



The Summer News Weekly

For All People...



Craigville Chronicle

In All Seasons



**Craigville Village, Massachusetts
Fall Edition 2010**

Community Calendar

Monday, December 6th 6:00 PM Craigville Village Christmas Party (Lodge)

Our annual Craigville Christmas party is coming to our neighborhood soon! We will visit over wine and cheese, partake of a delicious potluck, and then engage in an old-fashioned Yankee Swap (gifts of under \$10). Who knows what the most coveted gift will be this year? For planning purposes, please call Valerie Lane at (508) 778-0507 and let her know that you will be there and what you would like to bring to share. Don't forget your plates and tableware. Christmas carols and gift-giving will herald the season of goodness and light!

Mass. Conference UCC Thanks Partners for Environmental Work

One of the deeply-held values of the United Church of Christ is the care of God's creation. The General Synod (biennial National gathering) of the United Church of Christ, as well as the Massachusetts Conference Annual Meeting, have passed a number of resolutions regarding stewardship of the earth, its creatures and resources. The United Church of Christ has taken the lead among religious bodies in the United States in calling for action to halt and reverse climate change. Many of our local churches have engaged in environmental projects including 'greening' buildings, education of children and adults, and community gardening.

Craigville is, of course, a marvelous place to appreciate and contemplate the world God gives us! We are aware that many in the Craigville community are actively engaged in the preservation and protection of the local environment.

We'd like to thank all those involved with the Red Lily Pond Association for their work – with particular kudos for the herring run, which helps sustain the ecosystem not only of the pond but of Nantucket Sound, as well.

Likewise, we appreciate the recent commitment made by the Christian Camp Meeting Association to the Conservation Commission, prohibiting commercial fertilizers and pesticides on the baseball field and village green.

These actions help to safeguard the health and beauty of Craigville's natural environment for generations to come. Those of us serving on the Massachusetts Conference Board and staff are grateful to have partners who share our eagerness to act as good stewards of God's earth.

-Jim Antal, Minister and President

Dawn Hammond, Associate Conference Minister for Policy and Finance

Looking for Bog Books

Does anyone have a copy of the following: "A Walk in The Bog" and "Bog and Nature Trail"?

According to Marion Vuilleumier's book they were published in 1972/1978, and we could borrow them to copy or keep. We are trying to see if there would be retreat interest in that area of nature.

Any information on these publications would be greatly appreciated.

-Mary A Woodbury, Director, Craigville Conference Center

Jim Lane has furnished the following news items:

Talking Trash

The small trash receptacles at the Post Office, Playground, and the Bluff are provided at the expense of the CCMA for small disposable items from Conference Center guests, residents and visitors. Lately, the containers and dog stations have been overwhelmed by household trash. Please remind cottage renters or your guests to dispose of their trash sensitively elsewhere. Small animals have been dragging overflowing food waste and wrappers all over the Village after the end of recent fall weekends.

Craigville Archives Discovered

Hurricane Earl's heavy rains flooded the Conference Center's office in the Lodge. During the clean-up old, wet cardboard boxes were discovered in a blind spot under the front counter. One box contained old papers from the 1960's and copper printing plates of photos of early Craigville buildings and grounds. The second box contained over 500 color slides dating back to 1961. The slides have been removed from their damp boxes and sorted into slide carousels for a future showing. There were also fifty slides of old photos from the 1880's that are being preserved on a DVD.

ServCorps to Return to Craigville

Mary Woodbury has reserved rooms at the Inn for ServCorps volunteers expected back in Craigville on June 3, 2011. Their first task will be to complete work on two bedrooms in Union cottage. On a long list of other things to do is a new rear porch for Yale cottage, the Inn front steps, and lots of painting and other repairs to be determined this winter. The Conference Center will again host the volunteers and the CCMA will purchase all necessary materials and obtain building permits. Having the ServCorps volunteers is a great gift to us.

CCMA/CCOA Joint Landscaping Capital Project

The Bluff baseball field landscaping project got off to a late start. In mid-August, our consultant, Brad Holmes, from Environmental Consulting and Restoration, mailed out Requests for Proposals (RFP's) using data obtained from a UMASS /Amherst soil analysis and recommendations. Four well-known local landscape contractors were reluctant to furnish a bid because there was no provision for irrigation of the ball field. During the initial Conservation Commission filing, an irrigation system was not considered due to the fact that a portion of the ball field is on a coastal bank and within a protected riverfront setback area.

