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Towns seek overrides to meet rising budgets

Inflation, increased costs hit municipal budgets across the state.

BY EUNKI SEONWOO

Millions of dollars are on the line as the first few Vineyard towns prepare to hold their annual town meetings and need to convince voters to approve property tax hikes to meet rising costs.

Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, and West Tisbury are set to hold their annual town meetings on April 14, and each of them have overrides on their warrants to partially fund their operational budgets.

While overrides are not new on the Island, they're usually utilized to fund specific projects or purchases, rather than for operational budgets. Towns are limited to collecting no more than 2.5 percent of property values in taxes by a state law called Proposition 2½. The state law also restricts property tax increases. But these restrictions can be bypassed if an override is approved by voters at town meetings and at elections, which are scheduled for West Tisbury, Oak Bluffs, and Edgartown on April 16.

Proposition 2½, enacted in 1980 in response to an outcry against rising property taxes, currently creates hurdles for town finances. James Hagerty, Edgartown town administrator, told The Times that the state law doesn't take into consideration cost-driving factors and inflation.

"It's very difficult these days to stay within the constraints of Prop 2.5," Hagerty said. While the town's request of a \$900,090 override for its more than \$53 million budget isn't the highest Edgartown has seen, Hagerty highlighted that this is the first time in a decade the town has asked for one to fund its budget.

And Edgartown isn't even the largest override proposed so far. Oak Bluffs is requesting a \$1.9 million override — the highest in more than 25 years — for its \$46.2 million budget, and West Tisbury a \$3.49 million override — the largest

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DENA PORTER

The Hunt

BY MV TIMES STAFF

As the Island returns to spring, Vineyard children darted across the West Tisbury Public Library lawn in search of sweets enclosed in plastic eggs.

Ahead of the Easter holiday, the library held its annual egg hunt on Saturday, one of several that take place in late March and early April. It was free and open to the public, and finished as quickly as it started.

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, but eggs have symbolized spring and early life for far longer. The custom of the egg hunt

comes from Germany, when Protestant Martin Luther organized egg hunts as a nod to the resurrection of Jesus.

While the weather hasn't fully warmed up yet, the Island has seen several signs of spring in addition to the egg hunt, from the first cries of the pinkletinks to the opening of the Vineyard's beloved Dairy Queen.

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Island runner sets world record in search of purpose

Sam Fetters is the youngest person in history to complete all six major marathons in under three hours each. BY NICHOLAS VUKOTA

Sam Fetters, a West Tisbury resident and a senior at Amherst College, set out three years ago on a self-determined quest to discover purpose, learn about himself, and overcome mental health struggles. He called the project Operation Globetrotter, and his plan was to run eight marathons across the world, including all six of the Abbott World Marathon Majors: Boston, Berlin, London, Chicago, New York, and Tokyo.

Fetters, a 2022 Martha's Vineyard Regional High School graduate, wasn't seeking records or glory; he just wanted to learn about himself. When he crossed the finish line in Tokyo in February, the last race he planned to run, not only did he accomplish the goal he had set for himself at the end

of his freshman year of college, he also officially became the youngest person in history to complete all six of the world's major marathons, each with a time under three hours. He is the second person to ever do it under 25 years old; Fetters is 21. This was confirmed by Abbott, the organization behind the marathon majors across the world.

"I am very proud. I feel like I really fulfilled a promise to myself, because I have been doing this project and planning it since January 2023," said Fetters. "These races have been done in a very methodical manner. It's involved a lot of logistical planning, lots of fundraising, and lots of support, which I'm grateful for from my community."

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Sam Fetters after finishing the London Marathon.

COURTESY SAM FETTERS



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Vineyarders: 'No Kings' in the U.S.

Islanders rally against Trump policies as part of a national movement. **BY HAYLEY DUFFY**

Around 800 Islanders stood at Five Corners in Vineyard Haven Saturday and overflowed along the sidewalks, as they looked out at traffic and chanted “No Kings, No Kings!” Posters made of paper, Styrofoam, and cardboard boxes read, “I prefer my ICE crushed,” “You can’t bomb your way out of the Epstein files,” “We the People ... will resist,” and “I’m tired of old men dreaming up wars for young men to fight,” a rendition of a quote by former North Dakota Sen. George McGovern about the Vietnam War. There was even a papier-mâché figure of Trump.

The third No Kings rally on the Island took place March 28 as part of a countrywide movement that protested against the policies and fallout — from the Iran war to immigration raids, to the partial government shut-down — of the Trump administration; the last protest took place in October. The local event was organized by Indivisible Martha’s Vineyard, Showing Up for Racial Justice on MV (SURJ MV), and the Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha’s Vineyard.

“We have no king,” Toni Kauffman, former president of the NAACP Martha’s Vineyard chapter, said as she announced that the NAACP was also behind the No Kings movement. “These words are from the NAACP. They’re not my words, so the NAACP is on board today.”

“Masked secret police terrorizing our communities and an illegal catastrophic war, putting us in danger and driving up our costs; attacks on our freedom of speech, our civil rights, our freedom to vote, costs pushing families to the brink,” Kauffman said as she quoted the mission statement of the movement. “Trump wants to rule over us as a tyrant. But this is America, and power belongs to the people.”

Rallies took place across the country, some a mirror image of the Island’s demonstration, and many much larger. In Boston, around 180,000 people protested the Trump administration at the Boston Common Saturday; there were speakers like Gov. Maura Healey and Sen. Ed Markey as well as a performance by the band Dropkick Murphys.

The Island rally took place between 1:30 and 3 pm, and organizers said around 800 people were in attendance.

“It brings people feeling isolated and afraid into a community of people of support,” Carla Cooper, member of Indivisible M.V. and protest organizer, said Saturday.

Cooper added that the rallies help recruit more volunteers for the work, like writing postcards, organizing phone banks, working for candidates, and registering voters, done after the protest. “Because this is not the work,” she said.

“You wake up in the morning, and you read something else chipping away at our democracy,” Mona Hennessy, part of SURJ MV and a lead organizer of the protest, said. But the turnout, she said, reinforced to her that a majority of people are not in support of the administration’s policies. And for many, protesting is their way to take action.

Ken and Abigail Bailey, who’ve lived on the Island for about 40 years, said that the rally felt like one of the few things they could do to “combat the corruption that is happening.”

Trump recently received criticism for his deployment of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents to airports as Transportation Security Administration (TSA) employees were left without pay after disagreements in Congress led to a Department of Homeland Security shutdown.

“It’s just one more nonsensical thing that this administration does for show,” Cooper said. Earlier this week, Trump signed an executive order to send overdue paychecks to TSA workers.

There was also a calm sense of unity from protesters at Five Corners.

“Sadly, we in America today are in the midst of a storm. We’re floating in a sea of lies. As Vineyarders, we are used to storms. We know how to take care of ourselves, and we, very importantly, know how to take care of each other,” Robert Laskowski, a member of Indivisible M.V., said to the crowd. “In this hurricane of lies, we do have the very best personal flotation device; it’s called truth. And we have the sturdiest lifeboat; it is called community.”

Mary Carmel, a resident of Vineyard Haven, held a sign that read, “Hold each other, do not let go, we are all we have.” She was slightly separated from the rest of the protesters, but stood for the movement. Carmel wanted to spread out the compact group, and avoid the daffodils located around the traffic intersection.

“I feel that if people aren’t at the table together, they won’t make progress together,” she said.

Grace Palmer, who works at Morning Glory, carried 5-year-old Esme Rachlow on her shoulders, and had a sign that read, “No monarchs except butterflies.” The sign references the sentiment behind the rallies that “the country does not belong to kings, dictators, or tyrants,” the No Kings website reads.

“We are here so that when Esme gets older, she has a land full of butterflies,” Palmer said. **MVT**



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Top left, People from all over Massachusetts gathered at Five Corners for the No Kings protests, on Saturday. Top right, Five-year-old Esme Rachlow holds a sign that reads, “No monarchs except butterflies,” on Grace Palmer’s shoulders. Above, Kate Taylor and Laurie David perform at the rally.

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news in brief

Alleged drunk driver crashes truck into home

A pickup truck crashed into a home on Barnes Road Friday after the driver allegedly veered off the road while headed southbound near the herring run at the head of Lagoon Pond.

The driver of the truck, Zachary D. Magid, 46, of West Tisbury, was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol. This was the second time he'd been charged for the offense, and he was arraigned Monday in Edgartown District Court, where he pleaded not guilty to all charges, including negligent operation of a motor vehicle, committing a marked lanes violation, and having an open container of alcohol while operating a motor vehicle.

A cash bail of \$1,000 was set for Magid; court documents showed it had not been posted as of Tuesday afternoon.

According to police, Magid showed signs of intoxication at the scene and admitted to drinking, and the responding officer found a beer in the cup holder of the car.

It was just before 8 pm on Friday when James Bishop, an Oak Bluff Police Department patrol officer, saw a 2016 black Toyota Tacoma veer off the roadway as he monitored traffic on Barnes Road, a police report stated. The truck struck a fire hydrant, which sent sparks into the air, then went through bushes and eventually crashed into the residential property at 419 Barnes Road. Bishop then notified dispatch and responded to the scene, where he saw Magid attempt to reverse. Bishop approached the vehicle and Magid exited.

Magid, the only person in the car, sustained minor injuries and showed signs of intoxication, including slurred speech, glassy eyes, and a strong odor, Bishop said in his report.

Magid was sent to the hospital for evaluation and later arrested. He was booked at the Dukes County Jail and, according to a press release, "provided a breath sample registering nearly three times the legal limit in Massachusetts," which is 0.08 percent. His blood alcohol concentration registered at 0.23 percent.

Chappy Ferry may change hands

The Chappy Ferry, the only year-round ferry service that connects Chappaquiddick Island and the rest of the Vineyard, may have a new owner soon.

Brian Scall, an Edgartown resident and a captain of the Chappy Ferry, is the prospective buyer. He'd be taking the reins from longtime operator Peter Wells, who started working at the ferry in 1966. Wells took over the service from Roy Hayes in 2008 and currently owns it with Sally Snipes.

The Edgartown Select Board unanimously agreed on Monday to hold a hearing regarding the license transfer on May 11, which is a requirement for the sale.

The ferry is a critical service for the Chappaquiddick community and transports thousands of passengers each year



PHOTOS: OAK BLUFFS POLICE DEPARTMENT
Pickup truck crashed into a home on Barnes Road last Friday.

across the 527-foot stretch of water between the smaller island and Edgartown. The business is also one of the oldest on the Island, operating since at least 1807, when a rowboat was used to cross the channel. While the business is privately owned, it operates under a license awarded by the town and needs approval from the select board before major changes are made, such as rate increases or transfers of ownership.

Wells and Scall weren't immediately available for comment. It is uncertain at this time what the proposed sale price is.

Chappaquiddick residents are keeping a close eye on the potential transfer. Residents have been wary of rates rising over the years, and have called for more insight into long-term plans to modernize the structure of the ferry operations and its license.

"This is how we get home," Peter Sliwowski, owner of Larry's Tackle Shop on Chappaquiddick, said.

Some residents see this transitional phase as a rare opportunity to have changes at the ferry service. The Chappaquiddick Island Association (CIA), a group that promotes the welfare of Chappy residents, called for its community to monitor how the transfer process progresses.

"This is a fast-moving and fluid situation," an email blast from the Chappaquiddick Island Association's board about the possible sale reads. "However, it is very important that everyone on Chappaquiddick who cares about the ferry stay engaged at this time and attend upcoming meetings. The CIA will do its best to keep the community apprised as the situation evolves and will be actively engaging with the town, Peter [Wells], and any prospective buyer to ensure the voice of the Chappaquiddick community is clearly heard."

Steamship Authority to hold security exercise in Oak Bluffs

Don't be alarmed by heightened law enforcement presence in Oak Bluffs next week.

The Steamship Authority announced on Monday that it will be hosting a "maritime security exercise" at the Oak Bluffs terminal on April 8 from 10 am to 3 pm. The exercise will be done in cooperation with local, state, and federal agencies.

"The event will include a security simulation that will result in a loud boom sound at the outset," a press release from the SSA reads. "The exercise participants are working with local authorities to alert residents of Oak Bluffs and the surrounding area that this is a drill and not an actual emergency."

According to the ferry line, the terminal and its "immediate surrounding area" will be blocked off for safety reasons during the exercise. No travel will be affected since the terminal isn't open for the season yet.

Scholarship fund honors longtime Island educator

The Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation (MVCF) announced a new scholarship fund for Island students who are in pursuit of higher knowledge.

The Dr. James H. Weiss Scholarship Fund was named after the benefactor himself, who was the superintendent of Island schools for a decade and died in August after a hard-fought battle with leukemia. The fund holds \$180,000 to be awarded to local students who plan to attend a two- or four-year bachelor's or graduate program. Priority will be given to applicants pursuing a career in education.

"Jim [Weiss] wanted Island kids to be able to afford college, especially if they wanted to follow his path into the field of education," said Alan Miller, Weiss' nephew, in a press release.

According to the MVCF, 140 scholarship applications have been received so far, and

recipients will be announced in May 2026. This year, \$10,000 will be given to students who receive this scholarship.

The MVCF also stated that more donations will be welcomed to fund this scholarship program for years to come.

"It would mean so much if we could raise another \$70,000 and bring the Weiss Scholarship Fund to a \$250,000 endowment, ensuring Jim's legacy supports Island students for generations," Miller said.

New clerk magistrate nominated for Edgartown District Court

Gov. Maura Healey announced on Wednesday she nominated Robert E. Manning Jr. to serve as clerk magistrate for Edgartown District Court. The decision is now under consideration by the Massachusetts Governor's Council for confirmation.

"Robert Manning is an accomplished attorney and dedicated public servant who I am proud to nominate as the next clerk magistrate of the Edgartown District Court," Healey said in a press release. "He has dedicated his career to public service, and I am confident he will bring sound judgment, strong leadership, integrity, and a steady commitment to serving the court."



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Robert Manning was nominated to be the next clerk magistrate of Edgartown District Court.

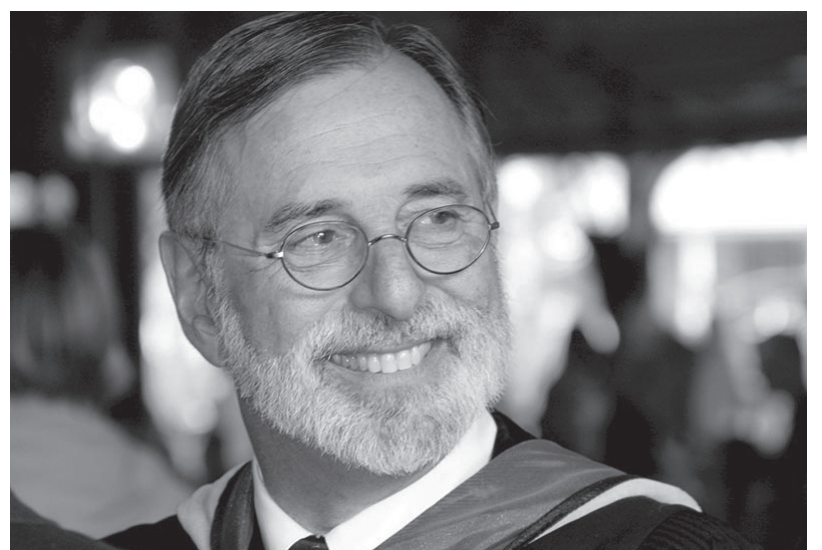
If Manning is confirmed, he'll take over the position once held by Liza Williamson, who was the clerk magistrate for over 20 years and became an associate justice last June.

Manning currently serves as first assistant clerk magistrate in the Barnstable Superior Court, a role he has held since 2019. Between 2013 and 2019, Manning served as a public defender through the Committee for Public Counsel Services. He maintained a private legal practice before joining the committee. He also holds a bachelor of arts from Lewis & Clark College and a juris doctor from Southern New England School of Law.

A clerk magistrate, according to the Massachusetts Trial Court Law Libraries site, maintains the records of the court and holds "limited judicial authority to hear and decide certain kinds of civil cases." **MVT**



A file photo of the Chappy Ferry transporting a car.



Jim Weiss, former Martha's Vineyard superintendent, in 2015.

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EDITORIAL

Can protests create real change?

The No Kings movement brought 800 Islanders to Five Corners in Vineyard Haven this past weekend to protest the policies of the current presidential administration. They represented just a small fraction of the 8 million people across the country who shouted, “No kings, no kings!” from the front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., to the Minnesota State Capitol in Saint Paul, to New York’s Times Square; expats in France even protested at the Place de la Bastille in Paris.

The local rally took place from 1:30 to 3 pm on Saturday, and exemplified freedom of expression and the right to petition through creative signs such as “Impeach, remove, convict,” “Our Constitution rules! Not the wannabe king,” and “Remember, only you can stop facism.” Signs featured either declaratory statements that meant to codify the U.S. as a democracy, not a monarchy or tyranny, as many at the protest see the Trump administration, while others called out for activism (“Please stay engaged”). And some even referenced history — one quoted a former North Dakota senator from the Vietnam War era: “I’m tired of old men dreaming up wars for young men to fight.”

That particular sign called out the current conflict in Iran and suggested a link between the two wars, set over a half-century apart, through a reference to the antiwar movement of the 1960s and ’70s. But while there are some similarities, the conflicts are widely dissimilar — guerilla warfare versus surprise airstrikes, violence justified by federal officials over fears of communism versus fears of nuclear weapons, escalation under a Democratic president (Lyndon B. Johnson) versus a Republican.

The goals of the rallies are also largely different. Protests are a boon of a democratic society and a vital expression of democracy, which requires civic participation. And while the Vietnam antiwar movement found success after almost a decade, whether these rallies can create any real change remains to be seen.

