



Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association

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Welcome Spring!!

We hope that everyone is as excited as we are to see the calendar turn to the warmer months. It has been an exceptionally difficult time in all of our lives since last March. We hope that all can remain safe and well, and express our sorrow at the losses that some have endured. May better times for everyone come soon!

The Civic Association is planning to hold its annual Village Clean Up Day this year. The scheduled date is May 15, with a rain date of May 22. We have had a great response to this in prior years, as Villagers take a little time to help to clean our streets and byways. In consideration of the pandemic, we are adopting certain protocols this year to provide as safe an experience as possible. Participants will meet at Lowell Park at 10:00 a.m., wearing masks. At that time, we will explain the protocols for social distancing during the event. We will also give out street assignments. We will have trash bags, pick-up tools and gloves for everyone who takes part. If you would like to participate, please e-mail us at cotuitcivicassociation@gmail.com. Having advance indications of participants helps us to organize the pick-up areas efficiently.

Please mark your calendars to join us for the annual Candidates and Budget Night to be held this year on May 17. This is your opportunity in advance of the District Annual Meeting to hear from the candidates for District offices, as well as to listen to a presentation about the proposed budgets for the coming fiscal year and ask questions of District officials concerning those budgets. We are still determining whether that meeting can be in person or will be conducted virtually. Information about that will be forthcoming soon.

For those who did not have the opportunity to take part in the information session that was held in March concerning the Cotuit Elementary School property, we encourage you to view the recording of the meeting that can be found on the web site of the Association, and at the following link: <https://youtu.be/oIIT2g7BQeI>. This is an important issue for the Village and we would like everyone to be familiar with it.

Lastly, please take a moment to renew your membership in the Association. We find that communication by e-mail has been very efficient for us, so if you would like to be added to our Constant Contact e-mail list, do be sure to include your e-mail address with your renewal. Jim Dannhauser, President CCA

WATER MAIN FLUSHING NOTICE: *The Cotuit Water Department* will be flushing water mains (weather permitting) from April 6th through June 30th. Water main flushing is part of a preventive maintenance program being undertaken by the Water Department to ensure that water quality is not being compromised. Discoloration of the water may occur. This is an unavoidable effect of flushing, with an aesthetic value only, and is not considered a health hazard. The water should clear after a short period of time. Residents in these areas are advised to refrain from laundering between 9 am and 4 pm and to set water aside for drinking and cooking purposes. All village residents are advised to check water clarity before use, while this program is in operation, as water lines outside the flushing area could be affected. Flushing locations will be posted daily on <https://www.cotuitfiredistrict.org/waterdepartment/> and on Facebook at facebook.com/Cotuit-Water-Department.

AUTOMATIC IN-GROUND IRRIGATION CONNECTION MORATORIUM EXTENDED: On March 24, 2021 the Cotuit Water Commission voted unanimously to extend a moratorium on new connections to the Cotuit public drinking water supply for automatic, in-ground irrigation systems for an additional three months until June 24, 2021. For more information regarding this moratorium, please review the postcard mailer sent to district residents, or visit our website at <https://www.cotuitfiredistrict.org/waterdepartment/>.

The Cahoon Museum of American Art is open with two new exhibitions, *Scott Prior: Illuminations* and *Jackie deRuyter|Kate Nelson: Shape Shifters*. This spring, we are offering FREE ADMISSION to all Cotuit residents during April, May, and June. Simply use the code COTUIT when you register online, or let us know you are a resident when you check in at the Visitor Services desk. See our website for exciting new programs and events, and plan to visit the Museum on May 2, 10am -4pm, for our Open House. The Museum Shop is open and fully stocked with local artisan crafts, art books, jewelry, fun things for kids and more. Hours are Thurs. - Sat., 10am-4pm. Registration requested; drop-bys welcome as gallery space allows. Facial masks and social distancing required. Visit cahoonmuseum.org or call 508-428-7581.

The Cotuit Kettleers are looking for new host families for players for the 2021 season. The season runs from early June through early August. You would need to provide a room for the player, access to a washer and dryer, and three meals a day. In return, you will receive a stipend to help cover costs and lasting friendships with some terrific young men who are working to enhance their futures, not only as baseball players, but also as people. You can be part of that development! For more information, please contact Mr. Terry Moran at 508-951-0802 or terrymoran71@comcast.net

Picture this: Your photos as canvas prints for auction at the *Taste of Cotuit* this year. It could happen, if you send **The Historical Society of Santuit & Cotuit** your best images of our village. Your pix also may end up in an elegant coffee table-style book of Cotuit photos as well, or even on a mousepad. You'll be famous!

If you would like to add your photos to this fun project, please send a favorite image of Cotuit – landscapes, wildlife, people... the choice is yours to info@cotuithistoricalsociety.org. Include the photographer's name, any people who appear, and date (if available). You can donate up to 10 images and they must be high-resolution JPEG files. **Submission deadline: April 15, 2021.**

Cotuit Federated Church has announced that *Craftfest Cotuit* is coming back! August 21st and 22nd on the Cotuit Village Green. Join us as we celebrate 50 years of artistic inspiration on Cape Cod. At the 50th Annual *CraftsFest Cotuit* more than 100 outstanding artisans and craftsmen will gather for two days to offer their latest creations to those who venture to the quaint, seaside village of Cotuit knowing they will view some of the finest traditional and contemporary crafts of the entire region. For more details visit their website at <https://craftfestcotuit.com>.

