



The Summer News Weekly



For All People...



# Craigville Chronicle

In All Seasons



Craigville Village, Massachusetts

August 28-September 3, 2010

## Community Calendar

Sunday, August 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:45 AM	Worship Service in the Tabernacle
Friday, September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	12:30 PM	Craigville Post Office Closes

## Looking Ahead

Sunday, September 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:45 AM	Final Worship Service in the Tabernacle
Monday, September 6 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 PM	CBA Beach Closes for the Season

## At the Tabernacle

This Sunday, The Rev. William Pierson Barker will be the preacher at the Tabernacle. Rev. Barker was the Founder and Pastor, Bower Hill Community Church, Presbyterian, Mt. Lebanon, PA, 1950-1968; Director of Continuing Education, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 1968-1972; Head of Staff, First Presbyterian Church, Allentown, PA, 1972-1991; Adjunct Faculty, Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, PA, 1980-91. and Interim Pastor, Pilgrim Congregational Church, Harwich Port, MA, 1991-1992; Dennis Union Church, 1993-1994; Brewster Baptist Church, 1994-1995; West Parish of West Barnstable, 1994-1998; Federated Church of Orleans, 1998-1999; and First Congregational Church of Chatham, 2000-2003.

Rev. Barker has filled his life with international humanitarian service. His professional career included extensive international travel, including the following locations: Puerto Rico, Thailand, Australia, Germany, Indonesia, India, Pakistan, and Scotland. Among his many accomplishments, in 1980, Rev. Barker was invited to confer with Mother Teresa of Calcutta, India, in recognition of international concern for world hunger and efforts to alleviate hunger.

In addition, Rev. Barker was the voices and puppetry for 'Dr. Bill Platypus' and 'Elsie Jean Platypus' on "MISTER ROGERS' NEIGHBORHOOD" television program. Rev. Barker is the author of over a dozen books and many published articles.

Rev. Barker is married to Jean Cotton Barker, father of Rev. Dr. John B. Barker II and Ellen Barker Brutsch, and grandfather of seven grandchildren.

John Yankee will be performing on the hammered dulcimer as a special musical contribution to the worship service. John is the Artistic Director of the Falmouth Chorale, Conductor of Falmouth Chamber Players Orchestra, and Director of Music at John Wesley United Methodist Church.

He earned a Bachelor of Music Degree at Peabody Conservatory and Master's Degrees at the University of Pittsburgh and Yale School of Music. His extensive teaching experience includes a long affiliation with the Walden School for Young Composers. He is a professional trumpeter and a singer, as well as performing on the hammered dulcimer and keyboard. John Yankee is a dynamic and versatile conductor, composer, teacher and performer with high artistic standards.

Our preacher next week (September 5<sup>th</sup>) for our final Sunday this season will be The Rev. Bob Faulhaber.

## **Craigville Conference Center Prepares for Fall**

The Conference Center welcomes Lesley University to Craigville this coming week, and we will return to our Fall schedules for office hours on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The speed bumps are scheduled to be taken up between September 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> while we still have staff available for this heavy undertaking.

The Conference Center office is no longer able to hold keys for private homeowners. If you think we have a key that belongs to you, please pick it up before Labor Day, as after that we will dispose of them.

The Conference Center office will be closed Labor Day Weekend, Friday at 4:00 PM until Tuesday at 9:00 AM.

-Mary A Woodbury

## **Bye to the Beach**

On behalf of the entire staff I would like to thank you for your thoughtfulness and support this summer. We experienced a devastating loss on August 10<sup>th</sup> and have been grateful for everyone's kindness. I want to thank our Beach Committee, CBA and CCMA community.

We are heading into our final days of the season and I ask that all guest fees be paid by **5:00 PM on Labor Day, September 6<sup>th</sup>**. Bathhouse locks should be turned in and all personal items should be removed by that time as well.

I will be communicating throughout the off-season via email. Please feel free to contact me at any time. The best way is at [admin@cbacapecod.com](mailto:admin@cbacapecod.com). In early March I will download a copy of our 2011 membership renewal form for you to fill out and mail in at our website [www.cbacapecod.com](http://www.cbacapecod.com).

We have enjoyed the 2010 season and look forward to a great 2011 summer. Have a safe and healthy journey this fall, winter, and spring and we all look forward to seeing you next summer.

Sincerely, Domenic Botolino

## **Craigville Cottage Owners: August Meeting Review**

On Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, the end-of-summer CCOA Meeting was held at the Williams' house. Despite the poor weather, attendance was good. The events of the summer were reviewed and future events were discussed.

