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General Meeting: Freedom Hall 967 Main Street Cotuit

Tuesday, July 19 7:30 PM Refreshments 7:00 PM

Topic: **Annual Meeting and Wastewater Treatment Update**

Stewart Goodwin, member of the Town CAC, will discuss what is happening with town planning for wastewater treatment. Please come and learn about this very important issue relating to improving the quality of water in our pond and bays.

General Meeting: Freedom Hall 967 Main Street Cotuit

Tuesday, August 16 7:30 PM Refreshments 7:00 PM

Topic: **Barnstable Police Chief, Paul MacDonald**, will discuss our Village concerns. Please bring your questions for Chief MacDonald.

President's Message: Hope you enjoyed our 35th Cotuit 4th of July Parade. The Police estimated that more than 14,000 people participated in our tribute to Independence. To purchase a DVD, "Cotuit 4th of July Parade" - they are available at the Kettle Ho or the Cotuit Grocery.

The Cotuit Firecracker 5K road race - approximately 225 runners - enjoyed the weather, scenery and competition on July 7th. A big thank you to Lisa Kelley and her committee.

Mark your calendar, Tuesday, July 19. Stewart Goodwin will present an update on "Wastewater Treatment" for the Town of Barnstable and Cape Cod. Stewart is a member of the Citizens' Advisory Committee, appointed by the Town Council. This committee must submit a "Wastewater Treatment Plan" to the Barnstable Town Council by the end of 2012. The cost of wastewater treatment will be the single largest expense Barnstable homeowners will face in the future. A short annual meeting to elect the Civic Association slate of officers for 2011- 2012 precedes Stewart Goodwin's update.

The First annual Cotuit Fishing Tournament is August 6. Please check details below.

The Barnstable Police Chief, Paul MacDonald, will be at Freedom Hall on August 16. Our village concerns will be discussed. Please bring your questions for Chief MacDonald.

Please clip off the coupon on the bottom of this newsletter, and pay your dues to the Cotuit Civic Association. Continue to enjoy a safe summer in Cotuit.

Rich Boden, President

COTUIT BASS AND BLUE SHOOTOUT – August 6

The First Annual Cotuit Fishing Tournament will start at 5:30 PM on August 5 at Freedom Hall with the Captains' Meeting. Fishing will be on August 6th from 12:01 AM to 3 PM. Weighing will be on Aug. 6 from 3 to 4:30 PM at the Town Dock. There will be an awards dinner to follow at the Cotuit High Grounds Golf Course. Categories for men, women, juniors and seniors (60years +) with prizes in each category. The entry fee for the tournament is \$25 with a \$20 dinner fee per person (under 16 years will be \$15 entry and \$10 for dinner). All proceeds will support the Kids Fourth of July Parade and Christmas in Cotuit. If you are interested in making a donation to support the Cotuit Bass and Blue shootout, please contact Rick Barry at 508-420-2761 or Henry O'Shaughnessy at 508-428-3378.

The **Cotuit Federated Church 41st Annual Arts and Crafts Festival** will be on August 20 [10 AM to 5 PM] and August 21 [11 AM to 4 PM].

One Hundred artisans !! Lobster Rolls and Chowder !!

The **Cahoon Museum of American Art** continues the exhibit "**Mighty Ships and Their Journeys to Beyond**" through July 24. A new exhibit "**So What's In A Bog**" opens July 26. As a Cape Codder, bogs are a major part of the landscape and the economy of the area. This exhibition will look at how artists have portrayed bogs in the 19th, 20th and 21st Century.

The Cahoon Museum also has **The Little Gallery**, which is devoted to small bodies of work by exceptional contemporary artists. South Cape Artists are featured starting July 19. The Museum is open Tues. through Sat. from 10 AM to 4 PM and Sundays from 1 PM to 4 PM.

