

CRAIGVILLE CHRONICLE

News from Craigville



CBA

Polar Plunge

CBA members Joe O'Brien and Kathleen Kusiak take a polar plunge on New Year's Day at CBA!



The Snow-Blanketed Marsh | Laura Gardner, 2024

Opportunity to Meet New Precinct Four Town Council Member, Craig Tamash!

We will be hosting our new **Town Council member, Craig Tamash, on Monday, March 4, 4PM to 5PM at the Craigville Inn.** Craig was elected to the Town Council representing precinct 4 in November, replacing Nick Atsalis. The event is planned to provide an opportunity for people who live in Craigville and the immediate area in precinct 4 to meet Craig and discuss areas of interest and concern. It will also provide Craig a time to tell us about his background and his decision to become a member of the Town Council.

We look forward to opening up a good working relationship with Craig on behalf of the village and our neighbors. There are many areas where we now work together with town government and more to come. There is no formal agenda.

The timing of the meeting with Craig is geared toward year-round Craigville residents but all are invited to attend. We may plan another meeting with him in the summer when more folks are in the village. We hope to see you on **March 4 at 4PM.**

For more information contact Ed and Patricia Deyton at deyton@comcast.net or 508-775-7121.

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CCMA Administrator Search

The Christian Camp Meeting Association has authorized a search for a part-time, salaried CCMA Administrator, a role once held by Richard Eggers, Herb Davis and Ed Lynch.

The Administrator will be an on-site representative of the President and Board and responsible for the effective, efficient, timely and appropriate functioning of the various activities and events undertaken or sponsored by the CCMA throughout the year.

The expectation is that the successful candidate will be a Cape Cod resident with strong project management experience and a history of working with volunteer leaders. The Administrator reports to and works closely with the President.

The full job description can viewed at craigville.org/hiring.

For more information contact CCMA President Bill McKinney at billmckinney@mass@gmail.com or 508-280-5820.

The Thanksgiving 2023 Turkey Trot Results:



Seventeen people and three dogs turned out for the 2023 Turkey Trot on a sunny, but chilly, Thanksgiving morning. Winners pictured on the left are **Tom Coyle** and his **golden retriever, Heidi**, who came in first on the Course 1 (to Covell's Beach and back), **Will Horne** who came in first on the Course 3 (to the end of Long Beach and back) and **James Dalton**, who came in first on the Course 2 (to the end of Craigville Beach parking lot and back).

Will Horne is the proud keeper until next Thanksgiving of the grand prize of "Tom," a small wooden, hand-painted turkey which is awarded for a year to the overall winner.

Plan to join your friends and neighbors in the 2024 Turkey Trot!

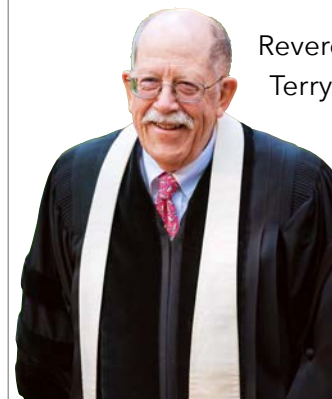
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Craigville Tabernacle Updates

The Tabernacle's Worship Director 2024: Rev. John A. Terry



Reverend Dr. John Terry was ordained as a minister in the United Church of Christ in 1970, serving churches in Georgia,

Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, and Ohio. He served as a local church pastor until retiring last fall. Since then, he has been a homeless outreach worker for HAC (Housing Assistance Corporation).

John and his wife Elise live in Centerville with their two little White West Highland Terriers. They have two sons and five grandchildren who are all a great joy.

[Tabernacle & Religious Activities Committee](#)



Presidents' Corner

CCMA News

The CCMA board met by Zoom in February and received several reports of progress in the village.

2023 was a terrific year for Craigville! CBA and the Retreat Center both did very well, enabling CCMA to replenish its financial reserves after the difficult COVID years. The annual Craigville Fund drive was again successful!