Willie Shoemaker was thanked for her marvelous efforts to increase membership, and Alice Brown was commended for her yeoman efforts to keep track of minutes and to publish the numerous documents to keep us informed.

Joanne Hartunian presented the Events Committee Report, highlighting the successes of the summer and presenting an intriguing list of possible events for next summer. One special event will be a summer celebration of Halloween, so don't bury your decorations: plan to bring them to the Cape!

The problem of yard waste disposal was discussed, and Myra Gooding volunteered to look into a possible collection - for a fee - in the late spring and early fall.

Because of increasing costs and our continuing obligation to support our community, Willie Shoemaker presented a motion to increase dues to \$250. The motion was accepted and passed with no opposition.

It was noted that the Board will begin to look at our By-laws. We need to be more specific about our purpose (a Mission Statement) and we need to address current concerns. We will review the report from the consultants, which will be available in October or November.

Sheila Lahey read Sean's suggestions for fundraisers which were quite imaginative; to be discussed in the future.

Myra Gooding presented the Nominating Committee Report, and Sharon Carpenter and Dede Danforth Underwood have been added to the Board. We congratulate them and look forward to their efforts on behalf of the Village. Vincent D'Alessandro and Clark Gates have retired. We thank them for their extraordinary time and efforts during their tenures on the Board.

We can look forward to the Icebreaker to be held at the Trulls' early next summer.

Happy Winter! Lee Williams

## **Old Craigville Post Office: Christmas Thoughts**

The cupola dilemma may be solved by the end of this week, so I will keep you posted as to where the project stands. Remember, this is the last week for the Post Office shop, as we close for the season on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please do come in to pick up that last minute gift for a Labor Day weekend guest, or the never-ending Christmas gift list. Please

do share any suggestions you may have for an item you would like to see in our little shop. Two ideas already given are for a burlap tote bag for bringing home the groceries, and a doormat.

The Post Office Shop will be closing at 11:30 next week, Monday through Thursday. **Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**, the final day, it will close at the usual 12:30.

-Debbie Almy

### **Red Lily Pond: A Clearer View**

Thanks to generous contributions this summer, work has resumed on the Lake Elizabeth embankment restoration, and you'll notice a smoother blend of native vegetation gracing the pond's banks in the weeks ahead.

With recent articles in the newspapers about wastewater management on Cape Cod, it's a good time to remember that seventeen homes abutting Lake Elizabeth are connected to the Craigville Cluster Septic System. If you own or rent one of these homes, be sure to follow the rules regarding what the system can, and cannot, process. Be sure to use low-phosphate detergents to wash dishes and laundry. If your home has one, be especially careful with dishwashers or garbage disposals. The cluster system is designed for human waste, not food scrapings or ground garbage, which can clog the grinder pumps. Save these items for composting, or send them to the "transfer station" with your household garbage.

Space limitations in the *Chronicle* preclude a complete list of "do's and don'ts" for the Cluster System, so pick up the flyer at the Craigville Post Office if you wish more details.

If we all work together, our Cluster System will work for years to come!

--Steve Brown

### **A Successful Exhibit**

The Danforth ArtSake Exhibit was attended by many people from the surrounding area. All in all, a big thank-you to all who attended this lovely show of 18 artists from New York, Ireland, Vermont, Rhode Island and Massachusetts!

We were able to help support the Red Lily Pond Project along with several other nonprofits through your kind and generous purchases. Thank you to the Conference Center Staff and Cotuit Center for the Arts for adding helpful hands and items to make the show shine! A big thank-you to friends and family and the many artists without whom the art show would not have been possible.

Many thanks, Pamela P. Danforth

### **AROUND THE TOWN**

**The next edition of the Chronicle** will be the final one for this summer season. Where has the time gone??! We hope you have enjoyed the warm (truly warm!) weather with neighbors, family and friends. Any final thoughts or reflections on this summer 2010 will be welcome by **Wednesday noon, September 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**QUOTATION OF THE WEEK:** Nothing is as important as passion. No matter what you want to do with your life, be passionate. The world doesn't need any more gray. On the other hand, we can't get enough color. Mediocrity is nobody's goal and perfection shouldn't be either. We'll never be perfect. But remember these three P's:  
Passion + Persistence = Possibility.

-Jon Bon Jovi, musician (2001) (in a college graduation speech)

### **WEATHERWIZE: REMEMBERING HURRICANE BOB**

By Doppler Debbie (Almy)

Hurricane Bob was the last hurricane to slam into our New England coastline in 1991. The day after the hurricane, the weather was predictably beautiful: sunny, quiet and delightful. It is almost like nature is apologizing for raising such havoc just 24 hours previously, when, in reality, it is that all the energy of the fierce storm has been depleted, leaving just a glorious calm.

