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# The Summer News Weekly **Craigville Chronicle**

In All Seasons



**Craigville Village, Massachusetts  
NOVEMBER 2011**

## Community Calendar

**Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM Craigville Christmas Party in the Lodge**

### **Craigville Cottage Owners Look Beyond Crazy Weather**

The Village survived the very windy October storm, and power was restored in a fairly timely manner. Our Events Committee has put together a varied and interesting calendar of events for next summer. In particular, Halloween Night will be repeated this year – it was a tremendous success last year. Special thanks go to Joanne Hartunian and Meghan Lahey. We are also working on ways to alleviate the parking and traffic problems that occur during our special events.

Many of us are looking forward to the Annual Village Christmas Party on December 5<sup>th</sup>; it is certainly a joyful event. Join us if you can! Please call Valerie Lane at (508) 778-0507 and tell her what you would like to bring for the potluck. Afterward, the Yankee Swap is always festive and interesting. Remember to bring a gift to share for each member of your party, and that gifts should not cost more than \$10.

If you haven't paid your dues, Willie Shoemaker will gladly receive them.

Wishing you a warm and wonderful winter,  
-Lee Williams, CCOA President

### **Craigville Retreat Center News**

With leaves on the ground everywhere, Fall is definitely here. We did experience loss of power October 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> with the big snowstorm in other regions, but the kitchen staff still managed to feed over 100 guests of the Center without a hitch. Guests were very grateful. Damon supplied all the guest buildings with lanterns and fireplace logs to help warm-up the meeting spaces. Everyone left with a great big thank-you and smile on their faces, unsure what they were going to find when they went home. Some of our guests were from the western part of the state.

We will be busy on weekends right up till just before Christmas. The staff will get some much-needed down time between Christmas and New Years.

Some of our Fall guests include the following: Boston College Kairos Program; Framingham UCC Confirmation retreats; Xaverian Brothers High School, Westwood; St Johns High School, Shrewsbury; ECHO; St. Sebastian's High School, Dedham; Trinity High School, Newton; St Mary's, Hanover; Boston College High School; Wellesley Congregational Church; and National Havurah(Kosher Weekend).

Reminder: Date of the Village Christmas Party is Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011, beginning at 5:00 pm.

-Mary A Woodbury, Director, Craigville Retreat Center

**REMINDER: IF YOU ARE ON THE CLUSTER SEPTIC SYSTEM, DON'T FORGET TO LEAVE YOUR POWER ON!**

Already, we have Summer 2012 dates for you to save, or invite your family and friends to come and join you!

## 2012 Craigville Cottage Owners Association-Sponsored Summer Events

June 30	10:00 AM Tidy Town Day	Chair: Pamela Danforth
June 30	Welcome Back Ice Breaker	Hosts: The Carpenters
July 4	5:00 PM Annual Parade	Chairs: Dana Haseotes and Sharon Carpenter
July 12	Tabernacle Movie Night	Chairs: Sean and Meghan Lahey
July 14	7:00 PM Craigville Halloween	Chairs: Meghan Lahey and Dede Underwood
July 24	Tabernacle Movie Night	Chairs: Sean and Meghan Lahey
July 26	Illumination Night	Chair: Ellen Cardarelli
August 9	9:00 AM African Drumming	Chairs: Tom Kirk, Valerie Peterson (Elizabeth H. Kirk Memorial Fund Event)
August 10	7:00 PM Doo-Wop and Old Folkies Sing-A-Long	Chair: Ed Deyton (Advertising: Sean Lahey)
August 21	Tabernacle Movie Night	Chairs: Sean and Meghan Lahey
August 25	10:00 AM Tidy Town Day	Chair: Pamela Danforth

### NON-CCOA-Sponsored Events:

December 3	Craigville Annual Christmas Party	Hosts: Jim and Valerie Lane
August 5	Hyannis Sound (Centerville Old Home Week)	Host: Royden Richardson
August 11	Red Lily Pond Dinner and Auction	Chair: Valerie Lane

### ALSO PLANNED BUT NOT YET SCHEDULED:

The Craigville Bookies (book club) is scheduled to meet twice during the summer. (Nancy Hansen, Chair)

Avis Parke's Craigville Painters will be scheduled in June.

