

Village Times



NEWS AND UPDATES FROM THE CATAUMET CIVIC ASSOCIATES, INC. (CCA)

Message from the President, Linda Carpenter

We did it. Thanks to the generosity of so many of you, we have expanded our playground; placed new artwork on both sides of our bridge (the way it used to be), created by our own Priscilla Levesque; brought a magical puppet show to town; delivered two station wagons full of non-food items to the Bourne Friends Food Panty; and placed a memorial stone honoring all veterans from the Village of Cataumet. And that is in addition to our Easter Egg Hunt, Candidates' Night and annual Tree Lighting and Carol Sing.

It's my last year as President. I have been so lucky to undertake this job with the support and friendship of the very best Board of Directors, including: Patti Dibella, my VP, sounding board and partner in picking out new playground equipment and all that Easter candy; Judy McGee, who is meticulous in managing our money; Debbie Derosier, who takes careful notes at our meetings; Kathy Gillis who runs the Scholarship Program and Candidates' Night without a hitch; Ben Joyce who gave so much time and energy to painting the bridge, hanging art-

work and putting up Christmas lights around the Depot; Bill Locke who oversees care of the Depot; Tom Gelsthorpe, moderator for Candidates' Night and head auctioneer; Kris Fisher (our Easter Bunny), Dale Schimmel and Judy Martin who help out on so many committees, including the Non-food Food Drive, Scholarship Program, Candidates Night, Puppet Show and Tree Lighting. Our meetings are full of good humor and generosity of spirit. *Thank you all.*

With winter and all that snow behind us, the CCA is busy finalizing plans for this year and looks forward to seeing many of you at our events, outlined on page 2. We are excited about our many initiatives and hope to have your ongoing support. Please remember that every dollar that you contribute to the CCA is used to enhance the lives of the people who live in this special Village.

With kudos to so many of you, Project Playground and the "Bridge" are done!



Cataumet Civic Associates, Inc.

Special Thanks to:

These local businesses:

Tim Greene, Greene Tree & Garden
for finding and delivering the 2012 Christmas Tree

Pondscape *for the flower boxes at the Post Office*

The Cataumet Art Center,
Andrea & Laurie York
for help with all holiday activities

These Green Thumbs:

at the Post Office and our islands:

Kathy Leone; Bill & Noelle Locke;
Bunky Hurter; Grace Rowe;
Susan Ashbrook; Linda Carpenter;
Clare Heffernan; Jane Downing;
George and Sharon Seaver;
Andrea Gordon; Ellen Driscoll;
Laura Murphy; Cathy Leone; and
Melessa Ashworth

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*Drawing of the Depot by Priscilla Levesque
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CCA Plans for 2013

...to promote appreciation of the arts

The Tanglewood Marionettes will be back to entertain our kids in the park! This summer's show is "An Arabian Adventure," which will be a swashbuckler of a good time for all ages.

Save the date: Sunday, July 14, Parade on Wheels at 9:30; show starts at 10:00. Following the show we hope to run mini workshops where children can create simple stick, shadow and hand puppets. Free to all. Look for more details in June.

...to encourage conservation and preservation of lands and maintenance of public parks

Our playground is the heart of the Village and it has never looked better. With help from the Town of Bourne DPW and the Bourne Conservation Trust, we will continue to look for ways to enhance and maintain this special gathering place for our local families.

We will also continue our work with the Cataumet Club and other citizens in our Village to restore Squeteague Harbor beach and rid our shoreline of invasive phragmites.

...to grant scholarships to deserving local students

Paying for college isn't easy. To help with expenses, any Cataumet resident who is graduating from high school this year may apply for one of our two \$1,000 scholarships, regardless of the school he or she attends. Applications, which are available from the Guidance Department of Bourne High, should be completed and returned by March 29, 2013.

...to provide social relief to the needy

We are working on plans for an initiative that will help support people in need within our community. Look for details on this year's event later this spring.

...take an active part in the social and civic affairs of Cataumet and the Town of Bourne

The Easter Egg Hunt; Candidates' Night; Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Sing...the CCA will continue to sponsor these special events during the year.

Did You Know:

The Depot is Available for Rent!

Perhaps an artist or artists' group would be interested, a sewing, quilting or bridge group; or a Mom who wants to have a birthday party at the playground with a place to serve the cake. For details, contact **Judy Martin** at 508-563-5378 or **Linda Carpenter** at 508-563-3506.



Come Celebrate With Us

On Saturday, June 22, the CCA would like to invite you to a **"Grand Opening"** of our new playground.

Please drop by to see the new equipment and celebrate with us. Details will follow in early June.



