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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday,	August 1 st	9:00 AM	Long Range Planning Town Meeting - Tabernacle
Sunday,	August 2 nd	9:45 AM	Tabernacle Worship Service Preacher: Rev. Joshua Crowell
		7:00 PM	Illumination Night Concert - Tabernacle
Wednesday,	August 5 th	7:00 PM	Centerville Civic Ass'n/Strawberry Social
Friday,	August 7 th	7:00 PM	Square Dance - Tabernacle

Looking ahead:

Saturday,	August 8 th	5:00 PM	Catholic Mass - Tabernacle
Sunday,	August 9 th	7:30 PM	Hyannis Sound Concert - Tabernacle

LET YOUR LITTLE LIGHTS SHINE

By Ellen Cardarelli

This year, Illumination Night is on a SUNDAY – August 2nd – which will give more of our weekend visitors a chance to enjoy our village “spectacle”. Also, be sure you and your friends stop by the Tabernacle at 7:00 PM to hear a wonderful medley of favourites from “Al’s Pals” band – they come to play for YOU, so let’s support them!

Time to get out that ladder, hoist up those lights, create a bit of whimsy – and let those little lights SHINE!

THE TABERNACLE AND OUR LARGER COMMUNITY

By Dianne Carpenter and Ruth Robin

Our preacher this Sunday is The Rev. Joshua Crowell. An 11th generation Cape Codder, he and his wife have retired to an old family home on Route 6A. He served First Congregational UCC in Evansville, Wisconsin and First Church, UCC in Essex, Connecticut, the latter for 27 years. He serves on the Dennis Old Kings Highway Historic District Committee, several other town boards and is Chaplain of the Dennis Fire Department. He is also active in the life of Dennis Union Church.

Again this year, The Tabernacle Worship Committee is leading a Craigville-wide collection for CHAMP HOMES. The CHAMP HOMES is a unique, faith-based, residential group home that houses over 50 men and women in a multi-generational family community, located in Hyannis. More than 1,000 previously homeless individuals have been sheltered, fed, clothed, respected and loved since it opened its doors.

Monetary contributions are being accepted. In addition, CHAMP HOMES could use the following items:

COLLECTION OF GOODS:

paper products, green cleaning supplies
flashlights, calendars
shower curtains, bath towels, kitchen towels
tube socks

shampoo, toiletries, razors, bar soap, band-aids
silverware, cereal bowls (micro and dishwasher safe)
canned soup, coffee, tea, sugar

For more information about CHAMP HOMES visit, www.champhouse.org

CBA Beach: Take Notes for August Events

By Dom Botolino

Sand Castle Challenge: Saturday, August 1, 2009 (12-2)

Come and build your best sand castle and our guards will judge!

RACE DAY: Saturday, August 8, 2009 (12-2)

Game and Supper Night: Thursday, August 13, 2009

Supper will be served at our Snack Bar from 5:30-6:15. Games will begin at 6:15.

C.C.M.A. Worship Service: Sunday, August 16, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. This will be an informal service that will include joyful music, meditation, and prayer. All are invited and encouraged to bring beach chairs and blankets. The service will last about one half hour.

Other August Activities:

- Every Monday at C.B.A Yoga with Colleen Britton in our second floor lounge (Ping Pong Room). The cost is \$10.00. Come and get your week off to a great start.
- Monday's at 1:15 "Lunch with a Lifeguard". We will pick one child to enjoy their lunch with a guard.
- Tuesday and Thursday: Arts and Crafts with Liz!! at 1:15 (Until 8/23)
- Monday and Wednesday: Story Times at 2:15 (3-6 years old) and at 2:45 (6 and up).
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 1:15: Water Activities

C.B.A. Clothing: Come by the office and check out our line of C.B.A. clothing. High quality and great value. Show your C.B.A. pride with one of our hats, shirts, or sweatshirts!!

WALL OF SHAME: CCMA DUES DUE!

A REMINDER TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT SENT IN THEIR CCMA MEMBERSHIP DUES.

THE FAVOR OF YOUR REPLY IS REQUESTED BY SUBMITTING YOUR DUES BY AUGUST 10TH.

IT IS THE BRIGHT PINK BROCHURE IN YOUR BILL PILE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE ANOTHER BROCHURE, THEY ARE LOCATED IN THE POST OFFICE, THE LODGE OFFICE, OR CONTACT MILLIE DELANEY AT 131 LAKE ELIZABETH DRIVE.