The Elizabeth H. Kirk Memorial Music Fund will schedule one additional concert.

We took the time to organize our summer calendar now so that when you are planning family/friends and grandchildren visits, or scheduling a rental, you may wish to do it around an activity which would appeal to your guests. Support the CCOA sponsored activities: it is your dues at work!!

**SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Community service credit hours will be given to youth who request such.

Ten youth/teen volunteers are needed for

- July 14 Craigville Halloween [4 hours]
- July 26 Illumination Night [5 hours]
- August 10 Doo-Wop and Old Folkies Sing-A-Long [musicians and vocalists are being recruited to make this a fun and joyful event involving the entire village and our guests!!] All are welcome and encouraged to make this a community event to be remembered and a great way to begin to wind-up the summer and begin to say our goodbyes! E-mail Ed Deyton at [deyton@comcast.net](mailto:deyton@comcast.net) if you can sing or are a "wanna be" singer; or if you play an instrument. [3 hours]

Ten adult volunteers are needed for event parking attendants, opening and closing the Tabernacle. Please e-mail President Lee Williams to be added to our list of volunteers for CCOA functions. All welcome!

[lshwpyc@hotmail.com](mailto:lshwpyc@hotmail.com)

By volunteering, the CCOA's budget can be directed toward important necessities such as security, lighting, landscaping and road maintenance. Your time is appreciated and will directly impact our spending. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted, Joanne Hartunian for the Events Committee

(Contact Joanne at [joannehartunian@gmail.com](mailto:joannehartunian@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out with events or in sharing another program idea for 2012. All suggestions and offers are welcome.)

## **Red Lily Pond Project: Lots Of Activity This Fall**

The weed harvesting in Lake Elizabeth and the Middle and North Basins of Red Lily Pond was completed this week. The ponds are in their best condition since 1997.

Our ability to accomplish this work is thanks to the support of the community. We hope you will remember the Red Lily Pond Project with a fully deductible year-end gift (stock gifts are welcome) to sustain this work. You can designate your gift to support the Herring Run Restoration, the Embankment Restoration, the Bridge by the Forty Steps, or for our general support. Please contact me at [comsol@cape.com](mailto:comsol@cape.com) or 508-560-1189 for more information. Your contributions can be sent to RLPP, P.O. Box 96, W. Hyannisport, MA 02672.

The Rev. Dr. Ed Deyton's latest CD - music for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, called "In Season" – is gratefully offered through the Red Lily Pond Project Association, which will benefit from each sale. Ed sings, plays the guitar, and wrote selections that include liturgical and gospel music roots and convey inspirational messages. For every contribution to RLPP over \$25, we will send you one (free) of these special discs for your holiday season!

Many thanks!

-Steve Brown, President

**And, financially speaking:** We have cleared \$8076.00 for our fundraiser this season, a phenomenal record. This includes membership, auctions, dinner, T-shirts, note cards, and CD's. I would love it if we could get it up to \$9000.00. This is the best year we have ever had and I would love to top off the year with a nice even number. If there is anyone who hasn't yet given their donation, please send it in to me, Valerie Lane, 86 Summerbell Ave., Centerville, MA 02632. Please send in your donation soon so we can break all the previous quotas! And keep your calendars open for next summer's house tour in July, and dinner and auction in August.

Have a great holiday season and a great winter!

