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COMMUNITY CALENDAR – Summer 2009

Saturday, July 4th	Annual Village Parade
Sunday, July 5th	Tidy Town Day
Saturday, July 11th	Annual Meetings Christian Camp Meeting Association Craigville Cottage Owners' Association
Tuesday, July 21st	Jazz Concert in the Tabernacle
Saturday, Aug. 22nd	Red Lily Pond Project Annual Dinner

Conference Center Office in the New Year

We are in the planning stages of another talent show for Craigville this coming summer. Last year's production was a resounding success, according to all who attended. Please watch for the date. Also, as of now, three weddings are planned for the Tabernacle between May and October. Congratulations to all whose "special day" will take place in this very beautiful, unique and special setting!

Craigville Conference Center welcomed a new retreat in January, the Wilbraham United Church, UCC. Also here to start the New Year off at Craigville: Immaculate Conception Parish, Echo Girls, Dennis Union Church UCC, Pilgrim Congregational Church (Southborough), Barnstable Americorps, Stonehill College Ministry, Boston College High School, St Johns Shrewbury boys, Mass Writing Project and Hingham-Hanover Retreat. Center Director Mary Woodbury has returned from visiting her husband at their lovely home in Mexico. (She managed to miss some of the ice and snow, poor Mary!)

A lovely new fence around the Conference Center's dumpster near the Lodge makes it more discrete. Cottage owners have no community refuse disposal service available to them, unless you have a transfer station sticker (recyclables may be deposited for free at the transfer station in Marstons Mills). Residents, therefore, need to take care of disposal themselves when they are here for the weekends and have no home pick-up (dumpsters belong to the Conference Center for use by their staff).

Summer babysitters may be wanted for some guests at the Conference Center, so please contact Jacci (Craigvilleecc@capecod.com) if you plan to be available.

Annual Red Lily Pond Dinner: Save the date of **Saturday, August 22nd** for the annual RLPP dinner. More details to follow in future *Chronicles*.

Craigville Cottage Owners' Association: participation is key

Look forward to enjoying your summer? The Events Committee (Meghan Lahey and Joanne Hartunian, Co-Chairs) is planning weeknight Popcorn Movie Nights on the Village Green and a Square Dance is tentatively scheduled for Friday, August 7. Remember your lights for Illumination Night. Cottage Owners voted to earmark \$2,000 for summer programs that would enhance our summer experience, so we encourage every cottage owner to become a member of CCOA to support our Village. You will be receiving your summer 2009 dues notices in March, so please take a moment then to mail your check and you will not have to worry about it during the summer.

With enjoyment comes responsibility to care for our little Village. This summer, we will initiate "Tidy Town Day", a new and improved rendition of the famous "Litter Patrol", for family members of all ages. Plan now to join your neighbors for just one hour to rid our roads and pathways of unwanted refuse so we don't have to look at it all summer long! Pamela Danforth will have further information in the next *Chronicle*, but please mark your calendars for July 5th, 11:30, to gather the "goods" for an hour and then let your guilt go as you head for the beach!

Midway Improvement

The Midway was edged and resurfaced with crushed blue stone in November by DiPrete Construction & Property Management Co. The entire Midway was widened to 48 inches to accommodate two people walking side-by-side and to allow access for wheelchairs and strollers. The connecting pathway between the Booker and Doyle cottages (Spring Street) was graded and landscaped to cover up an extensive root mass that was a tripping hazard. This was a very worthwhile project that turned out better than expected.

Bluff Project

Brad Holmes, of Environmental Consulting and Restoration, has completed a detailed study of the Bluff and will present a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Barnstable Conservation Commission next month. The NOI includes vista pruning, invasive vegetation management and the re-loaming of the baseball field. The Bluff project will be completed in phases, as finances permit, with costs shared by the Christian Camp Meeting Association and Craigville Cottage Owners' Association.

