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Community Calendar

Monday, June 21st

Thursday, June 24th

Saturday, June 26th

Monday, June 28th

Deadline for Chronicle News

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Craigville Post Office Opening Day

THE OLD CRAIGVILLE POST OFFICE

Happy Spring to one and all after the March floods of gigantic proportions. A weatherwise article devoted to why the flooding occurred follows in this chronicle.

After last year's rotating post person club, we are delighted to welcome back two very familiar faces to manage the Post Office this summer. Dick and Judy Perella will be job-sharing the position and they both bring with them their own expertise in handling the crowds. It will be a joy to see them back in the village that they both love so much. Please do stop in the welcome them back.

Many of the old standby items in the Post Office shop will return: the picnic cooler, the short glasses, and Christmas ornaments, as well as the traditional t-shirts. This year the ladies will have a v-neck t-shirt or the regular cut to pick from. Two of the new items this year will be a 10 oz. wine glass as well as a note cube.

Hours for the Post Office will be Monday-Friday 8:30-12:30. Opening day will be Monday, June 28th.

Stamps and newspapers will also be sold as usual.

We look forward to having you drop in to shop and again, we do so appreciate all the support the village has given to our Post Office over the many years.

See you in June.

Deborah C. Almy (Chairman), Kristen Shoemaker, Willie Shoemaker

CRAIGVILLE CONFERENCE CENTER: Happy Spring!

Groups coming to Craigville this spring will be from the following: Pope John Paul High School in Hyannis, Easthampton Congregational Church, Dover Church, Milton Congregational, Massachusetts Cedar Hill Study, Ridhwan, Lanesborough Elementary School, and First Church, Glastonbury Connecticut.

Mary Woodbury was blessed with the birth of a new grandchild, Lyla Grace Guevremont, the first child for her daughter, Jennifer.

Our maintenance man, Damon Franze, sadly lost his grandmother this week. It has taken a toll on his whole family.

Please remember: Craigville roads should be pedestrian-friendly! The speed limit in the village is 15 mph year 'round. We have lots of guests all year long, not just in the summer months. We appreciate your cooperation and your consideration.

Is anyone interested in free yoga on the Green? Please contact Jacci at the Conference Center Office (775-1265).

RED LILY POND PROJECT HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR

Save the date for Sunday, July 11th! This is the day after the annual CCMA and CCOA meetings on the 10th. We will be holding a beautiful House and Garden Tour in our village of Craigville from 1-4:30 pm. Refreshments will be served at the last house on the tour. We have six houses and may have two more. Please put this on your calendar. It is going to be a GREAT event!

Save the date for the **Red Lily Pond Project Annual Dinner**, as well!

The Red Lily Pond Project Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday night, August 14th. Cocktails and a small silent auction will begin at 5:30, with dinner at 7:00. Anyone wanting to help can call Valerie Lane at 508-778-0507. Hope to see everyone there!

-Valerie B. Lane

RED LILY POND PROJECT

Red Lily Pond Project Musings:

On May 1, 2010, the environment leads the news. More than 2 million Boston area citizens are without potable water after the huge pipe that brings water to the city from Quabbin Reservoir ruptured. An oil spill the size of Puerto Rico spreads toward the coastline of Louisiana and Florida. It's ninety degrees in Boston. The U.S. Secretary of the Interior approved 130 wind turbines in Nantucket Sound, the latest round in the decade-long controversy. Tornadoes leveled towns in Arkansas and Tennessee.

The newspaper reads like a 21st Century composite of Amos, Job, and Ecclesiastes.

Where's the good news? In Craigville, the Red Lily Pond Project installed the culvert for the herring run beneath the Sandy Lane, opening the clogged path to the sea so spawning fish can find their homes. The Town began the contract/bid process for summer weed-raking the Middle and North Bays of Red Lily Pond. Regional sewer plans inch forward, thanks to the possibility of Federal Stimulus Funds. Barnstable Town Council voted 9-3 to work with the Cape Cod Commission to finalize the Craigville Beach District of Critical Planning Concern, thanks to many Craigville area volunteers who attended the long, contentious meetings and spoke responsibly about the benefits to the beach and the ponds. The CCMA voted to use non-toxic chemicals on the Village Green.

The psalmist wrote, "The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." While we live in troubled times, humankind's call to care for the earth endures. We look forward to a busy summer for the Red Lily Pond Project, bringing the community together to continue to learn about our ponds, our fragile wetlands and tidal estuaries, the river and beach that cradle the village we love. We hope to sponsor events and speakers, perhaps a "water summit" and a movie or two. Come home to Craigville, and know that the water in your neighborhood receives care.

