



# Cotuit Currents

## Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association Newsletter !!

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General Meeting: Freedom Hall 967 Main Street Cotuit  
Tuesday, April 19 7:30 PM Refreshments 7:00 PM

**Topic: FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET**

President's Message: Happy Spring - Happy Spring - I heard somewhere that in Cotuit we go from Winter to the 4th of July. HAPPY SPRING

The Cotuit Civic Association will host a program to hear and question the 2012 budgets of the Cotuit Fire District. The Fire District has three committees; the Fire Commissioners, the Water Commissioners, and the Prudential Committee, each with three elected members. Come to Freedom Hall on April 19 to meet the members of each committee and hear the chairperson of each present their 2012 budgets. Respectful questions about the budgets will be accepted. Approximately 20 percent of our Town of Barnstable property taxes go to running our village. Mark your calendar - APRIL 19 FREEDOM HALL - Refreshments 7:00 PM - Program starts at 7:30. Other dates: Cotuit Firecracker 5K road race - July 7 - starts at 6:00 PM

Cotuit Bass and Bluefish Shootout - August 6 - more information will be on our web site

The Cotuit Civic Association will mail 6 newsletters between now and November 2011.

We have updated and improved our web site - [cotuitcivicassociation.org](http://cotuitcivicassociation.org). Our Newsletters are now on this web site. To post a Cotuit event or program between Newsletters please email your information to [cotuitcivicassociationvp@comcast.net](mailto:cotuitcivicassociationvp@comcast.net) and we will post it within a few days.

On the bottom of the next page is a form asking for your dues and donations to the Cotuit Civic Association. The costs of running the Cotuit 4th of July parade, Christmas in Cotuit, the Newsletters, and other informational programs are climbing. Please clip the form, fill it out, and mail your contribution to PO Box 121, Cotuit, MA. 02635 We thank you for your support.

Rich Boden, President

The **Cotuit Library** will host the **Traditional Easter Egg Hunt** at the Library on April 23 at 10 AM (rain or shine). The hunt is for children of all ages, and the Easter Bunny may make an appearance. Ages 0 through K should group near the Library main entrance.

The **Library** also is offering fun and stories with **BIG RYAN'S TALL TALES** - April 20 3 PM

The **Friends of the Cotuit Library** will have a luncheon and presentation by Diane Slater, Wine Manager of Cape Cod Package Store. Learn more about wine and food pairings.

April 20 11:30 Refreshments and 12:00 Lunch at Cotuit Library

For reservations: Contact Marge at 428-9764 or [margew9j@verizon.net](mailto:margew9j@verizon.net). Please give phone number and spelling of names. Reservations close Monday, April 18.

***COTUIT LIBRARY GATEWAY PHASE I CONTRUCTION BEGINS !!!***  
***THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED FROM APRIL 25 THROUGH 30th !!!***  
***PARKING WILL BE LIMITED DURING CONSTRUCTION !!!***

The **Cotuit Federated Church** is holding the **BEST Rummage Sale** on the Cape. Friday May 13 from 9 AM to 4 PM and 6 to 8 PM. Sat. morning, May 14 from 9 AM to noon.

Donations may be brought to Bruce Hall on Sunday, May 8 from 1 to 4 PM and on Mon. through Thursday mornings of that week from 9 AM to noon. Saleable rummage, including gently used clothing, shoes, jewelry, toys and some furniture would be appreciated. (No appliances or stuffed furniture.) Note: Ask for a receipt for your donation for tax deduction purposes.

The **Cahoon Museum of American Art** continues the exhibit "**Journey from Dust to Dust & Ashes to Ashes**" through May 1. The exhibit "**Lone Figure and the Landscape**" opens May 3. The Museum is open Tues. through Sat. from 10 AM to 4 PM, Sundays 1 to 4 PM.

**NEW EAGLE POND SANCTUARY PARKING AREA SET TO OPEN**

Visitors to the Eagle Pond Sanctuary will begin using a larger, safer parking area soon. The existing small 6-car parking area on Putnam Avenue will be closed. A new 12-car parking area will be opened at the north end of the Eagle Pond property, within the “jug handle” of the old Putnam Avenue road layout owned by the Town of Barnstable.

The 6-car lot was defined about 15 years ago and has served as the main entrance to the Pond. It is now regularly overflowing, with as many as 12 cars at peak times. Cars have to back out directly into oncoming traffic along busy Putnam Avenue, the major gateway into Cotuit. Last summer, Barnstable Police Sergeant Andrew McKenna issued a report citing the hazardous nature of the old parking area and recommended its closure.

Town Highway Department crews have improved the new parking area at the jug handle, creating 12 parallel parking spots and a one-way-in, one-way-out traffic pattern to the parking lot. This pattern will enable motorists to merge onto Putnam Avenue head-on. It will also improve sight distances (long straight-aways in both directions) for added traffic safety.

The **Cotuit Nursery School** is accepting registrations for the fall school year. Call 508-428-1470.

**Cotuit Center for the Arts** 4404 Rt. 28 in Cotuit – **508-428-0669 for info and tickets**

The play **”GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS”** by Davis Mamet runs through April 17.

**”MEDEA”** the Greek tragedy runs through April 23. Shows are on Thursdays, Fridays and Sat. at 8 PM and Sundays at 2 PM. Call for details and tickets or visit [www.artsonthecape.org](http://www.artsonthecape.org)

**Wine & Music Open House** April 20 6 to 7:30 PM

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Poetry and Chili Festival** April 30 6 – 11 PM Call for tickets or to enter chile, cornbread or poetry !!

Gallery: **”Plight of Homeless on Display”** runs through April 30.

**”TRANSFERmations”** and **”Into Color – Watercolors by Bob Enos”** open April 22.

Opening Reception: Apr. 23 5 - 7 PM. Gallery Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 AM - 4 PM; Sat 10 AM-2 PM

**Cotuit Fire District**

Nomination papers are available at the Cotuit Water Dept. for the Cotuit Fire District annual election on May 24. Positions on the ballot will be 1 three year term for Fire Commissioner, 1 three year term for Water Commissioner, 1 three year term for Prudential Committee. For information, please call the District office at 508-420-3000.

Nomination papers and warrant petitions need to be certified by the Barnstable Town Clerk and returned to the District Office by April 20.

**Note:** A Citizen Petition and a Petition sponsored by the Prudential Committee have been submitted to the State Legislature. Legislative action on these petitions could ultimately result in the elimination of District-subsidized health insurance for elected officials.

WATER MAIN FLUSHING THROUGH JUNE 1 Call 508-428-2687 with any questions.

**Support the Cotuit Civic Association P. O. Box 121, Cotuit, MA 02635**

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