There are now, as in the 1960s and ’70s, widespread protests; indeed, many who attended the local rally on the Island said they had participated in other protests, such as against the Vietnam War. In the 20th century, a huge focus for protesters, among civil rights and criticism of the domestic nuclear program, was the antiwar movement and draft resistance, which centered around one conflict. But in the past year, these “No Kings” rallies aren’t directed solely on the war in Iran, which

only officially started a month ago, but are a larger expression of dissent against the overall policies of the Trump administration. Due to the multipurpose nature of today’s protests, there doesn’t seem to be a clear goal, or rather, a clear win. Because, at the end of the day, the protesters champion democracy, which means either they must wait out Trump, hope he’s impeached and, this time, removed from office, or pray he succumbs to pressure to reform his many policies that have alienated them.

The list of complaints against Trump are numerous — from authoritarian tendencies to

For Indivisible Martha’s Vineyard, as well as the other Island groups behind the local rally, the protests are the main event — one that can be photographed and reported on by local newspapers — and are a way to highlight the many challenges and injustices that face the country under the Trump administration, which has openly defied the Constitution and, in some cases, the rule of law. But the real work comes later. Robert Laskowski, a member of Indivisible M.V., in a speech to the crowd on Saturday, compared this administration to a storm: “We’re floating in a sea of lies. As Vineyarders, we are used to storms. We know how to take care of ourselves, and we, very importantly, know how to take care of each other.”

He went on to say that Islanders can “calm the seas and clean up the storm damage” by “being active every day in whatever way we can.” There’s a sense of patriotic pride in the right to protest, and Islanders aren’t strangers to civic activism, exemplified in the abolitionist

Methodists of the 1840s and ’50s and the Garden Club that campaigned to eradicate billboards, or road signage of a certain size, in the 1920s and ’30s. Bowdoin Van Riper, research librarian for the Martha’s Vineyard Museum, said that five middle-class white women from the Island and members of the local chapter of the NAACP drove to North Carolina to aid Black civil rights protesters; they participated in a demonstration, were arrested, and spent the night in jail.

Call Island and state representatives, vote, speak the truth, and take care of ourselves, Laskowski said: “We can smile. We can walk. We can play with our kids and grandkids. We can play pickleball, sit on the beach, whatever brings us joy. We must not permit Trumpism to rob us of a joyful life.”

There’s no way to tell whether or not these protests can, through political pressure, create change quickly yet. The problem is that protesters call out a leader whose spokesperson told the BBC the protests are “Trump derangement therapy sessions.” We disagree. The rallies, though an opportunistic photo-op that shouldn’t overshadow the real work, remain an important expression of dissent, and we plan to cover and document them in our public service role in a participatory democracy.



NICHOLAS VUKOTA

The No Kings protesters filled Five Corners in Vineyard Haven on Sunday.

harsh immigration policies to what many see as a war of choice in Iran. So what’s the fix? A self-declared truce or a quickly arranged “peace” agreement between the U.S. and Iran won’t solve all of the complex problems that are part of this moment in history. So far, federal officials haven’t said that U.S. ground troops will be deployed to Iran, but 3,500 additional soldiers arrived in the Middle East earlier this week. And news outlets report that Trump is supposed to address the nation Wednesday night at 9 pm to deliver an update on the war, after our print deadline. This is a live story that continues to unfold. But what is known now is that Trump told reporters that the war could be over in two or three weeks.

The peace movement in the ’60s and ’70s was seen as successful, and was able to shift public perception of the war in Vietnam, especially through prominent media coverage. Could these “No Kings” rallies garner the same effect? (A White House spokesperson told the BBC that the only people who care about the recent rallies “are the reporters who are paid to cover them.”)

The truth is, numbers are great, and some current-day rallies already attract more people than those in the ’60s and ’70s. It’s not enough, however, to create real change.

LETTER

Who’s paying attention?

To the Editor:

Am I concerned? You bet I am! I just sat through a presentation at the Oak Bluffs Fire Station on March 25 about our Island emergency preparedness, in case of any number of threats we might face. Guess what? We are not prepared. Guess who is in charge? Specifically your/our elected officials, our select boards. Guess who did not attend? Your/our select board officials, except for Marie Larsen, Chilmark Select Board chair, who was the only elected official who holds any power over an emergency situation in her town, was there. No other select board member from any other town was there to learn about

what we can do better to protect us. Not one from Oak Bluffs, Edgartown, Vineyard Haven, West Tisbury, or Aquinnah.

Look at this last blizzard. How many of us felt we got proper notification about where to go, what to do? Many were without power for days. We helped each other, and services were delivered as soon as they could be. Thanks to friends, neighbors, fire departments, police, utility companies, anyone with a plow, a shovel, a warm stove. We got through it. But how are we prepared for even stronger events? Driving along our roads I see the downed trees. Speaking with people, I hear the challenges faced. When I see only one of our six towns — and by the way, Gosnold attended online — attend an information session

to address emergency management on this Island, I am beyond concerned.

Perhaps our elected officials don’t realize the level of responsibility they have to protect us, or their liability if they don’t? As a county official I have no governance over the towns. I truly hope you, as a citizen of your town, demand more from whom you place in office. We have more storms, in many shapes, on our horizon. I, for one, want to know that anyone I vote for is doing everything they can to protect me, our Island, our future. There are opportunities for our select board officials to become educated about the facts and their responsibility to us.

We must demand they protect us. We are losing money because we act

separately as six or seven towns looking for funding from FEMA. Our ability to qualify for financial relief and support is so much stronger if we work across town borders and approach grants and state or federal funding opportunities from an Island-wide perspective. I look forward to seeing who of our elected officials show up. Our emergency managers are there. Our county officials are there. Where are you, our town elected officials, who ultimately call the shots on this? I hope you all show up at the next opportunity to dig in deeply into how we protect our families, our friends, and our community.

Christine Todd, chair
Dukes County Commissioners

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ESSAY

BY URSULA KRESKEY

Human kindness at Logan Airport

It happened in that strange, in-between space where journeys end but real life hasn't quite begun

again — just steps away from the baggage carousel at Logan Airport. I had barely

returned from the warmth and beauty of Cabo, Mexico, when everything shifted in an instant.

I saw my suitcase coming toward me, familiar and reassuring, when suddenly — without warning — a man nearby yanked his own bag from the carousel. It flew out of his grasp and landed in front of my feet. In the next breath, I was on the ground. Hard concrete against my body, my head, my elbow, and my knee — everything hit at once — and then there was blood, disorientation, and shock.

And then — nothing from him. No apology, no acknowledgment. He picked up his suitcase and walked away, as if I were invisible.

It would be easy to let the story end there. To let it be a story about indifference, about how people often fail each other in small or telling moments — but that's not the story that stayed with me.

Because almost instantly, something else happened.

Two families — complete strangers — rushed toward me. Ten

people in total, surrounding me with urgency and care. They lifted me gently from the floor, their voices full of concern. I could see the alarm in their faces as they saw blood running down my left leg.

"It's OK," I told them, trying to steady the moment. "I'm on a blood thinner — that's why it looks worse than it is; it's not broken."

But they weren't convinced. "We're taking you to the hospital," they insisted.

"No," I said, with a quiet certainty, "I'm going to the Hyatt Hotel, and then I'm going home to Martha's Vineyard tomorrow."

And then, as if something larger were quietly arranging the next step, one of them said, "We're staying at the Hyatt, too."

From that moment on, I wasn't alone.

They gathered my suitcase. They helped me onto the shuttle. They stayed close, protective in a way that only people acting from pure instinct and kindness can be. At the hotel, they didn't just drop me off, they walked me inside, helped me check in, and brought me all the way to my room.

The hotel staff upgraded me to the 15th floor, and there we all were — all of us in my room — exchanging names, phone numbers, and making sure that I knew I could call them for anything that I might need. That night I slept — grateful, shaken,

but held by something I couldn't quite name yet.

In the morning, reality came rushing back in a different way. I looked at the mirror and barely recognized myself. The dried blood was one thing — but now my face had transformed. Deep red and purple colors bloomed across my cheeks where the blood had settled beneath the skin. For a moment, panic set in. Had something else happened? Had I fallen again?

No. Just my face telling the story of the night before. I pulled myself together, got dressed, and tried to move forward. At 9 am, there was a knock on the door, I opened it, and there they all were, the entire family. Smiling, checking on me, not out of obligation, but because they had chosen to care. "We're taking you to breakfast," they said. And just like that, the story deepens!

Over breakfast, they asked about my plans, my trip home, my health. When I explained that I had a car, a ferry, and a friend waiting for me, they still made it clear: "If you need anything, we're here for you" — and I knew they meant it.

Before I even left, Tony, the one who had quietly taken charge the night before, texted me:

"Number one, please let us know you got home safely; number two, tell us that you saw a doctor; and number three, let us know what your condition is. Keep us updated

on how you're doing, and then, if you promise to do all that, we will not bother you again!"

I felt caring; actually, I felt love, in its most unpretentious form. And that's what the story is really all about. Yes, there was a man who walked away. A moment that could have hardened something in me, made the world feel colder, less connected for me. But that's not what happened. What stayed — what still stays — is the image of strangers becoming something more. Of people who didn't hesitate, who didn't calculate, who simply stepped in and said, "You matter." In the end, we're all given moments where we get to decide who we are in someone else's story.

One man chose absence. An entire family chose presence.

Because these wonderful people chose to be present for me, what could have been a story about hurt became something else entirely — a quiet, powerful reminder that kindness is still here. Alive. Immediate. And for me, nothing short of extraordinary.

We've since been in touch, and I learned that they all reside in Phoenix, Ariz. They will be returning to visit New England, and look forward to visiting with me here in the future.

Ursula Kreskey is an Edgartown resident, and recovering on the Vineyard.

Verizon sues Chilmark over rejected cell coverage upgrades

Town officials will meet soon to discuss the federal lawsuit.

BY EUNKI SEONWOO

Verizon, one of the largest telecommunications companies in the nation, has sued Chilmark after the town denied upgrades by the cellular company that would have expanded cell coverage to its customers.

The federal lawsuit, filed by Verizon on March 16 in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, asserted that town officials overstepped their authority in a January decision when the select board unanimously rejected Verizon's proposal to install small cell wireless an-

tennas on 14 utility poles to boost coverage for its up-Island customers.

The board cited concerns that the upgrades only benefited Verizon, and could create an unfair advantage for the company and its customers. Tim Carroll, Chilmark town administrator, previously told The Times another concern was that "duplication of equipment" by Verizon on the utility poles, where American Tower leases equipment space to cell carriers, could lead to financial infeasibility for other companies when existing leas-

es start ending next year.

Tim Carroll, Chilmark town administrator, declined to comment and said the board will meet soon about the case.

Verizon seeks to overturn Chilmark's "arbitrary and capricious" denial through the court system and be allowed to "install, operate, and maintain" its small cell equipment.

In the suit, Verizon alleged Chilmark didn't support its denial with "substantial evidence," and had not provided its reasoning in writing, which the company claimed



EUNKI SEONWOO

A Verizon truck in Vineyard Haven.

violated the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

"The town has no regulations or written policies establishing any standards for the board's review of proposed attachments to utility poles in town rights of way," the suit reads. "The application and the other information Verizon presented to the board in support of the application demonstrate conclusively

that none of the 14 small cells on existing utility poles will interfere with the use of the town right of way or create safety or other issues."

Verizon also alleged the town unreasonably discriminated against the company "when it lacks a legitimate regulatory purpose or is intended to favor one technology or provider over another," and effectively prohibited wire-

less service by blocking it from making the upgrades it needs.

Cellular connectivity is an enduring issue in Chilmark, with "dead zones" in various parts of town, which have been raised as a public safety risk. In Chilmark and Aquinnah, Verizon utilizes a distributed antenna system (DAS), in which strategically placed nodes to enhance signal strength for cell phones are installed on aging equipment owned by American Tower.

Verizon shares this equipment space with AT&T and T-Mobile. Chilmark also currently bans cell towers for public use.

"This results in the degraded service that the town itself has repeatedly complained about and demanded that Verizon address — yet the DAS' structural limitations make meaningful improvement in service impossible," Verizon's suit reads. **MVT**

obituaries

David Chesley Maddox



David Chesley Maddox passed away Wednesday, March 18 at Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis, after fighting a long illness.

David was born on Dec. 12, 1950, in Winston-Salem, N.C., to Herbert David Maddox and Eloise Kinoma Stephens. Dave's daily practice was to celebrate life. This came largely from growing up in a lively household, where his parents entertained community members and luminaries. Dave's love of music was born in his

youth when he attended concerts, theater events, and banquets to watch his father Herb perform with big bands as a trombonist. His love of people and good humor derived from his mother Ellie's gregarious, Southern social affability. Herb's work brought the family to Redondo Beach, Calif., and then Mountain Lakes, N.J., where Dave attended high school, played football, hockey, and baseball, and performed with garage bands as a drummer and vocalist.

After spending a year at Farmingdale College as the goalie for the hockey team, Dave moved to Martha's Vineyard in June 1969, and began his trade as a carpenter. He first rented a cottage in Oak Bluffs, and shortly thereafter his family purchased land at 327 Daggett Ave. in Vineyard Haven. Here Dave began his lifelong residence on the Vineyard in a decommissioned postal truck, while he built the house that stands there today.

Dave was a friend to countless Martha's Vineyard residents. He loved the community of locals on the Island. He was a member of the Cozy's softball team. He was the "Island Host" at the Hot Tin Roof for decades, and a volunteer for the Possible Dreams annual charity auction. He was a baseball coach at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, and an assistant coach for its football team (and a part of its journey to win the state championship in 1991, 1992, and 1997). He was especially proud of his time and work as a host for local television programs on Plum TV. He was a light caretaker for many years, and always enjoyed golfing with friends at Farm Neck. However, his favorite pastime was his status as an esteemed regular at Offshore Ale Co.

From approximately 1980 to 1986, Dave was an athlete on the U.S. Luge team, and later a manager and a coach for the team. During this period of his life, Dave made countless life-

long friendships with athletes from the U.S. and around the world. Teammates would come to visit and train on the Island with him, wheel training in the Oak Grove Cemetery. Jim Pringle, owner of Cozy's Ice Cream, sponsored these efforts with the "Luge Burger," and for many years the Offshore Ale displayed one of David's sleds. He remained involved in the sport as an official for decades, highlighted by officiating at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City.

David is survived by his sister, Sandy Maddox; his longtime partner, Cindy Curran; nephew Jimmy Dolan and his partner Penny Allen; nephew Larry Dolan and his partner Mavis Agnew; grand-nephew Gabriel Dolan; and his mother Les Cosgrove. He was predeceased by his mother, Eloise Maddox; and father, Herbert Maddox.

Services for David have been scheduled. There will be visitation on Saturday, April 11, at the Chapman Funeral Home, 56 Edgartown Road, Oak

Bluffs, from 11 am to noon, with a service officiated by the Rev. Stephen Harding, and sharing of memories at noon. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery in Vineyard Haven.

Guests are invited to a celebration of life at the Portuguese-American Club, 137 Vineyard Ave. in Oak Bluffs, from 1:30 to 4 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Martha's Vineyard Museum, the Martha's Vineyard Touchdown Club, or the U.S. Luge Association.

Francis J. Marselli



Francis J. Marselli ("Frank"), 83, beloved husband of Patricia (Charest) Marselli, of West Tisbury peacefully passed away on Monday, March 23, 2026.

Born on Oct. 14, 1942, in Middletown, Conn., he was the son of Daniel and Rita (Fontanelli) Marselli. He attended Middletown and Cromwell schools, and was a tool-and-die maker all his life. He was a very strong, loving, and kind man. He loved people and life. He was proud of his Italian heritage and loved his country. Frank was an animal lover; he had a cat named "Dexter" whom he loved dearly. Frank will be missed by all who knew him. To know him is to love him, is an understatement.

Frank is survived by his wife, Patricia Marselli of West Tisbury; his son, Daniel Marselli and his wife Kelly of Glastonbury; his son, Phil Marselli of Cromwell; his son,

Brian Marselli; his daughter, Renee Stempien and her husband Todd of West Tisbury; and his nephew, Fiori Marselli and wife Monica of Cromwell. He also leaves behind four grandchildren, Rhiannon Marselli of Colorado, Brandon Marselli of East Hampton, Saxon Marselli of Broad Brook, and Anthony Bruscia of New York; and two nieces, Alexis Marselli and Izabella Marselli, both of Cromwell. Frank is also survived by one great-granddaughter, Mia Marselli of Nevada. He is further survived by one sister, Danita Marselli-Wyman. Frank was predeceased by a brother, Robert Marselli.

In lieu of flowers, friends may make donations to the MDS Foundation, online at mdsfoundation.org/donate/, or to an animal shelter of your choice. All celebrations of life will be held privately by the family. Visit chapmanfuneral.com for online guestbook and information.

Terry Andrew Canha

A graveside ceremony for Terry Andrew Canha, 72, of Oak Bluffs, who passed away unexpectedly on Dec. 19, 2025, at the Martha's Vineyard Hospital, will be held at noon on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at the Oak Grove Cemetery in Vineyard Haven, where he will be laid to rest among close family and friends. **MVT**

OBITUARIES

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Thank you for your patience during the ongoing maintenance of the water system.

Oak Bluffs Water District Board of Water Commissioners



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The Hunt

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1. Kids could barely wait for the hunt to begin. **2.** Hannah Burbidge welcomed the families to the egg hunt. **3.** Eighteen-month-old Paloma Broscheit enjoyed picking up her eggs. **4.** Kids found eggs hiding in the library's backyard. **5.** Selene Campbell shared her eggs with joy. **6.** This was Julia's first egg hunt, and she was all smiles! **7.** Kids could see hundreds of eggs ahead of them. **8.** Three-year-old Maya showed off the egg she'd found. **9.** Sixteen-month-old Liam Diamond had a great time at the egg hunt. **10.** Bob Gothard with his grandson Owen and daughter-in-law Grace had a great day together.



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Voters to decide Island Theatre's fate

Party and housing bylaw, big spending are topics for the upcoming Oak Bluffs town meeting.