-Steve Brown

ANNUAL CRAIGVILLE COLLOQUY

Craigville Colloquy—an annual summer conference in historic Craigville Village on Cape Cod—will meet this year from July 12-16 on "Surprised by Grace in Modern Film: Training the Eyes of Faith." It will be one of our biggest colloquies. Join us for informative presentations, inspiring worship, useful workshops and plenty of free time to enjoy historic Cape Cod! Learn more about this group at <http://craigvillecolloquy.com>.

-Gabe Fackre

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Tabernacle bell will be ringing to welcome another summer of spiritual worship on Sunday, July 4th. Worship will be held each Sunday at 9:45 through Labor Day weekend, September 5th. A group of talented preachers and special music have been arranged over the winter. In addition, there will be a Roman Catholic Mass and plans for offering another worship opportunity at the beach again this summer. Please plan on joining us at the Tabernacle for worship.

-Ruth Robin

PLANNING CONSULTANT HIRED FOR JOINT CCMA/MACUCC STUDY

The hiring of a planning consultant was approved by the Christian Camp Meeting Association Board on April 17th. The finance committee of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ (MACUCC) approved the plan and board approval is expected on May 8th. The company is Run River Enterprises from Tully, NY, and the principals in the firm are Rev. Dr. Pamela Harris and Rev. Mr. Garrie T. Stevens. The consultants will provide a 5-year financial plan, site and facility recommendations, and numerous other studies designed as a direct expression of the CCMA's mission. Meetings with representatives of CCMA and the Conference Center will begin this spring. Special thanks to Roger Hansen for his good work with the Request for Proposal (RFP) and follow-up on references.

-Jim Lane-CCMA

The MACUCC operates the Conference Center, leasing most of the buildings from the Christian Camp Meeting Association. Our Finance Committee has agreed to join CCMA in this shared consulting project, in order to seek outside expertise to help both organizations in our planning and management.

Since 1995, the Mass. Conference and CCMA have had a lease agreement calling for regular rent increases tied to the Consumer Price Index, as well as sharing of all surpluses from the operation of the Conference Center. The Mass. Conference has reinvested 100% of its share of surpluses into operations at Craigville. Still, the MACUCC is aware of the perennial challenges faced by CCMA in maintaining the buildings, grounds, roads, streetlights, etc. We hope to learn whether there are ways we can continue to carry out our mission at Craigville while bringing in more revenue. Thus, we have asked the consultants to help us consider questions related to marketing, pricing, what kinds of groups to target, and best use of space.

- Dawn Hammond MACUCC
Associate Conference Minister for Policy and Finance
Mass. Conference, UCC

CRAIGVILLE COTTAGE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

You can reduce your summer stress level by paying your CCOA dues now! Remember that we need to ensure that our village is safe - our dues money helps support lighting and security costs – and that we all enjoy and benefit from plantings and mowing of our community green spaces.

Please plan now to attend the joint CCOA/CCMA Annual Meetings on Saturday, July 10th.

Hope to see you soon for another wonderful Craigville summer!

A TRIBUTE

It is with sadness that we announce the death of a friend of Craigville. Gretchen Geiger of Centerville was killed in an automobile accident in Vermont this past February. Gretchen, a talented artist, painted and carved all the signs on the cottages along the Green, including Yale, Andover, Boston, Union, Lancaster and Groves House. She also made the beautiful sign at the entrance to the village on Craigville Beach Road which includes the logo of the CCMA. Gretchen always responded to any and all of our requests. There are numerous creative works by Gretchen throughout the Cape, including many church signs.

At the time of her death, Gretchen was employed at the Riverview School in Sandwich. She leaves 3 adoring sons and their father, Peter Kelly. We join all her many friends and family in missing her.

-Ed Lynch

SAILING ON THE POND: MYSTERY SOLVED

In the previous *Chronicle*, a red, white and yellow striped sail had been spotted gliding along on the ice on Lake Elizabeth. Who was that? Lee Williams responded: the ice windsurfer was sailed by their son, Mark, and his friend. They were quite disappointed that it wasn't terribly windy that day!

AROUND THE TOWN

A LITTLE SUMMER MUSIC: Two melodic Summer 2010 events will be offered at the Tabernacle courtesy of the Elizabeth H. Kirk Memorial Fund, one in late July and another is planned for early August. Exact dates will be available in the June edition; please watch for them and plan to attend.

HOUSE RENTAL: Joanne and Ed Goldstein's house at 310 Lake Elizabeth Drive (on the point beyond the Tabernacle) is available for rent this summer. It is a 3-bedroom, 2-bath home and rentals should be for 1-2 weeks/time or longer. It features a playroom, huge deck, outside shower, cable/Internet, and laundry. Please call 617-610-5375 or edwardgoldstein@rocketmail.com for further information.