Lake Elizabeth Embankment Vegetation Management

Phase I of the embankment maintenance project was completed in December by Michael Talbot Associates. The non-native junipers were thinned, a large portion of the invasive bittersweet removed, and the Virginia creeper and indigo were cut and treated. Additional pruning and eradication of invasive vegetation is anticipated this spring. The Red Lily Pond Project Association has funded the permitting and Phase I of this long-term project. Strict Conservation Commission requirements that include having a licensed arborist present during the cutting and pruning process has made this a very expensive undertaking.

Americorps in Craigville

On December 1, 2008, I had the pleasure of spending the day with Americorps Volunteers clearing the Herring Run at the Sandy Lane behind the Lodge. Steve Brown had applied to Barnstable County Americorps in April 2008, and we were able to

schedule one day of Americorps' (free) service. Six Americorps workers (5 women and 1 man) worked from 8:00AM until 4:00PM clearing phragmites and debris from the Herring Run. All of the Americorps workers were recent college graduates who have devoted a full year to participate in environmental projects. Almost a half-acre of phragmites was cleared. All seedpods or combs were painstakingly cut off the phragmites stalks and bagged. A debris pile almost as large as a one-car garage was created on the foundation of the former recreation building. The Red Lily Pond Project Association hosted a much-appreciated hot lunch for the Americorps workers in the Craigville Inn dining room. All of the Americorps workers wore waders and were in the cold water most of the day. No one complained, everyone did their share in good spirits: where were people like this when I had an office in Boston?

-Jim Lane

News from the Red Lily Pond Project and the District of Critical Planning Concern

On December 18th, Jim Lane and I, as officers of the Red Lily Pond Project Association, met with Town Councilor Fred Chirigotis, Town of Barnstable officials in the Department of Public Works and Engineering, which manages RLPP Funds, and Conservation Officer Rob Gatewood, to review the results of the Community Survey conducted in December. This team recommends actions in 2009 based on this survey. Thirty-five surveys were returned prior to the meeting. The two top priorities, each receiving 20 or more votes, were "Replacement of the causeway pipe with a large box culvert to improve flush" and "Weed harvesting of surface vegetation." "Elimination of mosquito and deer tick habitat" received eight votes. No other choice received more than four votes.

Based on these data, the Association proposed, and the Town agreed, to move forward on these three priorities.

On this date, I also gathered with other members of the Town of Barnstable Growth Management Department's "Working Group on the Craigville Beach Area District of Critical Planning Concern"(DCPC). This was the latest in a series of meetings with community representatives and attorneys representing various concerned parties to draft appropriate zoning regulations to implement the objectives of the DCPC. These meetings are long, complicated, and filled with legal jargon and negotiation among the lawyers, with input from volunteer community representatives. These regulations are developing in a form that will protect the rights of homeowners, as well as the environment, with particular attention to water quality (both fresh and salt), the protective barrier beach and marsh, and issues related to waste water. This is democracy in action. There are some mechanisms to "instill conscience" in developers through zoning, and other mechanisms to incorporate community sentiment into public policy. The principal issue discussed at this meeting was how to clearly define and differentiate three activities:

1. new development
2. demolition and re-building
3. re-development of existing structures

Everyone seeks predictability as they plan. The draft regulations will be forthcoming, and will be shared with the community. Stay tuned!

-Steve Brown

Tabernacle/Worship Committee: New Bibles

Great News! Thanks to the Massachusetts Bible Society we have 50 new hard cover Bibles for the Tabernacle! Carl and Della Schultz applied for a grant to the Massachusetts Bible Society for the Worship Committee and it was accepted. The Bibles have already arrived at the Conference Center, and one stipulation of the grant is that we allow the Bibles to be used in Bible Study sessions for people staying there. The Bibles will remain in storage until next summer, when we can use them during the first worship service in the Tabernacle.

