



# Cotuit Currents

## Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association

President: Carol Zais

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Happy Fall Cotuit Villagers! Please join me in thanking Jim Dannhauser for his hard work and dedication over the past 6 years as Civic Association President. Jim has done a fantastic job navigating the challenges of COVID so that we could continue to offer the community meetings via Zoom. We found that having recorded presentations to be a benefit and hope to find a way to continue this with a hybrid approach, building on what Jim developed. Jim has served on the executive board for 8 years and thankfully Jim will be remaining active on the board for one transition year (and maybe more!).

Please welcome the new slate of officers voted in at the executive board meeting on October 4th: Thomas Burgess, Secretary, Natalie Spence, Treasurer, Lisa Vasiloff, Vice President and Carol Zais, President.

We have one more Community meeting this year to be held on *Tuesday, October 18th, 7:30 at Freedom Hall*. Please join us to hear the latest updates from the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF). Chris Kilian, Vice President of Strategic Litigation, will offer a comprehensive update on the organization's work to preserve and restore Cape Cod's waters. Mr. Kilian's presentation will be directly followed by a Q&A.

For more than fifty years, CLF has protected New England's environment for the benefit of all people - using a combination of the law, science and the markets to preserve our natural resources, build healthy communities, and sustain a vibrant economy. (<https://www.clf.org/about/governance/>)

Please be sure to reach out to the Civic Association at any time via our email [cotuitcivicasociation@gmail.com](mailto:cotuitcivicasociation@gmail.com) and please join our email list so you can receive timely email updates between the Cotuit Currents publications. Also, you can now follow us on Facebook at Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association. Thank you! Carol Zais, President

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**Volunteer needed for the Editor position of the Cotuit Currents. Please contact Carol Zais at [cotuitcivicasociation@gmail.com](mailto:cotuitcivicasociation@gmail.com) to find out more about this opportunity.**  
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**Working Together to Keep Our Water Safe: The Cotuit Water Department** has provided Cotuit residents with safe, clean drinking water since 1936. Some of our water comes from under our homes, yards, and streets; what we put in and, on the ground, can find its way into our water supply. Please help us address one pollutant - sodium - that has become increasingly common in our drinking water. High sodium levels can contribute to hypertension, kidney failure or congestive heart failure.

We are currently working with the Town of Barnstable and State DPW to reduce sodium applications on public roads and walkways. You can also help through thoughtful actions. When applying de-icers to your steps, walks and driveways, **please use products that contain calcium or magnesium chloride, not sodium.** If contracting to have de-icers applied, require your contractors to use these salt alternatives. Remember, the water we save will be our own!

Cotuit Water Commission, Tom Hoppensteadt, Chair; Mark Robinson, Commissioner; Scott Horsley, Commissioner

**Cotuit Fire District, Fire Chief Sean Brown:** October ushers in the cooler weather and the brilliant colors of the New England foliage. Along with this comes the increased use of our home heating appliances. Now is a good time to take some simple steps for home safety and fire prevention. Home heating appliances should have annual servicing and inspections per the manufacturer's recommendations.

- It is recommended that chimneys be inspected and cleaned annually with ongoing cleanings as needed.
- Do not leave portable heaters unattended.
- Combustible materials should be kept at least 3 feet from heating appliances.

Cotuit Fire Department has already responded to one fire this season caused by materials too close to a heating appliance. Take a moment to test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Fire Prevention Week is October 9 to 15. Stop by the firehouse or contact us at 508-428-2210 for more information and materials of home safety and fire prevention.

*The Cotuit Federated Church has returned to regular Sunday services at 10:00.*

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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, creating a pond and building a pergola with Resilient Roots, and more! Registration is required for all programs at [blt.org/events](http://blt.org/events).

Pop-Up Online Store: Looking for some fun holiday gift ideas that also support local conservation? Check out BLT's first ever pop-up online store that will be open on our website [www.blt.org](http://www.blt.org) from October 16 until November 5.

**Learn. Leash. Lead Campaign:** Thanks to everyone who supported this 2022 dog walker initiative, helping to keep our trails cleaner, greener, and safer! We still have work to do, so if you'd like to get involved in the 2023 Campaign, please contact Kelly Barber, Director of Land Stewardship, at [kelly@blt.org](mailto:kelly@blt.org) or 508-771-2585 x102.

**Cotuit Library:** October 21, 4:00 - *The Ghosts of the South Coast & The Bridgewater Triangle* with host Tim Weisberg (teens and up) \$10 at the door.