The day after the storm, I went with some friends to see the damage in our area. Craigville was most lucky compared to other areas, for Hyannisport had severe tree damage. Hurricanes tend to have emphasis on either tree damage or flooding. For example, during Hurricane Carol, in 1956, its tidal wave went over the CBA building, and the tidal surge sent waves crashing into the Tabernacle parking lot as the Centerville River became an extension of the

ocean. In Centerville, Old Stage Road, leading to the four corner intersection with Main Street, was closed due to tornado-like wind blasts that snapped many trees in a straight line formation. One of those trees was over a hundred years old. The hurricanes of 1938 and 1944 were known as the hurricanes that "took all the trees."

However, the most serious damage from Bob was seen in Cotuit. Hundreds of luxury yachts of all sizes were smashed together on the shoreline, like tinker toys. They were stacked on top of each other like a deck of cards. Many of them had dragged their moorings onto the shoreline, indicating the boat owners had been cheated by the reputable marina which owned the moorings and rented them out by weight. Overcrowding also was in issue, for as one boat broke away, it would bump into and drag its near neighbor, creating a domino effect. A mushroom anchor is the type used in Cotuit harbor because of the sandy bottom, as the anchor works by sinking and wiggling into the mud and sand, creating a strong suction. This works well unless the anchor is not set properly, or is too light in weight, which was the case in Cotuit. Hurricane force winds (74 mph) put about 5,000 lb. of pull on a boat. A 25' boat would need an anchor weighing at least one ton (2, 000 lb.) in order to hold it. To see such beautiful boats smashed beyond repair was heartbreaking, and to think that human error was partially to blame made the sight even more pitiful.

Remember, salt spray created during a storm or hurricane can kill your shrubbery if left to dry, so right after the storm, rinse off everything with fresh water. Let's hope we continue to dodge the bullet, for we are well overdue for a hurricane here in New England.

## **FEATHER/FUN FACTS: Skunks**

BY DEBBIE ALMY

Years ago in Craigville, skunks were most plentiful. Taking an evening stroll turned into a game of dodge ball with many detours. I remember one night when my house was surrounded by skunks with two resting at each doorway. I also had the honor of one living under my house, which my plumber, when turning off my water for the winter, encountered head on. I have a new plumber now. In recent years, however, there has been a noticeable lack of the beautiful but smelly fur balls around. What happened to them all? Let's examine this interesting critter.

These animals are non-aggressive, placid, retiring animals who will do anything to avoid a confrontation unless forced into it. Skunks were once associated with the family of ferrets, weasels, otters, and badgers, but they now have their own classification. They are 15-37 inches long and weigh between 1-18 lb. Their short, muscular legs have long sharp claws which allow for digging. They are omnivores, eating both plant and animal material such as insects, larvae, salamanders, frogs, moles, eggs, leaves, grass and nuts. I have seen the destruction these animals can do by digging up and destroying a manicured lawn to shreds in search of larvae. Their most favorite food, of course, is our garbage. They don't hibernate - in the true meaning of the term - but they do become dormant and only feed occasionally during the winter. The females huddle together in groups of up to 12, and frequently reuse the same den year after year. They have an excellent sense of smell and hearing, but their vision is poor, and they cannot see objects clearly beyond 10 ft. away. They live for an average of about 3 years.

Now to the serious matter at hand, their spray. Skunks have two anal scent glands which produce enough yellow oily musk liquid for 6-8 sprays. It has a high sulfur content which is most offensive. The human sense of smell can detect the odor a mile away. The nipple-like muscles beside the glands allow for a high degree of accuracy for their squirt, which goes as far as 6-16 feet. It takes about 10 days for the skunk to make more scent. It is reluctant to spray, and will go through a series of antics starting with stamping their feet, hissing, making small charging motions, and finally raising the tail straight up in the air. As a last resort, it turns into a "U" shape with its face and tail both facing you as it sprays. Animals such as wolves, foxes, badgers, and even bears seldom attack a skunk, and the only predator skunks have is a great horned owl, which has a poor to non-existent sense of smell. Hydrogen peroxide is about the only known ingredient that will break down the chemicals of the skunk liquid. Tomato juice or vinegar will help you or your pet cut down the smell, but time is the only real answer. If you have a skunk under your house, put rags soaked in ammonia by the hole, so it has to brush by them to get into or out of its den.

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