RED LILY POND PROJECT DINNER

By Valerie Lane

A delicious Italian dinner is being planned for August 22nd, with wine and cheese on the Green at 5:30 and dinner in the Inn dining room at 6:45. There will be a silent auction during the cocktail hour and a live basket auction, just a few baskets, after dinner. Please call Valerie @ 508-778-0507 for reservations. Cost is \$35.00 per person for a good time, a good dinner, and you will be helping the ponds and herring run, too. Please join us!

Red Lily Pond Celebrates "Centerville Old Home Week"

By Steve Brown

Centerville Old Home Week begins on August 1st and runs through the following weekend. The Centerville Civic Association has put together a wonderful array of activities for Old Home Week, and we encourage those Craigville residents who are not members of the Centerville Civic Association to join this wonderful community organization that works hard, as we all do, to preserve the special character of Centerville, and the hospitality of its neighborhoods. Lots of the activities revolve around water—from the bonfire on the beach to the water stations along Thursday's "fun run." The week culminates with the always-successful Hyannis Sound concert at the Tabernacle. Centerville Civic Association membership forms are available in the Post Office, or from the Red Lily Pond Project. We salute the organizers of this week's special events, and celebrate Red Lily Pond's special place in the heart of Centerville.

RED: THE COLOR OF CARE

By Debbie Almy

There is a nationwide effort called “Wear Red on Friday” to support our troops. This is NOT a political statement, just something that we can all do to show our troops that we care about them. The Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills fire department employees all have their special red shirts they wear every Friday.

THE OLD CRAIGVILLE POST OFFICE: Sun-Yellow Shirts

By Debbie Almy

Do stop in to see the new butter yellow golf shirts which are made of a lovely soft material, very comfortable. Guest towels are the perfect stocking stuffer present along with those loveable teddy bears. Due to your many requests for the denim shirts, they are on order and should be in stock by next week. Don't forget to get your free letter opener with any purchase of \$10.00 or more. SPECIAL SALE! The youth orange and green shirts are now only \$5.00 each. Happy August!

We say good-bye and thanks to Calypso Martin, our post person who did a great job of stepping in and taking over the position. Now she heads back to Vermont and then off to college. Coming in to replace her for two weeks is another Nancy and Norman Vester granddaughter, Brooke Pfenning. Brooke lived with the Vesters a few years ago when she did her own television cooking show for the local TV station. Please stop in and welcome Brooke to our community.

AWARENESS MOVIE

A son of longtime CBA Beach and Craigville Tennis Club members was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy in January. In an effort to build awareness and community around the child's illness, they will be showing "Darius Goes West" in the Tabernacle on August 14th at 6:00. More details to follow in the next Chronicle.

Craigville Conference Center: Along the River

The Caudle family reunion will be holding Mass daily in the Tabernacle from Monday, August 3rd thru Saturday, August 8th at 8:30 AM (no Mass on Thursday, August 6th, however).

This week we welcome the Craigville Family Camp, St John's Bridgewater, The Caudle Family reunion, and the Lighthouse of Faith.

Around the Town

Illumination Night on August 2nd: Lights On!!! Don't forget there are free lights at the Craigville Post Office for your cottage!!! Stroll around the Village with your friends and neighbors, and enjoy the music and the ice cream at the Craigville Inn (7-9 PM), courtesy of the Craigville Conference Center.

Seen a Roman god lately?? A monumental bronze statue – actually, a fountain - of Neptune, Roman god of water and the sea, has been spotted locally (currently adorned with lights in honor of Illumination Night). Neptune will be on his way this fall to the Vester Marine and Environmental Science Research Field Station at Florida Gulf Coast University in Bonita Springs, Florida. Neptune can be found in front of the Vester home on Laurel Avenue.

Quotation of the week: “You cannot step twice into the same river, for other waters are continually flowing in.” – Greek philosopher Heraclitus (ca. 500 BCE). (He is credited with the foundation of thought that “The ideas that the universe is in constant change and that there is an underlying order or reason to this change—the Logos—form the essential foundation of the European world view.”)

CRAIGVILLE IN THE FUTURE (An Editorial)

“I don't want anything in Craigville to change.” Have you heard that before?

