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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH — CRAIGVILLE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE LODGE

The annual Village Christmas party will take place on Monday, December 8th, 2008. The potluck supper and "Yankee Swap" evening is always a festive occasion. Please call Valerie Lane for details (508-778-0507).

Envy the books: Tab Bab goes South of the Border!

Off to Mexico with Tom Woodbury went several children's books from the Tab Bab for the local children who are learning English from expatriates in Mary and Tom's village.

Locally, Tab Bab books were also gratefully accepted at the Centerville Library. They had a big sale on an October weekend to raise funds for the library, and some of our donated books were undoubtedly part of this fundraiser.

Don Overlock is already collecting books for summer 2009, too!

View (now all clear) from the Conference Center Office

On October 21st, the Lodge office furnace melted down, causing the Carbon Monoxide detector to go off. The office staff had headaches and dizziness. Director Mary Woodbury notes that they are very lucky to have had a CO detector installed last year, and everyone should take note: it could happen to you. BE PREPARED, AND INSTALL YOUR CO DETECTOR TODAY IF YOU DO NOT ALREADY HAVE ONE. The Lodge now has a nice new furnace.

The Conference Center is busy year 'round, and following are some upcoming academic and church retreat groups that will be utilizing the facilities: Boston College High School; ECHO retreat (Encountering Christ in Others) for local youth (meets in Craigville 6 weekends a year); Leominster Pilgrim Congregational Church; B.B. Writers' Group (UMASS); Falmouth First Congregational Church; St. Sebastian's Boys Prep; St. Johns Prep; Holy Cross; Boston College (for 6 weekends a year); Xaverian Brothers High School (for 6 weekends a year); Lowell Catholic High School; Boston University; Our Lady of Nazareth Academy; and the Havurah (Jewish Kosher Group).

Planning for Craigville's Future

The enlarged Long Range Planning Committee brainstormed over the Columbus Day Weekend, thanks to the hospitality of the Hansen Household. Roger felt that our regular meeting space in the Tabernacle would be too frigid for good thought, so he and his adorable pet black lab invited us to the warmth of their dining room. Since it turned

out to be a sunny, delightful afternoon, we will gladly take responsibility for the weather that day. After two hours of reviewing our mandate and overseeing the building improvements that have occurred in remarkable fashion, our finances, and the continual future needs of both, we had a healthy discussion about Village loyalty. One member opined that Craigville may be seen in thirds: 30% of us are heavily involved in the volunteerism that makes the place “tick”, 30% are partially involved from time to time, and 30% seemingly could care less. We seem to get the largest proportion of these folks out to our annual JULY MEETING, WHICH CAN BE A RATHER DULL PROFORMA REVIEW OF REPORTS, SO LET’S CHANGE THE FORMAT OF THAT MORNING! We asked president Jim Lane, who consulted with his Executive Committee, for permission to run a 30-minute necessary business meeting that day and devote the rest of the time to a creative dialogue between residents as to where we’ve been, how we got here, and where we’d like to go. Don Overlock was deputized to ask Bill Mc Kinney, President of Pacific School of Religion, to lead us that day and he has agreed. Meanwhile, members have until Dec. 1st to get back to co-chair Don with suggestions for Bill about items to be discussed at the newly formatted annual meeting. If YOU have ideas, speak to a long ranger: Julie Gavitt, Myra Gooding, Clark Gates, Roger Hansen, Dede Underwood, Lee Williams, Joanne Hartunian, or Dick Trull. L.R.P. was so impressed with the surprisingly large turnout to its Village invitation for an open meeting this past summer we know the format CAN and WILL be productive for our future together.

For further information, feel free to contact me at [<capecodie@comcast.net>](mailto:capecodie@comcast.net)
- Don Overlock

Prepare to Clean-Up

The newly-formed Program and Events Committee is planning a “Let’s Clean Up” (Youth Clean-Up Day) for summer 2009, to be organized by Pamela Danforth. Two trash collection days are anticipated, and Pamela notes that, “Naturally we will have to solicit everyone for a fabulous name for said occasion, i.e. “Craigville Community Collection Day”, or how about, “Trash for All Ages”? Suggested names now being accepted! This will involve trash only. Suggested dates are July 4th and August 15th, each time for an hour in the morning.

It would be a nice way to involve all members of our community, young and old, from the beach members helping with the beach trash, to people staying at the Conference Center, and including tennis members, since many of them are from outside Craigville, in a community effort.

