



The Summer News Weekly

For All People...



Craigville Chronicle

In All Seasons



Craigville Village, Massachusetts
May 2012

Community Calendar

Saturday, June 16th & Sunday, June 17th Lawn bags pick-up (see below)
Saturday, June 23rd 9:00-12:00 noon Yard Waste Pick-Up

Craigville Cottage Owners Ready for Action

An eventful summer awaits you. Please remember to send your \$250 dues to Willie Shoemaker, PO Box 655, Windham, NH 03087. Remember that we are responsible for our share of Village maintenance. Your dues are very important.

Thank you for your continued support,

-Lee Williams, CCOA President

The CCOA will once again provide a pick-up for yard waste only (no branches) in paper bags on Saturday, June 23rd between 9:00 AM and 12:00 noon for all homeowners who have paid their dues. Lawn bags only may be purchased on Saturday, June 16th and Sunday, June 17th from 9:00 AM-12:00 noon at the homes of the Williams (on the Bluff) and the Lanes (Summerbell Ave.), 10:00 AM-12:00 noon at the Craigville Post Office, and from 1:00-6:00 PM at the Browns' house (Lake Elizabeth Drive). Charge is \$5 per bag to cover the cost of bags and transportation and dumping expenses.

Our new "Community Calendar management" process includes important information for all, so please take note of the following:

At the CCMA meeting on April 14th, Lee Williams offered to keep an "All Events" Craigville Village Calendar. She will coordinate events with Mary Woodbury at the Retreat Center, the CCMA, the CCOA and its Event Committee, and the CBA Beach and its Social Committee. If you are planning an event, please inform her. Thanks.

-Nancy Hansen, CCMA Board member

In order to prevent conflicts in scheduling community events, I have offered to organize the community calendar. For this to work, those of you who are organizing an event will need to contact me with the name of the event, the date and the time. This will be on a first-come first-served basis. Once on the calendar, the date is yours, and another event cannot be scheduled for the same time. Obviously, the sooner you secure your date, the better.

Keep in mind that if the event uses Retreat Center venues (including the Tabernacle, the Inn, the Manor and the Lodge) you must contact their office first. I can be reached at lswhpyc@hotmail.com.

-Lee Williams, CCOA President

CBA Beach Renovations on Schedule

A fresh, remodeled Buffington Pavilion, including the entrance, first aid room, and rest rooms, will greet CBA Beach members when they return to set up their umbrellas in late June. According to Beach Committee Co-Chair Fran Lahey, the project is progressing on time, on budget, and work may be completed around Memorial Day weekend.

Rackets Ready?

The Craigville Tennis Club email should be to you within the week. If you do not receive it (or do not have your email address listed with us) please contact Dana at yankfan99@aol.com or 508-699-6708.

Ready for the Parade?

Before you know it, it will be time for the Annual Fourth of July Parade!!! Get your thinking caps on and come up with any creative addition to the Parade that you can think of...start planning early!!

The parade will travel the traditional route and start at the Green/Post Office at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, July 4th! See you there...

-Dana Haseotes, Chair, Tennis Committee and Parade Co-Coordinator

Craigville Post Office: Family to Staff the Shop

We so look forward to opening up the old Craigville Post Office gift shop again this year, and we welcome our new post person - or persons - to the job of overseeing our little shop. The Connollys are new members to our village, having purchased the Coggeshalls' house last summer, and their daughters will be job-sharing the "post person" position this summer. Carolyn is a junior at Needham High School, and Kate is a sophomore, while Grace brings in the third aspect of the trio. They are charming young women whom I am sure you will agree will just fit in perfectly. It is a pleasure to have our young people from the village active in keeping the old traditions going. Please do drop in to welcome Carolyn and Kate as they are the two who will be doing the majority of the coverage this summer. If we are lucky, we might entice them to give us a demonstration of their step dancing routine, as they have been pictured in the local newspaper in Needham. The Post Office will open up June 25th, so please do stop in to welcome our new family to the village. Our "new" items will be listed in the June *Chronicle* so stay tuned for some different things this year.

