



CotuitCurrents

April 2023



Welcome back Cotuit Villagers! This is our first issue of *Cotuit Currents* for 2023. We are excited to introduce our new editor, Jen Smith. Jen has summered in Cotuit her entire life and moved to Cotuit year-round in 2017. She has experience in journalism, publishing and software design and has volunteered to be the editor of the newsletter this year. You can reach Jen at cotuitcurrents@gmail.com. Also, starting with this April issue, we have changed our coverage to a month-to-month format. We hope you will enjoy the new easier-to-read layout, too.

As a reminder, the Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association main mission is to “inform and communicate.” We hope you will join us at our community meetings this summer. We are hosting our first meeting on Tuesday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Freedom Hall. The Water Commissioners will be holding a public forum on a new water rate initiative. If there are topics you would like us to consider for upcoming community meetings, please contact me at cotuitcivicasociation@gmail.com.

Carol Zais, President



Cotuit Water Department

WATER MAIN FLUSHING will begin (weather permitting) on Wednesday, March 15 and continue through Friday, June 16, if necessary, to complete the annual maintenance of the water system. Flushing locations will be posted daily on cotuitfiredistrict.org and on the Water Department Facebook page, and signs will be visible in the flushing area.

Water main flushing is a preventative maintenance program to ensure that water quality is not compromised. Discoloration of the water may occur and should clear after a short period of time. Residents are advised to refrain from doing laundry between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and should set aside water for drinking and cooking purposes. Residents are also advised to check water clarity before use by running your cold water first, as water lines outside of the immediate flushing area could be affected. Please call the water department with any questions: 508-428-2687.

Historical Society of Santuit & Cotuit

Calling all artists! HSSC is calling for local artists to donate an 8”x 8” original artwork to be displayed and available for purchase in an exhibit called *It’s Hip to be Square* at their signature fundraiser “The Taste” on July 22. The works will be a fixed price, and the artist will not be revealed until after purchase, making for a fun and intriguing evening. For details, please visit www.cotuithistoricalsociety.org.

The Historical Book Club will meet at the Cotuit Library on April 13 at 6:00. The book is *Last Hope Island: Britain, Occupied Europe, and the Brotherhood that Helped Turn the Tide of War*, by Lynne Olson.

The HSSC Museums and Gift Shop will reopen on May 26. The Office and Archives Room is open by appointment throughout the year.

Cotuit Kettleers

Do you have a room to rent to a Kettleers intern this summer? A bedroom is all that’s needed; these young adults will take care of their own meals, laundry, and transportation. They are energetic and diligent college students working toward their career goals. For more information, contact Leah Ridpath at kettleersadvertising@gmail.com.

Make your mark at Lowell Park! You can be a permanent part of historic Lowell Park by purchasing a paver engraved with your personal message to be placed into our new Walk of Champions. Visit kettleersstore.org for details.

Barnstable Land Trust

Celebrate Earth Month with Barnstable Land Trust! Join Cotuit local Gil Newton for *Discovering the Cape Cod Shoreline*; learn about *Growing Shiitake Mushrooms with Resilient Roots*; or explore the growing program calendar, including Jack Ahern’s *Reading the Landscape* at Bell Farm in early May. On Earth Day, BLT will launch *Words in the Wild 2023* with local poets who have written inspirational site-specific poems on BLT trails. This year, look for new Cotuit-related poems on the Lowell Park Woodland Trail and Bell Farm, and revisit poem plaques at Ropes Field and Eagle Pond. Want to explore volunteer opportunities? Don’t miss BLT’s Volunteer Open Houses this spring when exciting special events and opportunities will be unveiled as BLT celebrates its 40th anniversary. For more information, and to sign up for our bimonthly e-newsletter, visit www.bltrg.org.

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ACMYC

The Association of the Cotuit Mosquito Yacht Club has opened registration for summer sailing classes! Session dates are June 26-July 21 and July 24-August 18. Students must be at least 8 years old before the beginning of the session. Visit www.acmyc.org to register, or for more information, email acmyinstructionalprogram@gmail.com.

Cotuit Library

Spring into Cotuit Library; we have something for everyone!