-Valerie Lane, RLPP Fundraising Chair

## **Craigville Community Garden Group Selects a Spot**

Don't garden alone... just wait until next Summer and share in the community effort and, possibly, even a bounty! The Garden Group plans to construct a raised bed (or 2) on the East bank of the Tabernacle site, where space was conveniently cleared to permit a septic system. We will be acquiring the wood, organic soil, and, perhaps, also fencing, prior to an April target date to build and ready our community garden for planting. Several area gardens – including one at the Horace Mann Charter School (formerly Hyannis East Elementary School and adjacent to the new Hyannis Youth and Community Center) – will be studied. Anyone interested in joining us, please keep this community project in mind, and look for more news in the next *Chronicles*. If you have wood, soil or fencing to offer, we would be very grateful! ([aliceb@cape.com](mailto:aliceb@cape.com))

## **Craigville Bookies Maintain Momentum**

Eilean Swanson reports: We have been out of power, cable, phone and water since Saturday with no end in sight (in Connecticut). The Craigville Bookies will meet the Saturday after Thanksgiving at Joanne Hartunian's house. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. The book to be discussed then will be March by Geraldine Brooke. Our last meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup> we had a lively discussion of Caleb's Crossing.

See you around Thanksgiving!

## **Craigville Colloquy 2012**

Bill McKinney is the keynoter for the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Craigville Theological Colloquy, July 16-20, 2012 on the future of the mainline churches. The title of the Colloquy is: "Breaking News for a Broken World: The Gospel Unbound in the Mainline Churches." Information is being developed for the website and Facebook.

-Gabe Fackre

## **Craigville Post Office Shop**

I am delighted to report that we have a new post person; or, in this case, a whole family. The Connolly's, who bought the Coggeshall house last summer, are going to be in the Historic Post Office next Summer. There are three girls who will job-share the position, and I will have much more information about them in the Spring *Chronicle*. It is a relief to know now who will be staffing the store, without worrying all Winter long.

-Debbie Almy (Chairman)

## **WEATHERWIZE: HALLOWEEN HORROR**

By Doppler Debbie (Almy)

I know that when the Meteorologists begin to sound the alarm, it is time to take heed and plan ahead, for the technology today is so reliable and, a good percentage of the time, correct. The prediction for the storm on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, was dire, with heavy snow predicted, landing on trees still in full foliage. I had no idea of what was ahead of me for days to come. Also, since it was the anniversary of "The Perfect Storm" of many years ago that changed the configuration of Cape Cod, I should have understood that danger was indeed knocking on my doorstep (in Needham).

Saturday night around 11:00 PM, I was awakened by two of the most outrageously bright lights in the sky: a loud thunderous sound with an electrical crackling tone which echoed throughout the entire area as two electrical transformers exploded nearby. One of the most frightful things I have experienced. My power went out. Looking out onto the trees, many were bent in half with snow-laden leaves, looking a far cry from their normal posture at this time of year. With every snap of a branch came a new worry of "is this going to hit the house?"

Sunday morning, I managed to cook my bacon and eggs on the trusty gas grill as well as heating up coffee. Planning ahead, I gathered the antique oil lamps, filled them and made sure I had spare oil on standby, while stocking the fireplace with wood. I lit the fireplace in the late afternoon, turned on the lamps, and went for prepared food at the local supermarket. Nothing to do but huddle by the fireplace and put on another layer of clothing. Halloween came and went, with only a few customers who braved the pitch black in the area.

Monday morning, it was cold but not unbearable. I cooked more breakfast on the gas grill and restocked the fireplace. As the temperature in the house began to become uncomfortable, the fireplace was lit and another layer of clothing was added. When you become so chilled throughout your body, your appetite dwindles, as does one's spirit. Driving about in the daytime with the heater in the car blasting full bore was a pleasure, and errands were made-up as an excuse to be out and about in a warm car. The tree damage was everywhere, and now I had a better understanding of why I did not have any power. Heading to bed Monday night fully clothed, with layers of bed covering, was not a pleasure, and all the staring in the world at the clock by the bed did not turn it on.

Tuesday AM it was 48° in my kitchen and I could see my breath. I decided I had had enough, and would try to find a hotel in the area. I decided I am too old for this and, feeling very down, I began to make plans to pack up, when I heard a "peep, peep" from the stove: the power was on. Tuesday at 1:10 PM the ordeal was over for me, as the tears ran down my cheeks.

