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CRAIGVILLE CHRONICLE

News from the Village Community

◆ For All People ◆

◆ In All Seasons ◆



Dear Craigville family and friends,

It has been a generally mild winter, but the Northeast experienced a series of snowstorms over the past two weeks. I've heard from some of you who were thrilled at the prospect of skiing and other winter adventures. Others expressed their gratitude for snow plows or time in warmer climates. Whether or not you are a fan of winter, summer will be upon us sooner than we expect, along with the joys of beach time and our vibrant village traditions.

-Edward Dunar, Chronicle Editor

CRAIGVILLE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

YOUNG COMMUNITY MEMBER STARTS CREATIVE FUNDRAISER

Sixth-grader Kyle Trull was recently featured in Wicked Local Boxford for an inventive service project. Kyle's friend JB has Duchenne muscular dystrophy, an inherited disorder in which one's muscles slowly degenerate. Kyle organized a fundraiser called Pennies for Duchenne with the goal of raising a million pennies (\$10,000) for JB's Keys to DMD, a research and educational organization that seeks a cure.

You can read more about Kyle's project at Wicked Local:

<http://boxford.wickedlocal.com/news/20170201/at-spoifford-school-lesson-in-authenticity>. You can support the project at the JB's Keys to DMD website: <https://jbskeys.org/index.php/events/pennies-for-duchenne>.

WELCOME, KYLA GRACE!



Nancy and Roger Hansen welcomed their second great-granddaughter on January 13. In this photograph, Julia (4) holds her new baby sister, Kyla Grace. The Hansens expect another new member of the family in March.

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*Goose family at the end of last summer.
Credit: Alan Shoemaker*

CCOA UPDATE

In the midst of snow and wind, it is nice to look forward to the summer ahead. As usual, the Event Chairs have organized a full summer of activities starting with our annual Ice Breaker hosted by Karen and Scott Garman on June 30 at 6pm at the Twichel cottage.

Keep your eye out for our dues notice in the early spring. Your dues not only support summer events, but also the maintenance of public village areas.

-Lee Williams
CCOA President

TENNIS UPDATE

The summer season and the Craigville Tennis Program are closer than you think! Keep an eye out for a membership email in April.

-Dana D'Alessandro-Haseotes
Craigville Tennis Committee

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The long journey toward upgrading the Craigville Retreat Center's facilities has taken an important and positive turn!

You might recall that the Christian Camp Meeting Association has been working to redevelop the Craigville Retreat Center property to ensure its sustainability into the future. The first major step was to replace the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ as our property manager. This took place a year ago with the arrival of United Camps,

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Conferences and Retreats (UCCR). 2016 has been a year of transition, and we are pleased with the results. Retreat Center revenue is up and expenses are down. A new marketing plan is in place, repeat business is strong, and UCCR has reached out to new groups. Advance bookings for 2017 look very promising. As of the end of 2016, we have surpassed the goal of adding \$65,000 to the Major Maintenance Reserve.

To facilitate the transition, the former office in the Lodge was converted to an apartment for the site director, and new office space was created in the Inn. A new kitchen was added to the Manor to help compensate for the loss of Seaside House. UCCR arranged for a new floor for the Inn meeting room and for a new boiler in the Lodge. Each of these projects was subjected to considerable scrutiny by the town. Frankly, there were moments when we wondered whether we would be successful, but with great help from project consultant David Sauro and some savvy outside counsel, we have been able to move forward.

The latest development is the town's approval of a building permit for the first phase of the Craigville Inn renovation plan. The permit will allow us to move ahead with making the Inn a year-round facility by adding insulation, heat, air conditioning, plumbing upgrades, and expanded disability access. Work on this phase will begin immediately and should be completed by the beginning of the spring. This will give UCCR the ability to begin marketing the Inn for year-round bookings.

Phase 2 of the project involves the replacement of the rear of the Inn dining room with a two-story facility that will include a large meeting room for year-round use. Our current hope is to complete this phase next winter.

The Inn restoration capital campaign has generated \$222,250 in pledges, \$142,806.50 of which is in hand. These funds will cover the remainder of phase 1. We encourage persons and families with outstanding pledges to consider additional payments at this time. The capital campaign task force will be approaching additional donors now that firm plans are in place. Thanks for your support of this important project.

-Bill McKinney

ILLUMINATION NIGHT 2017

With the snow falling, it's hard to imagine that one of the summer's highlights is less than six months away.

This year's Illumination Night will be held on Friday, July 28, 2017. It won't be long until we are pulling out our lights and lanterns and getting our cottages lit up for this long-standing Craigville tradition.

The night's festivities will kick off with a band concert, featuring **Stage Door Canteen**, a 7-10-piece Big Band sound with vocals that will be sure to get your feet tapping. A great night for the entire family.

-Kim Piculell

RED LILY POND PROJECT: SAVE THE DATE

The annual Red Lily Pond dinner and auction will be held on Saturday, August 12. Mark your calendars. It is always a great evening with delicious food and fun memories.