Speaking of Christmas, the search is on!

If you have a 15 to 20 foot fir tree that you would like to donate as the **2013 Village Christmas Tree in the Park**, please contact **Linda Carpenter** at linda.carpenter4@comcast.net.

Jingle bells, jingle bells....

Carefree Play vs. Advanced Coordination *by Tom Gelsthorpe*



Kids love our newly completed Playground

The CCA is proud of its recent upgrade for the Washington Park Playground. The real proof of success is the playground's increased popularity. Likewise, it warms the cockles of every civic-minded citizen's heart that children still play outdoors and still enjoy the legendary pleasures of family dogs.

HOWEVER, dogs running free in the playground, however beloved they are, are less conscientious than children about leaving the grass and wood chips (ahem!) unstained for the next person who comes along. The CCA respectfully requests that all canine friends

be tethered (leashed) safely outside and inside the fence and not allowed to run free in the play areas. The playground is not the proper venue for toddlers to train for jumping over camouflage-colored, sticky obstacles. The CCA also asks that you pick up after your pets when necessary and take it with you when you leave (or at the least dispose of it in the town trash barrel).

We need to keep the playground popular and clean of dog poop. Surely lovers of both dogs and children will understand that.

CCA 2012 - A RECAP: **The Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

What is cuter than little kids on an Easter Egg Hunt? It's one of the CCA's favorite and most popular events. Thanks to the Bourne Conservation Trust (BCT), we have the perfect spot: Spring Hill Farm. And we have the Easter Bunny on hand to greet the kids, pose for pictures and lead the way to the candy. Following the hunt, the kids can wander around the farm and visit the goats, Ben and Peter, and perhaps some horses.

This year, the Hunt will be on Saturday, March 23, at 10:30 am. with a rain date of Saturday, March 30. Parking is at the Cataumet Methodist Church. Thanks to the BCT for use of the Farm and the Cataumet Methodist Church for use of its parking lot.



The Non-Food Food Drive

Again, thanks to the people in the Village, the CCA was able to deliver two station wagons full of non-food items to the Bourne Friends Food Pantry. We asked for donations of items that do not qualify for food stamps: paper goods, health, beauty and cleaning supplies. These items are in great demand at the Food Pantry but not typically donated.

Puppet Show in the Park

On a sunny Sunday last July, the CCA hosted a terrific puppet show presented by the award-winning Tanglewood Marionettes. The event kicked-off with a "fairy tale costume" parade on wheels from the Cataumet Club tennis courts to Washington Park, complete with a police escort courtesy of the Bourne Police Department. Then the children of our Village were enchanted by the story of the **Fairy Circus**. All the members of the audience were mesmerized by the performance, which let them witness how a puppeteer manipulates the multitude of strings to create the lifelike motions of the various puppets, all at the same time. At the conclusion of the performance, everyone was invited to see and even touch the puppets. The park was full of laughter and good cheer during this very special event.

Candidates' Night

The CCA and the Pocasset Village Association co-hosted the annual Candidates' Night last May at the Cataumet Methodist Church. Moderator Tom Gelsthorpe and timekeeper Peter Fisher did a great job in promoting free expression of the candidates and attendees, and in managing the question and answer periods effectively.

Reminder: Candidates' Night 2013 will be May 15, 7:00 pm, at the Cataumet Methodist Church. Town Elections quickly follow on May 21. For your information, Town Meeting starts May 6.

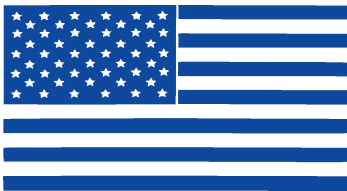
And the 2012 Scholarships Go to . . .

The CCA awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to both **Alexander Cook and Luke Weatherby.**

Alexander is attending Rochester Institute of Technology in New York and is pursuing a degree in Video Game and Design Development. During the summer, Alex plays the trumpet in a band that performs at local music festivals and enjoys acting in summer theater. He is also an Eagle Scout.

Luke attends Colby Sawyer College in New Hampshire. He played fall soccer and helped his team to make the playoffs. Luke plays the drums in a blues band at local events and ski houses in New Hampshire. He is majoring in English and would like to become an English teacher and a certified soccer coach.

Let Us Honor Our Veterans ~ Linda Carpenter



To honor and thank all the men and women who have served in the armed forces of the United States from the Village of Cataumet, the CCA has placed a memorial stone on the island in Post Office Square. The stone was donated by the Town of Bourne DPW; the plaque by the CCA. Please stop by and pay your respects to our local heroes.

