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General Meeting: There will be no meeting in September.

President's Message: Our summer in Cotuit is winding down - many schools start before Labor Day - and what a summer this has been. The Civic Association ran the 4th of July Parade, which the Town of Barnstable believes, is the largest on Cape Cod. Wow, we really are "special"..

Fall on the Cape can be the best - the water is still warm and temperatures are cooling. We say our annual goodbye to our many summer friends. As we plan our fall itinerary, we can anticipate these programs at Freedom Hall:

1. Candidates night for Precinct 7 Barnstable Town Council on October 18
2. Political night including our new Town Councilor, State Senator, and State Rep. on Nov. 15

The Cotuit Fire Department and Chief Olsen run a CPR course the last Thursday of each month. Please call the Station 508-428-2210 to confirm your spot. This instruction can save a life. Dates for classes are August 25 and September 29

If you would like to purchase a "4th of July Parade" DVD they are still available at the Kettle Ho or the Cotuit Grocery. They make great gifts to Cotuit friends.

Please have an enjoyable and safe end of summer. Rich Boden, President

COTUIT BASS AND BLUE SHOOTOUT

The first Annual Cotuit Bass And Blue Shootout was well received by Cotuit and the surrounding towns. It was held on Saturday August 6th, and had a field of 18 boats. A thank you to all of the sponsors for their generous contributions that made this event a great success. There was a lot of positive feedback from the participants and the spectators that gathered to watch the weigh in on the town dock and the general consensus was they would like to see more of these events in Cotuit. The weigh in was very exciting and the largest striped bass was weighed in at 34.8 lbs with minutes to go in the tournament. The same angler weighed a monster bluefish weighing in at 15.6 lbs. The results of the tournament are as follows: STRIPED BASS MENS DIV. 1. Josh Burbank 34.8 lbs, 2. Doug Williamson 33.8 lbs, 3. Peter Nagorha 21.35 lbs. BLUEFISH MENS DIV. 1. Josh Burbank 15.6 lbs, 2. Mike White 9.7 lbs, 3. Millard Hennessey 9.5 lbs. STRIPED BASS LADIES DIV. 1. Carolyn O'Shaughnessy 17.35 lbs and BLUEFISH DIV. 1. Lisa Larsson 7.35LBS. STRIPED BASS JNR DIV. 1. Michael O'Shaughnessy 24.45 lbs, 2. Austin Sands 18.85 lbs, 3. Linsay Lewis 14.8 lbs. BLUEFISH JNR DIV. 1. Chelsea Bouchard 10.1 lbs, 2. Hayden Kelley 7.6 lbs, 3. Aidan Kelley 7.3 lbs. STRIPED BASS SNR DIV. Arthur Hughes 8.8 lbs. The battle of the fire departments was won by the Cotuit Fire Department, who were aboard TYE ONE ON captained by Ty Anderson. Captain Olsen and his crew were feared by the other fire departments on the Cape and they look forward to the same challenge next year. The after tournament dinner was hosted by Paul and Ellen Heher at the Cotuit High Grounds Golf Course and everyone enjoyed their hospitality. The dinner was put on by Craig Curtis and was followed by an awesome raffle and verbal auction. Thanks to all that helped run the raffle and auction. The goal of the tournament committee was to "knock it out of the park" and they did. Thanks to the Committee (Richard Barry, Richard Haskell, Richard Trifone, Millard Hennessey, Bill Cole, and Henry O'Shaughnessy) for the tremendous job they did in putting together this event. They will present a check close to \$5000 to the Civic Association to help fund the Fourth of July parade and the Kids Christmas in Cotuit.

Cotuit Library Benefit Concert at the Cotuit Center for the Arts. August 31st at 7:00 PM.

Paul Bisaccia – The Great American Piano Revisited

Paul Bisaccia has performed on four continents, on NPR and PBS TV specials, and now will perform in Cotuit !! This concert includes fabulous American music including Scott Joplin, Stephen Foster, Eubie Blake, Irving Berlin, Stephen Sondheim and especially George Gershwin. Also Schumann and Rimsky-Korsakoff/Rachmaninoff.

Mr. Bisaccia is a widely acclaimed pianist and interpreter of Gershwin. He performed the *Rhapsody In Blue* at the inauguration ceremonies of the new theater at the site of Aeolian Hall in New York, where Gershwin himself performed the masterpiece. Paul has recorded the complete solo piano music of Gershwin, "Gershwin by Bisaccia" on PBS, and a CD of "The Great American Piano Revisited" – the subject of this Cotuit concert.

The proceeds from this concert will benefit the Cotuit Library. Tickets are available at the Cotuit Library or at the Cotuit Center for the Arts. Contact the Cotuit Library for more information, 508-428-8141. <http://www.cotuitlibrary.org/>

The 10th Annual Cotuit Library Golf Outing, Monday September 26th at the Willowbend Country Club. Fee includes Lunch, Cart, Golf and Dinner. Scramble Format with Shotgun start at 12:30 PM. Dinner guests also welcome.