Cape Cod Academy invites Cotuit families to join the 2021 Summer Experience on Cape Cod Academy's campus. This summer, CCA is offering arts & crafts sessions, science camps, sports and wellness activities, and a variety of swimming programs, including swim lessons, lap swimming, family swims, and pool rentals. Additionally, one-on-one summer tutoring programs for students entering kindergarten through grade 12 are available. Our team of experienced summer instructors offers high energy, educational, and fun activities for all ages. More information is available at <https://www.capecodacademy.org/summer/summer-2021>.

Owl Quest Ready to see and hear some be-hoot-iful creatures and learn all about how to spot them? Then this is the program for you! The **Barnstable Land Trust** invites you to join wildlife *photojournalist and author Mark Wilson and teacher-naturalist Marcia Wilson* as they scramble to meet a publisher's deadline to produce photos and observations of all 19 species of owls that breed on the continent, north of Mexico. Mark's first book, *Owling: Enter the Mysterious World of the Birds of the Night*, was published in 2019. With more than 250 photos, this 120-page hardcover book was the culmination of a long simmering dream of his to produce a science-based kid's book about all 19 species of owls that breed in North America. Register at www.bltr.org/events

Tour de Barnstable

Registration for the 2021 Tour de Barnstable is now open! This year's Tour de Barnstable is a 25-mile ride through Osterville, Centerville, Hyannis Port and Hyannis, that benefits **Barnstable Land Trust** and **Calmer Choice**, two Other upcoming programs:

4/26 Birding with BLT 6:30am, West Barnstable

5/5 Birding with BLT 6:30am, West Barnstable

5/12 Walking Wednesdays: Pathways Run, 8am, West Barnstable

The Friends of the Cotuit Library are planning for the following events at **Freedom Hall**, so mark your calendars. Masks will be required of customers and volunteers and compliance with social distancing is requested.

Plant Sale, Saturday May 29th outdoors in the parking lot of Freedom Hall. The Friends are seeking donations of both indoor and outdoor plants for that sale, e.g., annuals, perennials, bulbs, shrubs, house plants, herbs, vegetables and/or flower seedlings. Drop off of donations will be *Friday, May 28th* from 8:30 – 1:00, or before the sale on the 29th from 8:00 – 9:00 am. Hanging flower baskets will also be featured. Rain or Shine. Cash or Checks only.

Book Sale, Thursday – Saturday, June 17th-19th

Jewelry Sale, August 5th-8th indoors.

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The **Historical Society of Santuit & Cotuit** is looking for volunteers for the following teams:

- Events Team - Help plan our community events & fundraisers
- Green Team - Help maintain the Historical Gardens
- Docents - Show off our Homestead and grounds
- Gift Shop - Help as needed on busy weekends
- Historic Homes Project Editors – Help convert state forms to online format

We're also looking for a Curator, which is a board position. We have a dedicated board whose members are hands-on and hardworking but who have a lot of fun in the process. For more information please email info@cotuithistoricalsociety.org

The **Historical Book** May's book is "*Information Hunters: When Librarians, Soldiers and Spies Banded Together in World War II Europe*" by Kathy Piess. Our book discussion is Thursday, May 6th at 7 pm via Zoom. Links to the meeting will be available from the Library on Tuesday May 4th.

Cotuit Center for the Arts presents an encore presentation of the hit play *Grounded* because you can join us live in the theater. AND you can ALSO join us on Thursday, April 22 by live stream from ANYWHERE! The play was originally presented in the *Black Box Theater* in 2017 to great acclaim and we are thrilled to bring it back on the Main Stage. And we know you do not want to miss Anna Botsford's tour de force performance and Robert Bock's compelling direction.

The main character, an ace fighter pilot, has always taken pride in her work, but an unexpected pregnancy cuts short her career in the blue skies. She is reassigned to ground duty, which she refers to as the "Chair Force," in a windowless trailer in the gray desert outside of Las Vegas.

Now her job is to operate remote-controlled military drones, hunting terrorists in Iraq and Afghanistan by day and living an ordinary life with her husband and young daughter at night. Killing by remote control keeps her safe, but it does not protect her from the psychological toll of warfare. As the pressure to track a high-profile target mounts, boundaries begin to blur between the desert where she lives and the desert she patrols half a world away.

Anna Botsford plays the conflicted fighter pilot. Ms. Botsford, IB Theatre teacher and director at Sturgis Charter Public School West, has appeared in numerous productions at Cotuit Center for the Arts—including "Unsafe," "Bark Park," "The Beauty Queen of Leenane" as well as productions at other Cape venues.

Mr. Brant has described the play as "about moral responsibility and contradictory choices... It is a worst-case scenario for the question of whether it's possible to be in two different places at once, for those trying to have it all."

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