The **Cotuit Bird and Garden Club** will visit "Blithewold" in Bristol, RI on Aug. 10 to view the mansion, gardens and arboretum. Walking involved. Meet behind the Cotuit Grocery at 9:30 AM.

Contra Dancing at Freedom Hall, Sat. nights 8 – 11 PM, August 13 and Sept. 10. Beginners are welcomed, wear soft soled shoes. Light Refreshments. Call 774-487-2134 for more information.

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

The hit play “**The 39 Steps**” runs through July 17. **ArtsOnTheCape.org**

“**Entertainment Tonight**” includes spontaneous theatrical, literary and musical vignettes, fine food, wines, desserts and auctions. Evening of July 23.

A musical comedy “**I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change**” starts August 18.

Gallery: “21 in Truro” and “Photo Graphics: The Cape Cod Camera Club” run through August 7.

Gallery Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 AM - 4 PM; Sat 10 AM-2 PM

The **Historical Society** offers a ***Taste of Cotuit*** on July 16 from 6 – 8 PM at the homestead. Enjoy an evening of wine and delicious offerings by local restaurants and caterers. Music and silent auction.

Tickets call 508-428-0724 or lbaileygates@comcast.net

Gift shop and homestead are open weekends. 1 to 5 PM. Homestead tours 1 to 4 PM.

The 2nd Cotuit Chronicles talk ***Mariners' Lodge: 140 Years in Cotuit*** will be on July 20 at 7 PM at the Cotuit Library. Presenters: Tom Hadley, Mike McLaughlin, and Al Knight. Cotuit's oldest organization, Mariners' Lodge, has extended fellowship and charity for over almost a century and a half. Hear how the Masonic spirit has also played out in the lives of Masons in one small New England village.

Cotuit Library "Write Field Baseball Story Writing Contest" Write a baseball story to win fabulous prizes. Sponsored by the Cotuit Library and the Cotuit Kettleers. For Grades 1 – 7. Contact the library for entry forms. All stories must be entered by July 26.

Join us for “*One World, Many Stories*” summer reading program or our Bookmaking, Unusual sea creatures or Sea life prints workshops. 508-428-8141 or www.cotuitlibrary.org for details.

The Cotuit Library has proudly unveiled its brand new Early Literacy Station (ELS), a dedicated computer loaded with more than 50 educational programs geared towards kids aged 2 through 10. The programs cover reading skills, art, music, geography, science and more. Stop by and try it out. The purchase of the ELS was made possible by a Challenge Grant from the Goldstein family and a matching donation from the Friends of the Cotuit Library.

The Cotuit Library’s Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 10 August at 8 PM at the library. The meeting will consist of election of officers and the presentation of amendments to the By-Laws in addition to the normal proforma reports. The public is welcome.

Three Bays Preservation has scheduled boat tours. “**Three Bays, Three Days, Three Ways**” is a 90-minute tour of Barnstable's three bays (Cotuit Bay, North Bay and West Bay). The EcoAdventure Tours are on Saturdays, July 30 and August 20, at 10:00 am, 12:30 pm and 3:00 pm. Departures are from the Cotuit Town Landing, located at Main Street & Oyster Place Road in Cotuit. Reservations are required. Call 508-420-0780 or email info@3bays.org

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

Wildlife of the Eastern US; Doomsday or New Dawn: Friday, August 5th, 6 pm – 7 pm West Barnstable Dr. James Dickson, Coordinator of the Wildlife Program at Louisiana Tech University, will share his experiences. Dr. Dickson published 4 award-winning wildlife books. W. Barnstbl Community Cntr, Rt 149

East Bay Road/Armstrong Kelley Park Walk: Saturday, August 6th, 10 am – noon Osterville Red Bansfield, BLT’s Land Management Coordinator, leads an easy stroll through Armstrong Kelley Park, 8 acres of lush greenery, and BLT East Bay Rd Sanctuary. Meet at 675 Main St. - Armstrong Kelley Park.

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