Board members expressed enthusiasm on the progress we are making on several of its priority concerns. The new Property and Buildings Capital Needs committee expects to complete its reserve study this spring detailing the short, intermediate, and long-term needs of our buildings and property, working toward eliminating carbon emissions and dealing with waste issues. It also expects to have a report on solar possibilities later this spring.

The Governance and Board Development committee has worked hard on leadership succession as we fill several officer and board positions coming vacant due to term limits. A task force is reviewing management of the Craigville Retreat Center with the goal of strengthening our relationship with United Camps, Conferences and Retreats.

The board approved the committee's proposal that CCMA reinstitute the CCMA Administrator

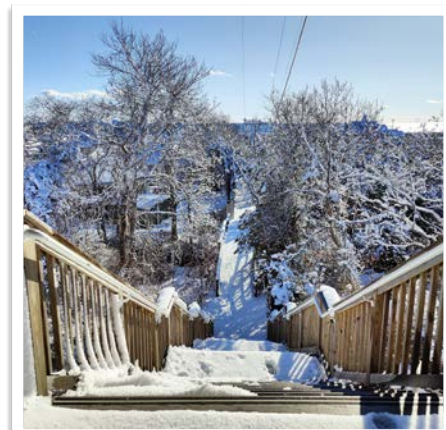
position that has been vacant in recent years.

We've been tracking progress on the DPW planning for Craigville Sewers and have learned that the town is still hoping to include all of Craigville in Phase 1 of this huge project. They look forward to sharing these plans with the community during the summer months. Alan Shoemaker and new Roads and Parks co-chair Robert Miselis are in regular contact with DPW on snow removal and other issues. They are also working with contractors to minimize village disruption during these projects.

The board also celebrated the many accomplishments of the Red Lily Pod Project Association whose long-time dream is restoring our ponds. I marvel at their success in obtaining funds to make this possible. The dock project has had its ups and downs, but the beautiful new dock is in/on the water, and we look forward to the new stairway this spring. As with so many things in Craigville this is a project of dedicated volunteers (thanks, Doug Farquhar), generous donors, and the strength of partnerships in Craigville.

Early in the new year we have lost two former board members: former CCMA/CCOA President and Administrator Ed Lynch, Membership Co-chair Nancy Hansen. We also mourn the passing of longtime Craigville resident John Davis.

Bill McKinney | President, [CCMA](#)



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Red Lily Pond Project Association

Progress on Weed Harvesting and Control



Our primary accomplishment over the past two months was the successful application to the Town of Barnstable Conservation Commission to place a benthic barrier in Lake Elizabeth. The hearing before the Commission was held on January 16, 2024 with our presentation led by Doug Farquhar and our lake consultant, Ken Wagner. The application was to amend the current permit to remove weeds from Lake Elizabeth and Red Lily Pond as the use of benthic barriers was determined to be similar to other weed removal actions that were approved. Under DEP guidance, conservation commissions are encouraged to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability for benthic barrier use covering up to 10% of the plant growth area within a body of water where, as in Lake Elizabeth and Red Lily Pond, there are not state listed (protected) species present.

Plans are moving forward to place the benthic barrier in Lake Elizabeth in late February before plant growth begins. A series of connected 10 foot wide barriers with a total length of 240 feet will be placed over a portion of the area that was cleared in July 2023 to prevent regrowth in part of the area where we cut and removed macrophytes. The barrier will cover an area basically from the point where the new dock was installed, headed north but not reaching the sandy beach, constituting about 1% coverage of Lake Elizabeth.

RLPPA has purchased a benthic barrier product called a "Lake Blanket," which is laid on the bottom of the lake and held in place by rebar which is placed in slots to hold the blanket at the bottom. If the first use of a benthic barrier is effective, we will plan for additional approvals from the Conservation Commission to cover more areas of the ponds in 2025 where macrophytes have been removed.