Brad Holmes prepared a proposal for an Amended Order of Conditions and we attended a Sept 14th Conservation Commission hearing. Much to our surprise, the Commission approved the sprinkler system with a caveat that we supply a written pledge not to use commercial fertilizers and pesticides. We agreed to use an organic treatment with a specified heat-tolerant, low-maintenance grass seed mixture.

The RFP was resubmitted to the original bidders and Scott Schofield of Arborscapes was the successful bidder. Over 250 cubic yards of screened loam was spread in 2" to 5" layers over the entire baseball field covering 22,475 square feet. A five-zone sprinkler system was installed, the field was seeded on Oct. 16th, and the skimpy privet hedge that failed to thrive, was replaced by 75 hardy Rose of Sharon plants. Now we are all hoping for a sunny, mild fall.

-Alan Shoemaker & Jim Lane

CLOSE OUT THE YEAR OF 2010: CCMA MEMBERSHIP

HAVE YOU GONE THROUGH OLD MAIL AND FOUND AN ORANGE BROCHURE FOR CCMA MEMBERSHIP? WELL, THERE IS STILL TIME TO BE A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE CCMA. JUST SEND IN THE PAGE FILLED-IN AND WITH THE APPROPRIATE DOLLAR AMOUNT. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE WHETHER OR NOT YOU PAID, YOU CAN CONTACT ME, MILLIE DELANEY, AT MY E-MAIL: CBABEACH @AOL.COM OR CALL AT 508-775-9244.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOU CONTINUED SUPPORT AND LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT SPRING.

Tabernacle Offering Helps Support Local Organization

The Tabernacle Worship Committee was pleased to present to CHAMP Homes a contribution in the amount of \$632.00. This amount represents 10% of the Sunday Tabernacle offertory plus individual donations by members of the Craigville community. CHAMP Homes is extremely appreciative of Craigville's continual support of their mission. As many of you are aware, CHAMP Homes was established in 1991, by Paul and Carolyn Hebert, the former food service director/chef at Craigville Conference Center and his wife. CHAMP Homes has served over 1,400 individuals and continues to offer flexible, personal care to those with no other housing resources available.

CHAMP HOMES MISSION is to provide and maintain a safe, therapeutic and nurturing family-type environment for homeless youths and adults. For more information, including details on their current fundraiser, Spectacle of Trees, please visit the website at www.champhouse.org.

-Ruth Robin

Craigville Cottage Owners: Stay Safe and Welcome to New Neighbors

With the Village so sparsely populated this time of year, we would like to remind all homeowners that you should keep your doors locked at all times, for your own protection. Floodlights on sensors are also recommended (they can alert a neighbor to activity when you are not at home). And, as we were reminded in July by the Barnstable Police officer, don't leave anything valuable in your seasonal house, especially in view from the outside.

We want to welcome new homeowners to Craigville, Doug and Terry Farquhar, from Sandy Spring, Maryland. They have purchased the former Driscoll house at 94 Summerbell Avenue and are excited about joining the Craigville community. Their renovations are already in progress. Welcome, Terry and Doug!

With the nice note that follows, Jeanne Driscoll shares her thoughts on the sale of their family's home:

Dear Craigville friends,

As many of you know, with great reluctance, we recently sold our family house at 94 Summerbell Avenue. It has been an honor and pleasure to have been a part of the Craigville community. In the over 60 years that our Summerbell home had been in our family, we enjoyed memorable times with many of you. Thank you for your friendship and for being such great neighbors. Craigville is a very unique and special place. My brother Dan and I will look forward to renting a home there to visit and reconnect with you soon.

With warmest regards,

Jeanne Driscoll (Jmdriscoll1@cox.net)

Red Lily Pond Project Association, Inc.

If you haven't yet, but would still like to make a donation to the Red Lily Pond Project Association, or even if you have already made a donation but would like to make another one before the end of the year, please send along your donations to:

Red Lily Pond Project Association, Inc.
c/o Valerie B. Lane, Treasurer
86 Summerbell Ave.,
Craigville, MA 02632

There has been much activity this year and much work has been done. But more needs to be done and for that we need donations. Please keep this in mind during the holidays. We are thankful for this beautiful community and for all the beautiful clean water we are surrounded with here in Craigville. Thank you for all your help! And when you get your 2011 calendar please put the date—Saturday, August 13th --on it to reserve it for the Red Lily Pond annual dinner next summer.

Red Lily Pond and the Craigville Beach District of Critical Planning Concern

From time to time over the last three years, I've written in these pages about the "Craigville Beach District of Critical Planning Concern." As the Cape Cod Commission approved the implementing regulations for this district at their meeting last week, it seemed like a good opportunity to provide an update to *Chronicle* readers.

