



For All People...



# The Summer News Weekly Craigville Chronicle

In All Seasons



**Craigville Village, Massachusetts  
July 15-21, 2011**

## Community Calendar

<b>Friday,</b>	<b>July 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Red Lily Pond Annual Meeting –Tab.</b>
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>July 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7-9:00 PM</b>	<b>Halloween in July (begins on the Green)</b>
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>July 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Hymn Sing, Worship Service – Tab.</b>
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>July 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Painting Group (meet behind Craigville Inn)</b>
		<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Cape Cod Conservatory Jazz – Tab.</b>
<b>Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>BINGO at CBA Beach</b>

## Looking Ahead

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>July 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>Sand Castle Day at CBA</b>
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>July 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Adult Music Camp Concert – Tab.</b>

### **Red Lily Pond Project: Appreciate the Joy Around Us**

All are invited to this evening’s Red Lily Pond Project Annual Meeting at 7:30 PM in the Tabernacle. We’ll follow-up on the theme expressed earlier this summer, “Radical Joy for Hard Times.”

The economy, the climate, the government, the war—it’s easy to find that place between the rock and the hard place. But hard times inspire creative solutions, and working together for the common good creates genuine joy. Joy is “radical” because it is essential to the best side of human nature. Just when we are most tempted to doubt, energy flows up from our common roots and astounds us.

This week, just as we felt overwhelmed by a multitude of barriers to community, the phone rang. We learned that a group of teenagers from the United Congregational Church in Middletown, Rhode Island was arriving in Craigville, ready to engage in community service in the Village and the Town. All week, Mia Bartoletto, Rebecca Small, Faith Chadwick and Holly Bobola volunteered in Hyannis at the Cape Cod Justice for Youth Collaborative, and at CHAMP Homes; and here in the Village, they cleared debris from unused space, and beautified our roads and parks. And our thanks to their leaders Megan Weymouth and Beth Small for their ministry to, and with, these youth.

This group proved, once again, that faith is real; that, as Scripture reminds us, in hard times our inarticulate groans become crystal prayers that lift our souls. This is radical joy. Thanks to these youth—and, thanks to this Village that creates a welcoming retreat for so many, year after year. It is for these that we strive to restore our ponds, and to protect the water we all enjoy.

-Steve Brown, President, RLPP

## **Ghosts, Witches and Princesses Invading Craigville**

Are you going to be scary or beautiful? Monsters, goblins and mummies will appear as Halloween in Craigville in July arrives this Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. The evening begins with a Haunted Hunt on the Green at 7:00 PM, followed by Trick or Treating in the Village from 7:30-9:00 PM. All ages are welcome!

Please hang out your "Trick or Treaters Welcome" sign on your front door if you would like to help hand out candy to our Trick or Treaters. Don't be a creep – take the leap – join in the fun: come and have a spooky good time!

## **Where Did I Leave That Dish?**

Thank you so much to Ann and Dick Trull from the CCOA for a fantastic Ice Breaker! What an excellent turnout for a perfect evening and the chance to visit with neighbors whom we often see only at a distance or without an opportunity for a real conversation.

Ann reports that they have a few serving pieces left over from the party on Saturday, and that they ...”had a wonderful time and were so glad so many people showed up and that the weather and the tide cooperated.”

## **Frazier Garden Seeks a Tender**

The little garden on the point near the Craigville Post Office, dedicated to our longtime postmistress Elizabeth Frazier, needs a loving caregiver. If you have the time and the touch, please let Alan Shoemaker know that you would like to “adopt” this little spot that’s really in quite a prominent Village location. You don’t have to do this for perpetuity if you are available for just this year. It needs a “green thumb touch” soon.

## **Tabernacle Features Hymn Sing and Conference President**

Please arrive early to the Tabernacle this Sunday at 9:30 AM to join in on an Old Fashioned Hymn Sing led by the dynamic Rev. Eric Henderson and accompanied by the talented Ginny Henderson. A duo that you do not want to miss! This will be a real treat for all! Bring your favorite hymn numbers and your voices!