- Friday, April 7, 2:30: Community poetry reading
- Saturday, April 8, 11:30: Spring Egg-stravaganza! Hunt for eggs, play games, and make a spring-themed craft to take home! All ages.
- Thursday, April 13, 4:30: Adult Seascape craft night
- Monday, April 17, all day: Build It! Legos, Magnatiles, blocks, and more! All ages.
- Wednesday, April 19, 1:00: Stories Rock! Paint your own set of story rocks to inspire your inner author. Ages 5+.
- Thursday, April 20, 11: Reading and book signing with local children's author Darby Hobbs. All ages.
- Friday, April 21, 10-12: Puppet Pals: Write a script, make props, and perform your own puppet show for family & friends. Ages 7+.

Visit www.cotuitlibrary.org for more information on our weekly programs and events and to sign up for our weekly newsletter.

Friends of the Cotuit Library

On Wednesday, April 19 at 11:30, the Friends are hosting a Luncheon featuring Cape Cod Gardening and Soil presented by C.L. Fornari, "the Garden Lady." C.L. Fornari is a master gardener, author (*Coffee for Roses, Cocktail Hour Garden*, and many others) consultant, and radio host. The audience will be

COMMUNITY MEETING ON WATER POLICY

The Cotuit Water Commissioners seek input on a draft policy to ensure a minimum amount of public water supply for every Cotuit household, for free, as a human right (20,000 gallons per year). The resulting loss of revenue (\$80 per account per year) would be recouped by an increase in the water rates assessed to the 43% of accounts that use the most water (from 60,000 to 200,000+ gallons per year). Thus, the policy change would be revenue-neutral and perhaps encourage conservation among high users. Before voting on this change, the Commissioners hope to hear public comments at a community meeting on **Tuesday, April 18 at 7:30 in Freedom Hall.**

limited to the first 40 participants. To reserve a place, call or email Deb Stephenson by April 16 at 508-420-8214 or dcs182000@yahoo.com.

Save the date: Annual Plant Sale May 27 at Freedom Hall!

Cape Cod Academy

Cape Cod Academy is hosting a tour on Tuesday, April 4 at 8:30 a.m. Cotuit families of students in grades K-12 are invited to visit, take a campus tour, and learn about the academic, athletic, and arts opportunities at Cape Cod Academy. Administrators and teachers will discuss the school's unique offerings, personalized approach to learning, and its tuition model that gives families affordable access to quality education on Cape Cod. To visit at another time, email admissions@capecodacademy.org or call the Admissions Office at 508-428-5400 to set up a tour. To learn more, visit capecodacademy.org.

Cotuit Nursery School

Cotuit Nursery School is now accepting registrations for the 2023—2024 school year. Enrollment is limited. Please email cotuitnurseryschool@yahoo.com or call 508-428-1470 for more information or to schedule a tour.

St Michael the Archangel Church

St Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church offers weekend and weekday service during Lent and Holy Week; Paschal Services April 15/16; Adult Education program April 22, 4th Sunday of every month; Church School

for preschool through high school.

Visit <https://stmichaelcapecod.org/schedule/> for a full schedule of services and activities, including our Women's Group, Men's Group, Youth Group, Home Schooling support, Family Fun nights, and Outreach programs to assist charities on Cape Cod and beyond.

Cahoon Museum of American Art

Events are free with museum admission unless otherwise noted.

- Clay Workshop for Kids, Sat, April 1, 1-2:30, \$25/\$20 members
- Gallery Talk, Wed, April 5, 11
- Guided Tour, Thursdays, 11-12
- Paint Night, Fri, April 7, 5-7, \$45/\$35 members
- Reception for *Wampum: Stories from the Shells of Native America* with Steven Peters of SmokeSignals, Sat, April 8, 1-3
- Printmaking Workshop with Alice Nicholson Galick, Wed, April 12, 1-3, \$50/\$40 members
- Wampum Making Workshop with Darius Coombs, Sat, April 15, 1-3, \$25/\$20 members
- Gallery Talk with Artist Alice Nicholson Galick, Sun, April 16, 2-3
- *Pearls Portfolio* Exhibit opens Wed, April 19
- Story Family Fun Time (children ages 3-7), Sat, April 22, 10:30-12
- Tea Tasting with Artist Hollis Engley Sat, Apr 22, 2-3. Registration is required—visit cahoonmuseum.org.

The Cotuit Civic Association welcomes your support

Our mission is to inform and communicate; sponsors of the July 4th Parade and Christmas in Cotuit.

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