Update for building new fish ladder and culvert replacements

We are still waiting to be notified of the first meeting about these projects that will include representatives of the federal funding organization, NCRS, and the Town of Barnstable DPW special projects administrator. Construction of the fish ladder planned for 2024 and installation of the new culverts in the herring run planned for either 2024 or in conjunction with the new sewer system.

2024 Herring Count to begin in April

Volunteers are needed once again this year to ensure that RLPPA a robust herring count program beginning on **April 1 through June 15**.

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Craigville Retreat Center

Projects & Improvements

Greetings from Craigville Retreat Center! Though we use these slower months to accomplish projects (two new bathrooms, porch improvements, equipment maintenance, deep cleanings, and more), we continue to host groups even in the middle of winter. In December/January/February we have hosted high schools, colleges, churches, and community organizations like Health Resources in Action. A large bilingual church group plans to return next year after their first ever retreat at Craigville earlier this month. The recent notable snow storm thankfully didn't impact operations or interfere with any groups, so we were able to simply enjoy the snow (after clearing the roads and walkways, of course). We are getting acquainted with a few fairly new staff members and are looking forward to hiring even more people before we get really busy in May/June. Following close on the heels of the very busy 2023, we are anticipating a successful and active 2024. Watch this space for more updates in future Chronicles, and thanks for all you do for Craigville.

Joel Gardner | Site Director, [CRC](#)

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We need to volunteers to count herring running up the stream into Lake Elizabeth at the location of the now defunct dam. Counts take place four times a day within a big range of time. Counting takes about 15 minutes; training and supplies are provided. RLPPA is part of a **Cape-wide Herring Count** project under the auspices of the [Association to Preserve Cape Cod](#) which aims to track this data and use it to understand and address changes to the eco-system that impact herring and overall health of our waterways. Interested in helping? Contact Patricia Deyton at deyton@comcast.net.

Thank you to all RLPPA Supporters

We also want to thank the many members of the Craigville community who generously supported the RLPPA fund appeal in the fall of 2023, and throughout the year. We have also received several donations for our work in memory of Ed Lynch.

RLPPA is gearing up for a very busy season of pond and herring run projects, educational opportunities, and celebration events throughout the summer months.

Learn more about RLPPA at RedLilyPondProject.org.

Patricia Deyton | President, [RLPPA](#)

Craigville Tennis Club

For Renovations We Need Donations

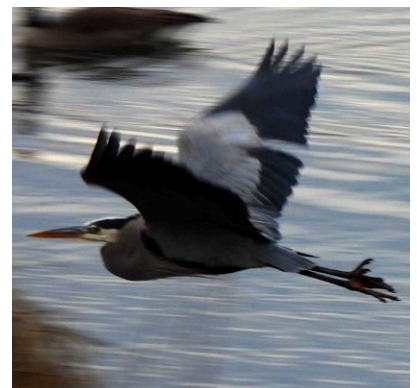


The Craigville Tennis Committee is profoundly grateful to everyone who has contributed to the renovation project for the Upper Court. Those who have been by the project can see: longtime club member, resident, Tennis Committee member, and outstanding club supporter Gus Riley and his crew have done an amazing job of transforming the retaining wall and steps around the Upper Court and Tennis Shack. We are looking forward to a revitalized physical appearance this summer! Although we have just about reached our goal, we are still accepting donations. If interested, please send donations to: CTC Upper Court project in care of CCMA. Keep your fingers crossed for a dry spring and we will look forward to a ribbon cutting asap!