BY EUNKI SEONWOO

Despite the Island Theatre's owners' push for reconsideration, the question of whether the dilapidated building should be taken by eminent domain will be determined by voters at the annual town meeting.

Oak Bluffs will be holding its annual and special town meetings on Tuesday, April 14, at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School's Performing Arts Center at 7 pm.

Among the 83 articles to be considered by voters on the warrants, the fate of the Island Theatre is a hot-ticket item.

The town is requesting it be allowed to appropriate up to \$5 million to either purchase the property or take it by eminent domain, a process that allows a government to take private property if it provides fair-market-value compensation. The \$5 million is the estimated amount it would take for the town to proceed through the entire eminent domain process, including legal fees and costs to restore the property.

The possibility of taking the Circuit Ave. property by



Island Theatre on Circuit Ave. could be taken by eminent domain.

SARAH SHAW DAWSON

eminent domain was raised in February by town officials who said it was an eyesore and a safety hazard that should be repurposed to public use. Benjamin Hall Jr. and Brian Hall, brothers and co-owners of the Island Theatre, made the case against an eminent domain taking at the March 10 Oak Bluffs Select Board meeting, highlighting that there are prospective buyers, but said they are limited from making improvements by factors like

not enough wastewater-flow allocation. Ultimately, the select board decided the matter would go to voters.

Benjamin Hall Jr. previously told The Times that the asking price was \$2.8 million if the town wanted to buy the property.

If the town pursues an eminent domain taking, it could take years to take effect, and the Halls could fight the decision in court, as they tried to do for the Yellow House in Ed-

gartown, unsuccessfully. That property was taken by eminent domain, and eventually became a Lululemon store.

Meanwhile, the town is proposing a town beautification bylaw, which would establish a hearing process and fines for owners of properties in "blighted condition."

"Many of these properties are essentially abandoned," the bylaw purpose reads in part. "Some are in violation of multiple aspects of state and

local building and sanitary codes. These code violations may include, but are not limited to, unoccupied buildings susceptible to vandalism and/or open structures rendering them unsafe and dangerous, yards full of litter and trash, unsecured houses, unshoveled snow, and foliage rendering sidewalks impassable."

This isn't the only bylaw the town is seeking approval for. The town is also asking voters to consider a large-events bylaw that would limit how many events with 50 or more guests a property owner can hold, and would impose certain restrictions, such as a ban on the sale of alcohol or tickets in a residentially zoned area.

Additionally, the town is looking at stricter regulations of short-term rentals, including clearer definitions, a requirement that owners register units, and fines for those who don't comply. The warrant article states that this is to allow residents to make money through short-term rentals, and the town to better enforce health and safety regulations. The warrant article also states the bylaw is meant to dissuade commercial buyers from purchasing properties with the specific intent of using them as short-term rentals, which has cut into the Island's housing stock and contributed to the housing crisis.

The town is also considering changes to town positions, including making tree warden and town clerk appointed rather than elected positions, and reducing the number of members on the finance and advisory committee from nine to seven.

The warrant lists a slew of spending requests as well, such as funds for repairs to town infrastructure and purchasing equipment, and for other certain tasks, like \$100,000 for a building inspector to inspect short-term rental units.

The most expensive among these requests, including the Island Theatre eminent domain process, require borrowing for funding. The town is also looking for up to \$1 million to construct "flood resiliency improvements" for the Dukes County Avenue pump station, and \$825,000 to design and engineer the sewer extension in the Lagoon Pond watershed.

Voters will also consider accepting a \$46.2 million budget, a near 8 percent increase from the fiscal year 2026 budget of \$42.8 million. The town is looking to use a \$1.9 million override to fund a portion of it.

The override needs to pass at both town meeting and town election. The Oak Bluffs town election will be held at the town library on Thursday, April 16. **MVT**

Towns seek overrides to meet rising budgets

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in the town's history — to fund its \$31.6 million budget. Local officials say there isn't one single reason for the overrides, but a confluence of reasons including rising costs, school operations, insurance rates, cost-of-living adjustments for employees, and the surge of prices since the COVID-19 pandemic. All are factors that drove up budgets. Additionally, state funding hasn't kept up with increased costs, and federal pandemic grants have dried up.

Aquinnah, Tisbury, and Chilmark will hold their town meetings at later dates — May 14, April 28, and April 27 respectively — and are still crunching numbers for their budgets and have yet

to release final warrants as of Wednesday morning. But officials in all of these towns said they plan to present overrides to voters at their respective town meetings.

Overrides aren't just happening on the Vineyard. The Boston Globe reported that record property tax hikes are being presented to voters statewide to meet rising costs. Some communities are considering where cuts may need to be made, like Marblehead's possibility of closing its public library if it can't fill its \$7 million deficit.

There are concerns over what could happen if voters shoot down an override. And communities where

residents tire of tax hikes have already felt this sting. Winchester failed to pass its record-breaking \$11.5 million override at the polls on March 21, a result expected to possibly lead to layoffs and cuts to services.

Jennifer Rand, West Tisbury town administrator, highlighted during a March 25 West Tisbury Select Board meeting that there are parts of the budget that were "untouchable" and were required to be funded, such as a half-million dollars for state-mandated PFAS remediation because of contamination that stemmed from a town fire station and the closed landfill.



NICHOLAS VUKOTA

In 2025, Oak Bluffs town meeting voters raise their cards.

Rand underscored that it'll be important to convince voters this isn't just a "frivolous ask."

"Departments, plural, will be gutted if the town has to find \$3.5 million," Rand said at town hall. Even if it's uncertain where the cuts would be made, critical services could be impacted: "That's not a threat. It's a fact."

Hagerty told The Times that his town's budget had enough "redundancy," but failing to pass the override would mean a significant budgetary reduction, and some expenses, like an additional firefighter or additions to Edgartown School, wouldn't be feasible.

Oak Bluffs' recently released town meeting book laid out what could happen if the override failed at either the town meeting or

the election. Town officials highlighted that expense reductions would happen across all of its departments, and could result in the loss of some services. Any new positions, including a proposed school resource officer, would be eliminated, and a hiring freeze would occur.

But there are still avenues if an override fails. A select board could vote to hold a special town meeting to provide, as Hagerty described it, a "more surgical" budget. The town would still need to consider how to fill the financial gaps, and where to shave its expenses.

Some local officials are optimistic. Jessica Miller, West Tisbury Select Board member, said at her board meeting that she believes voters would understand the funding necessary for

services they often utilize, such as the town library.

"I think the voters see us doing our best," Miller said.

Towns are preparing estimations on how much a resident in town will pay, but not everyone will pay the same tax rate increase if overrides are approved. Edgartown has a single tax rate, but Oak Bluffs and West Tisbury have residential tax exemptions of 15 percent and 30 percent respectively. This means people who own second homes or other types of residential properties they don't occupy, including apartments and vacant lands, in Oak Bluffs and West Tisbury will pay more.

"It's really hard to calculate that until it passes," Jennifer Smyth, Oak Bluffs town accountant, said of the overrides. **MVT**

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Edgartown aims to acquire Boys & Girls Club building

Two Proposition 2.5 override ballot questions will be voted on at Town Hall.

BY NICHOLAS VUKOTA

Edgartown voters will be deciding whether the town should pursue a \$3 million purchase of the Martha's Vineyard Boys & Girls Club property, and a more than \$900,000 increase to the overall budget, at the upcoming special and annual town meetings that may lead to increased property taxes, among dozens of other spending requests.

The meeting begins at 7 pm at the Old Whaling Church on Main Street, on Tuesday, April 14. The town election, when Edgartown voters will cast their ballots for town officials and two ballot questions requesting Proposition 2½ law overrides to fund the town's increased 2027 fiscal budget, and the purchase of the Boys & Girls Club building, is set for Thursday, April 16, from 10 am to 7 pm at Edgartown Town Hall.

"We hope we reach quorum and start at 7. There's a lot of important town business that

we have," said Town Administrator James Hagerty.

Edgartown has 72 annual warrant articles and 11 special warrant articles, two of which will be requesting voters to approve a Proposition 2½ override, which would increase how much the town can collect through property taxes.

"You look at the newspapers, and the majority of Massachusetts towns are in some sort of general budget-override situation," said Hagerty.

Article 6 of the annual warrant seeks an increase in funding for Edgartown's fiscal year 2027 operating budget, which begins July 1. Edgartown is requesting to raise \$900,090 of its budget through an override, which is dependent on voter approval on ballot question 1. If approved by voters, the override will allow the town to raise additional real estate and personal property taxes for education costs, external assessments, and municipal operating expenses.

Edgartown is requesting an overall 8.4 percent increase to its more than \$53 million operating budget from last year's \$49.7 million budget. Edgartown's town meeting warrant cites continued cost pressures in areas such as education, employee benefits, regional assessments, and debt service.

"The override is intended to maintain municipal services while addressing these structural cost increases within the constraints of Proposition 2.5," said Edgartown's financial advisory committee in the warrant. "The committee believes the budget presented to town meeting reflects a balanced approach to maintaining municipal services, supporting and retaining a qualified workforce, and preserving Edgartown's long-term financial stability."

Edgartown is also seeking to raise an additional \$500,000 to acquire the Boys & Girls Club property located at 4 M Daniels Lane. Article 33 asks vot-

ers for a total of \$3 million to acquire the property, \$2 million of which would come from the town's Capital Stabilization Fund, \$500,000 in free cash, and the additional \$500,000, if the Proposition 2½ override ballot question is approved by voters, will have an impact on the tax rate.

Officials have previously discussed potential future uses of the Boys & Girls Club building, such as a new Council on Aging facility or a parks department space. The Boys & Girls Club broke ground on its new building in August. The new facility, planned to be almost double the size of the club's current location, will be located behind the Robinson Road recreation area.

Both of the overrides need to be approved at town meeting before they can be voted on at town election.

Article 7 through 24 in the annual warrant draws from Community Preservation Act funds to support affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space and recreation activity. These requests include \$240,750 toward affordable housing at 294 Chappaquiddick Road, \$260,000 to restore windows, add storm windows, and repair a weathervane at Edgartown

Town Hall, a historic building constructed in 1828. These articles also include \$200,000 for restoration work on Osborn's Wharf, a historic 1840 finger pier in Edgartown Harbor, and \$212,275 to upgrade Edgartown's floating docks in multiple locations.

Other notable spending includes special town meeting article 7, which if approved will appropriate \$172,500 from free cash to supplement the town's 2026 snow and ice budget, due to a deficit created by this past winter season, and appropriate \$17,500 from free cash to the highway department's expense accounts for tree removal as a result of storm damage.

"We wanted to be pretty transparent about what we spent, because it was a significant winter," said Hagerty.

Meanwhile, the annual warrant proposes a 3.2 percent cost of living adjustment for town employees, creating new planning and zoning administrator positions, and updated town salaries based on a recent classification study.

The town is also looking to change its policies, such as increasing fines for false alarms (article 68), lowering town meeting quorum from 5 percent to 2.5 percent of registered voters (article

69), updating zoning rules for accessory dwelling units (article 70), and clarifying who makes shore-zone construction decisions in the town, to align with MVC regulations (article 71).

The bylaw regulating large events is also coming back to be amended before voters via a citizen's petition. This was passed last year, to allow 50 or more persons on a single lot comprising three or more acres of land, including the service of food and beverages, such as rentals for wedding or graduation parties, and other celebrations, but the updated proposal will limit.

"This conditionally permitted use shall not apply to pre-existing nonconforming commercial uses, nor shall it be construed to permit the increase of a pre-existing nonconforming commercial use lawfully in existence," reads the proposed amendment.

Residents can review the full warrants on the Edgartown website.

"Everyone needs to remember that starting Jan. 1 of this year, we start automatically appropriating funds from short-term rental money to capital stabilization funds; the majority of the town's articles every year are funded through free cash," said Hagerty. **MVT**

West Tisbury faces cavernous gap in annual budget

Voters to gather in two weeks to decide upon key town decisions.

BY HAYLEY DUFFY

West Tisbury residents are set to take up a 56-article warrant at the annual town meeting this April, and decide whether or not to override a state law and allow increased property taxes to fund the town's annual operational budget.

The meeting is scheduled for April 14 at the West Tisbury School on Old County Road at 7 pm. Two days later, at the West Tisbury Public Safety Building (North Tisbury Fire Station), voters head to the polls for the town election and to vote on the official ballot between 7 am and 8 pm.

A special town meeting is planned before the annual meeting to discuss two warrants from the county — funds for the installation of a new handicap ramp at the Dukes County Health Care Access Building, and repairs at the Dukes County Courthouse — that were omitted from the original warrant.

There are two questions on the ballot that serve as the most necessary requests made to voters, and failure to pass them, town officials said, would seriously hamper the town's ability to provide regular services. One question asks that residents allow West Tisbury to override the state law Proposition 2½, which limits property tax increases, to fill

out the \$3.491 million needed to fund the town's annual operating budget; the budget is \$31.6 million for fiscal year 2027. In a separate override, the town seeks \$2 million to repair or replace the HVAC system and other associated costs for the West Tisbury Police Department. A two-thirds vote is required.

"Without the override, we cannot reach the budget we have presented," Jennifer Rand, West Tisbury town administrator, said. She added that the West Tisbury Police Department is in constant need of repair: "It's just not thriving."

Other articles in the warrant include that West Tisbury officials want to consolidate employees into a Department of Municipal Finance, which would include the office and functions of the town accountant, treasurer, human resources, and payroll. Each department is currently siloed, Rand said.

The town also needs \$104,000 to contract a licensed site professional to address state-mandated PFAS tracking and removal in the town for the rest of the current fiscal year. The state-mandated work isn't new, but the funds previously used from the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act have run out.

"We had budgeted for this fiscal year what we needed, we thought. And then there was a second site identified that the state requires we immediately take action on," Rand said about the fire station on West Tisbury Road and the closed landfill. The article listed in the warrant would pay for the licensed professional until July 1, but for the next fiscal year, there's a line item in the budget that would get the town through June 30 of the next year. That will cost half a million dollars.

Unspent funds for a full renovation of the up-Island senior center, Howes House, which is at least delayed, are now being asked to be used for small renovations to improve accessibility.

"We tried for quite a while to bring that forward, and just hit a number of roadblocks. And a decision was made to start over with, first doing a strategic plan, re-energizing the appointed board, and doing a strategic plan that would then inform the next steps," Rand said. The unspent \$50,000, voted on in April 2022, if approved, would keep the center inhabitable until a complete renovation is carried out.

Housing also takes up a few articles in this year's warrant. West Tisbury wants to partici-

pate in the Lease to Locals pilot program, which is up and running in Chilmark, and requests \$250,000. The program offers incentive payments to property owners to make their housing units available as year-round rentals for West Tisbury residents rather than short-term rentals or units left vacant.

Additionally, town officials propose that half of the funds from the rooms excise tax go to a stabilization fund only used for housing-related purposes in the town. Currently, excise tax monies go to the general fund.

There is also an article that asks voters to raise what's considered to be affordable housing in the town as up to 180 percent of the county's median income, which Rand said would help people who make too much money to qualify for affordable housing units but don't earn enough to purchase a home on the Island.

Several municipal vehicles also need to be replaced, including a truck for the animal control officer, which will cost \$85,000. Currently, Rand said, the truck used by animal control is "well past its healthy life" and is "in terrible condition." Also, there is a request for \$125,000 to go into the "Fire Truck Stabilization Fund," which eventually can help pay for the next purchase of a truck. Fire trucks go for about half a million dollars, and in order to prevent the town from an excessively large payment in one year, Rand said they try to "scurry money away every year in smaller bites."

There are also several zoning-change requests (Articles 16 through 22), and many articles to approve funds for the town's shares in county programs. Rand said the town was also asked to include an article for \$70,000 for the acquisition and installation of a rapid food-waste recycler for public use.

The most imperative part of the warrant for Rand is the passage of the overrides. The state law that limits how much property tax revenue the town can raise each year "doesn't come close to keeping up with inflation," Rand said. She added that this isn't unique and is felt by towns all over the state. For years, she said, the town

of West Tisbury has budgeted as tightly as possible, but that means they bump against the levy limit a lot.

"If the override passes, we carry on with the programs and services that we provide without interruption. If it fails, we're going to have some work to do, because we don't have a budget. If it fails, we don't have a budget," she said.

If the budget, which is needed by July 1, isn't approved, the town will need to figure out where cuts could be made.

"How do we find \$3.5 million in our budget that we can live without, when we have asked for the money because we believe we can't live without it?" **MVT**

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HELP WANTED

ANIMAL HEALTH CARE FULL-TIME VETERINARY ASSISTANT

Love animals? Comfortable handling dogs/cats? We welcome enthusiastic applicants with/without experience.

- 32-40 hours/week
- Competitive pay
- Benefits package (health insurance, PTO, pet discounts & more)

Assist with exams, patient care, cleaning and client support in a rewarding environment. Apply Today! Send resume to aduricom@alliance-animal.vet

BOOKKEEPER/OFFICE MANAGER-PART TIME

Island Elderly Housing is looking for a bookkeeper/office manager- 24 hours per week (days/ hours flexible) This position is responsible for general bookkeeping and accounting, payroll and overseeing the daily operations of IEH. Must have 2-5 years of administrative and bookkeeping/banking experience and be proficient with accounting systems and general computer operations/troubleshooting. For more information about Island Elderly Housing and our positions, visit our website, www.iehmv.org. Please send resume to teller@iehmv.org

HELP WANTED

CARROLL'S MVRT SEEKS CLASS A CDL DRIVER FOR FULL-TIME, YEAR-ROUND EMPLOYMENT.

Primary duties would include pick-up and drop-off of trailers between several island stores to company warehouses and the boat. Competitive pay and benefits. Request for an application can be sent to applicant@carrollsmv.com.

CHAPPY BEACH CLUB IS HIRING A LIFEGUARD AND A SWIM INSTRUCTOR TO WORK FROM MAY 25 - SEPTEMBER 9.

Successful candidates are 18+ with a valid driver's license and Red Cross lifeguard certification. \$17/hour and housing is provided for these full-time positions. Visit www.chappaquiddickbc.org for more information.