-Valerie Lane

WINTER IN THE VILLAGE

The 2017 blizzard was our first real winter experience in the Village this season, but year-rounders here are hearty and had the paths shoveled *tout de suite*.

The storm was so beautiful. The next day, ice crystals on the trees over the lake glistened in the friendly sun. We had no complaints—just admiration for nature's beauty.

The Retreat Center has had a steady flow of guests. We see them walking by, talking cheerily on the way to and from meals. Buses and big trucks have been respectful of the traffic regulations and seasonal changes to the GPS "one way" on Lake Elizabeth Drive.

I also noticed early migrations of the geese and varieties of special ducks, as well as flocks of robins, harbingers of spring.

The local carpenters have donated some leftover "shakes" (as called in Canada, but we call them shingles) to do my shake art of the colorful sunsets over Craigville Beach. Sometimes the sunrises over Lake Elizabeth are also red!

Generally, this winter has been a time of healing and getting our priorities straight. The peace and quiet and beauty is wonderful. Cheers to everyone!

-Avis Parke

TABERNACLE UPDATE: WHERE DO YOU FIND GOD?

Kate and I are hard at work doing preliminary planning for our next season of worship in the Tabernacle. This summer's theme will be "Draw the Circle Wide." As a community, we will think about this theme in two ways. First, we will reflect upon how we can live up to Jesus's call to love our neighbor as ourselves. Through worship, we will devote ourselves to loving and serving all people.

Second, we will consider where we find God.

The good news of Jesus Christ touches every part of our lives. During my time at Fordham, I have been growing more familiar with Jesuit spirituality and its mission of "finding God in all things." Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, a Jesuit paleontologist and theologian known for his theological investigations of biology, wrote, "God is not remote from us. He is at the point of my pen, my pick, my paintbrush, my needle — and my heart and my thoughts." In a similar spirit, German Protestant theologian Jürgen Moltmann wrote that Christians are called to "experience God in all things and all things in God." This does not mean that all things *are* God, but that God, as the creator and sustainer of reality, can reach all parts of our lives.

As a result, our obligations to God do not end at the exit from the church building. God continuously invites us to deepen our loving commitment to our fellow human beings and to find the constant offer of grace in our everyday lives. Our acts of prayer, reflection, and worship sharpen our awareness of God's invitation to notice more intentionally, love more extravagantly, and recognize the presence of the divine in all areas of life.

Where do you find God? Looking for God in all things means that the Good News touches not only our specifically religious activities, but also other portions of our lives—enjoyment of nature, artistic inspiration, family life, professional aspiration, and even (especially) mundane and day-to-day realities. We are called to bring love, justice, and honesty to each of these aspects of ourselves. Discipleship observes no borders. It calls us to venture outside of those boundaries we have set up for ourselves. Together, in our community and in our daily lives, let us "draw the circle wide."

-Edward Dunar

FUN READS

PHOTOS: LOOKING FORWARD TO SUMMER



Credit: Sally Buffington

INTERESTING FACTS: BELL'S SEASONING

One of the oldest spice mixes in the country, Bell's, dates back to 1867, when William F. Bell of Newton, Massachusetts created the blend from an old family recipe. Since then, nothing has changed. The ingredients remain the same. Even the box, which is easy to recognize with its colorful vintage label, lettering, and hand-drawn turkey, has remained constant.

So, what's in Bell's Seasoning? Each box contains a savory, salt-free, and all-natural blend of rosemary, oregano, sage, ginger, marjoram, thyme, and pepper with no added preservatives, additives, or artificial ingredients. The aroma is pure thanksgiving. When asked what a whiff of Bell's smells like, people offered answers like chicken, turkey, stuffing, and the holidays. Since it was created a mere four years after President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a federal holiday in 1863, maybe it's fair to say that Bell's had a hand in establishing the official savory, spicy profile of the holiday season.

-Debbie Almy

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?:

BATTEN DOWN THE HATCHES

Meaning: Prepare for trouble, especially in winter

Origin: Ships' hatches, more formally called hatchways, were commonplace on sailing ships and were normally either open or covered with a wooden grating to allow for ventilation of the lower decks. When bad weather was imminent, the hatches were covered with tarpaulin and the covering was edged with wooden strips, known as battens, to prevent it from blowing off. Not surprisingly, sailors called this battening down. The first citation of the explicit use of the phrase "batten down the hatches" is from the 1883 *Chambers Journal*: "Batten down the hatches—quick, men."

