



CotuitCurrents

December 2025

Happy holidays to all!

The Cotuit Civic Association is pleased to host Christmas in Cotuit on Saturday, December 6. Activities are planned for all ages—check the schedule at right. If you're driving, please be cautious, as pedestrian traffic will be high.

Beginning right after Thanksgiving, villagers are invited to place ornaments on the village tree. Please don't hang them on lighting wires, and remember to retrieve your ornaments by Saturday, January 3, to keep our tree safe and welcoming.

In the spirit of giving, the CSCA is holding its annual Diapers and Baby Wipes Drive. Drop donations at the Cotuit Fire Station from December 1-6, or bring them to the Cotuit Federated Church's Community Hall during Christmas in Cotuit. Help brighten the season for families in need!

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR...

Don't forget that *Cotuit Currents* will be on hiatus for the next three months. In April 2026 the newsletter will make its debut in a new, digital incarnation. Instead of coming to your post office box, the *Currents* will come directly to your email inbox on your phone, tablet, laptop, or desktop computer.

We did not come to this decision lightly, but in the end, the advantages won out. In the new format, you will see more color and more photos, as well as the occasional survey and live links to more information. Also, in addition to being more environmentally friendly, a digital-forward *Currents* is significantly more cost-effective and will allow us to focus more of our limited resources on our core missions of civic education and engagement. So be sure to head over to cotuitcivicasociation.org and sign up so we have your email! Change is hard, but we're excited to be joining all the other organizations in the digital world!

The Civic Association Board
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Christmas in Cotuit Schedule of Events — Saturday, December 6, 2025

10:00-2:00	Cotuit Federated Church: Women's Fellowship gift basket sale and sale of small works by local artists and photographers.
10:00-3:00	Historical Society: Bring the kids to paint a wooden ornament for your tree (until noon), and enjoy s'mores and cider around the firepit (until 3:00).
10:00-4:00	Artisan Craft Fair at Freedom Hall: Shell crafts, hand-sewn, -woven -knitted, and -crocheted gifts, wood crafts, jewelry, soaps, honey, pottery, and more.
11:00-1:00	Bring your holiday gift list to the Cotuit Kettleers Store and pick up some Kettleers merch.
11:00-5:00	Cotuit Fresh Market: Main Street Tastings
12:00-2:00	Cotuit Library: Bring the kids to decorate Christmas cookies, warm up with hot chocolate, go on a Harry Potter scavenger hunt, and play games.
12:00-2:00	Cotuit Fire Station Open House. Stop by for chili and get the latest updates on the new firehouse project.
3:00-5:00	Hot chocolate, cider, and cookies in Memorial Park, courtesy of Cotuit Fresh Market.
3:30-3:45	At Town Dock: DJ Lisa Z and Pizza by Zoe Pizza courtesy of Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association, and chowder courtesy of Courtside Café at Kings Grant.
3:45	Santa arrives by boat at Town Dock. Santa's arrival is followed by tree lighting (lights installed by Bartlett Tree), caroling, balloon animals by Zach courtesy of Curtis Automotive, and visits with Santa in Memorial Park. As you head to the park, swing by the Kettle Ho for a Christmas cookie goody bag.
4:00-5:00	Open House with cookies in the Cotuit Federated Church's Hamilton Hall. Enter from High Street or through the patio doors from Memorial Park.

Cotuit Fire District

The building committee, architect, and construction manager have been working diligently to move the fire station addition and renovation project through the necessary permitting and regulatory steps. The first phase of the project—demolishing 56 High Street and preparing the site for construction—began in November. Don't worry, though, this won't affect our ability to host our annual Christmas in Cotuit Firehouse Chili event at the station. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for this beloved holiday tradition and sharing updates on the new station project. The improvements ahead will help us better serve the community for years to come, and we're grateful for your continued support.

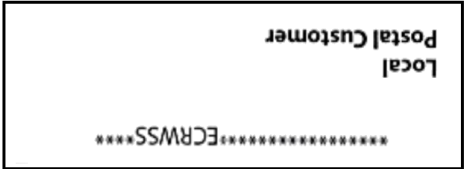
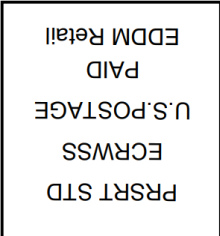
Cotuit Fire District commissioners usually meet monthly as follows: Fire Commissioners on the second Tuesday; Water Commissioners on the third Wednesday, and the Prudential Committee on the last Monday. The meeting time, location details, and agenda are usually posted a day or two in advance on the CFD website: cotuitfiredistrict.org.

Historical Society of Santuit & Cotuit

On Thursday, December 4, the Historical Book Club discusses *Demon of Unrest* by Erik Larsen. Cotuit Library, 6 p.m.

Check the Christmas in Cotuit schedule for the fun we have planned for December 6. And after Santa has gone home, HSSC members are invited to the Dottridge Homestead for the Members' Holiday Party from 5-7 p.m.

The Gift Shop is open Friday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is fully stocked for Christmas. Every \$50 you spend earns you one entry to win a \$100 gift certificate.