One becomes so cavalier about one's electrical power and how much we rely on it for all of our creature comforts; from cooking, lighting, entertainment and, of course, to keep us warm. I have a new respect for every time the furnace turns on now, and an appreciation for the workers who slaved twenty-four hours straight for days in order to get our electricity back. I just hope I never go through this experience again.

## **FEATHER/FUN FACTS: HARE TODAY, GONE TOMORROW Part I**

By Debbie Almy

Years ago, I used to love to sit on my porch watching the bunnies munch away on the grass under the crabapple tree across the street. They were plentiful and such fun to watch. Then, they disappeared totally, with not a rabbit to be seen for years. The foxes were then the animal of the village, particularly when a resident fed them as they propagated under her porch. Next, the foxes were gone and the coyotes appeared, so the food chain was playing out right in front of our eyes.

This is part one of a three-part segment: first, the bunnies; then, the foxes; and finally, the coyotes.

If you have ever heard a rabbit being attacked and dying, it is a sound you will remember and not easily forget. One evening I heard a blood-curdling scream coming from the playground sounding like a child in serious trouble. I bounded out of my house with my trusty flashlight in hand only to hear a rustling sound in the dark. When I shown my light into the brush, I was eyeball-to-eyeball with a rather large coyote who had just finished his bunny rabbit dinner. Keeping my light shining on his eyes, I quickly did the "Michael Jackson Moonwalk" back into my house, now understanding why our rabbit population had dwindled so.

The rabbits are now back, and let's learn more about this common visitor to our village.

Hares and rabbits are found throughout the world and have many common characteristics. Both species breed prolifically, bearing four to eight litters a year, with three to eight young in each litter. They have a period of gestation lasting about a month, reach sexual maturity in about six months, and have a life span of about ten years. They weigh between 2 and 11 lb. and are 12 to 24 inches in length, and they feed mainly on herbs, tree bark, and vegetables. Rabbits and hares are gnawing animals like rats, mice, and squirrels, with the same type of strong, chisel-like front teeth. Rabbits are characterized by their offspring that are born naked and blind, and living in colonies in underground burrows, while hares are born furred and with vision, as the adults build a simple nest on the ground and rarely live socially. The hare is also generally larger and heavier than the rabbit and has longer ears with characteristic black markings. With its longer hind legs and larger hind feet, it can out jump any rabbit and does not tire as quickly.

Both rabbits and hares are well-equipped to detect enemies, for their long ears are very sensitive as they wave them back and forth seeking out the enemy. Their sense of smell is keen also, as the sensitive nose nostrils twitch while the head bobs up and down in a worried manner. Each large eye sees more than half a circle, and together the two eyes can see in every direction. Thus, a rabbit can watch an approaching hawk overhead and at the same time be looking for a shelter. The upper lip of rabbits and hares is split, which is why a deformity in the upper lip in human beings is called a harelip. It has five toes on its forefeet and four on the hind feet. The paws, however, cannot turn inward to be used as hands like those of mice and squirrels.

To escape enemies, rabbits and hares rely chiefly on speed, for when a rabbit takes to flight, it leaves the ground with a tremendous leap of up to 8 feet into the air. For an instant, its body is stretched out in a straight line; then, while still in the air, it brings its hind legs forward until they reach beyond and above its head. While it is bunched up in this position it is coiled like spring, allowing for a jump of between 15 and 20 feet.

My affection for bunnies came to a screeching halt this year when one rabbit completely decimated my entire lettuce crop with ease. I now have a new respect for black pepper, which I will apply liberally to all the lettuce plants growing area next year after each rain, to keep old Peter Rabbit away.



There are several houses for sale in Craigville at the present time, offered by real estate agents and by owners. If you, or relatives or friends are interested and would like more information, please e-mail us at the address below.

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