-Debbie Almy

WEATHERWISE: SUBNIVEAN ZONE

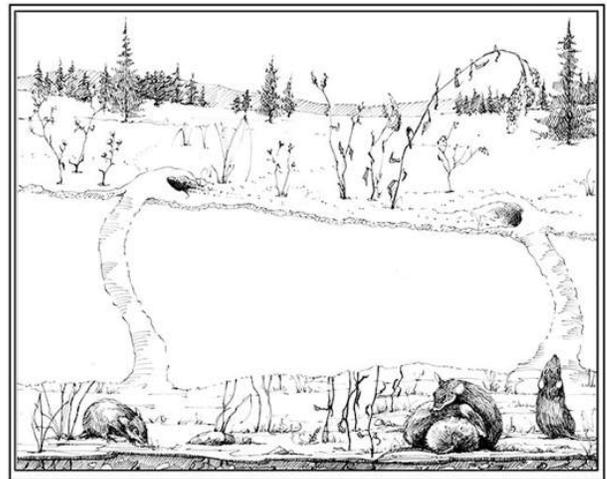


Illustration by Adelaide Tyrol

The word "subnivean" comes from the Latin words for under ("sub") and snow ("nives") and refers to the open, shallow layer next to the surface of the ground that forms under deep layered snow. The layer forms in two ways. The first is when vegetation, leaf debris, or branches physically hold the snow up, which creates an open space that can be used by the small mammals. The subnivean layer can also be created as the snow is warmed by the ground. Heat radiates upward, which causes the water vapor to move up through the snow pack. This sublimation, or the transformation of solid snow particles into the moist gas, changes the lowest snow layer into small ice particles that then act as an insulating roof. The result is a humid winter habitat or a

warm cozy home, with relatively stable temperatures around 32 degrees regardless of the temperature above the snow cover, once the snow cover has reached a depth of six inches or more. The snow is acting much like a thermal blanket or insulator.

A more technical explanation is the subnivean climate is formed by three different types of snow metamorphosis or transformation. The destructive stage begins when snow falls and is a function of time, location, temperature, and the topography. The constructive change is when there is movement of water vapor through the snow to the surface of the snowpack. The third stage is the melt metamorphosis, which is when there is melting of snow changing to water vapor and its refreezing in the snowpack. Sublimation also occurs during the melting stage. These three types of metamorphosis transform individual snowflakes into ice crystals and create spaces under the snow that is the natural environment for many small winter animals, as it provides protection from predators as well as insulation. What living creatures can survive there?

Every animal must develop its own way of dealing with winter condition. They must migrate, hibernate, or insulate. For a few small mammals, survival depends on the snow itself. These subnivean animals include mammals such as mice, voles, and shrews that rely on winter snow cover for survival. These mammals move under the snow via tunnels for protection from heat loss and predators. They eat plants, seeds, bark from bushes and shrubs. Mice and voles will sometimes cache, or store up small amounts of food, to ensure a steady

supply. While these animals are active throughout the winter, they spend small amounts of time huddled together in a deep sleep, waking occasionally to feed. Both mice and voles develop a series of tunnels under the snow that lead from entrances to sleeping areas and sources of food. The entrance holes double as ventilation shafts, allowing carbon dioxide created from animal respiration or released from the ground to escape. The tunnels do not offer unequivocal protection however. Predators such as foxes, coyotes, wolves, and owls can hear the activities of the animals moving around in the subnivean zone. The sounds allow them to pinpoint the location of the animals, and with an acrobatic pounce, these predators will dive head-first for their meal. Owls listen from their perches, and with balled-up feet they crash through the top crust and all the layers of snow to grab their prey. A few larger animals take advantage of this comfortable environment for their own shelter. In the Arctic, ringed seals and polar bears make their dens in this zone and they both give birth in their dens.

On our winter walks through the snow, many of us assume that most animals have bedded down for the winter, sleeping away the cold winter days and nights awaiting the spring thaw. In reality, the snow has created a sheltered environment for some animals, allowing them to stay fairly active during the winter months. I have seen the traces of the tunnels in the snow, and now I know who made them.

-Debbie Almy

PRELIMINARY SUMMER DATES

The spring issue of the *Chronicle* will include the full calendar of events for the summer. Here is a listing of the events that have been scheduled so far. Stay tuned for more to come!

- *Sunday, June 25: Homecoming Sunday* (Tabernacle)
- *Wednesday, June 28: Movie Night* (Tabernacle)
- *Friday, June 30: Icebreaker* (Twichel Cottage)
- *Tuesday, July 4: Fourth of July Festivities* (Village Green)
- *Saturday, July 8: CBA Summer Social* (CBA)
- *Thursday, July 13: CBA Supper and Game Night* (CBA)
- *Saturday, July 15: Catholic Mass* (Tabernacle)
- *Wednesday, July 19: Movie Night* (Tabernacle)
- *Saturday, July 22: Halloween in July*
- *Friday, July 28: Illumination Night*
- *Wednesday, August 2: Movie Night* (Tabernacle)
- *Saturday, August 5: Endless Summer* (CBA)
- *Thursday, August 10: CBA Supper and Game Night* (CBA)
- *Saturday, August 12: Red Lily Pond Auction and Dinner*
- *Wednesday, August 16: Movie Night* (Tabernacle)
- *Saturday, August 19: Catholic Mass* (Tabernacle)
- *Sunday, August 27: Final Worship Service* (Tabernacle)

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Photograph and Artwork Submissions. We welcome photographs and artwork related to life in the village. We include them in the Chronicle as space allows.

More information. You can find back issues, as well as general information about the village, at craigville.org. You can find information about the Craigville Retreat Center at craigvilleretreats.com. Information about the ministry of the RATC is available at craigvilletabernacle.org.