the second Wednesday of the month from 4-5 p.m. at the Cotuit Library. This month, that's October 8. Seth can also be reached at seth.burdick@town.barnstable.ma.us or 774-228-0308.

State Representative **Kip Diggs** will hold office hours at the Cotuit Library on Monday, October 27, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Cape Cod Academy

CCA is hosting an Admissions Open House on Saturday, October 25, at 9 a.m. Cotuit families of students entering grades K-12 are invited to learn about the school's signature programs, distinctive curriculum, extracurricular activities, and personalized approach to learning. Families will meet faculty and staff and tour our 44-acre campus. If you prefer to visit at another time, email or call the admissions team at admissions@capecodacademy.org or 508-428-5400 to set up a tour. To learn more, visit capecodacademy.org.

Barnstable Land Trust

BLT celebrates National Arts and Humanities Month with programs that invite you to experience nature through different creative perspectives at our Fuller Farm barn in Marstons Mills: Bring your sketchbook for a walk with local artist Betsy Payne Cook, watch a demo of the Cape Cod Woodturners as they create usable art from local wood, and take part in a free writing workshop with local author/writer Linda Marie Steele. We have other walks and talks planned in October, so fall in love with nature and sign up for our e-newsletter to stay up-to-date on BLT happenings! For more details, visit blt.org.

Cahoon Museum of American Art

Fall Open House and Art Reception, Saturday, October 4, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. A day of art and family fun includes a reception for *Trade Signs* and *Pressing Editions*. Free admission.
Artful Conversations: Jeff Dinardo and Pete Vogel, Sunday, October 5, 1-2 p.m. Join the *Taverns to Trades: American Folk Art Signs* artists as they discuss the art and craft of sign making. Included with admission.
Afternoon with Adrian Tió, Saturday, October 11, 2-3 p.m. The exhibiting artist shares 40 years of experience as a printmaker and teacher. Included with admission.
Gelli Printing Workshops, Wednesday, October 22, 1-4 p.m. Learn a printmaking process that does not require a press, and explore textures and layers by combining materials to make a finished print. \$60.

Gallery Talk and Lecture: *Pressing Editions*, Thursday, October 23, 2-3:30 p.m. Explore the exhibition *Pressing Editions: American Labor in Print* and learn more about the contemporary and historic prints on view. Included with admission. ■

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