-Debbie Almy (Chairman)

Happy Trails

With a special permit from the Town of Barnstable's Conservation Commission, the former Circuit Ave. trail next to the bog on the west side of the Tabernacle has been cleared. We had discussed the trail-clearing projects at CCOA and CCMA meetings as a possible Craigville resident volunteer project. However, after closer inspection, we contracted Scott Schofield of Arborscapes, because of the size and volume of trees downed across the pathway by Hurricane Irene.

The shortcut footpath between Ocean Ave. and Summerbell Ave., formally known as Spring Ave., has also been cleared with a safe stairway added to the Ocean Ave. end of the path. The trail to Eggers Chapel behind the Tabernacle and the Sandy Lane pathway to the beach behind the Lodge building have also been cleared. We are still looking for an old copy of a "A Walk in a Craigville Bog" by Myron Fowler that is mentioned in Marion Vuilleumier's "History of Craigville".

-Jim Lane, CCMA President

CCMA MEMBERSHIP: YELLOW, AS IN FORSYTHIA

April showers bring May flowers, but what follows is the annual CCMA Membership Renewal Brochure for this year.

In the beginning of June, look for a bright yellow brochure either in the mail or in your cottage door.

Looking forward to your continued support for all that is good for Craigville Village.

-Millie Delaney, CCMA Membership Committee

STAR ATTRACTIONS

You know it is spring when things start to get really busy on the corner of Lake Elizabeth Drive and Craigville Beach Road. Yes, "THEY'RE BACK". George and Jennie Osprey arrived just before Easter weekend and have created quite a stir, much to the delight of the walkers and especially the bird watchers. A third osprey has tried to take over the nest and we are not sure if it is one of their offspring or an intruder. Cars stop and people jump out of their cars with cameras in tow. Some days our feathered friends put on quite a show as they soar out over the ocean and return with a fish which they captured and brought back to the nest to feast upon. Soon eggs will be laid and daily osprey watchers will listen for the very distinct sound of both male and female calling out to each other. They are especially active in the morning, and usually they can be heard as early as 5:00 AM as they call out to each other. They are so interesting to watch, so be sure to look for them as you meander down to Covell Beach. To all bird watchers, and even those who are not, George and Jennie wish all another very happy, warm, summer.

-Maxine Shortman (our local osprey correspondent!)

Craigville Retreat Center Shares Food, Welcomes Volunteers

The Retreat Center is happy to announce we will be delivering all the leftover food & produce from the Center's meals to the NOAH Shelter. The NOAH Shelter is extremely grateful for the help, as donations are down in these tough economic times. Alison Bissett, our new Executive Housekeeper, has spearheaded this effort and is to be congratulated for her efforts.

The summer is fast approaching and the staff is busy trying to get ready for our summer visitors.

In April, we had the Power and Systems group here at the Center (40+ years) and they did some marvelous work cleaning the Tabernacle benches, painting the light poles on the Green, raking around all the cottages, Tabernacle, and the Green. Some of you may have seen them hard at work. I heard through the grapevine, that we had a few workers break from the pack and seek employment with village residents. Very ambitious.

We have received our new brochures and they are lovely. We would like to thank all the folks at the Framingham office for their hard work on these brochures. They hadn't been redone in the 20+ years I have worked at Craigville.

I hope you have had the chance to check out our new web page <http://craigvilleretreats.org>. We have already received many phone inquirers and actual bookings from the site.

Barnstable Police Department SWAT team will be practicing in the village again on Tuesday, May 22nd, between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

We are looking forward to ServCorp's visit June 1-9, 2012. Many much-needed projects will once again be done by their group of volunteers.

We had some new visitors this past Tuesday: 10 lovely "swans a-swimming" in Lake Elizabeth. Hope someone got some nice pictures to share.

-Mary A Woodbury, Director, Craigville Retreat Center

{Editor's note: Swans were too small in photo for printing here, but we will try to post on the community bulletin board!}

RED LILY POND 2012 FUNDRAISERS

Mark your calendars for July 22nd for the Craigville House and Garden Tour. Six Craigville residents will open their homes to you and you can enjoy a casual stroll around the village on a sunny and warm Sunday afternoon, from 12:00 to 4:00PM. Cookies and lemonade will be provided. Tickets will be \$25.00. Come and learn a little about the history of Craigville's beautiful homes. For tickets, please call Valerie Lane at 508-778-0507.

