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Summer News Weekly
August 29 – September 4, 2009

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 30th 9:45 AM Tabernacle Worship Service
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Efrain Agosto

Looking ahead:

Friday, September 4th 12:30 PM Craigville Post Office Closes for the Season
Monday, September 7th 5:00 PM CBA Beach Closes for the Season

TABERNACLE TO HOST FINAL SUMMER SERVICE

By Dianne Carpenter

We welcome The Rev. Dr. Efrain Agosto to the Tabernacle for the closing worship service of 2009. Agosto is the Academic Dean and Professor of New Testament at Hartford Seminary. He came to Hartford in July 1995 after serving on the staff of the Center for Urban Ministerial Education in Boston for 12 years. Efrain received his B.A. from Columbia University in 1977, a Master of Divinity degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in 1982 and a Ph.D. in New Testament Studies from Boston University in 1996. Efrain was born and raised in New York City; his parents came from Puerto Rico in the 1950s. He is an active lay member of the New Hope Hispanic Church (United Church of Christ) in Hartford. Efrain has authored two books, Servant Leadership: Jesus and Paul (Chalice Press, 2005) and Corintios (Fortress Press, 2008), a Spanish-language, lay commentary on 1-2 Corinthians. Efrain lives with his wife, Olga, a public school teacher, and their two college-aged children, Joel and Jasmin, in West Hartford, Connecticut.

Musicians this Sunday are The Rev. Dr. Dianne Carpenter at the organ and Emily Hennigan, vocalist.

Please get your donations and contributions to CHAMP Homes into the offering this Sunday. We hope your prayers are also supporting their important mission outreach!

Craigville Tennis Club wants to honor Skip Danforth with a bench in his name at the courts where he enjoyed watching the play. We apologize for any misunderstanding in our previous edition that Skip's family had sponsored this effort. It is entirely a Craigville Tennis Club tribute, initiated to recognize and remember a great player, sportsman and supporter of our local tennis program. Monica Stevenson and Pro Lisa Packard are the organizers.

THE OLD CRAIGVILLE POST OFFICE: Lots of Christmas Gifts

By Debbie Almy

Closing day is Friday, September 4th, so don't forget to get those last minute gifts for under the tree at Christmas. The teddy bears are still awaiting a loving home. Any ideas you have for items you would like to see sold in our shop next year are most welcome.

Craigville Conference Center: View from the River

Last week was college week, and we hosted Boston University and Boston College, plus Harvard Catholic Student Center. This week we welcome Lesley University. We say good-bye to our wonderful front desk staff, Cindy Smith, Michelle Lewison, and Donna Tuohy as they return to school. -Jacci

CBA Beach: Wonderful Memories; Vision for Next Year

By Dom Botolino

The recent Dance at CBA was a great success. It was well-attended, the DJ played all the favorites and the featured lifeguards entertained the gathering. Another dance is planned for next year, for earlier in the season.

Closing day is Monday September 7th. Please clean out bathhouses and turn in locks by 5:00 PM on the 7th. All personal belongings on the premises must be removed as well.

All Guest Fees must be paid by 5:00 PM on the 7th as well.

I have been having computer issues that I hope to have resolved soon. If you have been trying to contact me by email please call me at the office, 508-775-9695. I apologize for any inconvenience.

August 26, 2009

Dear Members,

On behalf of the entire staff we would like to thank you for your support and kindness this summer. This was our first summer as managers of the C.B.A. and we have enjoyed the experience greatly. Our office staff, parking staff, night security, and lifeguards have worked hard to create an atmosphere that allows families to enjoy the beauty of our beach and create wonderful memories together. We would like to thank our beach committee members for their leadership and willingness to answer our questions with patience.

When we met with the beach committee last winter and spring there were many priorities communicated to us. An understanding of the history of the beach and its role in the mission of the C.C.M.A. was emphasized. We were told that the C.B.A. was a family beach and that we were to be responsible for seeing that people of all ages were comfortable on our beach. They wanted to see that rules created for the comfort of all members were enforced more consistently. We have tried to succeed and follow the wishes of the beach committee as well as the suggestions of our members. We hope you found this season enjoyable and one to remember.

