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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, September 7th 5:00 PM CBA Beach Closes for the Season

THE OLD CRAIGVILLE POST OFFICE: THANK YOU

The Post Office Committee thanks Craigville Village for the continued support given to us this season. With the economy struggling in a difficult time, it is refreshing to see our residents, friends and guests still taking the time to buy a coaster, shirt or glass from the old Craigville Post Office shop. You alone keep us going and we look forward to having new interesting items for you to purchase next summer. We thank you so much.

-Debbie Almy and Willie Shoemaker

Craigville Conference Center: View from the River

This coming week, we will welcome guests from the Arlington Pleasant Street Church and a group from Duffy Health Center. We are busy making the transition from cottage rentals to hosting retreats at this time of year. You may have noticed groups of students getting to know one another – and we will be hosting a retreat for Seniors, too, for those beyond “studenthood” – as we welcome people of all ages to the Center.

RED LILY POND PROJECT DINNER VERY SUCCESSFUL

By Valerie Lane

On August 22nd, the Craigville Inn was beautifully transformed for an evening of wine and cheese while bidding on silent auction items in the upstairs Inn living room, and then a delicious Italian dinner in the Inn dining room. We had a bigger turnout this year with 64 people at the cocktail party and 58 at the dinner. After dinner we had a live auction with our loyal auctioneer Peter Buffington doing a grand job. And everyone had a good time while helping to raise funds for the Red Lily Pond Project.

Thank you to our servers, children and grandchildren of our village:

Josie, Annie, and Cecilia Underwood, daughters of Dede Danforth Underwood and granddaughters of Concie and Skip Danforth;

Cole and Kyr Gibson, daughters of Skye Fackre Gibson and granddaughters of Dot and Gabe Fackre;

Bianca and Alexander, friends of the Gibsons; and

Emma Robin, daughter of Ruth Schultz Robin and granddaughter of Carl and Della Schultz.

They all did an outstanding job and we thank them very much.

We say a huge thank you to the staff from the Conference Center, Damon and Rick for setting up the tables before the event both on the Green and in the Inn living room in case of rain, beyond the call of duty, and Sarah Perkins and Manuel Gomes for working in the kitchen and keeping things flowing during the evening; and especially to Mary Woodbury for helping me to organize everything beforehand and for providing the cheese and crackers and fruit for the cocktail hour as well as the ice cream and cookies for dessert. Mary and her staff also donated a

Craigville Conference Center tote bag with a beach towel and cover-up inside for our silent auction. Without Mary we wouldn't be able to do our fundraising event at all. We owe her a great debt of gratitude for all the organization as well as the food and gifts.

Thanks to Millie Delaney for helping with the auction, taking the task in hand and doing a fabulous job.

Thanks as well to Willie Shoemaker and Scott Lane for helping Millie with the checkout.

Thanks to Martin Traywick from Craigville Realty as well as the Pendergasts from the Cape Cod Package Store for donating the wine for the cocktail hour. Martin has been our steadfast supporter for many years, supplying the wine as well as his outstanding bartending services. Thank you!

Thanks to the DiPrete family, especially Grace DiPrete Horton, manager of Jack's restaurant, for organizing and providing the food for the dinner, as well as David Barrows, a wonderful chef who not only makes delicious food, but is able to be flexible with changes at the last minute!

Thank you to all at Jack's.

Thank you to all our friends in Craigville for donating the items for the auction: Carole D'Alessandro, Dana Haseotes, Angela Church Cook, Martha Sheehy, Ann Trull, Ed Lynch, the Hansens, Sue Coggeshall, Millie Delaney and Barbara Gates, Jude Troy, Willie Shoemaker and the Post Office, Ellen Cardarelli, Doug Warren at 4 Seas Ice Cream, Matt Lambert at Lambert's Fruit and Vegetables, Steve Brown, Mary and the Conference Center Staff, and Marion Vuilluemier.

And last, and by far most important, without whom we wouldn't have had a fundraiser at all, thank you to all who came and enjoyed the evening, supporting the cause of the Red Lily Pond Project and helping to protect our ponds and herring run. Thanks also to all who couldn't come but who made donations as well. We are very grateful to all of you for your continued support.

Look for information in the winter Chronicle about a Craigville house and garden tour next July, and of course our annual dinner in August.

See you next year!

CBA Beach: See You Next Year

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.

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

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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CRAIGVILLE COTTAGE OWNERS ASSOCIATION: Season Wrap-up

Highlights of the August CCOA meeting include a big "Thank You" to the new Events and Activities Committee for all their wonderful entertainment opportunities and especially to Co-chairs Joanne Hartunian and Meghan Lahey. Pam Danforth organized two successful Tidy Town Days and we commend her for her efforts to keep our little Village cleaner! Also, to date, 77 homeowners have paid their dues, which are extremely important to the operation of our organization and our participation in the considerable costs of maintaining our community and keeping it attractive, safe, and well-lighted.