See you on the courts! | [Craigville Tennis Committee](#)

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Photos by Cindy Miselis



Upcoming Events

March 4th: Meet Town Council member, Craig Tamash, 4PM-5PM at the Craigville Inn

April 1 through June 15: Herring Count at Herring Run

June 28th: Icebreaker

For More Community Events
craigville.org/community-calendar



February Sunset Run at the Beach

The next *Chronicle* issue is May 17th. Content is due May 10th

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Craigville Authors

Valentines' Dark Side



Valentines Day's ancient origin is by the Romans when they celebrated the feast of Lupercalia in honor of the wolf Lupa who suckled Romulus and Remus, as well as Faunus the God of Agriculture and the season to start sowing seeds and hoping for a fertile year. The expression "being hit on" came from this festival when drunk naked young men ran through the streets whipping blood smeared women with hides of animals they had just sacrificed. The women were willing participants believing it would make them fertile.

The unreliable story is that Emperor Claudius II executed two priests both named Valentine, one for marrying couples to spare the man from having to go to war. St. Valentines Day was born in 496 AD when Pope Gelasius marked the day to honor the martyrdom of the two priests. The Roman Catholic Church still recognizes Saint Valentine even though in 1969 Valentine was removed from the General Roman calendar for lack of information about him. The church considers Valentine to be the Patron Saint of affianced couples, bee keepers, engaged couples, happy marriages, love, lovers, and young people. He is represented in pictures with birds and roses on his celebrated day ([Boeckmann](#)).

Valentine cards started in 1600, with the first commercial card in the 1800s, and Hallmark Cards mass producing in 1913. Valentine cards have been one of their most popular (chocolate indulging) card ever since. Here are a few of their good quotes: "True love begins when nothing is looked for in return." "Where there is love, there is no darkness." "True love never grows old."

Debbie Almy | [Craigville Authors](#)

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Please send all photo and article submissions to Laura Gardner at craigvillechronicle1872@gmail.com

Remembering Those We've Lost



Forever in Our Hearts

It is with great sadness that we must say goodbye to some of our beloved, cherished, friends, and neighbors. You will be forever in our thoughts, hearts, and on our minds. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and our community.



Ed Lynch passed away on December 23rd. Ed served this community in so many ways: as President of both CCOA and CCMA and CCMA Administrator. For more than a decade, Ed was the Master of Ceremonies for our July 4th holiday celebrations on the village green. He was an avid tennis player and CBA enthusiast. He often contributed beautifully hand-crafted bird houses to Red Lily Pond's annual auction. [Click to view obituary from Cape Cod Times.](#)



Nancy Woodring Hansen passed away on December 5, 2023. Her family has been in Craigville for three generations. Nancy served many years on the CCOA Board, Tabernacle Committee, and CCMA Membership Committee, among many other contributions. Nancy and Roger were daily late afternoon walkers around the village where they enthusiastically greeted their neighbors. A memorial service was held on January 20, 2024 at 11 am at the United Church of Christ, 23 Central Square, Keene, NH. [Click to view obituary.](#)

John Davis passed away on December 30 on Long Island, NY. A Former Craigville resident, his parents, Sherwood and Mary Davis owned the Midway home now occupied by the Delaney family. A native of Kingston, NY, John attended Loomis Academy and Wesleyan University and served for three years as an Army cryptologist. John was a skilled carpenter and roofer whose work has had an important impact on many of Craigville's cottages. An avid runner and hiker, he coached track for several years at Barnstable High School. Bill McKinney remembers John as a gentle, independent thinker and traveler who loved long conversations -- on almost any topic! [Click to view obituary from Cape Cod Times.](#)

CRAIGVILLE COTTAGE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

2024 SUMMER

ICEBREAKER

★ FRIDAY, JUNE 28

JULY 4TH ★

DONUTS & DECORATIONS.....PARADE

BITES ON THE BLUFF

★ JULY 17 & AUGUST 14
FEATURING HARRY FRENCH, VETERAN'S LUNCH BOX & MORE

HALLOWEEN IN CRAIGVILLE

SATURDAY, JULY 20 ★

ILLUMINATION NIGHT

★ FRIDAY, JULY 26

CAPE HARMONY

CCOA/CCMA MUSIC SERIES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