We welcome this week the Rev. Dr. Jim Antal, Minister and President of the Massachusetts Conference, United Church of Christ since 2006 - a covenant of nearly 400 UCC churches along with 750 authorized UCC ministers who serve throughout the Commonwealth. After teaching and leading two national peace organizations, Rev. Antal spent twenty years leading vital churches of all sizes in Massachusetts and Ohio, and providing a public voice on peace and justice issues, particularly environmental concerns, including climate change. His mentors have included Henri Nouwen and William Sloan Coffin, Jr. In his role as Conference Minister, Rev. Antal seeks to:

- Connect congregations and pastors to the resources and opportunities offered by the Conference and the national setting of the church
- Serve as a prophetic voice in the Conference
- Provide leadership in ecumenical and interfaith relations
- Interpret the work and witness of the UCC to the press and in the public square
- Identify and promote strategies and practices that will enlarge the witness of the UCC in Massachusetts

In addition, Tom Goux will be our soloist. Tom is one of the favorite Tabernacle soloists who are returning for another season. Come see if he sings one of his famous Sea Shanty songs!

-Ruth Robin, Chair, Tabernacle Worship Committee

## **Painters Prepare for Another Special Setting**

The Craigville Painters, on Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, using oils, acrylics, pencil and watercolors, did their impressions of the “Long View” from the “40 Steps” to CBA Beach.

Next Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 AM we'll paint the “Short View” of Red Lily Pond from the gazebo behind the Craigville Inn. Painters in ALL ART MEDIA welcome. Bring your own supplies and set-ups.

For more information, please call me at 508-771-8298.

-Avis Strong Parke, Painting Coordinator

## **The Old Craigville Post Office: Put Your Mitts On**

The new items for this year are now available. They are a hot oven mitt - great for the barbeque, as well as the oven - the grocery tote bags, and sun visors. The wine glasses are back in stock, as are most of the usual items, as well. Please do stop by and see the new colored t-shirts and think about those stocking stuffers now.

-Deborah Almy, Chair, Post Office Committee

## **Craigville Conference Center Supports Youth and Music**

We still aren't totally back together from the flood last Friday!

We have a group new to Craigville arriving this Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>: MGH Health Resources in Action Youth Scholars Program. Then, later this week, we will host The Weston Public Schools and MACUCC Adult Music Camp.

Don't forget that Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> is the date for the Cape Cod Conservatory Jazz Ensemble Concert in the Tabernacle beginning at 7:30 PM, presented as a benefit for the Centerville Beautification Committee.

Steve Brown will be holding a breakfast meeting on Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> in the Inn Dining Room to launch "New Horizons", a vocational project designed to reduce recidivism in the Cape Cod juvenile justice system.

-Mary A Woodbury, Director  
Craigville Conference Center

## **Donations Are Always Welcomed**

Donations and gifts to the CCMA are greatly appreciated and acknowledged. We are requesting that our various committees furnish a "Wish list" for needed items that we will publish from time to time in the *Chronicle*. We recently received money for a new, high-quality volleyball net from Fred and Lee Williams. Alan and Willie Shoemaker drove to Falmouth to purchase a new large American flag for the Village Green. Roger and Nancy Hansen are presently shopping for solar powered lanterns to put on the stone entry columns at the Sunset Lodge, as recommended by our Planning Consultant. We must also remember the generous donation from Tony and Mary Balsamo used for the purchase of the Tabernacle bench cushions. We will acknowledge all gifts by a personal letter and publish the names of the donors in the *Chronicle*. The donation of goods and services is also appreciated. Kevin Shea donated numerous healthy surplus hydrangea plants and beach grass that has been planted around our Village. Kevin also donated an excess of bark mulch to many Craigville neighbors. The CCMA is a 501-c-3 charitable organization, and donations, as determined by law, are tax deductible.

-Jim Lane, President, CCMA

## **CBA Beach: Castles in the Sand**

Coming events at CBA include July 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Sand Castle Contest from 1:30-3:30 PM. Come and show your engineering skills and win some prizes! And July 30<sup>th</sup> is the date for our first annual Talent Show!! Sign up to show off the talent you were born to share.

On July 31<sup>st</sup>, the "Three of a Kind Jazz Trio" will be live at CBA from 1-3:00 PM. Come enjoy the smooth sounds of Three of a Kind on our porch while you enjoy our beautiful beach. Each day we have something going on with arts and crafts, games with the guards, swim lessons, etc. Of course, it is always great to come and relax at CBA.

See you soon!

-Domenic Botolino, CBA Manager

And now, presenting...