Note: Many of you walk the trails in the Broyer Conservation Land, between the PO and Depot Rd. Many of you may not know that this conservation area was dedicated by the Town of Bourne to Clifton Lee Broyer of Cataumet, a Colonel in the US Marine Corps and recipient of the Silver Star, who was killed in action in Vietnam in 1969, at age 23. (We honored Cliff in last year's Village Times.) This land is owned by the Town and maintained by the BCT.

Tree Lighting and Carol Sing . . . and a Fond Farewell

For more than 20 years, **George Eckstrom** has led us all in song as Master of Ceremony of the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Sing. It's George who put together the musical program, gathered the singers, arranged for the music and sound system and signed up each part, and led, the favorite "Twelve Days of Christmas." As you know, sadly George has retired from the Post Office and from our carol sing. He is not leaving Cataumet, but after all this time would like to just join in with the crowd. I'm not sure how we ever thank George, for making this event so special for so long, not to mention all that he did for each and every one of us in the Post Office. It truly will not be the same without him.

Please join with me in sending huge thanks and best wishes to George Eckstrom.

There are more to thank. Let's start with George's kids, Nathan, Laura, Annie and Evan, who wrote and sang a song to their Dad: Frosty the Postman...it was amazing; the lyrics brought lots of laughter and love; there was not a dry eye in the crowd. Nathan and Evan also sang an old favorite: John Lennon's "Happy Christmas." Also, thanks to singers Stan Carpenter, Gwyneth Packard, Maddie Hjulstrom and Natalie Chambers; the Children's Chorus; John Alden on his guitar (and for the sound system); Bill Fox on the accordion; Santa Claus; and those who painted the festive PO windows: Hilary & Natalie Packard, Livia and Anais Rugh, Gabby Hyde and Mickey.

Goosebusters, a Selectmen's Hearing, Swimming and Shellfish Closures

Last Spring, after some local opposition surfaced to our Goosebusters Program, we sought out community opinion (via a petition and discussions with the Cataumet Club and the Schoolhouse Group). With broad support, I made a presentation to the Selectmen in May on the consequences of geese proliferation locally and nationally (forcing planes down at Kennedy Airport, for example). The major consequences of geese nesting/swimming in Squeteague Harbor are (1) closure to shellfishing, (2) closure to swimming, and (3) swimmers itch (shistosomes). Lawns and beaches along the shore can also be made unusable. In regards to dog feces, road run-off, septic and fish rack disposal, which are other contributors to harbor pollution, those problems seem to be under control.

Although the Selectmen were not able to give documented support to Goosebusters, they did ensure us that there was nothing illegal about it. Department of Natural Resources personnel offered to help answer questions and complaints, and help us educate people to the benefits of this program.

As a result, we revived our goosebusters efforts, as described in last year's newsletter, using pyrotechnic "screamers" and "bangers", similar to what is used at the Landfill. We devised and implemented a procedure, based upon observation at high tide of macroalgae and geese arrival, to intercept and turn back geese coming to the beach to eat this algae. This past summer we also had swans visiting the beach; they are much more aggressive, leave 6-inch "swan flaps" and have seven times the bacteria threat. Our program worked well and, unlike past summers, we had no swimming closures last summer, although the bay did remain closed as usual to shellfishing from June 30 to September 30.

We continued our 25-year water chemistry sampling and analysis program of Squeteague and Red Brook Harbors and their upgradient groundwater. The samples are taken four times a year; their analysis is done by Envirotech of Sandwich and the MBL Water Quality Lab. The tests are paid for by the CCA and the Cataumet Club. Results from the first 23 years now appear as a chapter in a book that was published in June 2012. The book is edited by Steve Jordan of the EPA, published by Nova Sciences Publishing and entitled Estuaries: Classification, Ecology and Human Impacts. My chapter 9 is entitled *Long term nitrate transport through watersheds to estuaries: climate and transient scales*. Among other interesting results, it shows no long term (23-year) nitrate or other trends. It also describes a significant increase in groundwater nitrate input to Squeteague Harbor but not to Red Brook Harbor in 2004. The initial response in Squeteague was to increase its nitrate, but after four years the nitrate returned to its previous level, even with the groundwater input remaining high. The Squeteague biosystem seems to be able to readjust to and absorb this increased level of nitrate input at this level. ~ George Seaver

Buzzards Bay Coalition Cataumet Report:

The CCA and the Pocasset Village Association Since 2005 Bourne estuaries have experienced continued excessive growth of Phytoplankton, which causes algae growth. The simple truth of the problem is that the natural chemical balance in the water can get out of balance because of too much nitrogen caused by human waste, lawn fertilizer, acid rain, and car exhaust, along with warming temperatures of the water. You may want to subscribe to the Coalition's BAY BUZZ delivered free to your e-mail inbox to find out how you can help keep our water clean. ~ Bill Locke