For more information and to register go to <http://www.cotuitlibrary.org/>, or contact the Cotuit Library at 508-428-8141, or e-mail eganta1220@comcast.net

The **Cotuit Federated Church** will hold their fall **Rummage Sale** in Bruce Hall on Oct. 7 and 8. Get your treasures ready to drop off starting Oct. 3. Donations of clothing, jewelry and some furniture are encouraged. No appliances or stuffed furniture.

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

The musical comedy **“I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change”** runs through Sept. 4. Gallery: “Printmakers of Cape Cod: ImPRINTS” and JoAnn Hughes exhibits run through Oct. 3. “Open Juried Exhibit: Exploring the Dark Side” and Anthony Fisher exhibits open Oct. 5. Gallery Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 AM - 4 PM; Sat 10 AM-2 PM

The **Cotuit Bird and Garden Club** will be on a walk through Cotuit Port with Jim Gould. Meet at Cotuit Library on Sept. 14 at 10 AM.

Cotuit Library Story Hours on Tues. at 10:30 AM and Wed. at 2:15 PM.

The **Historical Society** offers the 4th Cotuit Chronicles talk on September 21 at 7 PM at the Cotuit Library. Subject: *Congressman Charles L. Gifford* Presenter: Jacqueline Zenopoulos Treasured memoirs of Charles L. Gifford from the lens of a close family member, a relative for whom "Charlie Gifford" was a role model for life. Historical and numerous memorabilia about a man who loved politics, people and his property on the water in Cotuit. Gift shop and homestead open weekends. 1 to 5 PM. After Labor Day shop open Sat. 1 to 5 PM.

The **Cahoon Museum of American Art** continues the exhibit **“So What’s In A Bog”** through Sept. 18. **“Celebration of Life”** opens Sept. 20. The Museum is open Tues. through Sat. from 10 AM to 4 PM and Sundays from 1 PM to 4 PM.

The **Cotuit Federated Church's** sexton is retiring after 26 years, and there is an immediate opening for this 10-hour/week position. The person will, in part, be expected to provide general maintenance and cleaning support, be able to lift and set-up tables and chairs, and be available for light snow and other emergencies and special events. Interested people should send their resume or letter of interest, by September 14, to Cotuit Federated Church, Attn: Peter Dudley, PO Box 436, Cotuit MA 02635.

The **Cotuit Nursery School** has openings in September. This year there is a new option, 5 sessions a week for a monthly fee of \$300. Come visit and meet our teachers! 508-428-1470

Barnstable Land Trust Walks, Talks & Events - Call BLT at 508-771-2585, blt.org

Crocker Neck Fall Walk: Sunday, September 11th, 10 am - noon Cotuit

Join Professor Gil Newton, ecologist and author, on an interpretive walk through the diverse ecosystems of the 97-acre Town owned Conservation Area. Learn about salt marsh ecosystems and the flora & fauna that thrive here. Additional purchase of field guide *The Ecology of a Salt Marsh: A Tour of Crocker Neck.* Santuit Rd. Park at the 2nd gate beyond Cotuit Coves rock.

Cape Wildlife Festival: Saturday, September 17th (Rain date September 18th) 10 am – 4 pm Cummaquid

Celebrate Cape Cod’s diverse wildlife with the Cape Cod Wildlife Collaborative. Children’s activities, passport stamping, face painting, interactive exhibits, and prizes. Visit farm animals: goats, sheep, chickens & turkeys and wildlife. Refreshments available. Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary, 345 Bone Hill Road. *Free admission.*

Parker River Kayak Tour: Saturday, September 24th (Rain date September 25th) 9:30 am – 1:30 pm Yarmouth

Join Bobby Wilds and/or a naturalist guide of Great Marsh Kayak Tours for an easy paddle around Parker River and a bit of history & search for osprey, swans and herons. Support BLT on this special 4 hour tour. Equipment provided. Meet at ZooQuarium on Rt 28. Call BLT at 508-771-2585 to register. *Pre-registration is absolutely necessary.*

Sampson’s Island Kayak Trip: Saturday, October 1st, 9 am - noon Cotuit

Hear the legend of buried pirate’s treasure, discover the seasonal homes of 4 endangered species & learn about fall bird migrants with Mass Audubon’s Ian Ives. Must be able to swim and have basic kayaking experience. Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult; no one under 12 allowed. Single & tandem kayaks will be provided. Park at Ropes Beach on Old Shore Rd off Putnam Ave. *Pre-registration is absolutely necessary. Call 508-362-7475, ext. 9355. Strenuous.*

Still Stranding After All These Years - Marine Mammal Rescues: Wed., October 5th, 6 pm – 7 pm Yarmouth Port

The Marine Mammal Rescue and Research (MMRR) team operated by the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) rescues stranded whales, dolphins, and seals on Cape Cod and the South coast of Massachusetts. Learn about marine mammal strandings & recent rescues. Tour the LEED certified IFAW world headquarters. 290 Summer St off Willow St.

Eagle Pond Fall Walk: Saturday, October 8th, 10 am – noon Cotuit

Jim Gould, local historian, explores 150 acres around Little River, Bell Farm, Cordwood and the Almy Atlantic White Cedar Swamp on a gentle 3-mile walk. Learn how Eagle Pond was saved. Meet at fence just east of 4260 Old Post Rd.

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