## **B-I-N-G-O at the Beach**

B4, G3, N1.... We have a winner! Don't miss Bingo at the Beach this Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 PM. Bingo cards will be \$2 and ice cream treats will be served for the kids!

## **Out On the Courts**

Tennis lessons are underway and team matches will begin this Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> -so come by the courts and cheer on the juniors! Also... Men's Round Robin on Saturday and Sunday mornings has a strong core group who are not only having a great time on the courts, but are also displaying some impressive tennis skill! Same can be said for the dedicated group of women who play in the Tuesday and Thursday morning Ladies' Round Robin from 9-12. Whether you are a beginner, intermediate or advanced, come down to the courts - there is a group waiting for you!!

-Dana Haseotes, Chair, Tennis Committee

## **Taizé Worship: A Special Opportunity**

On Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 PM, a Taizé Service will be held on at the New Church Foundation, 266 Route 6A, in Yarmouth Port. The service includes Taizé songs, silence, scripture and poetry. Also, every Sunday at 11:00 AM in July, we hold traditional Protestant Services with a contemporary message. Please come and join us.

-Anne Ierardi, Yarmouth Port

## **Bookies Grouping in the Village**

The first gathering of the "Craigville Bookies" was delightful. There were nine of us to discuss The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet. We sat on our back porch, enjoying the view and the breeze and shared and discussed for over an hour.

We decided to read The Help by Kathryn Stockett for August. Some of us had already read it, but decided it was good enough to read again. We will meet to discuss on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at the Hansens', 7 Vine Ave., at 10:00 AM. All are welcome. We'd love to have anyone join us, if you are reading the book for the first or the second time!

-Nancy Hansen, Book Group Coordinator

## **COCKTAILS ON THE GREEN AND DINNER BY THE POND**

Mark it on the calendar: August 13<sup>th</sup>, Saturday night, 5:30 cocktails and silent auction, 7:00 dinner in the Inn Dining Room. The food is going to be elegant and delicious, and the auction is going to be fabulous. Come and spend some money to help support the Red Lily Pond Project, to keep our water clean and free of invasive species!! Cost is \$40.00 per person, wine and cheese included, auction included. A bargain. See you soon!

-Valerie Lane, RLPP Fundraising Chair

## **AROUND THE TOWN**

**Joined in Marriage:** Jonathan Hartunian and Suzanne Spera were married on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Church of the Covenant, UCC, Boston, MA. Jonathan is the son of Nelson and Joanne Hartunian, and Suzanne is the daughter of Tom and Diane Spera of Orleans and Lexington, MA. Congratulations and best wishes!

**NEEDED:** Plastic coffee tubs with lids for Family Camp (August 7-13) craft project. Please contact Joanne Hartunian at 617-519-0337.

**Longtime Craigville resident and postmistress Helen Quirk passed away** in February. Our condolences from Craigville neighbors to Bob and Denise Quirk, and Tom and Donna Quirk, and their families.

**Village parking a challenge?** CCMA Administrator Ed Lynch is researching uniform "resident parking" signs so that Craigville residents will have a spot when the Village gets crowded. More information on this soon.

**SPECIAL QUOTATION: I've learned a lot about myself. Most of it is all right. When I add up the pluses and subtract the minuses, I still come out pretty well.**

-Former First Lady Betty Ford (1918-2011)

## **FEATHER / FUN FACTS: RACCOONS**

By Debbie Almy

Many of us have encountered - usually in the backyard after they have ransacked the trash in the tipped over barrel - the bandit-masked, ring-tailed raccoon. One village resident actually had the misfortune of having a raccoon family trapped in their house for the winter, destroying and damaging everything in their path as they tried to get out. Years later, some paw prints were left on a wall, not painted over as a reminder of the experience.

The name raccoon has one interpretation by Native Americans which mean "one who rubs, scrubs, and scratches with its hands." This may be true, for raccoons are known for washing their food before consuming it. Depending on where their habitat is located, their food varies greatly. In rural areas, they eat insects, nuts, frogs, fish, mammals, snakes, grubs, and fruits. In urban areas, garbage cans are their gourmet delight and easy pickings. Their feet have 5

slender long digits that operate with remarkable dexterity. Opening shellfish, finding food in the water, and conveying food to their mouths is easy with their hand-like extremities. Their front feet open garbage cans with ease; pet food containers are a snap; even opening doors by turning the handles is a breeze for them. I have marveled up close, through a window, at how nimble their “fingers” or toes are as the raccoon hung by his back feet reaching down into the garbage can to retrieve whatever food he wished. A puddle was handy, so the food was predictably rinsed off before the raccoon sat back to enjoy his meal as he stared back at me pleasantly, just inches away from the window. Truly a cherished memory for me.