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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. Call 508-428-1470 or email cotuitnurseryschool@yahoo.com for more information.

Cotuit Federated Church

Sunday, December 7, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., join Pastors Angela Menke Ballou and Dan Smith, and Cotuit residents Lallie Lloyd and David Miller, for an introduction to “Sacred Ground: a Film-Based Discussion Series on Faith and Race.” The Sacred Ground series weaves threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity in an exploration of America’s history of race and racism.

Sunday, December 14, 6:45 p.m., Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting unites people around the globe for one hour to honor the memories of loved ones who have died. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Saturday, December 21 at 7 p.m., The Longest Night Service honors feelings of loss and sadness amid this season of joy and festivities.

Christmas Eve, Family Service at 4:30 p.m. and Candlelit Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m., with a potluck dinner at the church between the two services starting at 5:30 p.m.

Cotuit Library

Annual Craft Swap, Saturday, December 20, noon-4 p.m. Drop off your items in good condition (no open paint or glue) at the library from December 8-19. Item donors get early access to the swap at 11 a.m.

Registration is required for the following events. Visit cotuitlibrary.libcal.com.

Victorian Carolers Concert, Saturday, December 13, 1:30-3:15 p.m.

Movies with Melissa: *The Fantastic Four: First Steps* (2025), Wednesday, December 17, 2-4 p.m.

And for the kids:

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

Music & Movement Mondays on December 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 10-10:45 a.m.

Building Blocks Party on Thursdays, December 4, 11, and 18, 4-5 p.m. Building challenges and problem solving for kids 6+.

Craft & A Movie, Tuesday, December 23, 1:15-3 p.m. Color, craft, and warm up with hot cocoa while watching the Christmas classic *The Polar Express*.

Friends of the Cotuit Library

Stop by the Friends booth at Freedom Hall during Christmas in Cotuit, where we’ll be selling our famous Friendship Soup, hand-made knitted hats, and bedazzling jewelry!

Osterville Garden Club

Saturday, December 6, is the Club’s Christmas Home Tour, featuring five Osterville homes festively decorated for the holidays, plus refreshments and a holiday shopping boutique. Start times for the two-hour tour are staggered at 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit ostervilllegardenclub.org/coastal-christmas-2025.html.

St. Michael Orthodox Church

Saturday Vespers, 5 p.m.; Sunday Orthros, 9 a.m.; Sunday Liturgy, 10 a.m., followed by potluck coffee hour. For information on all church services, groups, and activities, visit stmichaelcapecod.org/schedule.

Cotuit Center for the Arts

Cotuit Center for the Arts is bursting with holiday magic! Don’t miss *Disney’s Newsies* (through December 21), a high-energy, family-friendly musical filled with heart and humor. Find the perfect gift at *Small Works = Big Joy* (through December 23), our annual pop-up holiday shop of locally made treasures. Experience *Witch* (December 4-21) in the Black Box Theater, and enjoy festive music with the *14th Annual Ukulele*

TOWN AND STATE NEWS

This month’s **Town Council** meetings are on December 4 and 11 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 December 10. 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, December 22, from 10 a.m. to noon.

VILLAGE NEWS

The Town of Barnstable has voted to fully fund the Cotuit Memorial Park renovation. At a community meeting hosted by the Civic Association in October, Town Architect Mark Marinaccio presented the draft plan, stressing that it *did not* call for removal of the Cotuit Playground. This was confirmed by the Department of Public Works. If you missed the meeting, look for another one in the future, and if you have questions, comments, or concerns, contact Town Councilor Seth Burdick at seth.burdick@town.barnstable.ma.us or 774-228-0308.

The Civic Association is seeking feedback from Cotuit residents about speeding in the Village. If you would like to participate, please complete the very brief survey at <https://forms.gle/sGiJxo5fiQ2fYbi7>. We’ll pass along a summary of your responses to Town Councilor Seth Burdick to inform his recommendation.

Festival (December 7), *Tom Rush & Matt Naoa* (December 8–10), and *Jingle All the Suede* (December 16). Sing along at *Wine & Music Wednesday: Holiday Edition* (December 17), celebrate with *A Cotuit All-Star Christmas* (December 22), and be moved by Neil McGarry’s solo *A Christmas Carol* (December 23). End the year laughing with the *Scamps New Year’s Eve Comedy Show* (December 31). Tickets and details at cotuit.org.

Cahoon Museum of American Art

Holiday Card Crafternoon, December 3, 1-3 p.m. \$30.

Art-Tastic Holiday Party Weekend, December 6 and 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Celebrate the season with make-your-own hot chocolate stations, treats, holiday ornament making, cookie decorating, and more! Plus, a student exhibition from 1-3 p.m. on December 6. \$15 adults/\$5 members and children 12 and under.

Paint Afternoon: Martha Cahoon’s Girl with Doll in Snow, December 10, 1-3 p.m. \$50.

Curator’s Talk: Martha Cahoon’s Garden of Eden, December 18, 2-3 p.m. Included with museum admission.

Winter Open House at the Cahoon Museum, December 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Celebrate the closing of the 2025 season at the Cahoon. Free admission. ■

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