We could all gather at the Green or the Bluff and dole out bags, recommending that everyone bring and wear gloves. We can supply thinner rubber gloves in case anyone forgets their own. After an hour of collection, all trash would be placed in dumpsters either at the Bluff or by the Inn (the Conference Center has been consulted and approved this disposal method).

We can gather everyone together at the end to say “thank you”, and to formally recognize the efforts of youth and children who have participated as part of their community service for their winter communities.

Pamela is happy to accept any input from anywhere and to coordinate with all of you on spreading the word once we have a confirmation of the event. She can be reached at pameladanforth@yahoo.com.

From Pondsides: A New Herring Run Dam

The Red Lily Pond Project Association obtained an order of Conditions, (with the volunteered services of Wetland Scientist Norm Hayes), from the Barnstable Conservation Commission on March 22, 2007, to rebuild the Craigville Herring Run. The first priority was to reconstruct the dam or fish ladder adjacent to 45 Lake Elizabeth Drive. Three restrictive culverts will also be replaced over the next 5 years. On March 26, 2008 the RLPP received the long awaited "Fish-ways Permit" from the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries. With all of the necessary permits in place, and with additional assistance from Norm Hayes, we solicited bids from local Marine Contractors. Cape Cod Docks Inc., of So. Yarmouth, MA. was awarded the contract for \$6,900 (all funded by RLPP) for their willingness and revised design utilizing larger dimension and more durable materials. Work began on Sept. 8th and was completed on Sept 18th, 2008. Three tiers of bulkheads, with weirs or troughs and flashboards, control the flow of water over 18" of elevation from the Lake to the bed of the Herring Run ditch. The water level in the Red Lily Pond and Lake Elizabeth has been raised about 9", and can now be controlled by adjusting the flashboards. Norm Hayes excitedly reported observing about 50 finger-length herring forming up to leave the Lake via our new fish ladder. Norm said, "The things we always see when we do not have a camera." Someday, when you are in the area, stop and see the fish ladder. It is a wonder to behold and a very peaceful spot. Our Association is proud of this recent accomplishment that has been under discussion for 25 years. The RLPP's next Herring Run project is to replace the long restrictive culvert under the Sandy Lane near the foundation of the old recreation building. The Sandy Lane replacement culvert will be reduced to a single vehicle roadway width, and the now covered portions of the run will become an open ditch. The Barnstable County "Americorps" team has agreed to work throughout December to clean out the entire herring run, removing phragmites and other invasive plants, saving the Association several thousand dollars in labor costs.

- Jim Lane & Steve Brown

Lake Elizabeth Drive Embankment to Receive a Crew Cut

The Red Lily Pond Project Association has an additional Order of Conditions from the Barnstable Conservation Commission for "Vegetation Management of the Lake Elizabeth Embankment" from the east end of the Gavitts' property to the metal culvert under the causeway. Michael Talbot & Associates Inc, of Mashpee, MA, a well-known and respected ecological landscaper and licensed arborist, has been awarded a contract for Phase I of the project (\$2,500) entirely funded by the RLPP. Phase I will include the removal and eradication of invasive plants and required pruning of remaining trees and shrubs. Work will begin in mid-November. Phase II of the project includes the introduction of new native plants. This will be a more complex (and thus expensive) undertaking and has been deferred until next year.

Clark Gates to Serve as Treasurer for CCMA

Clark Gates has agreed to join the Christian Camp Meeting Association's Board of Directors as Treasurer, effective Jan. 1, 2009. Rick Ireland, our hard-working and dedicated Treasurer for the last 24 years, will assume the position of Assistant Treasurer. We are very fortunate to have talented volunteer businessmen like Clark and Rick in our small community.

New Signs

Ed Lynch has been busy manufacturing new signs for the Tabernacle, beach house and elsewhere around the Village. The entrance sign on the corner of Craigville Beach Road and Lake Elizabeth Drive is also receiving a much-needed facelift.

Midway Improvements

Edging and resurfacing with bluestone are scheduled for The Midway during November. The pathway between the Booker and Doyle cottages (Spring Street) will also be graded to cover the root mass and create a safer walking path.

Tabernacle/Worship Committee

The Tabernacle Worship Committee would like to thank everyone that contributed to the CHAMP Homes collection during the summer. Between individual donations and a portion of the Tabernacle Sunday offertory, we were able to proudly present to CHAMP Homes a check in the amount of \$1,103. In addition, they were very appreciative to receive the six boxes of donated items. We would like to thank everyone who contributed (both from the Village and from the beach) to this excellent collection for such a deserving and hardworking organization that is helping the community every day.