BASICS CLOTHING

Now hiring temporary sales help for April and May. Come help us before your summer job starts! Apply in store or via email eastaway@comcast.net

Drivers Wanted:

We are looking for people for full time/ part time. All shifts available. Applicants must possess a Massachusetts Driver's License and have at least 2 years driving experience. Any questions please call BOB @ HARBOR TAXI 508-693-0037.

HELP WANTED

CHILMARK GENERAL STORE IS HIRING!

Seeking energetic individuals with a passion for good food and great customer service to join our team.

HIRING ALL POSITIONS:
Pizza Cooks, Pizza Assistants, Dishwashers, Sandwich/Salad Makers, Prep Cooks, Servers/Cashiers, Retail Stock Associates

HOUSING IS AVAILABLE FOR FULL SEASON EMPLOYEES

All levels are welcome to inquire. Flexible work schedules, store discounts, and shift meals. Please send resume or work history to: working@chilmarkgeneralstore.com <http://www.chilmarkgeneralstore.com>

CHILMARK SCHOOL

seeking applicants for the position of: 1645 Administrative Support Personnel to work in the front office Experience with payroll, budget sense, & Google Suite a plus To submit an application visit our website at: www.mvyps.org under "Employment" new jobs 508-693-2009 Deadline: April 17, 2026 Starting July 1, 2026 No person shall be excluded or discriminated against on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability. EOE.

HELP WANTED

DENTAL ASSISTANT / FRONT OFFICE

Paradise Dental is seeking a dedicated and reliable dental assistant/front office personnel for a year-round position. Portuguese speaking is a plus. Previous dental experience preferred, but willing to train the right individual. 508-696-0222 or send a resume to paradisedental.mv@gmail.com



DISPENSARY STAFF FULL-TIME (May-September)

Join the knowledgeable and friendly team at the Island's only Adult-Use Cannabis Dispensary. We are seeking to fill Dispensary Staff positions. Since 2021, we have prided ourselves on providing high levels of customer satisfaction. If you have experience in a fast-paced client service industry (retail or hospitality). Please submit your resume to jobs@IslandTimeMV.com

MASS AUDUBON FELIX NECK WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Love nature and want to share it with others? Mass Audubon Felix Neck is hiring:

- Program Specialist, Seasonal part-time, help with youth and family programming.
- Camp Staff, Seasonal full-time.
- Visitor Services Representative, Seasonal part-time. Assist with day-to-day visitor engagement operations.

For detailed job descriptions and applications; www.massaudubon.org/jobs

HELP WANTED



DONAROMA'S NURSERY, LANDSCAPING + FLORAL DESIGN IS HIRING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

- FLORAL DELIVERY DRIVER
- FLORAL EVENT STAFF
- FLORAL RETAIL
- NURSERY RETAIL

Knowledge of plants and flowers helpful, however will train. Please visit our Garden Store to fill out an application or email info@donaromas.com 270 Upper Main Street Edgartown, MA 02539 508-627-8366



FRONT DESK

We are looking for a driven and organized individual to join our team managing and running the front desk at Vineyard Decorators - an expanding company with career growth opportunities. If you are interested in interior design this could be a great first step in your career. Email resume to sophia@vineyarddecorators.com

HELP WANTED



EXCITING JOB OPPORTUNITIES SUMMER 2026

Airport Operations Assistant Temporary seasonal full-time

Work outside in a fast-paced airport environment of General Aviation activities at the FBO. Duties include: providing high level customer service, marshalling aircraft, baggage handling and assisting pilots and passengers. Schedule may include weekends, evenings and some holidays. Starting rate \$25.00/hr

Airport Customer Service Representative Temporary seasonal full and part-time

Work inside in a fast-paced airport office environment of General Aviation activities at the FBO. Duties include: providing high level customer service, assisting pilots and passengers with service orders and invoicing. Schedule may include weekends, evenings and some holidays. Starting rate \$32.36/hr

Airport Grounds and Facilities / Airport Custodian Temporary seasonal full and part-time

Maintain airport premises - indoors and outdoors. Maintain a clean and safe environment. Schedule may include weekends, evenings and some holidays. Grounds & Facilities: grounds keeping, mowing, some landscaping. Custodian: janitorial / custodial duties, primarily indoors, multiple buildings. Starting rate \$29.59/hr

Applications available at Airport Administration Office, 71 Airport Road, West Tisbury, MA 02575 or at <https://mvyairport.com/employment-opportunities/> The Martha's Vineyard Airport is an Equal Opportunity Employer and an Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace. Positions open until filled.



E.C. COTTLE, INC. BUILDING MATERIALS

E.C. COTTLE, INC. IS HIRING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

- FRONT DESK
- YARD HAND
- CDL & DELIVERY DRIVERS

WILLING TO TRAIN THE RIGHT CANDIDATE

- Positions are full-time, year-round.
- Monday thru Friday hours with immediate start.
- Competitive pay.

Plus, E.C. Cottle offers full benefits including, Health Insurance, Dental Insurance, matched 401k, paid time off and paid holidays. All benefits earned after completion of probationary period.

Stop by a branch and ask for an application, or email resume to ecottle3@yahoo.com.

Join the Martha's Vineyard Bank Team!

Financial Advisor



Martha's Vineyard Bank and Martha's Vineyard Investment Advisors are excited to be adding a Financial Advisor to our investment team. This position is responsible for developing and maintaining client relationships while actively promoting strategic financial solutions for individual and institutional clients. Investment licenses are preferred but willing to support individuals who have the desire to obtain licenses.

Please visit www.mvbank.com for detailed information or to apply. We offer an exceptional benefits package, growth opportunities and a competitive compensation package that includes incentive compensation.

 Equal Opportunity Employer: Vets/Disabled 



FLOWER GARDEN MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

Excellent opportunity for hard working individual to work with a well established landscape maintenance team. Specifying in planting and maintaining flower gardens, plantbeds. Pots/ Planters/ Window Boxes. Knowledge of plants and arranging pots and design skills a plus. Great pay rates, benefits, paid vacations and holidays. MA Driver's License or Working Papers a plus. We speak Brazilian Portuguese please give us a call today! Call Landscape at (508) 696-8812 ask for John or Marcelo



Help Wanted

HELP WANTED
HELP WANTED – JOIN THE TEAM AT VINEYARD HAVEN MOBIL XTRA MART!
 Vineyard Haven Mobil Xtra Mart is looking for reliable, friendly, and hardworking team members to join our crew.
 Hiring:
 Guest Service Associates
 Evening & Weekend Shifts available
 Fulltime and parttime opportunities
 Location
 Vineyard Haven Mobil Xtra Mart Beach Road.
 Apply at Careers@globalp.com

JOIN OUR TEAM!
 East Chop Beach Club is seeking a dedicated supervisor, activities director/senior beach staff, and lifeguards for the summer of 2026. Visit our website for more details: EastChopBeachClub.com.

LOOKING FOR HELP RUNNING ERRANDS
 Elderly lady with mobility issues, year rounder, looking for help running errands. Picking up groceries, food, mail, etc. 2-3 times per week. Janice 508-696-8976.



NOW HIRING
 Bilzerian Tree & Land is looking to hire tree workers to join our team. Work includes tree removal, trimming, and general tree work, with occasional landscaping. Experience preferred but willing to train the right person. Competitive pay. Immediate start.

PARAMEDIC- EMT TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS
 The Oak Bluffs Fire -EMS is accepting applications for a full-time Paramedic or EMT. EMS respond to emergency and non-emergency calls for service as dispatched by 911 to provide efficient and advanced care to ill and injured patients. EMS staff work scheduled shifts and extended hours/overtime to ensure 24/7 emergency coverage. Anticipated hiring ranges, commensurate with experience.

HELP WANTED
 Paramedics: \$40.82 - \$43.31 per hour.
 EMTs: \$34.06 - \$36.13 per hour.
 Candidates must possess a current MA Paramedic or EMT certificate, valid MA Driver's license, with 1-3 years' experience as a provider. Coupled with qualifications, we are looking for professional team players who can contribute to a positive work environment. Positions are covered under IAFF Union contract which controls wages and working conditions. The Town offers a comprehensive health and benefit package. Send completed applications, resume with certifications through the online portal at oakbluffsma.gov/jobs, or email wbrough@oakbluffsma.gov for an application form and for all inquiries. Oak Bluffs is an EOE.

PASTRY CHEF WITH STRONG FINE DINING BACKGROUND NEEDED FOR HIGH END CATERING COMPANY.
 Cakes, breads small desserts & fine dining dessert menu. Partner opportunity to use bakery for own cake/baking business year round. Text 920-737-5752 for more information. Please have resume ready and tasting required.

SEASONAL BOAT CLEANER
 Experienced preferred but will train the right applicant in boat prep & waxing. Motivated self-starter who can work with minimal supervision & complete assignments on schedule. Please apply via email to jhale@mvshipyard.com.

SEASONAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE
 Up-Island residential community is looking for a seasonal worker to join a crew. Must speak English and have a valid driver's license. Duties include lawn mowing and general grounds maintenance. Please call 508 693 0016.

SHERIFF'S MEADOW FOUNDATION SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT
 Sheriff's Meadow Foundation is currently hiring for multiple seasonal positions including Summer Ranger and Land Steward Assistant. For job descriptions please visit sheriffsmeadow.org/jobs

HELP WANTED
SIMPLE CLEANING HELP/PERSONAL ASSISTANT
 6 or more hours a week. Maybe in exchange for use of a car? \$20-\$25 per hour. 310-213-5472.

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS!
 The Vineyard Conservation Society is hiring 2 part-time, paid positions this summer. This position is for current college students who are interested in local environmental issues. For more information & how to apply Email info@vineyardconservation.org

SUMMER SITTER – CHILMARK (LATE JULY–AUGUST)
 Family with 2.5 year old and newborn seeking a fun sitter for the toddler (pool, beach, games); occasional newborn support; light household help. Mon–Fri, flexible hours, \$25/hr Please text Nora, 202-288-8362

SUN SELF STORAGE
SUN ISLAND DELIVERY
 Delivery Driver / Truck Driver Non CDL on Martha's Vineyard We are offering a full-time position for a reliable and motivated delivery driver to join our team. This position involves operating a company vehicle to deliver freight. CDL license is not required but would be a plus. We offer a competitive pay rate and full benefits package. Please contact Tony at 508-693-1036 or email mvis355@gmail.com

TOWN OF EDGARTOWN PARKS COMMISSION ASSISTANT BEACH DIRECTOR \$28.17-\$37.06

The Town of Edgartown is seeking an Assistant Beach Director to support the daily operation and management of Town beaches. This full-time, 40-hour/week position performs a combination of technical and field-based work, including inspecting beaches for safety and compliance with Town bylaws, coordinating routine maintenance of facilities, signage, boardwalks, and over-sand vehicle (OSV) corridors, and assisting with the installation and removal of seasonal infrastructure. The role requires regular outdoor work in varying weather conditions, strong communication

HELP WANTED
 and organizational skills, and the ability to manage multiple priorities in a dynamic environment. A high school diploma or equivalent, and a valid U.S. driver's license is required. Experience with beach operations, OSV access, and coastal resource management is preferred. Applications and full job description are available at www.edgartown-ma.us or in the Human Resource Office at Town Hall. The Town of Edgartown is an equal opportunity employer. Please submit completed applications to HR@edgartown-ma.us

TOWN OF TISBURY IS LOOKING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE.

Will define and develop community housing plans to increase the availability of housing opportunities, facilitate information between boards, meeting minutes. This is a part time, unbenefited position. Any sub-contractor interested should contact Human Resources at pbennett@tisburyma.gov for a scope of work. Position open until filled.

TOWN OF WEST TISBURY PAYROLL AND HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR

The Town of West Tisbury is seeking to hire a 35 hour/week Payroll and Human Resources Administrator. The position reports to the Finance Director. The Payroll and Human Resources Administrator performs a wide range of administrative, technical, and confidential duties supporting the Town's personnel, payroll, and employee benefits functions. Responsibilities include coordinating employee onboarding and offboarding, administering employee benefits programs, and processing payroll in compliance with federal and state regulations. This role also maintains accurate and confidential personnel and payroll records, provides administrative support to the Personnel Board, and assists with the development and implementation of personnel policies. The position ensures compliance with applicable employment laws, collective bargaining agreements, and Town policies, and performs related duties as required.

HELP WANTED
 Minimum Qualifications:
 Bachelor's degree in accounting, business administration, human resources, or a related field; and at least three years of progressively responsible experience in payroll processing, benefits administration, or municipal personnel work; or any equivalent combination of education and experience. Experience working with third-party payroll providers such as Harpers Payroll Services or similar outsourced payroll systems is strongly preferred. This is a benefited position. Full job description and required application form can be found on the Town's website at www.westtisbury-ma.gov, or by calling 508-696-0102. The Personnel By-Law anticipates hiring at Step 1 (\$49.05/hr.). The Town may offer a higher starting step, up to Step 3 (\$54.07/hour), depending on qualifications and experience. Resume & applications must be returned by April 22, 2026 12:00 pm. EOE.

FACILITIES MANAGER
 Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society is hiring a Facilities Manager to oversee all aspects of facility and equipment management, including repairs and preventive maintenance for our multiple buildings and 30+ acre property in West Tisbury and rental property in Edgartown. Year round, 25-40 hrs/week position. Position description and application instructions: <https://marthasvineyardagriculturalsociety.org/employment-opportunities>

JOHN KEENE EXCAVATION MARTHA'S VINEYARD



WE ARE LOOKING TO ADD TO OUR TEAM!
 The following three positions available are:
 * Site Supervisor / Experienced Machine Operator – CDL license a plus *
 * Laborer *
 * CDL Class A or B Truck Driver *
 These positions are year-round and include excellent benefits! Please call our office at (508)693-5975 or email us at office@johnkeene.com

HELP WANTED



DUKES COUNTY SHERIFFS' OFFICE PUBLIC SAFETY TELE-COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS

** \$500 Monthly Housing Stipend for Full Time Island Resident Tele-communicators**
 Are you looking to kick-start your career, while helping the Island Community? Duties include, but not limited to receiving, processing, transmitting and/or dispatching emergency and non-emergency calls for police, fire, emergency medical, and other public safety services via telephone and other communication devices. Effective oral and written communications skills, sensitivity to working with confidential material; flexibility and willingness to adapt to changing environment and priorities; positive attitude, integrity and, excellent judgment. Work schedule includes assignments to the day, evening and night, weekend, and holiday shifts. Paid on-site training, as well as off-island Academy training upon completion of probationary period. Full-time position with a generous benefit package, including paid leave, insurance and retirement. Full time Tele-Communicator-In-Training pay range is \$71,140.94-\$78,545.22 annually, plus \$500 monthly stipend. Applications and job description available at dukescountysheriff.com/careers



Classifieds

COMMERCIAL RENTALS
AVAILABLE TO RENT: FOUR PUSHCARTS AT PUSH CART ALLEY 38 MAIN ST DOWNTOWN TISBURY
 Get a great location for a very reasonable cost. The four pushcarts at iconic "Pushcart Alley" at 38 Main Street in downtown Vineyard Haven have become available to rent after a 25 year run that provided a good income for one family who still live on MV. Very reasonable triple net terms. See MarthasVineyardRentals.net Call 508-627-5900 or email pushcarts@marthasvineyardrentals.net and cc pushcarts@moshup.com

COMMERCIAL CONDO FOR RENT/SALE AT TISBURY MARKET PLACE
 600 sq ft. First floor unit. Call Leslie for details 508-333-1000.

COMMERCIAL GARAGE STORAGE VINEYARD HAVEN
 457D State Road. 850 square foot unit with 1/2 bath and parking. Electric and water included. \$2,500 per month. Available April 1st. First and last month's rent and security deposit. Call Chris at 508-627-2895 for an appointment.

OFFICE/RETAIL SPACE AVAILABLE VINEYARD HAVEN
 11 A Evelyn Way. 675 square foot unit, bathroom, back deck, plenty of parking. Year-round lease. All electric heat and utilities. \$3500 a month, available immediately. First and last month rent & security deposit required. Contact Chris 508-627-2895 for appointment.

SUMMER RENTALS
SMALL OUTBUILDING IN WEST TISBURY OFF PRIVATE ROAD.
 Short walk to Alley's. 1-person rental, no-pets, no-smoking, outside shower, all basic appliances. Utilities included. 4-months minimum, \$1650/month. Full-time day worker. Plus security deposit. References required. 508-693-9199.

CUSTOM ARTISAN CRAFTSMAN CARRIAGE HOUSE IN WEST TISBURY FOR MONTHLY RENTAL WITH UPPER LEVEL LIVING SPACE.
 One bedroom with king size bed and large loft area with full size bed. Beautiful woodworking throughout home. Conveniently located and close to shopping and beaches. July and August \$11,000 per month. June and September \$6,000 per month. 508-221-2796

APARTMENTS/ROOMS
1 BEDROOM APARTMENT AVAILABLE NOW.
 Weekly, monthly rates. Possible year round. Near OB school, short walk to town. Inquire at 9GoodeSt@gmail.com

YEAR ROUND
 Studio, one person only, full-time, day-worker preferred. West Tisbury. No smokers, no pets. Partially furnished or not. Start April-1st. \$1,750 one-bedroom or studio. All utilities included. Application & references, first/last/security. 508-693-9199.

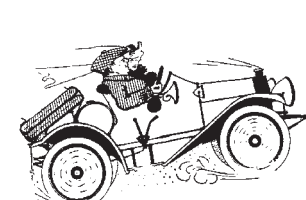
PETS & LIVESTOCK
HORSE AVAILABLE FOR HALF LEASE
 Enzo, a stunning 18-hand chestnut with beautiful floating gaits and excellent movement. Son of the Olympic dressage sire Glock's Johnson.