October 22, 1:00 - *Spooky Story Writing Workshop* for kids (9-12)

October 29, 1:00 - *Ghost Hunt*: Hunt for ghosts in our not-too-dark, slightly spooky library, and make a Halloween craft (ages 3 and up).

November 5, 11:00 - *Sewing and Mending* class (teens and up).

November 12, 11:00 - *Coast Guard Day*: Interested in joining the Coast Guard or want to learn more about the organization? Meet your local Coast Guard members, tour one of their boats, and learn about search & rescue and boating safety. For all ages, children and adults.

Visit [www.cotuitlibrary.org/events](http://www.cotuitlibrary.org/events) for more information on our weekly programs and events. Pre-registration is often requested for these events. Call the Library 508-428-8141 to sign-up.

**The Cotuit Kettleers** Do you have a room to rent to a Cotuit Kettleers Intern in the summer 2023? Just a bedroom is needed...they'll prepare their own meals, do their own laundry, and provide their own transportation. These young adults are energetic, dynamic, and diligent college students working toward their career goals. Contact Leah Ridpath for more info [kettleersadvertising@gmail.com](mailto:kettleersadvertising@gmail.com)

**The Friends of Cotuit Library's 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. Don't miss out! Cash prizes are \$1,000, \$750, and \$500. Tickets are available at the library. Each ticket is \$50. The drawing for the winners will be held October 28<sup>th</sup>. See our Table at the Cotuit Harvest Festival!

On Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 the Friends are hosting a Luncheon featuring *Eco-Friendly Land Care and Native Plants* presented by Kristin Andres. The audience will be limited to the first 30 participants. To reserve a place, contact Deb Stephenson by October 16<sup>th</sup> by phone at 508-420-8214 or email: [dcs182000@yahoo.com](mailto:dcs182000@yahoo.com).

**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.

### **Cahoon Museum of American Art**

*No-sew Quilt Square Workshop* Wednesday, October 19, 1-3 Create a decorative 28" quilt square, no sewing required! Inspired by the artwork of Robin Tost. \$35; \$30 members

*Fall Open House* and Robin Tost Artist Reception Sunday, October 23, 10:00-4:00, Artist Robin Tost in the Trustees Gallery from 1:00-3:00, a free day of family fun! Art activities, meet the artist, and more! Free admission.

*Museum Closed, Monday, October 31–Tuesday November 8* Exhibit installation: *Andrea Moore: An American Artist and her English Garden* exhibit opens Wednesday, November 9, 10:00

*Family Fun Day!* Saturday, November 12, 10:00 - 4:00

*Gallery Talk with Andrea Moore* Sunday, November 13, 2:00-4:00. Join artist Andrea Moore as she talks about her inspirations in her new exhibit, *Andrea Moore: An American Artist and her English Garden*. Free with admission.

*Historical Society of Santuit & Cotuit The Cotuit Museum Shop and Dottridge Homestead* remains open during construction: Fri-Sun from 10:00 to 4 :00 through Christmas.

*Cotuit Chronicles Lecture Series:* 7:00 at Cotuit Library Thursday, October 20: What can we do about Cape Cod's water quality? Join Andrew Gottlieb from the Association to Preserve Cape Cod to learn more about what we can do to increase healthy water in our community.

*Historical Book Club* will meet at 6:00, Thursday, November 3 at Cotuit Library. The book selection for November is *The Soul of America* by Jon Meacham.

**Cotuit Center for the Arts** Come back to live theater this October—at your choice of cost! For our special limited run of *The World Goes 'Round*, we're introducing a new way to pay: 'Pick Your Price' tickets, available now for select orchestra and balcony seating.

For four nights only, CCftA presents *The World Goes 'Round*, a musical revue showcasing the songs of John Kander and Fred Ebb. The show will run on the Main Stage on October 20-23, with Thursday, Friday, and Saturday's performances at 7:30 and Sunday's performance at 2:00. In addition, the Center is proud to now offer a pay-what-you-can model of purchase for select 'Pick Your Price' seats in our spacious cabaret-style Main Stage theater.

Tickets are \$35, with a \$5 discount for members and a \$2 discount for seniors/veterans. For select 'Pick Your Price' seating, tickets are now available starting at \$10!

For more information, and to purchase tickets, visit [artsonthecape.org](http://artsonthecape.org) or call the Box Office at 508-428-0669 x0.

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### **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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