On Saturday night, August 11th, please come and luxuriate in the ambiance of sharing the cocktail hour on the Green with neighbors and fellow Craigville villagers, while eating scrumptious hors d'oeuvres and perusing the silent auction, then enjoy a delicious dinner with live auction after dinner. Reservation forms will be available in future summer Chronicles. More details to follow. Plan to come and have a wonderful time!

For information call Valerie Lane at 508-778-0507. See you soon!

-Valerie Lane, Treasure and Fundraising Chair, RLPP

Forever in our Hearts... An Evening of Tributes in our Tabernacle

An "Evening of Remembrance and Reminiscence" is in the planning stages for Sunday evening, July 1st. We would like to offer an opportunity for all to recall fond memories of someone special to you through a story, a poem, a paragraph in the program, and/or a reflection that you would like to share in this special place in our little village. The Rev. Joanne Hartunian has agreed to officiate, along with inspirational music provided by The Rev. Ed Deyton. We lose loved ones, but somehow Craigville - and our sense of belonging - can endure. We would welcome your participation in a program that will include loving, laughing, longing and sharing. My mother, who passed on in February, truly appreciated the humor in life, and a smile can be healing as we simultaneously grieve our loss. All are invited to just be present, if you prefer, to cherish your own memories. Please let me know if you would like to be a part of this spiritual celebration of life.

-Alice Brown (508-790-0835 or aliceb@cape.com)

Local Heroes

The April 13, 2012 Cape Cod Times editorial included the story concerning the 10th Annual American Red Cross and United Way's event celebrating Cape Cod's Local Heroes, in all walks of life, volunteers and professionals. The honored individuals included Coast Guard helicopter rescue crews, paramedics, police officers, Marines dedicated to Toys for Tots, and longtime Craigville Village resident Steve Brown. For many years, Steve has served the human service needs of the Cape by "advocating for its most disadvantaged citizens": "the disheartened, the dispossessed, the disenfranchised and the disabled." "As the program coordinator for the Cape Cod Justice for Youth Collaborative, Steve focuses the groups' efforts on significant issues of anti-racism, violence prevention and restorative justice for children and youth". Thank you, Steve, for everything you do.

-Jim Lane

CCMA Projects: Power and Systems Annual Retreat

For the past 40 years, Boston business management consultant Power & Systems has been at the Craigville Retreat Center each spring hosting a seminar for business professionals from all over the nation. As part of their workshops, group participants are divided into groups consisting of Workers, Managers and Elites. The Workers provide free labor for clean-up projects around the Village. This spring, the wooden lampposts around the Green were painted and the memorial benches were cleaned and coated with teak oil. The concrete curbs around the entire Green were weeded and raked and swept clean.

The Power & Systems workers also ask Craigville Village private residents for yard work projects and they will work for food!

A recent AARP magazine article included a chart indicating the "estimated dollar value of a volunteer hour for each state". The Massachusetts hourly rate is \$26.18, which is the 3rd highest rate in the country. The CCMA always appreciates Power & Systems' annual efforts and all other volunteers that help to make this village special.

-Jim Lane, CCMA President

Red Lily Pond Project: It's a Great Pond, indeed

The beat goes on! Our Board of Directors is very grateful to board member Tom Kirk for his tireless efforts to keep government agencies and other pond restoration groups up to date on the status of Lake Elizabeth and Red Lily Pond. The following successes are directly attributable to Tom's persistence.

An e-mail on May 1st from David Hill of the Massachusetts DEP in Lakeville has confirmed the "Great Pond" status of Red Lily Pond/Lake Elizabeth. This will enable us to continue to pursue funding for the bridge at the bottom of the 40 Steps and the culvert under Lake Elizabeth.