PETS & LIVESTOCK
 Available May 1 through next winter at a beautiful farm in Vineyard Haven, currently training with a well-known trainer off-island with access to an indoor arena. Enzo also jumps beautifully. Also available is Diamond, another large 18-hand chestnut, Enzo's companion, offered for an inexpensive full lease for pleasure riding. Suitable for advanced riders only. Lease is \$1,000/month each (negotiable). Owner pays board, vet, and shoes—an exceptional opportunity to ride truly stunning horses. Text (310) 213-5472 for videos and more information.

AUTO SALES
1980 INTERNATIONAL SCOUT - RESTORED TO ORIGINAL.
 Soft top, hard top and lots more. Used summers only. \$35,000.00. 207-239-7532.



ISUZU NPR CABOVER TRUCK FOR SALE.
 2006 diesel. 140,000 miles. \$12,000. Call Chris at 508-627-2895



BOAT SALES



MARSHALL SANDERLING 18' SAILBOAT – CLASSIC CENTERBOARD CATBOAT WITH TILLER.

Sails beautifully in shallow water and can be beached – the quintessential Cape Cod/Martha's Vineyard boat. Includes trailer, sail, cushions, life vests, bronze step – fully equipped and ready to enjoy. Stored under tarp; needs wash and fresh bottom/cockpit paint. \$6,400 OBO. Vineyard sale preferred. Must pick up; seller cannot transport. Text for details (407) 625-1475

SITUATIONS WANTED
LOOKING FOR PRIVATE POOL IN VH OR WEST TISBURY TO SWIM MORNING LAPS.

Will pay to do so. Janice 508-696-8976

SERVICES
MY HANDYMAN SERVICES/PROPERTY
 PAINT, DUMP RUN, TILE/STONE WORK, CARPENTRY, WINDOWS/DOORS, SHINGLES, GUTTER CLEAN-UP, DECK REJUVENATE, POWER WASHER, ROOFS, BASEMENT/ GARAGE CLEAN UP, Certified Mold Inspector & Remediator, French Drain Installation. 508-684-0242. RENATOmyhandymaninmv@gmail.com

BargainBox

DOG KENNEL
 5' x 10' "Lucky Dog" metal fence. \$100. 508-693-0674.

FREE
 22' Hunter Sailboat New roller furling jib, bottom painted, ready for the water, 9.9 motor, no trailer. 508-627-2139.

JIGSAW PUZZLES SCRABBLE, PARCHEESI, ETC.
 Good/Excellent condition. \$3-\$12. 508-693-7472 -Call anytime,

7:30am-12:30pm is best.
VINYL GUTTERS 50+ FT. DOWNSPOUTS BRACKETS + CONNECTORS.
 Good condition. Free. 508-693-0674

WHIRLPOOL MICROWAVE OVER RANGE. 27 7/8 X 17 1/8
 1.9 cu.ft. Used in excellent condition. Manual & wall mount included. \$75 508 560 3388.

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THE ISLAND'S ORIGINAL TOURIST GUIDE

VINEYARD VISITOR

TO ADVERTISE IN VINEYARD VISITOR EMAIL ADSALES@MVTIMES.COM

MVTimes

ARE YOU HIRING? TO PLACE YOUR AD, EMAIL VALERIE@MVTIMES.COM.

Real Estate

HOUSES-OAK BLUFFS



\$1,790,000 CALL OR TEXT ALAN SCHWEIKERT 508-221-1708 OR MICHAEL SCHWEIKERT 774-563-9112

Oak Bluffs: Waterfront Property at Vineyard Haven Outer Harbor** This is an exceptional opportunity to acquire a stunning white sandy beach property on Vineyard Haven Harbor. This charming island cottage boasts breathtaking panoramic views of the harbor and sound, showcasing magnificent sunsets each evening over the West Chop Peninsula. You can enjoy the lively boating scene, with yachts from around the globe and ferries arriving at port, all in the company of your favorite guests. This picturesque setting is enhanced by the delightful scent of vibrant rugosa roses that adorn the sandy landscape. Experience the unique convenience of storing your paddleboard, kayak, windsurfer, and other watercraft right in your backyard, allowing you to indulge in refreshing swims at your leisure. There is potential for mooring a motor or sailboat, pending approval from the Harbormaster. This property epitomizes the classic Martha's Vineyard experience—creating timeless memories. Additionally, it has a solid rental history. Please note, our information suggests that the adjacent lot is unbuildable; however, we recommend verifying this with the town.

HOUSES-OAK BLUFFS



PRICE ADJUSTMENT,NOW \$2,600,000 COMMERCIAL B-2 OR RESIDENTIAL OFFERED BY RENE' BEN DAVID/ REALTOR @, OCEAN PARK REALTY INC. 23 Circuit Ave Extension Cell 508-847-4864

3 bedrooms/1 bathroom, Rare Opportunity with Endless Possibilities – Unmatched Harbor & Vineyard Sound Views. Location, Location, Location! A truly rare offering in the heart of Oak Bluffs, where properties like this seldom become available. Positioned directly across from the iconic Oak Bluffs Harbor, this property boasts unobstructed harbor views and sweeping vistas of Vineyard Sound—a setting that captures the very best of island living. From your front yard, watch ferries come and go, boats drift through the harbor, and enjoy the stunning backdrop of open water stretching toward Vineyard Sound. This is a property that puts you right in the middle of everything, while still offering the charm and character of a classic island home. Zoned B-2 Commercial, the opportunities are truly endless. Continue the legacy of a successful tourist-oriented business like the longtime Anderson Bike Rentals, create a new commercial venture, or reimagine the property as your personal dream home. Whether you renovate the existing structure or build from the ground up, you'll benefit from one of the most visible and vibrant locations in Oak Bluffs. Walk to everything—ferries, beaches, the marina, restaurants, movies, shopping, Ocean Park concerts, the OB fishing pier, and the beloved Oak Bluffs Fireworks. This is a must-see, legacy property with rare potential in a location that can't be beat. Very easy to show. Pre-approval or proof of funds required with all offers.

HOUSES-OAK BLUFFS



\$2,250,000 MARILYN MOSES OCEAN PARK REALTY 617-462-0381 NEW CONSTRUCTION

Welcome to Lagoon Ridge, Oak Bluffs' newest and most sought-after neighborhood. Build your 3-bedroom dream home in this elevated enclave, set 95 feet above Lagoon Pond and capturing sweeping sky views, colorful sunsets, and refreshing sea breezes. This exceptional home site represents one of the final opportunities in this thriving new community. To be built – The Naushon – features 3 bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms, and over 2,400 square feet of thoughtfully designed living space. A grand wrap-around covered porch provides a welcoming entry and the perfect place to enjoy morning coffee or cool evening breezes. Inside, the open-concept floor plan connects the chef's kitchen with spacious living and dining areas, ideal for entertaining family and friends. Each bedroom suite includes a tiled en-suite bath with customizable fixtures and finishes, and the second-floor suites may offer private balconies for added relaxation. Classic Oak Bluffs cottage architecture meets modern comfort and energy efficiency, making The Naushon an ideal year-round or seasonal retreat. Lagoon Ridge offers direct access to conservation lands with walking and biking trails, and nearby Lagoon Pond invites kayaking, sailing, and shell fishing. All utilities—electric, town water, and a private, state-of-the-art Amphidrome wastewater system—are located at the street. This innovative system serves the entire neighborhood, providing convenience and peace of mind. Lagoon Ridge is a covenant-protected community with architectural review and professional management by First Property Management Co. This beautiful home site is ready for the construction of your Vineyard dream home. Eleven lots have sold—only two remain available. Call for details!

HOUSES-OAK BLUFFS



\$500,000 SOLD BY MARILYN MOSES 617-462-0381 .. WONDERING WHAT YOU COTTAGE IS WORTH? CALL OR TEXT ANYTIME!

Experience the charm of 21 Rock Avenue, nestled in the Historic Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association. This year-round cottage features 1 bedroom and 1 bath, and is just moments away from Oak Bluffs Harbor, ferry ports, sandy beaches, art galleries, and delightful restaurants. Recent exterior enhancements include cedar fencing, refreshed house trim, new paint, and an upgraded roof. Please note that the heating system is currently not functioning. Enjoy the convenience of on-site parking. This cottage is also featured in both the Eisenstaedt and Painter Ladies books, adding to its unique appeal.



\$895,000 22 MONTGOMERY SQUARE OAK BLUFFS MARILYN MOSES | 617-462-0381 OCEAN PARK REALTY, INC.

Charming year-round renovated Victorian cottage in the historic Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association, located in the heart of Wesleyan Grove in Oak Bluffs. This 3-bedroom, 1-bath home features shiplap walls, knotty pine ceilings, original wood flooring, and sun-filled interiors throughout. The updated kitchen offers quartz countertops, a farmhouse sink, stylish lighting, and newer energy-efficient appliances. Improvements include Marvin wood windows, a newer roof, hot water tank, and energy-efficient heat pumps for AC and heat. Enjoy a welcoming front porch with colorful gardens and a slate patio with fenced garden space for outdoor dining and relaxing. Just steps to Circuit Avenue, Oak Bluffs Harbor, and nearby beaches.



IMPROVED PRICE \$700,000 CALL OR TEXT MARILYN MOSES 617-462-0381 OCEAN PARK REALTY

Welcome to Lagoon Ridge.....Oak Bluffs' newest and most sought-after neighborhood! Build your 3-bedroom dream home with M Duffany Builders on this lofty setting, 95 feet above Lagoon Pond, featuring sweeping sky views, colorful sunsets, and refreshing salty sea breezes. This exceptional building lot is among the last of the remaining opportunities in this thriving new community. Utilities are already at the site, including town water, electric; and a private Amphidrome wastewater system that will save you the cost and inconvenience of a septic system. Lagoon Ridge borders acres of pristine conservation land with abutting access to scenic biking and hiking trails providing the perfect blend of privacy and outdoor adventure. Located in desirable Oak Bluffs, and central to all down Island towns, this is an active and vibrant community with plenty of construction momentum—don't miss the opportunity to become part of this attractive neighborhood! Easy to show – contact us today for a private tour of this exceptional offering! Price is for lot only, home pictured is a sample of home to be built. call for details.

HOUSES-OAK BLUFFS



IMPROVED PRICE: \$1,795,000 CONTACT MARILYN MOSES AT 617-462-0381 FOR MORE DETAILS!**

OCEAN PARK REALTY
Discover the beauty of **THE PRESERVE at THE WOODLANDS** in the highly coveted Oak Bluffs community! This is your chance to own one of the last remaining building lots in this prime location, just moments away from town, beaches, harbor, ferry ports, and the Farm Neck Golf & Tennis Club. Underground utilities are already in place, making this rare offering perfect for developing your dream family compound. Enjoy a peaceful and private setting, surrounded by conservation land and trails ideal for hiking, walking, and biking. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to embrace the Oak Bluffs lifestyle!



NEW LISTING IN OAK BLUFFS \$999,000 ALAN SCHWEIKERT OCEAN PARK REALTY 508-221-1708

Oak Bluffs: Home Sweet Home Situated on over a quarter acre of beautifully landscaped, level grounds with colorful perennial plantings and mature trees, this sun-filled ranch offers a perfect blend of comfort and charm. The open kitchen, dining, and living areas feature cathedral ceilings, classic vertical knotty pine walls, and a cozy brick fireplace. Enjoy a convenient first-floor bedroom and a spacious second-floor primary bedroom with a private deck. The finished basement provides additional living or hobby space. Updates include a 2017 oil burner and Roth oil tank. An inviting outdoor shower completes this well-maintained home, offered furnished and ready for your personal touches. Located in a quiet residential neighborhood close to all that Oak Bluffs has to offer.



ONE LOT AVAILABLE 35 DOUBLE OX \$700,000 CALL OR TEXT MARILYN MOSES 617-462-0381 FARM NECK GOLF & TENNIS CLUB :

The original 1780 Farmhouse was tastefully restored in 1985 to honor the land and legacy of Farm Neck. This serene 3.7-acre oasis of rolling greenery with a variety of mature trees and lots of natural privacy has an up Island feel with the down Island convenience to fine dining, shopping, ferry, airport, bike paths and includes Stockholder Membership in the popular Farm Neck Golf Club. This exceptional property is situated between the 7th and 8th fairways and is just a short walk to the clubhouse restaurant, tennis courts and pro shop. For water enthusiasts there is the opportunity to have a mooring, with Harbor Master approval, off the private beach on Sengekontacket Pond giving you direct boating access to Nantucket Sound. Although this historic home features 5 bedrooms with 4.5 bathrooms and lots of intimate spaces, there is still plenty of room on the property for expansion of the main residence..... with the existing detached garage/ apartment, this country estate is truly an Island treasure that will provide lots of recreational enjoyment for family and friends throughout the years.

HOUSES-OAK BLUFFS



PRICE IMPROVEMENT 46 KENNEBEC AVENUE OAK BLUFFS, MA \$1,495,000

CALL OR TEXT ALAN SCHWEIKERT 508-221-1708 OR MICHAEL SCHWEIKERT 774-563-9112 OCEAN PARK REALTY

This exquisite Victorian home, lovingly preserved by the same family for over a generation, stands in outstanding condition and is perfectly situated in the vibrant heart of Oak Bluffs Center. Enjoy the convenience of being just steps away from the Public Beach, Steamship Authority, Oak Bluffs Harbor, a supermarket, and a variety of charming restaurants and shops that contribute to Oak Bluffs' allure as a premier summer destination on Martha's Vineyard. This delightful three-season cottage has been carefully modernized over the years, offering a rare investment opportunity. Located within the highly sought-after B1 Zone, this residence has been cherished as a family home while also providing the potential for commercial endeavors. The property features a well-designed floor plan that includes four bedrooms-one conveniently located on the first floor-along with a full bathroom, two half bathrooms, a laundry storage area, an eat-in kitchen, and a cozy living room. The home is adorned with stunning wood flooring throughout, bright and airy rooms with original windows, a new hot water on demand system, and a charming front porch, perfect for leisurely afternoons. With its four bedrooms and prime in-town location, this property offers substantial rental potential, making it an exceptional opportunity for both personal enjoyment and investment.

SOLD \$4,075,000 CALL OR TEXT JAYNE ISFORD 203-962-4317

Spectacular waterfront home with stunning water views from every room. Situated in a private location in the Sengekontacket Association, this is an exceptional property in a rare setting. In addition to the breathtaking water view of Major's Cove and of Felix Neck throughout the home, the front of the property faces serene pastoral views. This home offers four bedrooms with a main floor master and ensuite, exquisite craftsmanship throughout and a unique setting on the water. Great care was taken in the planning of this home to ensure maximum enjoyment of the tranquil surroundings and views. Each of three bedrooms on the second floor has a water view. The quality of materials used in the construction of this home is outstanding. As you walk through the property, the landscaping and gardens are impeccable and have been featured in MV Magazine. The back yard gently slopes down to the water. Carefully planned by the owners, this home was constructed to follow net zero design principles which provide an energy-efficient retreat. Completely renovated in 2014 and lovingly maintained, this property is a true one-of-a-kind sanctuary on the Vineyard.



Real Estate Transactions March 23 - 27, 2026

Aquinnah

March 24, David N. Herskovits, Jonathan S. Herskovits, and Elizabeth Castillo, trustees of Phyllis Herskovits 2011 Revocable Trust, sold 654 Lighthouse Road to Jonathan S. Herskovits and Emily Morgan Lyon for \$1,470,000.
March 25, James W. Hubert and Jody Q. Hubert, and Jody Queen-Hubert, sold 83 Lighthouse Road to Riad Maher for \$185,000.

Chilmark

March 24, Christiane Gisela Caldwell and Edward Farrow Caldwell, trustees of EFC Trust and CGC Trust, sold 60 Meetinghouse Road to Andrew M. Spellman for \$6,100,000.
March 24, Sandra Ogorman, trustee of Lenore A. Ogorman Nominee Trust, sold 33 North Road to H2 Asset Solutions Inc. for \$600,000.
March 25, Jessica Campbell and Mariah Campbell sold 16 Menemsha Gate to Bliss Pond Farm LLC for \$260,984.22.

Edgartown

March 27, 23 Edgartown Bay Road LLC sold 23 Edgartown Bay Road to Easterly MV LLC for \$14,750,000.

Oak Bluffs

March 24, Keith F. Cook LLC sold 2 Farm Path Road to Kevin D. Cherry and Petrina Martin, trustees of 2 Farm Path Realty Trust for \$1,705,000.
March 25, Howard G. Sutton, trustee of Kimberly G. P. Sutton Trust, and Raymond A. Pearce sold 91 Meadow

Ave. with an undivided 75 percent interest to Susan P. Rasmussen, trustee of Living Trust Agreement of Susan P. Rasmussen for \$817,875.

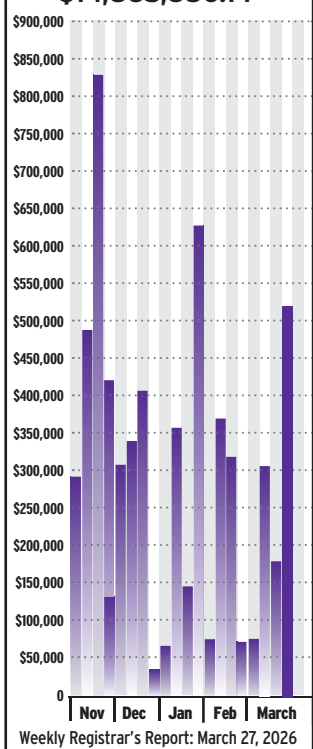
Tisbury

March 26, Harbor Landing Condominium Trust sold 0 MV Harbor Landing Unit 32 Week 12 to Carolyn Rodrigues, Christian Rodrigues, and Sofia Rodrigues for \$1,200.
March 26, Susan Fanticanti, Lenetta Lee, Ritha Sam-Sawyer, Emily A. Meehan, and Melanie Kellum, trustees of Martha's Vineyard Harbor Landing Condominium Trust, sold 0 MV Harbor Landing Condo Unit 34 Week 9 and Unit 50 Week 9 to Ian Mezneac for \$200.
March 26, Susan Fanticanti, Lenetta Lee, Ritha Sam-Sawyer, Emily A. Meehan, and Melanie Kellum, trustees of Martha's Vineyard Harbor Landing Condominium Trust, sold 0 MV Harbor Landing Condo Unit 68 Week 13 and Unit 37 Week 13 to Michael E. Madden for \$1,000.
March 26, Susan Fanticanti, Lenetta Lee, Ritha Sam-Sawyer, Emily A. Meehan, and Melanie Kellum, trustees of Martha's Vineyard Harbor Landing Condominium Trust, sold 0 MV Harbor Landing Condo Unit 56 Week 17 and Unit 63 Week 13 to Heather M. Madden for \$1,100.
March 26, Susan Fanticanti, Lenetta Lee, Ritha Sam-Sawyer, Emily A. Meehan, and Melanie Kellum, trustees of Martha's Vineyard Harbor Landing Condominium Trust, sold 0 MV Harbor Landing Condo Unit 31 Week 13 to Kevin J. Flannery for \$500.