Raccoons are found in all habitats and they nest in garages, sheds, empty buildings, even attics of a house. They are nocturnal - or active at night - and they do not hibernate. Instead, in colder climates, they grow very thick coats and may sleep for long periods of time. They are 2-3 feet long including the tail, weigh between 8-22 pounds, and may live up to 13 years. They have one litter of kits a year with usually 4-5 babies. Females mate with only one male per year, and she alone takes care of the kits for up to one year.

They are most social and may den with other raccoons. They have a territory of about 1 mile in diameter but they seldom fight each other; they just grunt threateningly. Their natural enemies are dogs, traps, and automobiles. If encountering a raccoon, it is best to back away, for their sharp claws that allow them to be such good tree-climbers are no match for a human being. Their foot tracks resemble a human hand.

What can you do to keep the invaders out of your trash cans? First, if possible, put the cans into a closed and tight container. Next option is to secure the lids on tight with a bungee cord, and using a rod or something to prevent it from being tipped over. Finally, cloths soaked in ammonia can be put into the bottom of the trash can, using caution if small children are about. Finally, cayenne pepper sprinkled about the area, as well as on top of the lids, works, for their keen sense of smell will certainly be offended by the pepper, keeping your cans safe and sound. Of course, the pepper treatment must be refreshed after every rainstorm, so the bungee cord method is the most preferred.

## **WEATHERWIZE: WEATHER UV RADIATION**

By Doppler Debbie Almy

Now that the summer sun is shining on us in full force, you often hear about the UV sun protection found in sun lotions. What exactly is the UV factor?

UV stands for ultraviolet or “beyond violet”, as the violet ray has the shortest wavelengths of visible light and UV is shorter than the violet. UV light is invisible to the human eye. These rays are from the sun, but also reflect off the ocean water, as well as the sand. In other words, at the beach you are getting blasted from all angles by the sun’s dangerous rays. Boating can be dangerous, as well, for the reflected rays off the ocean seem to be intensified when on a bobbing boat. UV comes in UVA, UVB, and UVC types, but UVC is absorbed by the ozone layer, so it never reaches the Earth’s surface. UVB does, to a lesser degree, but it is UVA that is the biggest culprit here. A cute way to remember what the UVA and UVB stand for is “A” is for aging - as in wrinkles - and “B” is for burn - as in sunburn.

UV rays have both beneficial and damaging effects to human health. The beneficial aspect is from UVB that induces production of Vitamin D, helping to regulate calcium metabolism, which is vital for bone growth, normal function of nervous system, and your blood pressure. The negative aspects of UV radiation are, of course, sunburn, and, ultimately, skin cancer. Both the eyes and hair are affected from prolonged exposure, causing cataracts in the eyes, and drying the hair, making it brittle and lifeless.

The sun protection creams, sprays and lotions all help to block out these rays, but they must be re-applied after swimming, or sweating. The higher the number, the more protection is offered to the skin. I can attest to the fact that my generation never had the benefits of sunscreen, for we grew up using baby oil with iodine in order to obtain that wonderful glowing tan. Now, we are paying the price by having numerous skin cancer episodes requiring surgery and many warnings of NOT to go back into the sun. We all love the sun for the warmth it brings, the food it helps to grow, and the positive influence it has on our well-being; but just be aware of all the “bad” things the sun can bring with it as well. Wear sun-block at all times when you are outside, exposed to the sun, even just walking or sitting out. You do not have to be on a beach baking in the sun in order to have the sun do its damage; just be prepared to cover up, lather up, and listen to the UV rating listed for the day. So, be aware that the higher the number on the 1-10 UV Index Scale, the greater the chance that you can become sunburned in just a matter of minutes.

Would you be interested in “guest editing” the *Craigville Chronicle* some week, or are you considering submitting an article that you have written; a story, reflections, a poem, etc., perhaps? Your contributions are welcome!

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