Some key dates ahead to save on your calendars

Sunday, July 4th: Tabernacle worship services begin Friday, August 6th: Square Dance
Annual Village Parade Saturday, August 14th: Red Lily Pond Dinner
Saturday, July 10th: CCMA/CCOA Joint Annual Meetings
Sunday, July 11th: Red Lily Pond House Tour
Thursday, July 29th: Illumination Night

THE NEXT CHRONICLE is due out on Friday, June 25th, with a deadline for information submission of Monday, June 21st. We plan to provide a comprehensive "Summer 2010 Calendar" – subject to change as necessary, of course – along with this first Summer 2010 edition. Please make certain that we have the dates of your organization's activities so that we can include them!

WeatherWize

MARCH FLOODS

BY DOPPLER DEBBIE (ALMY)

In March, torrential rains from two massive storms pelted all of New England with a record 14" of water, resulting in normally dry basements now being awash with ruined furnaces, hot water heaters, carpeting, furniture and just about everything ruined in the lower level.

Why did normally dry areas and basements suddenly become flooded? We have to start with the "water table". Most people think of this term as a flat area similar to a tabletop that rises and falls depending on the amount of rainfall. Actually, the water table is rarely flat, as it reflects the shape of the topography above it, being deeper under hills, and shallower under valleys. The top layer of soil extends 6-10 feet below the surface and is called the unsaturated zone, for the amount of water in this area depends exclusively on the amount of precipitation percolating down through it. The vertical distance from the ground surface to the water table below may be a few feet or several hundred feet, and the layer under the water table is called the saturated zone or ground water.

So what caused the flooding? In the first storm, huge amounts of rainwater seeped down through the top layer and into the layers below. Depending on what those lower layers are made up of made a huge difference on the surface. Sandy soil allows water to pass through, while bedrock, which most of New England is sitting on, cannot absorb any water so the collected water just puddled all the way up through the soil to the surface and began to travel to the lowest point nearby.

Both of the two storms were considered "one in fifty years" in intensity, so to have two of them hit the area within a two-week period was unprecedented. The massive amount of rainfall from the first storm was enough to cause flooding and with no time for the water to trickle down into the already saturated soil, the new heavy amounts from the second storm meant the water had nowhere to go. Thus the horrific flooding of record-setting proportions.

The only good side of these storms and all the damage created, was if the 14" of rain had been snow (using the standard formula of one inch of rain equals 10 inches of snow), that means we would have had 11 feet of snow!

By Debbie Almy

In the Spring season, with trees in flower and the grass becoming rich in color, we begin to see more and more birds about and, therefore, possibly finding their nests. Birds, however, are not the only animals that make nests; fish, mammals, insects and spiders do, as well. Birds' nests though, may be huge, complex, multi-chambered and waterproof, or simply a few twigs thrown together. Most nests are made up of twigs, leaves, grasses, moss, feathers, mud, dung, rotten wood, and even string, and they may be found on the ground, inside trees or just hanging by a thread.

Ducks, geese, gulls and swans throw gathered materials sideways to make their nest. The next step up in complexity is the carrying of materials to be dropped into place, or interwoven to make the nest stronger. The cup shape is the one most commonly seen in the New England area, but in tropical climate areas and other parts of the world there are some unique nests that deserve mention. The Magpies and Wrens make an enclosed nest with just an entrance hole and it is very solid. The hanging and woven nest is the most admirable, and their construction requires a great deal of skill. The tiny hummingbird's nest, about the size of a thimble, has only one support cable holding it in place as it hangs off a branch. The Hammerkop's nest consists of about 8,000 sticks, is over a yard high as well as across, and can support the weight of a person walking on it.

Of course, there is always the interloper who is too lazy to make a nest for herself, so she just borrows an old deserted one. The owl fits this description for he (or she) just throws a few new twigs in with a possible feather or two and the old eagle's nest is now home.

Finally, what should you do if you find a baby bird on the ground? First, the old thought that if you handled it the mother would reject it is pure fable, for if you can reach the nest just put the baby back in and hope for the best. Many mothers just kick the little darlings out to either make more room for more eggs, or to allow the other chicks to survive. Thus, the old expression "survival of the fittest".

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FAVORITE QUOTATION? WE WOULD LOVE TO INCLUDE YOUR CONTRIBUTION IN OUR "QUOTATION OF THE WEEK" THIS SUMMER.

THE *CHRONICLES* WILL BE PUBLISHED EACH FRIDAY THE LAST WEEK IN JUNE, DURING JULY AND AUGUST, AND LABOR DAY WEEKEND 2010. WEEKLY DEADLINES ARE EACH WEDNESDAY AT 12:00 NOON OF THE SAME WEEK PRIOR TO FRIDAY'S PUBLICATION.

WE WELCOME ANY AND ALL NEWS PERTAINING TO CRAIGVILLE ACTIVITIES AND NEIGHBORS, SO PLEASE KEEP US POSTED.

-ALICE BROWN, EDITOR

REMEMBER: we are always on the web at Craigville.org (postings to Amelia Brown at amelia@cape.com).

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