LAND BANK WEEKLY INCOME

FY 2026, Year to Date: \$14,865,380.77



Real Estate

HOUSES-OAK BLUFFS



SOLD \$500,000 by Rene Ben David/Ocean Park Realty Inc
CELL 508-847-4864.

Location, Location, Location. Rare Opportunity to own a 10,000 sq ft South facing level corner lot on a paved road that may accommodate up to 3 bedrooms with Board of Health approval. A sandy beach on Lagoon Pond is just a short stroll (about 1500 ft.)enjoy the beach, walk your pet, watch the stunning sunsets, and GREAT shell fishing. How nice would little necks on the half shell or baked scallops sound for dinner! Have a boat? With permission from the Oak Bluffs Harbormaster, you could be steps away from your own private mooring. A convenient bike path nearby links your access to miles of safe paved trails leading to downtown Oak Bluffs, Edgartown, Vineyard Haven, West Tisbury and 6000 acres of the State Forest. Martha's Vineyard Hospital and Oak Bluffs Elementary School are a 5-minute drive away. This established neighborhood is perfect for both vacation or year round living. The seller is working on securing an engineer to begin the process for a survey, perc test and septic design.



SOLD \$815,000 AND CLOSED IN LESS THAN 30 DAYS
MARILYN MOSES 617-462-0381

Welcome to 17 Siloam Avenue, a delightful cottage nestled in the historic Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association, offering spectacular sunset views of Sunset Lake and the distant harbor from its inviting porches. The current owners have cherished this home year-round for 13 years, and it's easy to see why. This spacious residence features an open living and dining area that seamlessly flows into a beautifully renovated kitchen, perfect for both family gatherings and entertaining. The first floor also includes a delightful partially renovated bathroom adorned with attractive painted wood beam ceilings, adding a touch of elegance to the space. Venture to the second floor, where you'll find three comfortable bedrooms filled with natural light thanks to the abundant windows. Located just steps away from the harbor, beaches, ferry ports, and all the vibrant attractions that Oak Bluffs has to offer, this cottage is the perfect retreat for those seeking both tranquility and adventure. Don't miss your chance to own a piece of this picturesque location! Most of the furniture is included and personal items will be removed prior to closing.

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HOUSES-OAK BLUFFS



SOLD \$839,000 CALL OR TEXT MARILYN MOSES 617-462-0381
OCEAN PARK REALTY

Just steps from the iconic Tabernacle and Trinity Park, this charming cottage is nestled in the heart of the historic Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association-a designated National Historic Landmark District. Surrounded by colorful gardens and picturesque pedestrian walkways, it offers an easy stroll to Oak Bluffs Harbor, beaches, ferries, art galleries, restaurants, and all the vibrant charm of town. This delightful two-bedroom, one full bathroom cottage blends historic character with thoughtful updates, making it an ideal 3-season or extended seasonal retreat. With additional insulation under the house, a buyer could potentially make it suitable for year-round use. An expansive wrap-around farmer's porch with classic gingerbread trim invites you to relax and soak in the community's unique atmosphere. Inside, painted wood-beam ceilings, arched windows, and timeless built-in details enhance the welcoming living spaces. A versatile bump-out area offers flexible use as a guest sleeping nook or office, with direct access to the porch for summer breezes. The dining room provides an inviting space for dinner parties and entertaining, while the kitchen with adjoining laundry and pantry adds convenience and charm. The cottage comfortably sleeps seven, including two bedrooms, a single bed in the bump-out, and a sleep sofa in the living room. The property is partially insulated and features propane forced hot-air heat in the kitchen, bathroom, dining room, and one bedroom, with a new furnace installed in 2019. Additional features include an electric stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer, garbage disposal, 50-gallon propane hot water heater, and approximately 200 sq. ft. of storage. Mature gardens and lawn with irrigation further enhance this special offering. Best of all, the cottage is offered **TURNKEY and FULLY FURNISHED**, ready for you to enjoy from day one.



SOLD \$899,000 NEW SPRING LISTING
CALL OR TEXT MARILYN MOSES 617-462-0381

Experience the charm of this exquisitely renovated Victorian Gingerbread Cottage, nestled within the historic Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association. Just moments away from Oak Bluffs Harbor, ferry terminals, art galleries, restaurants, public beaches, and vibrant shopping areas, this cottage offers an unparalleled location next to all of Oak Bluffs' picturesque parks. This rare gem features two side yards adorned with vibrant landscaping, enhancing its curb appeal. Step inside to discover a breathtaking chef's kitchen, designed with chic shiplap walls and custom cabinetry. Recent updates include a brand-new roof, modern electrical and plumbing systems, a state-of-the-art HVAC system, and energy-efficient, high-quality Blomberg appliances. The cottage showcases gleaming hardwood floors throughout, complemented by a fresh coat of paint and designer finishes that add a touch of elegance. This three-season home is move-in ready, making it the perfect place to enjoy a fantastic location where everything is within walking distance.

HOUSES-OAK BLUFFS



SOLD & CLOSED IN 30 DAYS \$1,995,000 CALL OR TEXT MARILYN MOSES 617-462-0381
HOUSE & STUDIO ABOVE GARAGE~

Welcome to 26 Tia Anna Lane! This exquisite residence is immaculate, stylish, and fully renovated, ready to welcome its new owners! Situated on a beautifully landscaped 0.30-acre lot adorned with vibrant plantings, the home boasts pristine conditions both inside and out, featuring newer Hardi Plank siding. The inviting farmer's porch, complete with Mahogany decking, sets the tone for this charming property, while a lovely pergola graces the back of the house. Upon entering, you are welcomed by a whitewashed wood with high ceiling that enhances the warm ambiance. The flooring throughout the home is first-growth Southern Pine, meticulously crafted with pegged and bunged details. The expansive entrance leads into the living and kitchen areas, which are bathed in natural light, creating an airy atmosphere. Uncover the charm of the wood-burning stove nestled in the family room, equipped with a circulating fan adds warmth, efficiency and focal point for gatherings. Culinary enthusiasts will appreciate the kitchen, which is outfitted with stainless steel GE Cafe Series appliances, attractive quartz countertops, walk in pantry and ample cabinet space to store all your cooking essentials. The screened porch offers an ideal setting for entertaining guests or enjoying a peaceful morning coffee amidst the lush surroundings. All bathrooms in the home have been meticulously renovated, ensuring modern elegance and functionality, while custom window treatments elevate the aesthetic. Additional updates include, a hot water heater (installed in 2020), pull-down stairs to a fully insulated attic (upgraded in 2021), energy-efficient heat and air conditioning with mini-splits, in ground sprinkler system for easy maintenance and a forced hot water boiler for optimal comfort throughout the year. The beautifully landscaped yard provides ample space for outdoor enjoyment, and deeded access to the Lagoon from Gull Landing opens up opportunities for kayaking, swimming, fishing, boating, clamming or simply savoring the picturesque waterfront scenery. Call now for your private tour!

HOUSES-OAK BLUFFS



SOLD BEING OFFERED BY RENE BEN DAVID/OCEAN PARK REALTY INC.
CELL 508-847-4864
\$1,250,000
11 ONONDAGA AVE, OAK BLUFFS OPEN HOUSE

Comfortable Island Home on a Quiet Dead-End Road in Oak Bluffs: Welcome to 11 Onondaga Avenue, the second home on the left on a short, quiet dead-end road in a well-established Oak Bluffs neighborhood enjoyed by both year-round and seasonal residents. This well-cared-for 3-bedroom, 2.5-bathroom home offers space, comfort, and a truly inviting island lifestyle—just a short walk to the Oak Bluffs Sailing Camp Park and beach, where beautiful sunsets over the water await. Inside, the open-concept layout connects the kitchen and dining area to the living room, creating a bright and functional space perfect for both entertaining and relaxed daily living. An inviting deck off the dining room extends your living space outdoors into a serene landscaped setting ideal for enjoying meals in the fresh Vineyard air. The home is set on a peaceful lot with both front and back yards offering a sense of seclusion and space to enjoy. Upstairs, the primary bedroom features an en suite with a shower, providing a comfortable and quiet retreat. Two additional bedrooms and a full bath complete the upper level, and a half bath with washer/dryer is conveniently located on the main floor. The full basement includes both indoor and outdoor access, offering flexibility and additional potential. A finished room in the basement is ready for your creative touch—whether as a media room, home office, playroom, or guest overflow. The property also includes a spacious storage shed and a driveway that easily fits three to four cars. A new roof installed in 2023 adds peace of mind and value. Located minutes from downtown Oak Bluffs, local beaches, ferries, and all the charm the Vineyard has to offer, this home is ready to be your island getaway, year-round residence, or next investment.



SOLD BEING OFFERED BY RENE BEN DAVID, REALTOR @ AT OCEAN PARK REALTY INC.
CALL OR TEXT 508-847-4864.
\$999,999.00

Location, Location, Location! This unique property on the beautiful island of Martha's Vineyard presents an incredible opportunity for the buyer with vision to complete and personalize a home full of potential. The original residence, built in 1920, offers 2 bedrooms and 1 bath and has been expanded with a substantial newer addition, creating increased living space and a finished garage area suitable for storage or future use. Above the garage, another 2 bedrooms and a full bath await final town approvals – providing the perfect framework for an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) or additional living quarters. With creativity and planning, this property could be transformed into a spacious single-family home or a multifamily residence. Set on a large corner lot within walking distance to town, the ferries, and the harbor, the location alone makes this a must-see. The property also features a newer 4-bedroom septic system installed in 2006, which has already been inspected and passed. After being lovingly cared for by the same family, the three siblings who inherited the home are now ready to pass it along to new owners who can bring their own vision to life. This year-round residence is truly a property you need to visit in person to fully appreciate its possibilities. Seller is offering buyer's broker compensation.

HOUSES-OAK BLUFFS



SOLD COASTAL CHIC CONDO PRICE IMPROVEMENT \$1,149,000
SENGEKONTACKET WATERFRONT COMMUNITY | MARTHA'S VINEYARD

Stylish, sunlit, and superbly located – this architecturally designed end-unit townhouse offers 2 bedrooms, a flexible third-floor loft, and 1.5 baths across 1,323 sq. ft. Enjoy a sleek chef's kitchen with stone countertops, custom built-ins, and a 288 sq. ft. private deck ideal for entertaining. With upgraded flooring, windows, systems, and a successful rental history, this property is perfect for year-round living or as a strong investment. **Community amenities include:**

- Access to fresh & saltwater ponds
- Ocean access dock + boat ramp
- Clubhouse, tennis/pickleball courts
- Kayak storage + potential mooring
- Minutes to Farm Neck, bike paths & beaches

Offered \$1,149,000 Exclusively by: Marilyn Moses | REALTOR@ 617-462-0381 | marilyn@oceanparkmv.com



SOLD OAK BLUFFS SENGEKONTACKET \$1,995,000 CALL OR TEXT JAYNE ISFORD 203-962-4317

This delightful home is on a scenic lot nestled within the Sengekontacket Association. Every room in the home is filled with natural light and beautiful views. It is a very short walking distance to the community boat dock and kayaking, as well as the walking trails of Sengekontacket. Updated in 2008 by the architect owner, this home has 3 bedrooms in the main house and a lovely bedroom and bathroom in the studio that is attached to the main home by a stunning overhead trumpet walkway. Cathedral ceilings in the main family room and kitchen with light from every angle. The renovated kitchen, living room and addition of a screened porch complete the main floor of the home. The lower level of the home has 3 sets of sliding glass doors that walk out to the gardens. There are 2 large bedrooms, one full bathroom and a separate washer and dryer room. The top floor has a completely updated and very large master and ensuite with lovely views of the property and surrounding woodlands. This property has an intimate feel because of the care taken with the design but also allows for everyone to have their own private space for relaxation due to the large square footage and open floor plan. There is also an outdoor fire pit and large wrap around deck off of the main floor. Solar panels on the main home. Family members and friends leave after their visits to 26 Box Turtle each year saying, "When can we come back". A special home in a special location. The Sengekontacket Association has an active group of pickleball and tennis residents who will welcome you on the courts. Owners will offer a 1997 Island Jeep Wrangler to be included in the sale of this property with roughly 55,000 mileages.



COMMERCIAL-VINEYARD HAVEN



PRIME COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY

This 2,614± sq. ft. corner commercial condominium in popular Woodland Center Marketplace—one of the largest units and offers outstanding visibility and versatile space. Unit 8 features a showroom with office area, a workroom/warehouse storage section, kitchenette, and half bath. \$1,500,000 Sandpiper Realty, Inc. 508.627.3737

HOUSES-VINEYARD HAVEN



SOLD \$2,400,000 Marilyn Moses 617-462-0381, Michael Schweikert 774-563-9112, Alan Schweikert 508-221-1708
15 Main Street Vineyard Haven \$2,900,000

Prime Commercial Building – Main Street, Vineyard Haven Exceptional opportunity in the heart of downtown Vineyard Haven. This well-maintained mixed-use property offers over 3,100 sq ft of versatile space, featuring two ground-floor retail storefronts with excellent street visibility and two updated 1-bedroom apartments above—ideal for staff housing or rental income. A full basement provides flexible storage or utility space, and deeded rear access allows for deliveries and logistical ease. Recent updates include plumbing improvements and a fully renovated apartment. Whether you're an investor seeking steady income, a business owner looking for a flagship location, or a developer exploring mixed-use potential, this property delivers exceptional value in one of Martha's Vineyard's most desirable commercial corridors.

HOUSES-WEST TISBURY



WEST TISBURY \$1,485,000 CALL OR TEXT MARILYN MOSES 617-462-0381

This coastal contemporary residence is located on a private 1.60-acre lot in WestTisbury, with convenient access to Long Point Wildlife Refuge. The home features four bedrooms and two full bathrooms. On the first floor, you'll find two bright bedrooms, a modernized bathroom, and sliders from the living area that lead to a new AZEK deck and enclosed fenced gardens, perfect for outdoor enjoyment. The open floor plan includes attractive beadboard ceilings that create a sense of space and light. Recent upgrades feature a remodeled kitchen with a tiled backsplash, granite countertops, and an LG induction stove along with matching stainless-steel appliances. The first-floor bathroom has been fully renovated with a tiled shower and glass door, tiled floor, new toilet, vanity/mirror, rainfall showerhead and all new hardware. Additional updates include a newer roof, Azek window trim, an outdoor shower enclosure, and gutters with leaf guards. The basement has a 9-foot ceiling with four windows, providing potential for further finishing with town approval. Other improvements include updated plumbing and electrical systems, a new well pressure tank, new Culligan Water Filtration and Conditioning system, and a Generac whole-house generator installed in 2022. Partially furnished and with additional updates available in the documents, this property is well cared for and ready for new owners. Potential to be a STRONG RENTAL PROPERTY.

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FFY 2026-2030 MARTHA'S VINEYARD TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS

The Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) has released the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Amendments for 21-day public review and comment period at its March 18th, 2026, JTC meeting. **TIP AMENDMENTS SUMMARY:** The FFY 2026-2030 TIP Amendments results in moving funding categories in FFY 2026, FFY 2027, FFY 2028, FFY 2029, and FFY 2030 for the Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA). There will be no change in state or federal funds for the projects. Please send written comments to Michael Mauro by April 8th, via email at: mauro@mvcommission.org Michael Mauro Transportation Program Manager Martha's Vineyard Commission P.O. Box 1447 Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The public is invited to a public hearing concerning whether the proposed amendments to the regulations governing the Island Road District in the Town of Tisbury conform to the guidelines for the development of the District specified in the Commission's designation of the District. Amendments to Articles 09/03 Designated Special Ways are proposed. Additions to designated Special Ways and their management are also proposed. Annotated changes are available on the MVC website: mvcommission.org Date & Time: Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 6:35 p.m. Place: Hybrid Meeting **MVC Office - 1st Floor**, 33 New York Ave, Oak Bluffs, MA and Zoom Meeting ID: **811 9696 9377; Password: 229692** Written testimony may be submitted prior to or during the hearing. Check for updates on the online calendar.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CRITICAL FREIGHT CORRIDOR UPDATE

The Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) has released the MassDOT Martha's Vineyard Critical Freight Corridor Update for 21-day public review and comment period at its March 18th, 2026, JTC meeting. **FREIGHT CORRIDOR SUMMARY:** This freight corridor update results in the addition of lane miles to match the most recent road inventory files. Additional miles were added along the State Road Corridor in Tisbury, Water Street and Beach Street in Tisbury, and along the Edgartown-West Tisbury Road in Edgartown. Please send written comments to Michael Mauro by April 8th, via email at: mauro@mvcommission.org Michael Mauro Transportation Program Manager Martha's Vineyard Commission P.O. Box 1447 Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

NOTICE TO ISLAND FAMILIES SCHOOL CHOICE

Families who wish to participate in the MVYPS School Choice Program should write or email the Principal of the school of their choice stating their child's name and grade level for the 2026-2027 School Year. All requests must be received by 12:00 NOON, Friday, June 12, 2026. Selection of students will be made by the Principal based upon available space and balance within the grade level. • Chilmark School, PO Box 60, Chilmark, MA 02535 Chilmark School Email: kate.squire@mvyps.org

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• Edgartown School, 35 Robinson Road, Edgartown, MA 02539 Edgartown School Email: kcampbell@mvyps.org
• Oak Bluffs School, PO Box 1325, Oak Bluffs, MA 02557 Oak Bluffs School Email: jlight@mvyps.org
• Tisbury School, PO Box 878, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568 Tisbury School Email: jcuster@mvyps.org
• West Tisbury School, PO Box 250, West Tisbury, MA 02575 West Tisbury School Email: dlowell-bettencourt@mvyps.org

TOWN OF WEST TISBURY - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR QUOTES STREET SWEEPING/SAND CLEAN-UP & DISPOSAL

The Town of West Tisbury is requesting quotes for street sweeping and sand clean-up and disposal in town parking lots. Interested parties must provide proof of insurance. Work is to be undertaken and completed between April 22, 2026 - April 30, 2026. Quotes are to be submitted to the Town no later than April 16, 2026 at Noon. Contact Jennifer Rand, Town Administrator, PO Box 278, West Tisbury, MA 02575. (508) 696-0102. townadmin@westtisbury-ma.gov. FAX (508) 696-0103

Specifications: There are 14 miles of roads and three parking lots. This year not all roads may be included. The final decision on which roads to be done and mileage will be determined by the Highway Superintendent. Please provide a price per mile for the roads and a price per parking lot. Please direct all questions to the Highway Superintendent at highway1@westtisbury-ma.gov.