We will look forward to gathering in worship and hearing the sound of the Tabernacle bell ringing on Sunday, June 28th, for the first service of the season.

- Ruth Robin

Status of the Craigville Beach Area District of Critical Planning Concern (DCPC)

Over the past three months, I have been participating in the meetings of the Town of Barnstable Growth Management Department's DCPC Advisory Group. There are generally about ten members in attendance, the majority of whom are attorneys, skilled in planning and zoning; the balance, citizen representatives of the neighborhoods of Centerville, and staff from the Town.

This is a valuable experience for me, as I am learning lots about the zoning laws and regulations and how these come to be written, interpreted, and applied.

The meetings are long and complex. My goal in this brief summary is to share the key concepts that frame these discussions, and the consensus that is beginning to emerge.

Once the proposed DCPC regulations are drafted, they will be shared with the citizens for input, before a final version is submitted to the Town Council for a vote.

Laws exist to protect rights, and the understanding of rights has emerged throughout human history. As Oliver Wendell Holmes famously said, "The right to swing my fist ends where the other man's nose begins." We spend lots of time in these meetings discussing just where noses begin and end. Some key words and phrases that frame this conversation are "substantial detriment test," "subjective"; "fairest"; "predictability;" "baseline;" "level playing field;" "unintended consequences;" and "limited rights to make modest changes".

All the currents of human history flow in one watercourse: the one finite and fragile planet we share; its water, air, and soil. While details of the DCPC are negotiable, our health, which is inextricably linked to the environment of Craigville, is not. At the outset, I shared with the Advisory Committee that my role, as a volunteer, was to represent as

best I could the whole community, always seeking to remember the land, which has no voice, and its myriad inhabitants whose voices may not always be heard in the halls of government.

As soon as a draft of the DCPC Implementing Regulations is available, we will share it with the Chronicle Mailing List. Stay tuned!

Last but not least, Town officials have received more than 250 post cards from the community, advocating for movement toward pond restoration and for installation of municipal sewers in the Craigville area. We are grateful to all who took the time to write these cards! The Town has noticed the will of the citizens and has indicated they will reply soon (and when they do, their response will be posted on the Craigville website, www.craigville.org.)

We keep busy all year—many thanks for your support!

-Steve Brown, President, RLPP

Craigville Cottage Owners' Association: Keep the lights handy

The CCOA Board met on October 12th, reviewed the events of the past summer, and initiated plans for next year. We committed one half the cost for enclosing the dumpster at the Lodge and one half the cost for restoring the Midway.

Meghan Lahey and Joanne Hartunian have taken on the new position of Co-Chairs of the Program and Events Committee. They are reviewing the suggestions sent to them and plan to have interesting and active events next summer. We are hoping for a spectacular Illumination Night next year. Before you put your Christmas lights away, keep some aside for your return to the Cape! We also hope that your lights will stay on for the entire weekend so those who come only on weekends can enjoy them. If you have a problem getting lights, Joanne Hartunian plans on having some available for you to borrow. Contact her at budveli@gmail.com.

We are easing in from a warm, beautiful fall to the coming cold of winter. Although we enjoy each season on the Cape, we are looking forward to summer.

If you have ideas or concerns, please contact me at lawhpyc@hotmail.com.

-Lee Williams, President, CCOA

Around the Town: Christine Oates is home following back surgery in Boston, and pleased to report that her intense pain has been relieved.

The Farrell Liss house (99 Lake Elizabeth Drive) is for sale (at the Southeast end of the Midway), offered by MetroBoston Properties LLC in Canton, MA (508-522-0077).

(we would be glad to include your news in this column in future editions)

Quotation of the week: "Let the world know you as you are, not as you think you should be, because sooner or later, if you are posing, you will forget the pose, and then where are you?"

-Fanny Brice, American actress and singer (1891-1951)

The *Craigville Chronicle*, designed to bring our community together, is sponsored by the Christian Camp Meeting Association and will be published electronically in November, February and May this coming year. Weekly publication will resume the last week in June, 2009. We hope you will enjoy maintaining contact with Craigville throughout the year, and please send us your news! We are always available to you on the web at Craigville.org. Have a wonderful holiday season!

-Alice Brown (aliceb@cape.com)