Around the Town:

Farewell to Friends:

Donald Driscoll (94 Summerbell Avenue) advised the Lanes that his wife, **Doris**, passed away. Donald wrote, "It is with great sadness I tell you that Doris passed away in Mid-December. It happened very suddenly and unexpectedly as we were saying 'goodnight' -Thank the Good Lord that she did not suffer." Doris had been coming to Craigville since 1948 and she was a good and kind neighbor who will be missed.

William Thomas Ryan (1917-2009) had been coming to Craigville since 1959. He was the true "Pop" - if you don't recognize his formal name - of Sheila Lahey, Breda Kenyon, Kevin Ryan and Pegeen Ryan Iwanicki, and affectionately referred to as such by their families and many other Craigville friends. Bill and his wife, Eileen, who celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary the day before he passed away, came to Craigville courtesy of friends Doris and Karl Schumacher, from Croton, New York. You could spot Bill on the tennis courts in earlier years, and the Ryan family rented cottages now owned by the Goodings, Browns, Kirks and Giffords. Pop and Eileen most recently resided in Alpha. We extend our sympathy to Eileen and the entire family.

Aimee Therese (Alcares) Cowan, 33, of Grafton, died November 19, 2008 after a long struggle with cancer. She was a professor of English at Tufts University and The Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and had been coming to Craigville with her parents, Theodore & Gail Alcares, for over 20 years. Many friends here in Craigville have followed her battle with cancer and will remember her fondly.

Village views: The Coggeshall home at 45 Laurel Avenue is for sale. The owners advise all that it's "a warm and cozy home, located on a large private lot." If there is interest, please contact Paul Smith, Today Real Estate, (508) 398-3232, ext. 26, or pfsmith@todayrealestate.com.

The Liss house (99 Lake Elizabeth Drive, at the Southeast end of the Midway) is offered by MetroBoston Properties, LLC in Canton, MA (508-522-0077).

NStar replaced the 3 pole lights that were out for many months on Lake Elizabeth extension, after Gabe Fackre called them.

(we would be glad to include your news in this column in future editions)

FROM A PIANO AT TRADE WINDS TO AN INAUGURAL BALL

Janis Nowlan, whose musical career as a pianist, singer and songwriter began right here at Craigville Beach, entertained at one of the January inaugural balls, according to the *Cape Cod Times* (Jan. 16, 2009). From 1972 to 1985, she performed on Cape Cod, entertaining audiences in the piano bar at Trade Winds, where a steady local following developed, and later at Wimpy's. Local resident Ed Lynch remembers her as an outstanding voice and gifted entertainer, and is not surprised at all by her rise to fame. Nowlan says of the invitation to play at the National Association of Manufacturer's Inauguration Gala and her Cape commencement, "Back then, it was just me, a piano and a small (audience)...Now, we're going to Washington...It's pretty amazing."

Thinking about your "summer body"??? Busy Bodies Studios is happy to announce its 2nd location in Marstons Mills, right off Rte. 28. New classes starting like: Hip Hop Yoga, DancEnergy, Body Blast, Kickboxing & Spin. Free childcare for all members. www.busybodiescapecod.com 508-778-8102

Ah, there is nothing like thinking of Craigville Village on the Cape on a cold winter's day and checking the countdown to the Bosco Family Gathering ...

according to the calendar all members will meet in

195 days,

27.86 weeks, and

6.41 months.

Looking forward to it

Edwina L. Bosco

(We are annual summer renters in the village and members of a family which has been to Craigville each August for over 30+ years.) - Paul, Diane and Paul, Jr. Bosco

Quotation of the week: "Well, that wasn't as bad as I thought."

Captain Chesley Sullenberger (Sully) after he set down U.S.
Airways Flight 1549 in the Hudson River on January 15, 2009

The *Craigville Chronicle*, designed to bring our community together, is sponsored by the Christian Camp Meeting Association and is published electronically in November, February and May. Weekly publication will resume the last week in June. We hope you will enjoy maintaining contact with Craigville throughout the year, and please send us your news! We are always available to you on the web at Craigville.org (send your submissions to amelia@cape.com for posting).

-Alice Brown (aliceb@cape.com)