We discussed the difficulties that herring had this spring with Doug Kalweit, Manager of the Department of Natural Resources of the Town of Barnstable and Brad Chase of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, Diadromous Fish Biology and Management Project of the Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries. They recommended extending the fish ladder at the foot of Lake Elizabeth to create a stronger channel. Doug's team performed some preliminary work on this project, and when the spawning season is over, the work will be completed.

A growing percentage of Craigville homeowners chose non-toxic lawn fertilizers this spring, for which we are very grateful. Many articles in the news recently have identified the growing scientific evidence of the harm that chemical pesticides and herbicides are causing in water supplies. With this in mind, we continue to encourage Craigville residents to use natural lawn care products.

We look forward to an active summer!

-Steve Brown, Chair, Red Lily Pond Project

Lovely Flower Show by Longtime Music Camper

Craigville Adult Music Camp attendee (for 25 years) Barbara Smith Day has shared with us some lovely photos of our village taken in July 2011. The MACUCC Music Camp was celebrating its 30 years in existence last summer. She asks, "Have I captured any from your property?? I certainly have tried to get most that I have seen. I also did the same thing in 2010 since it is such a glorious array of color, texture and form."

[To view the flowers, please copy and paste the following into your browser:]

<https://picasaweb.google.com/lh/sredir?uname=106560794567183273923&target=ALBUM&id=5650466618309419201&authkey=Gv1sRgCIdn0KjXwKfGUA&invite=CKia68wP&feat=email>

Garden a "No Grow" for Now?

Last call for a Craigville Community Garden for this year? Since we haven't had anyone come forward to put this project in motion, we are assuming that it will not go forward at this time. {Editor: Please let us know if we are mistaken and/or if you need contact information for those who have already expressed an interest in this effort.}

AROUND THE TOWN

A message from Sande Murphy: "I would like to thank CCMA and CCOA for the lovely orchid plant. Also, thanks to all my wonderful friends in Craigville Village for giving me so much support at this very difficult time. My family and I have broken hearts due to the loss of my daughter, Kathy. Thanks to all of you, it will be a little easier to put some of the pieces back together."

{our heartfelt sympathy to Sande and her family on this terrible loss.}

Margot Fisher writes: "We have made the very difficult decision to sell our beloved Craigville cottage, which has been in our family for some seven decades. We have so many happy memories of the cottage in particular and Craigville in general: our own Brigadoon, unchanged by the march of time. Indeed, we had thought that perhaps we would eventually be able to retire to Craigville, as my parents {the Embrees} did for several years, and as my grandparents did before them. Unfortunately, although Craigville seems never to change, our lives have. It has become increasingly impractical for us to maintain the cottage, especially as the girls leave for college and our work and family lives are increasingly focused in the NYC/DC corridor.

Of course, one thing that helped us make this difficult decision is the reality that, because of the retreat center and private rentals, we will still be able to spend time in Craigville, so we hope to continue seeing our old friends and neighbors in the village or on the beach.

The cottage is listed with Mark Stanley, an old "beach buddy" from my childhood summers at CBA. He can be reached at mark@markstanleyrealtor.com or 508-280-2184... It is a 3-bedroom cottage bordering the marsh on 0.4-acre lot; the location makes the cottage particularly quiet and private even though it is in the heart of the village. Details and pictures are available at: http://www.raveis.com/raveis/21201568/4_laurel_ave_barnstable_ma/ (The listing is "4 Laurel Ave." which is the street number the town assigned a few years back; the house/mailbox still shows the original "23 Laurel Ave.")"

IN THE AREA

As poisonous chemicals flowed onto our neighbors' lawn, we wanted to make certain you know what is going into your/our environment. Do you have little yellow flags on your lawn? You do know that they indicate that poisons have been used to treat it, don't you? There are many safer treatments now available that are friendly for children, pets, and the water and air (and what about humans, too?). [Editor's note: Cape Cod SafeLawns is one company that offers organic lawn care and they are already in the village; 508-775-SAFE (7233) or www.capecodsafelawns.com.]