After much discussion and research the beach committee has voted to make the C.B.A. a smoke free beach next season. Following the leadership of the town of Barnstable the committee felt this was an important step. There is no smoking allowed on all of the beaches in Barnstable including Covell's and Craigville next to us. We contacted many private beaches and organizations and found that the no smoking policy is enforced on all of those beaches and within other private organizations. Smoking will not be allowed on any part of the C.B.A. property next summer.

We will be communicating through email and regular mail this off-season. Please feel free to contact us at any time with any questions. We have enjoyed our time here this summer and look forward to a wonderful 2010 at the C.B.A. Have a safe and healthy journey this fall, winter, and spring and we hope to see you next summer.

Sincerely,

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Worship at the Beach

A number of you have asked about the Worship Service at the Beach that was held on August 16th at 5:00 p.m. Your interest is appreciated! For a first time effort, it was a success! About 35-40 people gathered for worship at C.B.A. Dianne Carpenter provided music and brought the meditation. Carl Schultz served as the liturgist. The service lasted exactly one half hour, as advertised. Paul and Carolyn Hebert were there to bring greetings from CHAMP Homes, our ministry project this year.

Thanks to Dom and Andy in the beach office and the Beach Committee for their support.

The C.C.M.A. Worship Committee looks forward to having worship at the beach become an annual opportunity and reviving an important part of our heritage when worship was held regularly at the beach.

Thanks to those who have supported the services each Sunday at 9:45 in the Tabernacle. Worship has been and continues to be an important part of the ministry and mission of the C.C.M.A.

-Ruth Robin, Chair of the Worship Committee

Red Lily Pond Project: What's in Your Water?

By Steve Brown

When it rains, it pours.

Please attend the joint annual meeting of the Red Lily Pond Project and the Craigville Cluster Septic System Association at 7:30 PM, Friday, September 28, at the Craigville Tabernacle.

Both organizations were established to protect the water that surrounds Craigville: ponds, marsh, river, ocean. Much of their work for the last two decades has related to wastewater and efforts to keep wastewater from flowing into these bodies of water. The last two years have been especially busy.

Much of this work comes to a focus in the next few weeks at several meetings in the Town of Barnstable. According to *The Barnstable Patriot*, the Barnstable Coastal Resource Management Committee will sponsor a meeting on Monday, August 31st, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the second floor hearing room at Town Hall in Hyannis. This meeting will begin with a presentation of the draft plan titled "Coastal Resource Management Plan: Three Bays and Centerville River Systems," followed by an opportunity for questions and comments. On September 3rd, at 7:00 PM, the Town Council meets in the same room to consider the Craigville Beach District of Critical Planning Concern.

Documents related to these meetings are on the "Red Lily Pond" section of the Craigville Website at www.craigville.org.

Wastewater is a complex issue and these are complex documents. My goal after attending many such meetings and studying many emerging documents over the last several years has been to contemplate four questions:

1. Do we know where the water we drink and the water we swim in comes from?
2. If not, would we like to know?
3. If so, are we satisfied that this water is as clean and pure as we would like?
4. If we were a fish or a swan or a turtle, would we have answered these first three questions the same way?

Those who have followed this history know there are many points of view. Fortunately we live in a country and a community where different points of view are heard. Meetings take time, but, having traveled to and worked in parts of the world where people are not free to meet and discuss their community's water, I'm glad we have these meetings, and I hope they will be well attended and productive.

Meanwhile—see you on the beach!

