



# Cotuit Currents

## Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association

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And so another Labor Day arrives and the hectic summer draws to a close. Let's hope for one of those beautiful Falls that Cape Cod so often delivers.

Please join us for an important meeting to be held at Freedom Hall on Tuesday, September 20, starting at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will focus on the Local Comprehensive Plan that the Town of Barnstable is in the process of updating. We will be joined by Elizabeth Jenkins, Director of the Planning and Development Department for the Town of Barnstable, together with the consultants that the Town has retained to assist in this update process. This is a process undertaken once every ten years. This meeting will provide Villagers with an explanation of the process and an opportunity to offer input on issues of concern for Cotuit. More information on the Local Comprehensive Plan is available at <http://barnstablelcp.com/>

At our Annual Meeting in August, the following people were elected to three-year terms on the Association's Executive Board: Kris Sexton, Mark Stranberg, Carol Zais and Dave Fravel. We are grateful to these individuals for their willingness to serve our community.

There has been discussion from time to time over the past few years concerning the noise and significant pollution associated with gas powered leaf blowers. A number of communities across the country have passed ordinances limiting their usage, usually limiting the use to fall and spring and during certain days and hours, as electric cord and battery-powered alternatives are considered sufficient for post-mow cleanups in the summer. In an effort to build civic awareness on this issue, an Association Board member has donated a mid-range battery operated leaf blower to the Cotuit Library for patrons to borrow. Try it and consider converting and encouraging your landscaper to curb the noise. *Jim Dannhauser, President*

*The Cotuit Federated Church* will be returning to regular Sunday service time at 10:00 beginning September 11, 2022.

*Cotuit Fire Dept.* will be hosting a free CPR class at Freedom Hall on September 18th at 2:00. The class is open to all. If you would like to attend Please RSVP to Casey Staggs at [cstaggs@cotuitfire.org](mailto:cstaggs@cotuitfire.org).

*From Fire Chief Sean Brown:* September is *National Preparedness Month* and September 10<sup>th</sup> is generally considered to be the peak of the Atlantic hurricane season. We are very fortunate not to have had a hurricane make landfall on Cape Cod since Hurricane Bob in 1991. This does not mean it could not happen again. There are some simple steps that we can all take to make a plan and prepare ourselves and our families for the possibility of a disaster.

1. Know how you will receive emergency alerts and warnings. You can do this by monitoring local media outlets, signing up for **CodeRED** (<http://barnstablepolice.com/emergency-notification-system/>), and observing **Wireless Emergency Alerts** on your mobile device. The Cotuit Fire Department will also share information through our social media outlets. A battery powered radio is also a handy item to have available.
2. Know what your shelter plan is. The **Barnstable County Emergency Shelter System** will, when needed, stand up shelters across the Cape. Certain situations could require sheltering at home and the necessary supplies to do so. Go to <https://www.capecod.gov/department/regional-emergency-planning-committee/sheltering/> for more information.
3. Know your evacuation route. Information on the **Cape Cod Emergency Traffic Plan** is available at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/cape-cod-emergency-traffic-plan>.
4. Have a communication plan. It is helpful to have a written list of phone numbers and addresses for friends, family, and other important contacts to reference if failures in our regular communication systems. Meeting places should be listed.
5. Have an emergency preparedness kit which are helpful for both evacuation and sheltering situations. Information on assembling emergency kits can be found at <https://www.ready.gov/kit>.

Advanced preparation can help reduce the impacts of a disaster and help to expedite recovery. If you have questions about emergency preparedness or need assistance accessing additional information, please contact me at 508-428-2210 or at [sbrown@cotuitfire.org](mailto:sbrown@cotuitfire.org).

Meeting Open to All to discuss using *Cotuit Elementary School* building and grounds as **Community Center** to offer much-needed services and space for villagers, Sat. Oct. 1 (rain date Oct. 2), 10 am, 785 Main Street (2 driveways south of Coolidge on west side of street). Possible tour of school afterward. RSVP to George [gljfoy@gmail.com](mailto:gljfoy@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

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**Barnstable Land Trust** Fall is a wonderful time to check out BLT's upcoming programs including mushroom walks, a marsh clean-up, guided hikes, and more! Registration is required for all programs at [blt.org/events](http://blt.org/events)

**Trail Guides:** We now have three different maps to chart a path to explore the Town of Barnstable. Available at the Cotuit Library, BLT's Conservation Center on 6A, and at [www.blt.org](http://www.blt.org). You won't want to leave home without one!

**Wagging Tails/Clean Trails:** BLT "Learn. Leash. Lead" campaign continues into the fall as we encourage dog owners to leash their canine friends; follow trail etiquette and waste removal rules. Please consider volunteering to help make our Eagle Pond/Little River Sanctuary trails more dog-friendly (and people-friendly too). Email [kelly@blt.org](mailto:kelly@blt.org) for more info.

