



# Cotuit Currents

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General Meeting: Freedom Hall 967 Main Street Cotuit  
Tuesday, May 17 7:30 PM Refreshments 7:00 PM

### Topic: **PAUL RIFKIN'S COTUIT JULY 4<sup>th</sup> PARADES AND 2011 KETTLEERS SEASON !!**

Hear about and view Paul Rifkin's 4<sup>th</sup> of July DVD. GM Bruce Murphy will tell about what we can expect during the upcoming Kettleers season.

President's Message: Spring is emerging in Cotuit, trees are budding, flowers are blooming, and boats are floating in our harbors. It is still cool because the water temperature takes a while to warm, the 4th of July is just around the corner. We have an exciting month. Mark your calendars; May 17 - at Freedom Hall you are invited to preview the DVD that Paul Rifkin has authored - Cotuit's 4th of July Parade - it is fabulous. Bruce Murphy, General Manager of the 2010 League Champion Cotuit Kettleers, will feature the Kettleers roster and highlights for 2011. It is the "best ticket in Town." Refreshments at 7:00 PM and the program will start at 7:30.

May 24 - is Election Day. One seat on each - the Fire Commissioners, Water Commissioners and Prudential Committee. The only contested race is between Peter Field and Jim Gardner for the Fire Commissioner. Please vote at the Fire House between 4 PM and 8 PM.

May 25 - is our Fire District Annual Meeting. We, the residents of Cotuit, can hear our officials present their programs and vote on the budget warrants. The meeting is at Freedom Hall and starts at 7:30 PM. Please arrive early as Freedom Hall fills up quickly.

May 26- Fire Chief Chris Olsen is ready to teach CPR. The next class is 5/26/2011 - 6 to 9 PM at the Fire Station. For reservations please email Chief Olsen at [colsen@cotuitfire.org](mailto:colsen@cotuitfire.org). He hopes to teach a class monthly.

If you would like to pay your \$25.00 dues and/or make a contribution to the Cotuit Civic Association please use the coupon on the bottom of this newsletter.

Enjoy the Spring Rich Boden, President

### **FIRE DISTRICT ELECTION and ANNUAL MEETING**

The Fire District tax is costing us more and more every year. It's time to learn and vote.

The Fire District election will be on Tuesday May 24 at the Fire Station 4 – 8 PM. If you've never voted, now is the time to get involved.

**Contested Fire Commissioners Position**  
**Peter Field (Incumbent) vs. James Gardner**

The Annual District Meeting is the following evening in Freedom Hall 7:30 PM. Come and vote on District budget items, health insurance for elected officials and Freedom Hall repairs!!

District News: The Prudential Committee has been discussing the position of District Treasurer. The current Treasurer, Agnes Murray, indicated that she is willing to continue in the position for now. The Prudential Committee voted unanimously to continue her service with a one year appointment. Minutes of Prudential Committee meetings and Executive Sessions are available from the District Clerk, Charles Eager 508-420-3000.

The Cotuit Fire District is seeking volunteers interested in serving on the By-Laws Committee. This Committee is charged with reviewing annually the District By-Laws and making recommendations to the voters regarding appropriate changes or additions to the By-Laws. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the District Moderator at 508-420-5437.

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

The **Cotuit Bird and Garden Club** will *Bird by Boat* in Cotuit Bay. Meeting and chowder to follow. Meet at town dock on May 25 at 9:30. Call Nancy at 508-428-3208 for a reservation. The Annual Picnic will be at Sandwich Hoxie House on June 8. Meet at Library at 10 AM.

**COTUIT FEDERATED CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE** MAY 13 9 AM – 4 PM and 6 PM – 8 PM. May 14 – ½ price sale 9 AM to noon. Bag sale noon – 1PM **--- DON'T MISS IT ---**

The **Friends of the Cotuit Library** Plant, Bake & Treasure Sale is on May 28, from 8:30 AM to Noon at Freedom Hall. Donations may be left at Freedom Hall on May 27 between 9 AM and 1 PM and May 28 between 7:30 and 8 AM. (If you cannot contribute an item, please consider a cash donation). Benefit the Cotuit Library. Questions, call Sally Campbell at 508-428-8725.

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

Cole Porters **“Anything Goes”** May 26 – June 12 Th, Fri, Sat at 8 PM.  
4 PM May 29 and June 12, 5 PM on June 5.

**Waldorf School’s** Cuisine Scene Auction, on Saturday, May 21, from 6 -11 PM. Tantalize your taste buds and dance the night away. This year the auction features a knock-out edible showcase presented by some of the Cape’s best restaurants and caterers. Tickets at 508-420-1005 or at the door.

**Gallery:** “Fire and Smoke” runs through May 23. “Mary Moquin; One Woman Show” opens May 29. Gallery Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 AM - 4 PM; Sat 10 AM-2 PM

The **Historical Society of Santuit and Cotuit** will hold their Annual Meeting on May 15th at 2 PM at Freedom Hall. A short meeting will be held followed by the speaker, Christopher Daley, who will lecture on the Haunted History of New England. The public is welcome.

The Historical Society opens for the season on May 28 & 29 and the shop and homestead will be open weekends through Labor Day. Stop by and see the array of new items in the gift shop 1 to 5 PM. Homestead tours 1 to 4 PM.

The famous **Strawberry Festival** is on June 11 from 10 AM to 3 PM.

The first Cotuit Chronicles talk of the year will be on June 15 at 7 PM at the Cotuit Library. Ken Molloy will make a presentation on “Cotuit Whaling Families”. The whaling voyages of several Cotuit families are legendary--whaling wives and children, Yemen pirates, disasters in the Arctic. This talk explores the Colemans, Coons and Nickersons and their exploits around the globe.

The **Cahoon Museum of American Art** continues the exhibit **“Lone Figure and the Landscape”** until June 12. ”Mighty Ships and Their Journeys to Beyond” opens June 14. The Museum is open Tues. through Sat. from 10 AM to 4 PM and Sundays from 1 PM to 4 PM.

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

**Life & Death of a Salt Marsh:** Friday, May 13th, 6 pm – 8 pm West Barnstable Community Center, Rt 149. \$5 each.

**Crocker Neck Spring Walk:** Saturday, May 14th, 10 am – noon Cotuit Santuit Rd. Park at the 2nd gate. \$5 each.

**Shorebirds of Popponeset Walk & Talk:** Sunday, May 15th, 10 am – noon Popponeset Beach Mashpee

Meet at 153 Wading Place Road. Call 508-362-7475, ext.9355 to register. Fee.

**Turtle & Dolphin Strandings & Rehabilitations:** May 20th, 7 pm – 8 pm West Barnstable Community Center, Rt 149. \$5

**Little River to Saucer Ponds Walk:** June 3rd, 5 pm – 6:30 pm Cotuit Park at the northern end of Mosswood Cemetery off Putnam Avenue. *Easy. Free.*

**Eagle Pond Walk:** Saturday, June 4th, 9:30 am – noon Cotuit Park on Old Post Road near Cordwood Road gate. *Easy. Free.*

**Long Beach and the Centerville River Walk:** Sunday, June 5th, 10 am – noon Centerville

Wear hard-soled shoes. Craigville Beach parking lot beach house. *Strenuous. Free.*

**Hidden Hyannis:** Sunday, June 12th, 1 pm to 3 pm Hyannis Park at the Sea Street Beach parking lot. *Free.*

**Sandy Neck Plover Walk:** June 15th, 10 am – noon W. Barnstable Wear hiking boots for uneven terrain. *Strenuous. Free.*

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

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