CCOA lists are available for homeowners at the Conference Center Office. As always, in order to protect your privacy, you need to request one from a staff member.

Please plan now to greet your friends and neighbors next summer at the Irelands' on Ocean Avenue on June 26th, 2010 for the annual Ice Breaker.

We wish you a happy and healthy winter!

Red Lily Pond Project: Craigville Beach DCPC and The Next Generation

By Steve Brown

These are the voyages of the Starship Enterprise....not.

Star Trek fans! Remember those wonderful stories that always tied up all the loose ends between the last advertisement and the credits? Captain Kirk beamed up from some alien planet to the safe, predictable bridge of the Enterprise and set a sure course for home? And made it so?

Would that real life were so simple.

On Thursday evening, September 3rd, dozens of Craigvillians joined dozens of Long Beach/Short Beach residents and other citizens of Centerville to listen, and to speak, as the Barnstable Town Council debated and then voted—no, in the end they didn't vote—on the Craigville Beach District of Critical Planning Concern (DCPC). By eleven o'clock, a series of parliamentary procedures that left most in the audience scratching their heads, the DCPC had been re-nominated, starting the whole process over, buying—perhaps—up to another two years of discussions.

The Town Council promised a quicker, simpler process next time around. Time will tell.

While we wait and work together toward a safe and healthy ecosystem, I find solace in the wonderful poetry of Wendell Berry:

The Peace of Wild Things

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

This is the final Summer Chronicle. The leaves will turn red, die, and fall from the trees; but then, as the seasons turn, daffodils will once again bloom. I wish all my neighbors a healthy season. Stay connected. Remember that the Red Lily Pond lives because you have given of yourselves to sustain its life.

Thank you.

AROUND THE TOWN:

Larry Bowers' sister, Jean Post, has passed away. A regular visitor to Craigville over the last years, she battled Muscular Dystrophy and found the salt water, the sunsets, and the warm fellowship effective medicine. She had a tough year, catching every cold, and breaking her arm in the spring. She perked up for her 40th wedding anniversary, but a few weeks later, she fell ill. After two days at the hospital, she entered hospice on August 20th and died the same day shortly after a final visit with her husband and children. Services will be in Santa Rosa, CA.

Dr. Dianne Carpenter teaches music at her home in the village. She has a 6-8 week program of Music Theory, as well as various other musical offerings, including keyboard/piano workshops and lessons. If you are an interested musician, please contact her at dianneesc@verizon.net, or 774 212-0520 or 508 862-1684.

Quotation of the Week: "I've always loved animals especially polar bears. And when I went to see "Earth" I didn't want to keep watching it because it made me so sad. I said 'we should do something about this.' We wondered what could we do."
-Cole Gibson

Here's a story about the granddaughters of Dot and Gabe Fackre to renew your faith in our children and grandchildren:

Stow teenagers lend a hand to the polar bears

By Chloe Gotsis/ staff writer (Thu Sep 03, 2009)

Maynard - When Cole and Kyr Gibson left a local movie theater last fall after watching the film "Earth," they couldn't forget the images of a male polar bear swimming away from land in a desperate search for food as his arctic environment collapsed.

The Gibson sisters were so haunted by the plight of animals that they began looking for ways to help stop the threat of global warming. When the two Stow sisters told their mother, Skye, about their reaction to the documentary film, she said that they should do something about it and suggested arts and crafts.

"I've always loved animals especially polar bears," said Cole, 17, a student at Nashoba Regional High School. "And when I went to see Earth I didn't want to keep watching it because it made me so sad. I said 'we should do something about this.' We wondered what could we do." The sisters decided to make their own metal and beaded 'pinwheel' bracelets from recycled safety pins, which can be found at Dunia in Maynard. Safety-pin jewelry has become a trend for the socially conscious and greener minded, but the pieces are also generally affordable and hand-made like the Gibson girls' pieces. The bracelets are constructed of about 50 silver colorfully beaded safety pins strung together.

"My mom had already been thinking about suggesting these pieces," said Kyr, 13. "I already had a watch made out of safety pins." In June, the girls and their family held a yard sale with the hope of selling their creations and donating their profits to Defenders of Wildlife, a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to protecting native animals and plants in their natural environment. To their surprise, the girls said numerous neighbors and residents visited them to hear their story and donate to help save polar bears.

"People didn't necessarily buy stuff, but they donated," said Cole.

The girls raised some \$300 for the Defenders of Wildlife and used it to adopt six families of endangered polar bears. "We really want to keep them together too," said Kyr.

The girls said they are both lifelong animal lovers. When Cole was in eighth grade at the Hale Middle School, she started an environmental awareness club that her sister has kept active since Cole continued on to Nashoba.

