



President: Jim Dannhauser November 14 – December 31, 2020 Editor: Theresa Egan

And so this most unusual year draws to a close.

After much discussion, the Executive Board of the Association has concluded that the usual Christmas in Cotuit events cannot safely be held this year. Those events typically include several crowded indoor and outdoor activities. With virus counts on the rise, that just carries too much risk. But we understand how much that day means to the Village as the opening of the holiday season. So, we have devised an alternative set of activities for the day – December 5 – that we think will be fun for all. See below for more information!

Discussions continue with respect to the Cotuit Elementary School property. The Fire District is beginning to explore potential uses of the property if the District were to take ownership of it. This is in a very preliminary stage of exploration – expect more to come on this subject during the course of next year.

For now, stay safe and well. We thank everyone for their support, and look forward to 2021!

Stay safe and well. Jim Dannhauser, President

The **Cotuit Civic Association's annual Christmas in Cotuit** celebration has become a seasonal highlight for our Village. This year's activities will be different due to social distancing, but rest assured: Santa is on his way!



On Saturday, December 5th beginning at 2:30, Santa will be visiting Cotuit residents by fire truck with an assist from the Cotuit Fire Department.

Simultaneously, the Civic Association will conduct a food and diaper drive. At the recommendation of the Cotuit Federated Church, the drive will benefit the Faith, Family and Kitchen program and Angel House, both of which serve families in need. Volunteers will pick up your contributions, making it super easy to donate—no extra effort required! In the spirit of holiday giving, the Cotuit Civic Association also will contribute \$1,000 to this effort.

If your family would like a *drive-by Santa visit and/or an opportunity to contribute to the food and diaper drive*, e-mail CotuitChristmas@gmail.com. Expect Santa and his food drive volunteers sometime between 2:30 and 4:00.

Family, Faith and Kitchen recommends the following dry goods in non-glass containers:

Diapers Instant mashed potatoes Canned vegetables Canned chicken or tuna Crackers	Nuts Peanut butter Whole grain cereal Pasta and sauce Canned soups or stews	Granola bars Snack sized applesauce Cookies or brownie mixes esp. those with water as the sole added ingredient
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Beginning at 4:00, enjoy a simulcast of the lighting of the *Cotuit Christmas tree* and caroling featuring *The Chatham Carolers*. We will forward a link to this virtual event as we get closer to Christmas in Cotuit. Thank you to the Cotuit Center for the Arts for arranging this event. (Remember, this is a virtual event. Do not gather at Memorial Park).

As a reminder, there will not be any in-person gatherings this year. Social distancing should be maintained during the Santa visit and food drive.

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Christmas in Cotuit Freedom Hall Artisans Show will not be held due to the current COVID situation. If you would like to shop privately for your Christmas gifts with any of our Artists that are your favorites please contact our artist group on Facebook at **Cotuitartistsandfriendsannualchristmassale** or Leslie Spencer, administrator of the show, at 508-420-2343 for the information on how to shop for gifts.

St Michael Orthodox Christian Church:
62 Main Street, Cotuit, 508-420-1113

Live streaming via *YouTube* with schedule as follows: *Saturday Vespers 7:00; Sunday Orthros 8:30; Sunday Liturgy 9:30 am.* Information - <https://youtube.com/user/StMichaelCotuit>

The Friends of the Cotuit Library Congratulations to the winners of the Friends' October cash raffle! 1st Place M. Manning; 2nd Place S. Whalen; and 3rd Place J. Picariello. The Friends appreciate all those who supported this fundraiser.

A reminder that the **Cotuit Cooks** cookbooks, and **Artists of Cotuit** books are available at the Library and some are wrapped for gift-giving.