Roads: \$ _____/mile
Parking lots: 1059 State Rd. \$ _____
551 Edgartown-West Tisbury Rd. \$ _____
454 State Rd. \$ _____
Company Name: _____
Contact: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____
FAX: _____

The Town reserves the right to waive any informality in the proposal procedure, to cancel this Request for Quotes or to reject any and all proposals received deemed not in the best interest of the Town. The Board of Selectmen shall award contracts under this procurement.

LEGAL NOTICES W. TISBURY

WEST TISBURY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On **Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 5:15pm** the ZBA will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall-2nd floor meeting room on an APPEAL filed by Rob Moriarty on behalf of **Christopher Poli** on the February 25, 2026 determination of the Building Inspector regarding the interpretation of zoning bylaw provisions governing "total use" as applied to accessory structures located in front of a primary dwelling. There is a related application currently before the ZBA for the installation of an 884 sq. ft. in-ground swimming pool in front of a dwelling, requiring 34 feet of front yard setback relief, along with a 17' x 47'6" open-air pool house with bathroom and outdoor kitchen, under Sections 8.5-4C and 4.2-2D3 of the West Tisbury Zoning Bylaw at **16 Red Coat Hill Rd. (a Special Way), Map 8 Lot 24**, in the RU district. The Appeal is made under M.G.L. c.40A §§8 and 14. The continued public hearing on the related application referenced above is scheduled for the same evening at 5:30pm.

LEGAL NOTICES W. TISBURY

Interested parties are invited to send comments via email to: zba@westtisbury-ma.gov or mail comments to: Zoning Board of Appeals, PO Box 278, West Tisbury, MA 02575. Please call 508-696-0107 for information on the application.

WEST TISBURY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On **Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 5:45pm** the ZBA will hold a public hearing at the TOWN HALL-2nd floor meeting room on an application for a Special Permit from **Fellowship of Christians in Universities and Schools, Inc. (FOCUS)**, to convert space in an existing dwelling and guest house into Employee Dormitories for summer seasonal staff under Section 4.4-5 of the West Tisbury Zoning Bylaw at **420 Lamberts Cove Rd., Map 7 Lot 59.1**, in the RU district. **Interested parties are invited to send comments via email to: zba@westtisbury-ma.gov or mail comments to: Zoning Board of Appeals, PO Box 278, West Tisbury, MA 02575. Please call 508-696-0107 for information on the application.**

LEGAL NOTICES OAK BLUFFS

Copeland Plan District Review Board NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Monday April 13, 2026 at 5:00 PM RE: 25 Circuit Ave Ext Map 8 Parcel 292

This is a HYBRID meeting with both in person & Zoom participation available. The meeting will be held in the downstairs meeting room at the Oak Bluffs Town Hall, 56 School Street, Oak Bluffs MA or Join Zoom Meeting <https://oakbluffs.zoom.us/j/87278314527?pwd=XjewGBvcd-2vqDbrMSVqu01f0ySzmgb.> Meeting ID: 872 7831 4527 Passcode: 455656 Modification of previously approved plan. Squaring off existing home, reconfiguring existing decks and stairway, addition of 1 door, 1 sliding glass door and 1 picture window. Proposed plans are on file in the Building Department at Town Hall. Written correspondence can be addressed to Cottage City Historic District Commission Attn: Lee Ann Tavares, PO Box 1327, Oak Bluffs - 02557 email: buildingadmin@oakbluffsma.gov

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING RE: VINEYARDVILLE LLC APPEAL VINEYARDVILLE, LLC 11 PETER M. WILLIAMSON BLVD. MAP 48 PARCEL 20-3

The Oak Bluffs Zoning Board of Appeals will hold an In-Person Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 6:00PM in the Oak Bluffs Town Hall Downstairs Meeting Room, 56 School Street, on the application of the referenced petitioner seeking: **A Special Permit within Oak Bluffs Zoning By-Law Section 4.4.4, or any action related thereto, to: construct a 400 s.f. detached bedroom on a 60,021+/- s.f. lot located in the R3 zoning district.** Relevant documents and/or proposed plans will be available on the Town of Oak Bluffs' web site: <https://www.oakbluffsma.gov/443/ZBA-Regular-Meetings> Written correspondence can be addressed to the Board of Appeals via email: zbaadmin@oakbluffsma.gov or mailed to: PO Box 1327, Oak Bluffs, MA 02557



LEGAL NOTICES OAK BLUFFS

OAK BLUFFS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40, the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, and the Oak Bluffs Wetlands Bylaw, the Oak Bluffs Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing for a Notice of Intent filed by Jordan Hoehn of Schofield, Barbini, & Hoehn on behalf of Shangri-La Real Estate Trust of 2019 to remove invasive, aggressive and non-native plant species, establish vista corridors, and planting to restore native plant communities. This is located within the buffer to a Coastal Dune and the Velocity Zone at 32 Temahigan Avenue, Oak Bluffs, Map 4 Parcel 158. The hearing will take place at 3:30PM on Thursday April 16, 2026. The hearing will take place at Oak Bluffs Town Hall, 56 School Street, Oak Bluffs.

OAK BLUFFS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Pursuant to the Oak Bluffs Wetlands Bylaw, the Oak Bluffs Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing for a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Robert Penney for the repair of a seawall, concrete walkway, and lawn adjacent to the seawall. This is located within the Velocity Zone at 11 East Chop Drive, Oak Bluffs, Map 8 Parcel 133. The hearing will take place at 3:30PM on Thursday April 16, 2026. The hearing will take place at Oak Bluffs Town Hall, 56 School Street, Oak Bluffs.

OAK BLUFFS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Pursuant to the Oak Bluffs Wetlands Bylaw, the Oak Bluffs Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing for a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Susan Lemoine-Zarba and John Zarba to install 2 platform decks using helical footings. This is located within the buffer to the flood zone and the buffer to a coastal bank at 2 East Side Road, Oak Bluffs, Map 13 Parcel 7. The hearing will take place at 3:30PM on Thursday April 16, 2026. The hearing will take place at Oak Bluffs Town Hall, 56 School Street, Oak Bluffs.

OAK BLUFFS WATER DISTRICT WARRANT FOR ANNUAL FY 26 DISTRICT MEETING

Oak Bluffs Water District FY 27 Warrant
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby notified, as inhabitants of the Town of Oak Bluffs, who are qualified to vote in the District affairs and elections, to assemble at the Oak Bluffs Water District, 96 Vineyard Ave. in Oak Bluffs on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 4:30 pm in the evening, to act upon the following articles:
Article #1 - To see if the District will approve the following FY 27 budget in the amount of \$3,953,255.00 and allow the District to expend money as it accrues or take any action relative thereto:

Salaries & Wages:	984,500.00
Expenses:	2,968,755.00
Total Operating Budget:	3,953,255.00
Summary of estimated expenses:	
Salaries and wages:	984,500.00
Fixed:	550,500.00
Administration:	451,000.00
Personnel:	45,000.00
Utilities:	300,000.00
Operations:	518,500.00
Maintenance:	250,000.00
Capital:	280,000.00
Debt/Int:	413,755.00
Unanticipated:	150,000.00
SLA Contribution	10,000.00

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Article #2 - To see if the District will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$45,000 into the Well and Tank Maintenance Account (#840-04) and expend as the Commissioners deem necessary or take any other action relative thereto.
Article #3 - To see if the District will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Water Commissioners, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of revenue under MGL Chapter 44, section 4, a sum or take any other action relative thereto.
Article #4 - To see if the District will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$100,000 into the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Account to further fund the District's liability or take any other action relative thereto.
Article #5 - To see if the District will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund \$1,388,911.00 to the Debt Reserve Fund to cover the remaining Principal Balance of the outstanding debt of the District, to be expended as necessary to payoff existing debt or take any action relative thereto.
Article #6 - To see if the District will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund in Fiscal Year 2026 the sum of \$90,000 to purchase a New 2025 Chevrolet Full Size K2500 Silverado Pick-Up Truck and all peripheral equipment or take any other action relative thereto.
Article #7 - To see if the District will vote to transfer from the Eminent Domain Fund to the Future Well Field Stabilization fund the amount of \$1,110,450.00 which represents the portion of the property (67.3) deeded to the M.V. Land Bank or take any other action relative thereto.
Article #8 - To see if the District will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund in Fiscal Year 2026 to the New Tank Stabilization fund the amount of \$1,000,000.00 or take any other action relative thereto.

Article #9 - To see if the District will vote to close out the prior year article for the Mini Excavator and transfer the remaining balance of \$54,507.54 to the District's Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto.
Article #10 - To see if the District will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund in Fiscal Year 2026 the sum of \$150,000.00 to cover the design cost of upgrading wells 1 and 2 to accommodate the new tank to be expended as the Superintendent deems necessary or take any other action relative thereto.
SUBMITTED BY THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Raymond J. Moreis Jr., Chairman
Nelson S. Oliver

LEGAL NOTICES EDGARTOWN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EDGARTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

On Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 4:30 PM p.m. the Edgartown Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on the second floor of Edgartown Town Hall at 70 Main St, Edgartown on a **Notice of Intent** filed by **Coastal Protection Engineering, Inc.** on behalf of **Mary F Wille and Warren J Wille Trustees of the Hillhouse Nominee Trust** under the Edgartown Wetlands Protection Bylaw and the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. The applicant is seeking permission to **perform pier maintenance including replacement of 6"x6" posts with 12" greenheart timber piles.**

The property is located at **33 North Neck Road (AP Map 18 Lot 81)**

For a copy of the application or for questions related to observing the meeting via Zoom, please contact: conservation@edgartown-ma.us

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EDGARTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

On Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 4:35 PM p.m. the Edgartown Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on the second floor of Edgartown Town Hall at 70 Main St, Edgartown on a **Notice of Intent** filed by **Coastal Protection Engineering, Inc.** on behalf of **The Cow Bay Corporation** under the Edgartown Wetlands Protection Bylaw and the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. The applicant is seeking permission for a beach nourishment project.

The property is located at **100, 145 & 153 Cow Bay Road (AP Map 12 Lot 21, Map 13 Lots 2 & 3) and 10, 12 & 14 Golf Club Road (AP Map 13 Lots 4.1, 4.3, 4.21)**

For a copy of the application or for questions related to observing the meeting via Zoom, please contact: conservation@edgartown-ma.us

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EDGARTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

On Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 4:40 PM p.m. the Edgartown Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on the second floor of Edgartown Town Hall at 70 Main St, Edgartown on a **Notice of Intent** filed by SBH, Inc on behalf of **Cooke Three Seven LLC** under the Edgartown Wetlands Protection Bylaw and the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. The applicant is seeking permission to **construct a patio, walkway, stonewall and other landscaping in land subject to coastal storm flowage (FEMA VE Zone).**

The property is located at **61 North Water (AP Map 20D-294)**

For a copy of the application or for questions related to observing the meeting via Zoom, please contact: conservation@edgartown-ma.us

PUBLIC NOTICES INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. DU25P0134EA

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

Estate of: Cynthia Jane Wayman Also Known As: Cynthia Walsh Date of Death: July 18, 2025 Dukes Division

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Rex T. Williams of Ft. Lauderdale FL**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Rex T. Williams of Ft. Lauderdale FL has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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High school gets a new principal

A new era of leadership in Island education will begin this summer. **BY SARAH SHAW DAWSON**

The gradual shift from winter to spring isn't the only significant change for the Vineyard late last week: The principal for the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) was picked as well. He is one of the many new people in top positions at Island schools, all of whom will start this summer.

Bryan Lombardi, who's held the position of principal at Stoneham High School since 2019, and was one of two finalists for the principal's seat, was officially appointed as the next principal of MVRHS. Lombardi will begin his tenure this summer to prepare for the 2027-28 school year. He's taking over for Sean Mulvey, the current interim principal, who will be returning to his role as a school counselor at MVRHS this fall.

"Through the search process, I have learned much from my work with the MVRHS staff and community, and I feel that we have found an exceptional principal to lead our high school," Superintendent of Schools Richard ("Richie") Smith said in a press release to the community announcing Lombardi's appointment on Friday afternoon.

Lombardi started his career in education as a school adjustment counselor at West Springfield High School. He then went on to work at Minnechaug Regional High School before he became principal of Northampton High School for six years. He's been principal at Stoneham High School for the past seven years.

Lombardi and the other finalist, Dennis Mahoney, underwent a public interview process in early March, when the community, teachers, and students were able to meet the two candidates.

The two finalists were chosen from a pool of 13 applicants by a search com-



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mittee, made up of Smith, students, faculty, school committee members, and parents. While the superintendent said he prioritized input from the search committee and community, the final hiring decision was Smith's. Lombardi accepted the position when it was offered by Smith this week.

Lombardi was animated in his interview on March 5, moving from one side of the room to the other as he spoke about his plans for MVRHS students and faculty. His goals as a leader, he said, aligned with the mission of the regional high school.

"I started reading about the school, and that's why

I'm here," Lombardi said to attendees in the school library in March.

He said he was looking to work for a school that prioritized students' minds, hearts, and interests. Lombardi also pointed to the uniqueness of the career and technical programs at MVRHS, alongside the number of students who pursue post-high school education. "I see that you have an education setting that seems to be providing that," Lombardi said of the graduation rate.

In his interview, Lombardi was asked by Leah Palmer, the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools' English language learning coordinator, about

his experience with multicultural classrooms and how he would navigate a school like MVRHS, which has a high enrollment of Portuguese-speaking students.

Lombardi said Stoneham High School boasts a strong working-class community and many Italian immigrants, and that he's familiar with navigating across cultures. But he added that he has more to learn when it comes to the Vineyard's Brazilian students, and that his teaching style will be to connect with them and acknowledge their unique challenges while focusing on their strengths.

Lombardi's experience at Stoneham High School veered toward the traditional, he said. He discussed the ways he adapted to the community there, and said that he prioritizes outreach and open communication. The biggest example of similarities between his experience as an educator and the Island community's needs was his role overseeing a high school building project.

"I know what goes into that," Lombardi said of the building process. "I know the challenges that communities face."

MVRHS is starting a \$333.4 million building project of its own that's slated to begin construction just a year after Lombardi takes over. Taxpayers

in each town, who will be paying the majority of the project's cost over the next 30 years, have raised significant concerns about aspects of the building and the tax burden they could be responsible for. Lombardi will be spearheading a controversial building project that he didn't have a hand in starting, but he said he's up for the challenge.

"I can help with that experience," he assured the room.

Lombardi joins multiple other top educational leaders who have been hired within the past few months. A new executive director for the Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School was named this March, mainland educator Christopher Nace, and a new superintendent of schools, Jaime Curley, will be taking over for Smith this summer.

Staff and students across the Island will be led by completely new faces, none of whom have Vineyard-specific educational experience. But all of the new hires express deep reverence for the Island and a desire to improve the lives of students and staff.

And one thing, discussed in public interviews, that they have in common: Their focus is on the students themselves.

"I am drawn to leadership work that is both meaningful and lasting: work that centers students, strengthens professional practice, and supports a school community through significant transition," Lombardi wrote in his initial letter of interest for the principal position.

"There is no greater reward than creating a rich and supportive learning environment where all students are provided with encouragement, rigor, and meaningful opportunities that nurture their strengths, interests, and growth," he wrote. **MVT**

Martha's Vineyard tide table **MVTimes** mvtimes.com

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Waylon Sauer's memory lives on through annual basketball tournament

The memorial tournament raised more than \$100,000 in donations. **BY NICHOLAS VUKOTA**

Three years after the unexpected death of Waylon Madison Sauer, a beloved 17-year-old Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) student known for his positivity and kindness, his friends, family, teachers, and the broader Island community honored his memory with the third annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

On Sunday, Islanders filled the local high school gymnasium in Waylon's honor for the Waylon Madison Sauer Memorial Basketball Tournament, to memorialize his love for basketball and the uplifting presence he brought to the Island's community.

"We're so grateful. It's an emotional event for us, but also really heartwarming, and it's really incredible how many of our own friends make the effort to be here," said Wenonah Madison, Waylon's mother. "My son Amos, who's a junior, and his friends showed up to support him and our family. It really means a lot."

"He [Waylon] wasn't the best player on the team, but he had a lot of heart," she added.

Waylon, who was a junior in high school and a member of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), died on Nov. 14, 2023, in a car accident on State Road in West Tisbury. The loss of the young Islander rattled the Vineyard community. The first basketball tournament in Waylon's memory was organized by his classmates in 2024.