Notes from Our Partner Organizations

... working together to enhance the Village of Cataumet and the Town of Bourne

The Victorian Christmas Train Chugged into the Village

In partnership with the Bourne Historical Societies, and Laurie, Andrea and John York, the CCA joined in the fun of greeting the passengers who arrived in Cataumet on the Victorian Christmas train. Many of us were dressed as costumed characters from Bourne's past. About 400 passengers got off the train to walk around Post Office Square, tour the Cataumet Arts Center and enjoy cookies, hot cider and roasted marshmallows.

Adopted Planter in Buzzards Bay

For the second year volunteers from the CCA took part in the "Adopt a Planter" program sponsored by the Buzzards Bay Beautification Association. We planted and maintained one of the planters on Main Street. A great big THANK YOU to the following who participated in the watering each week throughout the summer:

- Linda Carpenter • Karen Reaman
- Lorraine Cutone • Karen Reynolds
- Patti Dibella • Phyllis Steingard
- Kathy Gillis • Barbara Takagi
- Judy Martin • Carol Taylor
- Judy McGee • Eleanor Wendell.

Your efforts have helped to beautify Main Street in our town.



The One-Room Schoolhouse . . . an historical treasure right on County Road

The Cataumet Schoolhouse Preservation Group works to preserve and maintain the schoolhouse building and to promote educational, cultural and recreational programs for the community. This includes fall field trips for local third graders to so that they can experience and understand how children learned and lived at the turn of the century. Coming up will be an Open

House on June 8; Summer Tuesday Talks on the Nature of Cape Cod; an Art Show; Antique Auto Show and Picnic; and the popular Christmas Craft Fair. For dates, refer to the back cover.

For details, watch the local papers and visit the website:

<http://www.cataumetschoolhouse.org>

Did You Know:

The BCT is Applying for Community Preservation Act Funds!

If awarded, these funds will be used to help restore the platform and lighting around the Depot, and to provide handicapped access.

(The BCT owns the Depot; the CCA helps maintain it and covers all utility bills.)

Trail Tales ~ from the BCT

There are no better places to walk, for both people and pets, than the local trails created and maintained by the BCT. As you enjoy these meandering and scenic routes, you can listen for the birds and enjoy the wind in the trees. If you see a tree or branch down across the trails, be sure to contact the BCT at 508-563-2884 or send an email to bct.trails@gmail.com and a Trail Meister will cut it up. If you take your dog along, keep the dog under control and off private property; pick up any poop (and take the bag with you, especially along the shore); and be considerate of other walkers, especially when your dog is wet. Trail maps are available at Ballentine's Boat Shop, Parker's Boat Yard, Kingman Marine, Bourne Town Hall and the Bourne Public Library. Trail maps can also be ordered by calling 508-563-2884, or they can be printed out from the BCT web site www.bourneconservationtrust.org.

(Special Thanks continued from page 1) These special volunteers:

- Andrea York for helping us find and book the Tanglewood Marionettes
 - Amy Nevela for help organizing the summer parade on wheels
 - George Seaver for the Goosebusters and water testing programs, and help with Christmas lights
 - Ben Joyce for cleaning and painting the railroad bridge and for hanging the bridge artwork and the Depot Christmas lights
 - George Eckstrom, who quietly made our PO such a special, caring and happy place
 - Nancy Eldridge and CCA Board members for the Christmas ornaments
 - Bill Dibella for building and installing the family bench on the playground
 - Donald Mears, who took away the park bench damaged in a car accident and built and installed a new one
 - Bill Dibella, George & Kathy Gillis for installing and decorating the Christmas tree
 - Mark Daniels, who brought his tractor to help spread new wood fiber
 - Scott Taylor, Sue Pandiani, the CCA Board and others who came to help with shovels and pitch forks
 - Our own Santa Claus and Easter Bunny
- AND:**
- Priscilla Levesque for her collaboration on, and the beautiful new artwork for, the bridge
 - The BCT: For help with the Easter Egg Hunt and upkeep around the Depot and playground
 - The Bourne Highway Department for help with the beach, excavating the new playground area, tree work and the disposal of truckloads of invasive phragmites
 - Charles & Sue Clack for donating the 2012 Christmas tree
 - Kris Fisher and the Cataumet Schoolhouse Preservation Group for Christmas cookies



CCA Treasurer's Report: January 1 through December 31, 2012

~Judy McGee

OPENING BALANCE ~ January 1, 2012

Checking	\$ 2,920.21	
Savings	\$ 8,482.75	
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 3,359.16	
		\$14,762.12