WEATHERWIZE: HAIL

By Doppler Debbie (Almy)

Precipitation falling to the Earth's surface comes in many forms: rain, sleet, snow, freezing rain and hail. What determines the condition of the water is the temperatures of the air layers the water has fallen through. As you know, freezing rain is one of the most feared forms, for the falling rain freezes instantly onto whatever surface it hits, everything from wires, highways, tree branches, to cars, adding more and more weight with each droplet. It is often referred to as Mother Nature's way of pruning her trees, for the added weight of frozen water creates devastation and the damage is extensive. I have seen trees with a girth of many feet, meaning very old age, snapped like a twig under the extreme weight of the frozen water. The thunderous sound of huge branches breaking is enough to keep everyone awake fearing for the ensuing damage.

Hail, however, is not seen as often in this area. How is it made?

Hail consists mostly of frozen water, and it is possible within any thunderstorm. Hail formation requires environments of strong upward motion of air within the parent thunderstorm, similar to tornadoes, with alternating layers of temperatures. As the pellet of moisture is tossed up and down through the layers, it grows in size. The warm updrafts carry a water droplet up into the top freezing air where it solidifies, and starts to fall back down in a cold, sinking air draft. As it comes

down into warmer air, it begins to melt. It is then picked-up by another warm updraft, and up the larger droplet shoots. The up-and-down thrust of the drafts increase the size so it gathers layers of ice on each trip, eventually having an onion-like, layered appearance. The updraft wind speed can be as high as 110 MPH and the stone can be traveling at 120 MPH when it comes crashing to Earth. Hailstones can be as big as 8 inches in diameter, and weigh 1.1 pounds by the time they hit the Earth, with increasing velocity as gravity pulls on all the stones. Golf ball-size hailstones are almost considered to be normal in one of these serious storms that farmers fear the most of any form of weather. Hailstorms created over 1 billion dollars in damage to crops last year alone, ruining a season's growth of crops in a matter of minutes.

In the recent storms in Kansas, where these horrific thunderstorms are most prevalent, car windows were smashed and the hail on the ground accumulated to a depth requiring the hail to be shoveled. In New England, luckily, we are not prone to the heavy hailstorms, although when the weather conditions are perfect, with threatening clouds filled with moisture, layers of different air temperatures and the dreaded updrafts and downdrafts, hail on a smaller scale can be produced here, as well.

FEATHER/FUN FACTS: HARE TODAY, GONE TOMORROW Part III – COYOTES

By Debbie Almy

Part one of this trilogy started with our rabbit population which vanished thanks to the foxes. Now the foxes have disappeared, and the coyotes have taken over. My assumption was that the foxes were hunted by the coyotes to complete this cycle, but I now know that is not the case.

Coyotes are found in every state in the contiguous United States and their name in Latin stands for "barking dog". They have grayish brown fur with some reddish brown on the side of their heads. Their body is 30-34" long with a tail of about 12" in length; they stand about 25 inches tall and weigh about 75 pounds. They look very much like a German Shepard dog in size. Their ears are large, but their feet are small in proportion to their body size; that fact does not stop their ability to run up to 43 mph and to jump up to 13'. They hunt in pairs, but travel in a group of 6 or more - usually all related - adults and young. They are not nocturnal, and prefer to hunt at night due to human intervention, but may be seen in the daytime as well.

A mated pair may be together for several years, with a litter numbering anywhere from 1 to 19, with the average 6 pups. The large litters are due to the high death rate, for 50%-70% of pups do not make adulthood. Pups are blind at birth and limp-eared, but the eyes open and ears perk-up in 10 days. They are full-grown in 12 months and may, if they are lucky, live up to 10 years. Their calls are high-pitched howls, yips, yelps and barks most often heard at dusk, but occasionally during the day. They are carnivores, eating rabbits, squirrels, mice, snakes, lizards, deer, some livestock, and the occasional small family pet. They do not hunt foxes, though, for both animals feed on pretty much the same diet. Coyotes are highly adaptable, and when one source of food is in short supply, they will revert to bird feeders, pet bowls, and unsealed trash containers.