But people and places do change. Are you exactly the same person you were yesterday? Is it likely that what you experienced yesterday has prompted you to think or act a little differently today? And what about tomorrow?

Here in Craigville, things do, indeed, change. Harvard House is gone, replaced by a playground for the kids. Miss Walker's penny candy store is now a private home. The Craigville Post Office is now a gift shop. The Tabernacle has a

bathroom and cushions. The Tabernacle parking lot and road to Craigville Heights are paved. White fence and shuffleboard are gone from the Green, which has a sprinkler system. Lake Elizabeth, once choked with weeds, is now open with a rebuilt herring run. Clay tennis courts are now paved. Rec hall disappeared leaving just a cement slab. Ball field sits on a leach field and 16 homes are connected to a community septic system. And this is all in the last 50 years of Craigville's 137-year history.

Children grow, adults age, elders pass on. Craigville ages, too: trees grow to block views, old wood in buildings deteriorates, pavement decays, furnaces break, weeds proliferate. Maintenance and preservation cost significant money.

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." said President John F. Kennedy.

Saturday's conversation organized by the Long Range Planning Committee will discuss Craigville's future. At next Thursday's Town Council meeting, the future of community planning in our village and surrounding area will be determined. "Planning" is the key word here. Will the best interest of the many prevail?

How to demonstrate that we value the character of Craigville? Perhaps that's our core desire: constructive change?

"People wish to be settled. It is only as far as they are unsettled that there is any hope for them." observed Ralph Waldo Emerson.

WeatherWize

WIND (Not Weather) VANE

BY DOPPLER DEBBIE (ALMY)

Why is a weather vane not called a "wind vane", for does the moving arrow on the top of a roof really tell what the weather is doing or just what direction the wind is blowing in? Now, does the arrow point in the direction the wind is coming from, or blowing towards? If we think back to our old friend the seagull, who always stands facing the wind so their feathers will stay in place, that answers the question. The seagull's face is pointing into the blowing wind, so the point of the arrow on a wind vane is also facing into the wind. So if the arrow is pointing in an Easterly direction, the wind is coming from the East. So why did the wind vane get the title of a "weather vane"? That goes back to our forefathers, the farmers who learned to read the wind and know which direction meant trouble in the form of an upcoming storm, or the "good direction" which meant good growing weather. To put these wind directions into a simple formula is not an easy task, for there are many meteorological factors that affect the wind direction, speed and velocity at a moment's notice. Temperature, cloud cover, barometric pressure and time of day are only a few of these variables in the mix of this complicated answer. So to try to keep it simple, here is the closest thing I could find as an easy answer:

When the wind is in the West,
The weather is at its best.

When the wind is in the East,
'Tis neither good for man nor beast.

A Northern air brings weather fair.

When the wind is in the South,
it has rain in its mouth.

No weather is ill
If the wind is still.

FeatherFacts

BIRD BRAIN: Could This Be A Compliment?

Do birds use their brain to think as humans do? First, let's examine a bird's brain. One portion of a bird's brain is used to control instinctive behavior such as feeding, flying, reproduction etc. The mid-brain is primarily concerned with sight, while the olfactory parts are small for birds have little use for a sense of smell. The bird's skull is mostly taken up by their eyes, so the brain has to make do with what space it can find in a rather narrow cranium. The brain connects to the body through the spinal column/chord with which it forms the central nervous system. Birds normally have 38 pairs of spinal nerves radiating out to the body along the spinal chord. Birds also have what is called an autonomic nervous system, which, as in mammals and reptiles, controls such essential actions as heartbeat, breathing and digestion: all involuntary actions. Another part also controls the release of adrenaline to stimulate a rapid response to danger. This is often called the 'fight or flight' reflex, as it determines when a bird decides to make a rapid exit from a predator or "stick it out" and fight.

Now, do birds think as we do? Well here are 4 examples that might support the idea that birds do learn certain behaviors to help them survive. Some woodpeckers in Asia use sticks as tools to get insects out of deep holes in trees. Magpies learn to identify "foreign" eggs in their nest placed there by the intruder cuckoo bird. Parrots may have a vocabulary of over 100 words, as well as identifying colors. Finally, our own local sea gulls have learned to drop their shell fish catch onto the pavement in order to crack the shells open and get the food inside. So, being a bird brain may not be so bad after all!

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