**E-Newsletter:** Receive program updates, nature news, and environmental fun facts. Sign-up for our semi-monthly free e-newsletter. Just click [HERE](#) or visit [blt.org](http://blt.org).

**Historical Society of Santuit & Cotuit** will remain open during construction. Open hours are Fri-Sun from 10:00 to 4:00 through Christmas.

Inviting all bakers: HSSC is seeking bakers for their annual pie sale held at the *Cotuit Harvest Festival* on October 1. Email [info@cotuihistoricalsociety](mailto:info@cotuihistoricalsociety) or call 508-428-0461 if you'd like to bake and donate a pie!

The *Historical Book Club* will meet 6:00, **Thursday, October 6** at Cotuit Library. The book selection for September is *The Splendid and the Vile* by Erik Larson. All are welcome.

**Fall for Cotuit Library! October 1st Cotuit Harvest Festival:** Support Cotuit Library and the Historical Society to enjoy a day of fall family fun! Shop for the perfect pumpkin in our pumpkin patch and choose from a selection of freshly made pies. Watch the kids navigate our harvest maze while sipping on hot cider. Face painting, pumpkin painting, kids' games, popup bookshop, community tables, doggie costume contest and more! 11:00 -3:00, FREE ADMISSION, rain date is 10/2.

**10/8 Spooky Story Saturday:** Write your own *Spooky Story* with Erin Petti, author of the *Thema Bee Series*. In this hour workshop, students create their own heroes and monsters while exploring the vital question: *What makes a good story?* By the end they are on their way to building a world of their own. and is best suited for kids aged 9-12 years old. Maximum of 15 participants, pre-registration required. Snacks will be provided!

**10/15 Pamela Kelley Book Signing and Chat:** USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author Pamela Kelley will be offering a book signing and chat at to celebrate her latest release: *Gilded Girl*. This event is free.

Check out our online calendar for weekly story and craft events, <http://www.cotuitlibrary.org/calendar>

**The Cotuit Kettleers** are looking for new host families for players for the 2023 season. The season runs from early June through mid-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](mailto:terrymoran71@comcast.net)

**The Friends of Cotuit Library's Membership Drive** continues for the fiscal year July 2022 - June 2023. Applications are at the library circulation desk or can be downloaded from the library website [www.cotuitlibrary.org/join-the-friends.html](http://www.cotuitlibrary.org/join-the-friends.html). Individuals \$30 and Families \$40.

The Friends' *Spectacular Fall Raffle* is underway. Only 300 tickets were printed! Proceeds of this fundraiser will benefit the Library. A limited number of tickets are available to the public at the library for \$50. Don't miss out! Take a chance. Cash prizes are \$1,000, \$750, and \$500. The drawing for the winners will be held October 28<sup>th</sup>. See our Table at the Cotuit Harvest Festival!

**Cotuit Center for the Arts: Love Letters** A special benefit performance featuring John Weltman, who provided funds for the beautiful new outdoor performance area that bears his name. Mr. Weltman will be joined by Linda Monchik for this tender, tragi-comic story. Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30pm. \$30/\$25 for members.

**Kris Delmhorst in Concert:** Called "bold and brilliant" by the Boston Globe and "transcendent" by the LA Times. Saturday, September 24 at 7:30pm. \$35/\$30 for members.

**Isabeau Miller and Shaun Balin in Concert:** Join this songwriting duo for a night of intimate storytelling and original songs. Friday, September 30 at 7:30pm. \$35/\$30 for Members.

On the Main Stage: *Bongogenesis*-Live Afro Cuban and Latin Music. A Cape Cod-based band specializing in Fiery Afro-Cuban Music. Friday, October 7 at 7:30. \$35/\$30 for members.

**Mozelle in Concert:** Experience Eastham jazz jewel Mozelle. Saturday, October 8 at 7:30pm. \$35/\$30 for members.

**Cape Cod Academy** invites Cotuit families to an Admissions Open House on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Families of students in grades K-12 are invited to attend and learn about Cape Cod Academy's signature programs, including the new Personalized Approach to Learning initiative for every student. Families will meet faculty and staff, tour our 46-acre campus, and are invited to join CCA families for Homecoming following the Open House.

Visit [capecodacademy.org](http://capecodacademy.org) to learn more. If you cannot attend and would like to visit Cape Cod Academy at another time, call 508.428.5400, email [admissions@capecodacademy.org](mailto:admissions@capecodacademy.org) to arrange a tour.

**Cotuit Nursery School** is accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. Call (508) 428-1470 or email us at [cotuitnurseryschool@yahoo.com](mailto:cotuitnurseryschool@yahoo.com) for more information or to set up a tour.

**The Cotuit Civic Association Welcomes Your Support**

Our mission is to "educate and communicate"; Sponsors of the *July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade & Christmas in Cotuit*

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