At their 2008 Annual Meeting, the Red Lily Pond Project Board of Directors first went on record in support of this proposed District. We took this action because of this language in the original DCPC document:

"The purposes and intent of this section is to guide development in the Craigville Beach District by promoting development and redevelopment that:

1. Contributes to and respects the character and historic development patterns of the area; lessen[s] development and redevelopment impacts to the historic and community character resources in this area;
2. Protects and preserves scenic views and vistas and ways to the water;
3. Protects and improves natural resources including but not limited to the barrier beach and groundwater and coastal water quality; lessen[s] development and redevelopment impacts to the natural resources and ecosystems in this district;
4. Protects human life and property from the hazards of periodic flooding,
5. Preserves the natural flood control characteristics and the flood control function of the flood plain,
6. Preserves and maintains the ground water table and water recharge areas within the floodplain. As the entire complex of coastal wetland resources moves landward due to relative sea level rise, the Craigville Beach area's coastal floodplains immediately landward of salt marshes, coastal beaches, barrier beaches, coastal dunes, and coastal banks require special protection."

Through many revisions to the implementing regulations over the last two years, this language has remained consistent. Our Board members have attended more than twenty meetings, hearings, and forums on the DCPC, culminating with last week's Cape Cod Commission vote.

The DCPC establishes a consistent set of regulations to protect the ponds, the river, and the beach. It will guide development and redevelopment of our neighborhood for a time. I recognize that this legislation has caused confusion and controversy. I encourage any who have concerns or questions about the DCPC and reasons for supporting it to read the implementing regulations and/or contact me for details.

Like every piece of environmental legislation, at every level of government, the process of enacting the DCPC has been characterized by spirited debate. At one point in the interminable meetings with the multitudes of lawyers, I noted that the debate over how to implement environmental stewardship goes back more than 3,000 years. When Jesus of Nazareth proclaimed "The Acceptable Year of the Lord" he was referencing a land use policy that originated in Chapter 25 of Leviticus, and flowed through the prophesy of Isaiah 61 to inspire landless fishermen resisting the Roman occupation two millennia ago.

The issues our ancestors wrestled with remain highly charged today. So, this is not a new debate, and the Craigville Beach DCPC will probably not be the final word. A topic for conversation in Craigville for the next 3,000 years?

AROUND THE TOWN

Damian Gates and Kayla Michelle Lee recently became engaged: he asked her at Covell's Beach as the sun set. She said yes. Kayla attends Suffolk Law School and is from the Boston area. Barbara and Clark Gates add that "We are thrilled!"

"We're excited!!" reports Sally Buffington, "The newest (potential) visitor to Craigville, the latest Buffington - Rowan James Swain -- was born on October 27th! Parents are David Swain and Katherine Buffington, grandparents Andy and Sally -- Uncles Jim and Pete, {and Cousin Joanna} --- well, maybe that's enough! He was 5 lbs. 8 oz. and is doing beautifully."

And we look back: "My mother, Eleanoretta Strong, passed away in Florida on Oct. 14, 2010. She was 101 and 92 days. She was co-owner of "The Stronghold" cottage in Craigville beginning in 1963 where the Strong Parke family now resides. An obituary has been sent to the *Cape Cod Times* and *Boston Globe* this week. A memorial service is to be held at the First Parish Church in Dorchester, Mass. on Dec. 18, 2010 at 2:00 PM."

{With our sympathy from the Craigville community to Avis Strong Parke.}

Next Summer's Programs Already in Progress

The CCOA Events Committee, we are advised by Meghan Lahey, has secured entertainment and dates for Summer 2011, so you can begin to plan for the next wonderful Craigville summer! Please take note of the following:

Movie Nights: The Tabernacle has been reserved for a 7:00 pm start and the CCC projection system has been rented for these special nights:

Thursday, July 7th

Tuesday, August 9th

Thursday, August 25th

Halloween in Craigville: Saturday, July 16th, 6-8:30 pm

The ghosts and goblins who roamed the streets last Sunday will return in July to Craigville! We will be having "Halloween in July" for the first time next summer. Kids of all ages are invited to don their costumes for summer trick-or-treating in the Village. Keep the cobwebs off the Spider Man suit and princess gown until July! More details will follow in early summer!