INCOME	Member Dues (individual, family, business)	\$ 2,485.00	
	Donations**	\$15,000.00	
	Auction	\$ 7,429.00	
	Interest	\$ 10.67	

TOTAL INCOME \$17,495.67

EXPENSES	Scholarship	\$ 1,000.00
	Playground and Bridge	\$18,849.59
	Village Events	\$ 1,024.24
	Insurance	\$ 555.00
	Environmental Projects	\$ 514.00
	Newsletter and Membership	\$ 1,163.12
	Landscape/Depot Maintenance	\$ 604.00
	Charitable Contributions	\$ 300.00
	Utilities	\$ 679.53

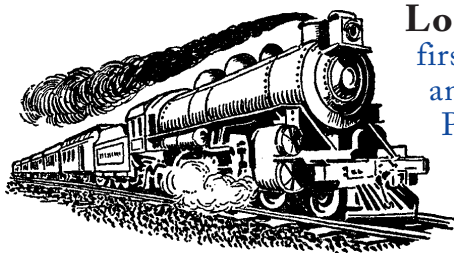
TOTAL EXPENSES \$24,689.48

TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE ~ December 31, 2012

Checking	\$ 2,087.03	
Savings	\$ 3,486.19	
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 3,367.43	
		\$ 8,940.65

For 2013, there will be a slight dues increase, to \$15 individual; \$20 family; \$40 business.
Special donations are always most welcome!

*** Includes all the special donations to Project Playground and the restoration of the bridge, scholarship and other special donations and a \$750 grant that the CCA received from KABOOM for help with the cost of new wood fiber. It also includes a \$675 insurance settlement used to pay for a new section of fence and park bench damaged as the result of a car accident.*



Local Trivia: The railroad came to Cataumet in 1872. That's when the first railroad station, a beautiful two-story wooden building, was built and the Post Office established in the Village store, in what we now call Post Office Square. (Prior to that, travelers stopped at the Dimmick's Bay View Tavern on County Road and mail was dropped off and picked up there.) The railroad station burned down in October 1924.

During reconstruction, the Station Master's office and ticket office were housed in a caboose parked on the side track, which used to be just north of the platform. The current Depot, which was rebuilt in brick, was finished and opened in 1927.

With the train, called "The Flying Dude," came visitors. Inspired by the "youth renewing waters" of Cataumet Harbor, the doctors of the New England Society of Homeopathic Medicine and other like-minded Bostonians created the Pocasset Grove & Shore Company, Cataumet, South Pocasset (yes, we were originally part of Pocasset) and around 1874 purchased land from the Swift family to develop a summer community in Cataumet. They sold the lots, hoping to fund the New England Homeopathic Medical College, now Boston University Medical School. Although the sale of house lots was not as brisk as anticipated, the summer visitors of the Grove & Shore continued to enjoy this seaside resort. The legacy of the Grove & Shore Company... a stretch of land along our shore, from Megansett Road to Grasslands, for all to enjoy.



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Important CCA Events 2013 — *Mark your calendars:*

March 23	Easter Egg Hunt (March 30 rain date)	10:30 am	Spring Hill Farm*
May 6	Town Meeting		
May 15	Candidates' Night	7:00 pm	Cataumet Methodist Church
May 21	Town Elections		
June 22	Playground Grand Opening	TBD	Washington Park
July 8	Schoolhouse Open House	12:00 - 5:00 pm	Schoolhouse
July 14	Puppet Show in the Park/An Arabian Adventure	9:30 am	Parade on Wheels
		10:00 am	Puppet Show
August 4	Cataumet Artist's Fair	10:00 am - 4 pm	Art Center/Washington Park
August	Tuesday Talks**	7:00 pm	Schoolhouse
August 22-25	Art Show	12:00 - 5:00 pm	Schoolhouse
September 7	Antique Car Show/Picnic	2:00 - 5:00 pm	Schoolhouse
December 1	Tree Lighting and Carol Sing	5:00 pm	Post Office Square
December 7	Craft Fair at the Schoolhouse	9:30 - 3:00 pm	Schoolhouse

Got questions? Got suggestions? Got concerns? Want to donate a Christmas tree?

Want to get involved? Join the Board or a Committee?

It's easy. Just contact Linda Carpenter at Linda.carpenter4@comcast.net or any member of the Board.
The CCA would love to hear from you!

*1079 COUNTY ROAD . . . *THE EASTER BUNNY WILL BE BACK IN TOWN!* ** JULY 30; AUGUST 6, 13 AND 20