Quotation of the Week: "...the work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives, and the dream shall never die." -Senator Edward Kennedy

There are a few truly remarkable individuals in one's lifetime, and Ted Kennedy was one of them. On a local level, he shared with us a passionate love of our precious Cape Cod. As a national leader, almost larger than life, he persevered in the face of adversity, demonstrated an unfathomable depth of commitment to the causes he believed in, and forged ahead in championing social justice for all who were without the rights that we in the United States of America expect a truly democratic government to ensure. He accomplished so much and assisted so many: personal stories are flooding the news. Despite losing two brothers in a violent way and a nephew in the prime of life, attending to his two children as they battled cancer and dealing with his own personal demons, he never turned his back on a commitment to life in the political forum. His passing leaves an enormous gap in this nation's leadership and reminds us how much just one man was able to accomplish. What a memorable impression he has left on a generation.

WeatherWize

THE JULY THAT WASN'T

BY DOPPLER DEBBIE (ALMY)

Why was it so cold in June and July? According to the National Weather Service, the jet stream (winds in the upper atmosphere of the northern hemisphere that blow from west to east which affect weather systems at ground level) is further south than normal this year. The Service said the jet stream "doesn't move easily" in the summer and that cooler temperatures were likely to be around for a while. So what is this jet stream all about? The jet stream is a fast flowing, river of air found six to nine miles in the atmosphere above the surface of the Earth just under the troposphere. It forms at the boundaries of

adjacent air masses with significant differences in temperature, such as of the polar region, and the warmer air to the south. Because of the effect of the Earth's rotation, the streams flow west to east, growing in a wavelike manner at lower speeds than that of the actual wind within the flow.

During the winter months, arctic and tropical air masses create a stronger surface temperature contrast, resulting in a strong jet stream. However, during the summer months, when the surface temperature variation is less dramatic, the winds of the jet are weaker. This year was different, for the temperatures remained much cooler than usual, thus allowing the jet stream to continue to be strong. It dipped down deep into the United States from the upper Canadian region, bringing the unseasonably cold temperatures with them. Once these patterns are more or less locked in place, the cold temperatures and crummy weather can last for a long time, as we all well know. Now what this all means for the winter season is any one's guess, but from someone who has gone through a similar weather pattern before, September will be truly outstanding; but beyond that, I haven't a clue!

FeatherFacts

WHY DO BIRDS FLUFF UP THEIR FEATHERS? (IN THE WINTERTIME)

This is basically a winter or cold season question, but why do some birds look all puffed up when resting on a branch? They may look twice their normal size as they smush down onto the branch covering their feet. They are fluffed up with air, which they have trapped in between all their feathers. They also do not fly around as much, for they are trying to hold that trapped warm air in place. Air is an excellent insulator, for it will not allow heat to pass through, either out or in. This fact helps them store their little body heat on really cold days. To help keep warm they also hunker down with other birds of their kind, in a bunch on the inside of a bush huddled together and they do not fly unless they have to. Birds also lower their body temperature while they sleep to conserve energy, and take turns with one of the brood always staying awake watching out for any enemy. Some birds, like the black capped chickadee, have to eat the same amount of food as they weigh every day in order to create enough body heat to survive. Air is an insulator used by humans, as well, for our warm winter parkas have small feathers (down) stuffed inside of them with air surrounding the feathers, thus keeping our body heat in. Storm windows also work in the same way, as trapped air, which cannot move, is locked in between two panes of glass, thus preventing any heat from escaping either out or in.



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 (microwave and dishwasher safe), canned soup, coffee, tea, sugar

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

LAST CALL FOR NEWS FOR A WHILE! ALAS, WE ARE COMING TO THE END OF OUR WEEKLY CHRONICLES FOR SUMMER 2009. WE HOPE YOU HAVE FOUND THEM USEFUL, INTERESTING, ENJOYED READING ABOUT LIFE IN THE VILLAGE. NEXT WEEK'S EDITION IS OUR LAST, SO PLEASE SEND US YOUR INFORMATION ABOUT FALL EVENTS OR ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE AS WE WRAP-UP THE SEASON. HAVE A WONDERFUL FALL! -ALICE BROWN, EDITOR

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