"We are just trying to tie everything together and hopefully [money raised through the club] will go to polar bears and animals in need," said Cole. Shoppers at Dunia, the Maynard eco-friendly boutique on Nason Street, can now find the Gibson Girls' collection of safety-pin bracelets and rings for sale. The girls approached the store's owner Paige O'Brien with the remainder of their bracelets from the yard sale to see if she would be interested in selling their collection and donating proceeds to the Defenders of Wildlife.

O'Brien said she considers herself lucky that the girls chose her store as an outlet for their remaining pieces. "What's not to love [about their story?]," wrote O'Brien in an e-mail. "Youth inspired into action; service above themselves; using found materials to make beautiful, functional affordable jewelry – it's the stuff that makes the world go around." O'Brien said she and her husband Didi enjoy helping young artists who give back to the global and local community. The colorful 10 pieces the girls gave to the small boutique are almost sold out. But the girls are also taking custom orders and are considering making more for the boutique.

"It's been a good experience and we feel like we are doing something," said Cole. "It's nice not to feel powerless. It's a start." The bracelets and rings are priced at about \$10 to \$15 each depending upon the complexity of the pieces.

WeatherWize

HURRICANE INFORMATION

BY DOPPLER DEBBIE (ALMY)

This time of year we have to deal with the threat of a hurricane which can roar up the Eastern seaboard and slam directly into Cape Cod, which juts out dangerously into the Atlantic Ocean. We have missed the bullet for years, but sooner or later our luck will run out. Remember the difference between a "watch" and a "warning", for a watch means the storm may hit our area in a day or so; stay aware. A warning means the storm is here and about to happen, so hunker down and get ready now!

The standard preparations one should make: lots of bottled water, a battery operated radio, charged cell phone, oil for Kerosene lamps (NO candles), homeowners insurance papers, telephone numbers of relatives, a car filled with gas, an ample supply of medicine for adults as well as animals, baby food, canned goods that require no cooking, first aid materials, extra clothing in a bag which will keep them dry, a gas grill with a full tank; put away hanging plants and outdoor furniture, know where the nearest shelter is in case you have to evacuate, and stay away from windows. Having these precautions in place and not needing them is better than not being prepared when the storm hits. Always take a hurricane threat seriously. Many people have never experienced the power of such a storm, and once you do, you come to respect the intensity and destructive force of this form of nature.

What to do after the storm is over? Remember the eye of the hurricane is very deceiving, as it gives the impression the storm is over with sunny windless weather, but indeed the worst is yet to come. Do not venture outside during the eye, for the second half of the storm may start up quickly, catching you off guard. When the storm is truly over, do not touch any downed wires, check for any damage on your property and take pictures of it ASAP. Contact your insurance agent immediately with a report of damage. Rinse off all shrubbery with fresh water, for the salt spray will kill your lovely greenery quite quickly, even if inches of rain fell. Rinsing the screens also is not a bad idea. Check on neighbors and help clear roadways for emergency vehicles. Look forward to the weather after the storm, for traditionally it is absolutely glorious.

FeatherFacts

Do Birds Feel the Heat?

By Debbie Almy

A Craigville resident bird lover noticed her birdbath was deserted recently during one of our sizzling hot spells. Her birdbath is always clean and very healthy, yet there were no customers. So do the birds feel the heat like we do? In a quick answer, yes! They have no sweat glands, so to cool off they must pant or open their wings to allow air to flow under their wings thus cooling them down somewhat. That is about all they can do other than to find shade and wait for the water in the birdbath to cool off. The sun can make the water in the birdbath much hotter than normal, so that may add to the fact that the birds were absent.

After 5 years of writing FeatherFacts, just about every aspect of birds has been covered, from eggs to feathers to poop. So next summer this column will expand to not only cover bird information but discuss things of interest from what is a hiccup to how many times does a bear's heart beat during hibernation? By the way, a hiccup is when the diaphragm muscle that runs along the bottom of your rib cage twitches. One theory of what causes a hiccup is a lack of oxygen, which is why one cure is to take deep breaths holding your breath thus re-supplying the oxygen. The new column will be called "Fun Facts".

On a personal note, I want to thank you again for all the compliments you have given to me about my weekly Feather Facts and Weatherwize articles. I do so appreciate them, as I enjoy writing them for you to read. I wish a safe and healthy winter for one and all.



Again this year, The Tabernacle Worship Committee led 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

WE HAVE COME TO THE END OF OUR WEEKLY CHRONICLES FOR SUMMER 2009. WE WILL ONCE AGAIN PUBLISH A FALL EDITION (NOVEMBER), WINTER EDITION (FEBRUARY) AND A SPRING EDITION (MAY) TO KEEP YOU CONNECTED DURING THE OFF-SEASON. PLEASE SEND ALONG YOUR NEWS FOR OUR NOVEMBER EDITION BY OCTOBER 20TH.

HAVE A WONDERFUL FALL! -ALICE BROWN, EDITOR

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