In time for the holidays, the Friends are offering for sale, **two** donated ladies' necklaces which are just **too fabulous to await** the Friends planned 2021 *Used Jewelry Sale*, so they are for sale now. There is a stunning Gerhardt cuff necklace, 15 inches in circumference, 14K gold, lining a torque of sterling silver appraised at \$600. It is for sale for \$295. There is also a gorgeous David-Anderson sterling silver collar necklace with a modernistic pendant containing a blue guilloche oval enamel insert. Estimated value is \$500, and it is for sale for \$245. To arrange a showing, call Terri Goldstein at 508-428-0143 or email her at terrigold@comcast.net To purchase, Friends would prefer a check payable to FOCL. Posters are at the Library with pictures of the two items. As always, funds raised by the Friends are used to support the Cotuit Library in a variety of ways.

The Cahoon Museum of American Art The Cahoon Museum of American Art is hosting a free Open House on Sunday, December 6th from 10:00 to 4:00. Registration for the Open House or to visit the Museum is required - so please sign up at cahoonmuseum.org or call 508-428-7581. Also, the Museum Shop is open and filled with great gifts for everyone on your holiday shopping list. (Entrance fee and registration is not required to visit only the Shop.) The Museum and the Museum Shop are open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10:00 – 4:00.

The Cahoon currently has three popular art exhibitions on view. Our featured exhibition is Salley Mavor: *Bedtime Stitches*, an exhibition of 18 sculptural embroidery artworks by Falmouth artist Salley Mavor. The artwork illustrates

the new children's book, *My Bed: Enchanting Ways to Fall Asleep Around the World* which is now a best seller in our Museum Shop. Also on view are Edward Curtis: *Shadow Cather* and *Adria Arch: Interference*.

Cotuit Federated Church Christmas Eve at Cotuit Federated Church will be streamed on Facebook Live at 4:30 on December 24. A *Longest Night Service* will be streamed at 7:00 on December 21. Sunday morning services at 10:00 will continue to stream online at www.facebook.com/cotuitfederatedchurch

Cotuit Kettleers - The Cotuit Kettleers Store at Lowell Park will be open on these two final dates in 2020:
1. Black Friday November 27th, 11:00 - 2:00.
2. *Christmas in Cotuit* Saturday, December 5. Visit the Kettleer store from 10:00 to 2:00. This will be your last chance in 2020 to purchase those great Holiday and Championship gifts for your family, friends, co-workers, etc. See you there!

The Historical Society of Santuit & Cotuit will hold a *Holiday Boutique* from 10 am to 4:00 Saturday, December 5. You'll find wreaths and centerpieces made with fresh greens, handcrafted gifts and holiday decorations, and baked goods in addition to our usual gift shop merchandise. We'll also have free ornament craft kits available for children that day.

A Ladies Night: Boxwood Tree Workshop is scheduled from 7:00 – 9:00 Thursday, December 10, at Freedom Hall. Participants go home with a decorated tree standing 12-18 inches high – the perfect size for a tabletop. The fee is \$50 for HSSC members, \$55 for nonmembers, with all materials provided. Visit cotuihistoricalsociety.org for more information and to register.

Feeling lucky? We have a raffle for a framed print titled *Doors of Cotuit*. Tickets are \$10 each and the drawing will be held on December 20. Tickets are on sale in the HSSC gift shop. You may also enter by sending a check made payable to HSSC to P.O. Box 1484, Cotuit, MA 02635. Please include your phone number or email address so we can confirm the receipt of your entry.

The **Historical Book Club's** selection for December is *Adrift: A True Story of Tragedy on the Icy Atlantic and the One Who Lived to Tell About It* by Brian Murphy with Toula Vlahou. The group will hold a Zoom meeting at 7:00 Thursday, December 3rd. Call (508) 428-0461 (the Historical Society) or (508) 428-8141 (Cotuit Library) to obtain the Zoom meeting number.

Editor's Note: Special Thanks to Lujean Printers for their continuous support of the Cotuit Civic Association.

*Happy New Year
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Our mission is to "educate and Communicate" and Christmas in Cotuit

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