Illumination Night: Thursday, July 28th

Square Dance: Friday, August 12th, 7:00-9:00

July 4th Band: Does anyone know of one they could recommend? If so, please contact Ellen Cardarelli (ellencard@yahoo.com), Joanne Hartunian (budveli@gmail.com) or Meghan Lahey (mglahay@gmail.com)

**QUOTATION FOR TODAY: Whatever you are, be a good one.
-Abraham Lincoln**

WEATHERWIZE: WHAT MAKES COLORS IN THE LEAVES?

By Doppler Debbie (Almy)

This time of year, many leaves in the New England area turn vibrant colors ranging from scarlet red, saffron yellow, tangerine orange to deep rust. The solid green color has vanished, except for the evergreen trees tucked neatly in-between, allowing the other colors to stand out. Foliage may be seen in all parts of the country; for example, in the West, the bright yellow aspens and larches are tucked in-between the dark green conifers. Thirty-one states offer over 3,000 miles of scenic byways for viewing the various colors. New England is known as the "leaf peeping" capital in the United States, though, for we have such a colorful variety in this area thanks mostly to the numerous species of maple trees and their many hues.

A basic lesson in the function of leaves is they are considered a nature food factory. By using water drawn in from the roots, sunlight, and carbon dioxide from the air, they make glucose (sugar) as well as oxygen. All this is completed by a chemical reaction called photosynthesis, with the necessary ingredient chlorophyll. The glucose is the food which is also stored for the winter, and the oxygen is given off into the air for us to breath in. Now, what causes this unique color transformation, and why are some years so much more vibrant than others? The answer is three fold, with the amount of precipitation that falls in the Spring and Summer one huge factor.

Fall's day and nighttime temperature is second; but the amount of daylight is the real trigger. As the daylight dwindles and darkness increases, so does the flow of chlorophyll, which is the dominant green color ingredient which overpowers all other colors.

The other two main color pigments are carotenoids, the orange yellow and brown color also found in carrots, bananas, daffodils and corn. The red color pigment, anthocyanins, is found in cranberries, strawberries, apples, grapes, plums, beets and red wine. When the green color production slows, then ceases, the other colors are unmasked and shine forth. If one is observant, you will notice that swamp maples and other trees that grow with moist footings are usually the most brilliant and the first to change. Last year, as we remember all too well, was incredibly wet all Spring and well into the Summer; thus, the fall foliage was spectacularly breathtaking even here in Massachusetts where we enjoyed some unusually outstanding colors. This year, with a hot dry Summer, the foliage in general has been only fair, and with high winds associated with several storms, many of the leaves have been torn off the trees well before they were given a chance to complete their show, thus giving the leaf peeping season a premature ending. One final note: how many leaves would you say might be on the average tree? Approximately 200,000 and they are all sitting in my yard right now.

FEATHER/FUN FACTS: CROWS

BY DEBBIE ALMY

In the summer of 2010, I enjoyed a discussion with a village resident about crows that he claimed have a sense of humor. This tickled my curiosity about this very common bird with whom we are all familiar. With nothing else to do at 5:00 AM in the morning, I decided to actually listen to the crows with their incessant racket, and, yes, indeed, there was a difference in their calls. There was the sharp staccato shrill call that almost sounded like a panic alarm, as well as the more mellow call sounding more like a conversation. Then there is the number of times a crow sounds off before someone answers, or he leaves his post (thank goodness) and heads to another territory where hopefully someone will answer. On an excessively noisy morning, the clatter brought people out of their homes to see what was happening, only to discover a fisher cat was in a tree near where the crows were carrying on to such a degree. Crows also hate owls, and when you hear them screaming at length, you can be sure there is an owl in the area.

Crows are found on every continent except Antarctica and a group of them is called a "murder" of crows. They indeed do talk to each other with over 250 different calls. They also recognize faces and, in particular, faces they deem as dangerous. In an experiment a man wore a very scary Halloween mask and walked around a park and the crows went wild screaming at the man. This was done several times with the same result each time. Two years later it was tried again with the exact same outcome, meaning they recognized the mask and sounded the alarm. Crows also can talk, and some people who keep them as pets say their vocabulary is larger than a parrot's. They mate for life and live to be at least 20 years old. They are omnivores which we all can attest to when we see them devouring a road kill, not being dissuaded by car traffic one bit. I must admit though, that crows are not my most favorite bird, for they are not particularly pretty, raucously loud, and they can destroy a lawn in short order digging for grubs. By the way, it was never determined whether or not a crow has a sense of humor, so we will let the Craigville resident continue to have his own thoughts on that matter. I, for one, would prefer to enjoy my sleep at 5:00 AM rather than listening to noisy birds discussing their plans for the day.

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-ALICE BROWN, EDITOR (aliceb@cape.com)

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