There are roughly 10,000 coyotes in Massachusetts, widely scattered throughout the state in both rural and urban communities. They are instinctively afraid of humans, but over time, they become more comfortable with their human neighbors, and may stroll through yards with an air of ownership. They are easily scared off by loud noises, something thrown at them, or spraying them with a hose. Coyotes may be hunted or trapped, but many people just decide to co-exist and leave them alone.

Then why did the foxes leave Craigville and the coyotes take over? The only answer I have come up with is that the coyotes consumed more of the available food they both feed on, so the foxes went to other areas where there was no competition. I must say, last summer I did see a few rabbits, so I am hopeful that the pendulum has swung back and the rabbits will be around for a few years to come.

The next *Craigville Chronicle* (June 22nd) will mark the beginning of the weekly editions for Summer 2012. All news will be appreciated by noon each Wednesday for that Friday's publication. This is YOUR newsletter, so please keep us posted so that we can share information about community events! Please see the Preliminary Summer 2012 Events Calendar included on the last page here; the final calendar will be included with the next edition and posted on the community bulletin board near the historic Craigville Post Office. Remember, we are always on the web at Craigville.org (postings to info@Craigville.org). The *Craigville Chronicle* is sponsored by the Christian Camp Meeting Association and the Craigville Cottage Owners Association. Please e-mail your news to us at aliceb@cape.com.

-Alice Brown, editor

(as of 5/10/12) **2012 Craigville Summer Events** (to be corrected as needed!)

- Saturday, June 30 Tidy Town Day (10-11:00 AM) - Bluff Host: Pamela Danforth
Saturday, June 30 Welcome Back Ice Breaker Hosts: Sharon & Sam Carpenter
- July**
- Sunday, July 1 Life Celebrations Service (7:00 PM) - Tab
Hosts: Alice Brown & Rev. Joanne Hartunian
- Wednesday, July 4 Annual Parade (5:30 PM)
Hosts: Dana Haseotes & Sharon Carpenter
- Saturday, July 7 CBA Beach Social Night
Hosts: Meghan Lahey & CBA Social Committee
- Thursday, July 12 Tabernacle Movie Night Hosts: Sean and Meghan Lahey
- Saturday, July 14 Annual Community Meetings (9:00 AM) - Tab.
Christian Camp Meeting Assoc. & Craigville Cottage Owners Assoc.
- Saturday, July 14 Craigville Halloween Hosts: Meghan Lahey & Dede Underwood
- Sunday, July 15 Kimon Kirk in concert - Tab. Hosts: the Kirk family
(An Elizabeth H. Kirk Memorial Music Fund Event)
- Sunday, July 22 Red Lily Pond Project House Tour Host: Valerie Lane
- Tuesday, July 24 Tabernacle Movie Night Hosts: Sean and Meghan Lahey
- Thursday, July 26 Illumination Night (7:30-9 PM) - Tab. Host: Ellen Cardarelli
Tyler Newcomb's Tru Blu Big Band

August

- Sunday, August 5 Hyannis Sound (Centerville Old Home Week) - Tab
Host: Royden Richardson
- Thursday, August 9 African Drumming (9:00 AM) - Tab
Hosts: Tom Kirk, Valerie Peterson (Elizabeth Kirk Mem. Fund Event)
- Friday, August 10 Doo-Wop and Old Folkies Sing-A-Long (7:00 PM) - Tab.
Host: Ed Deyton
- Saturday, August 11 Red Lily Pond Dinner and Auction Host: Valerie Lane
- Tuesday, August 21 Tabernacle Movie Night Hosts: Sean and Meghan Lahey
- Saturday, August 25 Tidy Town Day (10-11:00 AM) - Bluff Host: Pamela Danforth

ALSO PLANNED BUT NOT YET SCHEDULED:

The "Craigville Bookies" plan to meet twice during the summer. (Nancy Hansen, Host)

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

August 10th Doo-Wop and Old Folkies Sing-A-Long: e-mail Ed Deyton at

deyton@comcast.net if you can sing or are a "wanna be" singer; or if you play an instrument.

Please e-mail CCOA President Lee Williams for your event to be added to our calendar.

lswhpyc@hotmail.com

Also, Contact Joanne Hartunian, Events Committee Co-Chair, at 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!