A total of 16 teams with rosters of five to six players competed in the 3-on-3 tournament on Sunday. After each team played seven games, team Over 30, made up of MVRHS basketball alumni, took on Vineyard Hoops, made up of current MVRHS basketball players, in the championship game.

Over 30's roster included 2014 graduates Kane Araujo and Adonis Camby, 2010 graduate Steve Handy, 2024 graduate Josh Lake, and Island residents Max Masucci and Keeland Gomes. Vineyard Hoops had juniors Jacoby Light, Landon Lepine, Leo Napior, and Fletcher Zack, as well as sophomore Taurus Biskis. In the final seconds of the game, Over 30 was up five points, and held onto the ball to run out the clock and secure the win for the third straight year.

Lake, who was a grade above Waylon, said he comes back to compete because of the heartwarming Island community. "Waylon was a special person," said Lake. "I like to come back and get a piece of it [the community] whenever I can."

Waylon's siblings also took to the court. After the championship game, Zuzu Sauer, 9, carried the championship trophy, and her sister, Jaleah Sauer, 10, presented the medals to Over 30 at center court. Amos Sauer, a junior and MVRHS hockey player, joined Over 30 for the title game. Madison said Araujo always makes an extra jersey for him to wear if they play in the championship.

Madison added that the day has special meaning for her children.

"It means a lot to them," she said. "You quietly grieve along with your life all the time, every day. But it is heartwarming for them to see so many people show up for their brother. His name is always up on the wall here ... This is just special, that's all."

Other teams that competed included the MV 1st Responders, which notably included Oak Bluffs harbormaster and MVRHS alumna Emily DeBettencourt; the MVRHS hockey team's Dirty Dancers; an MVRHS group of juniors called the Pink Princesses; team Theo Moore, who wore cooking aprons as uniforms; a group of middle-schoolers and high school freshman called Six Pack; and team Mook, made up of Waylon's high school friends who came back from college to compete. Team Mook included 2025 MVRHS graduate Kert Kleeman, a close friend of Waylon who was instrumental in starting the Waylon Madison Sauer Scholarship Fund and the first memorial tournament.

Team Billy also came to compete. Most recently, Team Billy raised more than \$100,000 for pediatric cancer research through their annual Jimmy Fund walk remembering William ("Billy") John Fournier, who passed away on July 4, 2024, at 3 years old from a rare liver cancer called hepatoblastoma.

Prior to the first tipoff on Sunday, donations to the memorial basketball tournament reached more than \$100,000, and donations continued to come in throughout the day.

"The junior class did a lot of the work, so we'll share the proceeds with them, and they'll use some of it for some of their future things, like prom and whatever else they're up to, and then they'll donate some of it to the scholarship," said Madison.

Kleeman and Otis Forrester, close friends of Waylon, launched the scholarship fund in Waylon's name as a capstone project in 2024; today, it has raised more than \$70,000. MVRHS 2024 junior class president Tayna Silva organized the first basketball tournament in 2024, and the tradition is being carried on by Amos' class.

Amy Jacques-Purdy, a social studies teacher at MVRHS and junior class advisor, along with Erin Slossberg, Spanish teacher and junior class advisor, led the junior class in carrying the torch and organizing this year's event.

"The kids did a lot of the support work, contacting sponsors, and they did a lot of the work at the actual tournament, picking up and selling food, and selling T shirts. A lot of our kids from the class of 2027 also played, which is great," Jacques-Purdy said. "We generally get a good group of kids because they know the family and community well, and they are a tight-knit group."

She added that the juniors also created a new logo for the event. "It's a team effort for sure. It's a heavy lift, but it's so worthwhile. Teams come back year after year, which we are really grateful for," said Jacques-Purdy. "We are so fortunate to live on an Island with such a caring and supportive community. They are financially supportive, but they also just show up, and it's telling."

"It's an awesome day, and it's a really good way to remember a really good, talented, sweet young man," she added.

Nell Coogan, a guidance counselor at MVRHS who was part of organizing the first tournament in 2024, reflected on the continued tradition.

"It's really a testament to how special this community is. I think with the students



NICHOLAS VUKOTA

Zuzu Sauer, 9, carries the trophy to the winning team.

having Amos [Sauer] in that junior class, everybody understands and feels the sadness and the loss, but really loves to come together to celebrate who Waylon was and have a great time together," Coogan said. "When something tragic happens in a place like this, the amount of people who come together — you don't even know all their connections, or if there even is one — it's just that we are connected because it's an Island, and we care so much about each other."

Coogan expressed hope in continuing the tradition. "It's always hard as the years go on, and I think that's the piece that's great about this tournament," Coogan said. "If there's a way to keep it going not only to remember a great human we lost, but for the community to get together and have that fun experience, it would be amazing."

Waylon's memory has been honored in other ways as well. In November 2024, hundreds of friends and family of Waylon donned wetsuits and came together for a paddle-out at Squibnocket Beach, where they formed a circle past shorebreak in unity and held a moment of silence before dropping flowers in the water. The first memorial basketball tournament for Waylon was held earlier that year in April, when hundreds of Islanders flooded the Pachico Gymnasium. **MVT**

Island runner sets world record in search of purpose

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Fetters, who started the journey after struggling with mental health during his freshman year of college, said what he learned from his journey is more valuable than any record or medal.

"The reason I did all this was to really try to grow as a person, to get to know myself a bit more, and build more self-confidence and self-love that I was really lacking a couple of years ago," said Fetters. "The only way I would have a chance of succeeding is if I taught all the parts of myself to work as a team, and in the process my running has less become an end in itself, but has become an engine that is empowering the rest of my life."

For Fetters, he chose this self-driven project because he also wanted to achieve something that on the surface seemed impossible for someone his age. Now, his goal is to inspire others.

"I want to show people who are having mental health struggles that they are far from alone," said Fetters. "If you find something you are passionate about, something that makes you happy, and more importantly something

that gives you meaning — it can be running, or it could be piano (I'm terrible at piano, but someone else could love it) or skydiving, or any other hobby or work they do — that gives them a small feeling of 'Oh, I love this.' I think that's a powerful way to learn to grow with mental health and explore yourself more. In the process, those mental health challenges may not go away, but they may get a little easier, and a little easier could be all the difference."

Fetters started Operation Globetrotter in 2023 with the Martha's Vineyard Spring Classic, then went on to run the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., where he spent his early childhood.

"D.C. holds a special place in my heart," said Fetters, who also competed in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in 2016 and 2017 in Washington, D.C.

At the start of 2024, Fetters started to take on the Abbot World Marathon Majors, starting with Boston and finishing with Tokyo, where he earned his Abbot Marathon World Majors Six Star medal and the world record achievement in February. He also raised more than \$8,000 for Autism Speaks throughout all his races. Autism Speaks is the largest autism nonprofit research organization in the U.S.

Even though Fetters did the legwork, he said, he could not have achieved this without immense support from his community. "I

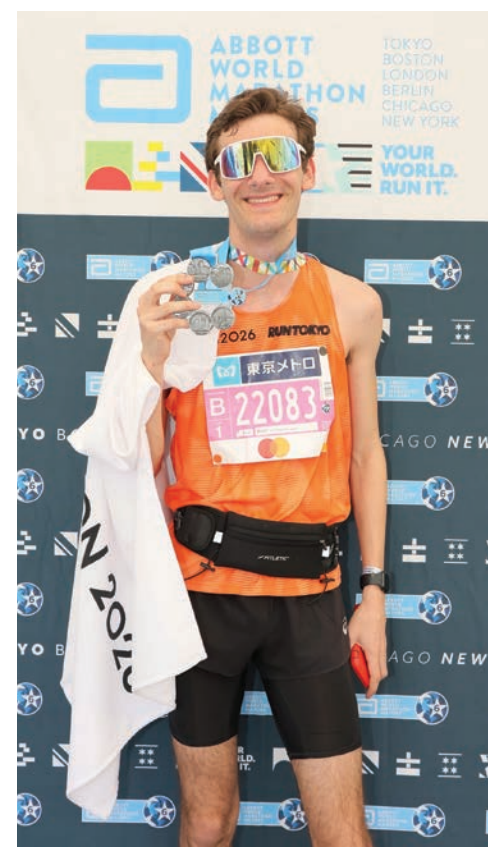
couldn't have done it without the support from a huge community of people, both at Amherst but particularly on Martha's Vineyard," he said. "I am really happy about all the people who donated."

Fetters said he specifically wants to thank the Amity Island Running Club for being his running home, and the high school's cross-country team, where he trained under Head Coach Joe Schroder and Assistant Coach Donald Brown.

"I feel really grateful I got to run with Amity and swap kind words with people throughout this experience. A lot of the initial skills I used, I learned on the Island's cross-country track team," he said. "I really am quite grateful to all the ways Martha's Vineyard as a community has helped me and supported me through all of this."

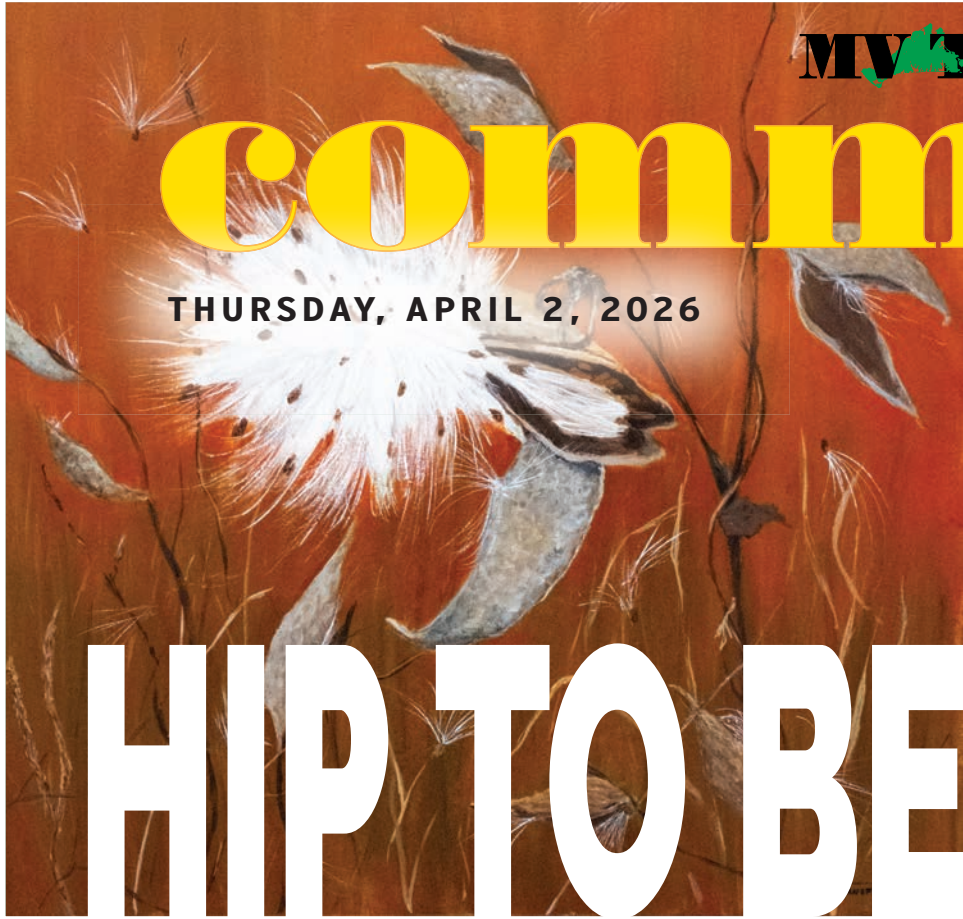
Fetters said he plans to keep running, including returning to the Marine Corps Marathon in October. Most recently Fetters was introduced as a celebrity runner at the MV Winter Classic 20-miler and Amity Relay for his accomplishments.

"I really enjoy pushing myself, and it's really grounding for me. I feel like continuing to train, whether or not I get faster, doesn't matter. It's made me a better person all together," said Fetters. "Now that I've discovered this thing I really love, I would like to keep doing it as long as I can." **MVT**



COURTESY SAM FETTERS

Sam Fetters earned his Abbott World Marathon Majors Six Star medal after completing the Tokyo Marathon.



the grapevine

The call of the local peeper population and the push of daffodils, crocuses, and hyacinths through the thawing earth have officially marked the start of spring on Martha's Vineyard. The thermometers have risen above 50° more than once, and we New Englanders welcomed that tropical paradise with open arms. The allure of the clear blue shoreline has even tempted me to dip a toe in during a beach walk; but that quickly brought me (and my body temperature) back down to reality. We have almost made it to the season that makes the rest worth it here, and now is the time to plan ahead. However, April isn't just about preparation, it's also Earth Month, and a time to consider how we protect the very place we're preparing to celebrate.

Living and working on Martha's Vineyard means existing in a constant relationship with the environment. The ocean shapes our economy, our climate, and our culture. Our beaches, farms, and forests aren't just scenic, they are foundational. But with that beauty comes vulnerability. Island ecosystems are delicate. Waste doesn't just "go somewhere else." Resources are finite. Transportation of goods comes at a higher environmental cost than on the mainland. Every decision we make here carries a little more weight. And that is especially true in the hospitality and event industries.

Events are, by nature, resource-heavy. They involve travel, disposables, food production, energy usage, and often, a lot of waste. A single wedding or large gathering can generate hundreds of pounds of trash in just one day. And yet, events are also one of the most powerful opportunities we have to model something better. Because when people gather, they notice the details, and the values behind them.

While sustainability and land stewardship have long been part of life on the Island, a deeper awareness of an event's environmental footprint is something the industry is continuing to

embrace and evolve. Today's hosts are thinking beyond aesthetics and considering impact in a more meaningful way. And importantly, this shift doesn't require sacrificing beauty or experience — if anything, it enhances both. Sustainable choices tend to bring events closer to what makes the Vineyard so special in the first place: authenticity, locality, and a true sense of place. As both a local and an event coordinator, there is nothing I appreciate more than a celebration that is as thoughtful as it is beautiful. With that in mind, here is a guide to hosting events — both large and small — while minimizing impact:

Start with local first

One of the most impactful choices you can make is to source locally.

- Work with Island caterers to build menus based on what is in season here
 - Choose local vendors for coordination, rentals, florals, music, etc
 - Incorporate Vineyard-made products (things like wampum jewelry, local honey, and M.V. sea salt)
- This reduces transportation emissions and supports the local economy.

Rethink single-use everything

Single-use items are one of the biggest sources of event waste.

- Opt for real glassware, flatware, and plates
 - Use cloth napkins instead of paper
 - Skip plastic favors or packaging
- If disposables are necessary, look for compostable

alternatives — but be mindful that they still require proper disposal to truly be effective.

Design with reuse in mind

Decor doesn't need to be wasteful to be beautiful.

- Rent candle holders, vases, and linens, instead of buying
- Use potted plants to supplement cut flowers
- Repurpose ceremony decor for the reception
- Donate flowers after the event (Second Bloom MV is an incredible resource for this service!)

A thoughtful design plan can drastically reduce what ends up in the trash.

Be intentional about food

Food is often the most overlooked source of waste.

- Work with your coordinator and caterer on accurate guest counts and portions
- Favor seasonal, locally, and ethically sourced menus
- Plan ahead for leftovers (many local farms accept post-event food scraps)

On Martha's Vineyard, where food transport can be resource-intensive, this step is especially important.

Cut down on bottled water

This one change alone can make a huge difference. Instead of bottled water:

- Set up water stations with dispensers
- Offer reusable or compostable cups
- Encourage guests to bring reusable bottles for more casual events

Island Source offers water dispenser rentals, delivery, and pickups for a seamless step away from single-use plastics.

Go digital where you can

Paper adds up quickly in invitations, programs, menus, and signage. Consider:

- Digital invitations or RSVPs
- Minimal or reusable signage
- Consolidated printed materials

For those who love paper goods (and I get it, they're beautiful), choosing recycled materials is a great middle ground. Sourcing from a local printer also reduces impact, and Tisbury Printer is a wonderful choice.

Plan for waste before it happens

A sustainable event both reduces waste and plans for what happens to it.

- Set up clearly labeled recycling and compost stations
- Work with vendors to create a plan to manage waste responsibly
- Arrange for leftover food or materials to be donated when possible

A little planning here makes a big difference at the end of the night.

Rethink favors

Many event favors end up left behind or thrown away. Instead:

- Skip them altogether
 - Choose something consumable or natural (local treats, mini plants, packs of pollinator seeds)
 - Make a donation to a local charity in your guests' honor
- Meaningful always beats excessive.

Remember: Small events matter too

Sustainability isn't just for large weddings or corporate gatherings. A backyard dinner, birthday party, or casual celebration can follow the same principles:

- Use what you already have
- Shop locally
- Stray from disposables, and compost organic waste

It can be as simple as that. In fact, smaller events often offer even more flexibility to do things thoughtfully. And acting with sustainability in mind often simplifies the details.

As the Island continues to awaken, and we enter the month that honors the Earth, there's an opportunity to approach the happenings ahead more intentionally. The choices we make now, from the vendors we support to the materials we use, will continue to carry impact. And here on Martha's Vineyard, where the landscape is so deeply intertwined with our daily lives and celebrations, that awareness is especially important. There's something incredibly meaningful about a celebration that honors not just the people at the table, but the land beneath it too. **MVT**



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1. Self-serve water stations eliminate plastic bottle waste. 2. Plantable party favors. 3. Potted floral rentals for wedding ceremony decor. 4. Eco-friendly alternative to single-use seating chart.

Sustainable celebrations

Honoring Earth Month, and hosting events that honor the land as much as the moment.

BY JENNA SYLVIA

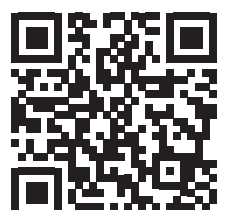
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COMMUNITY NOTES

April is blooming

Yes, it's still chilly, and many of us are more than ready for a little warmth, and signs of new life. Luckily, it's April — we made it — and spring is definitely on the way, so be sure to get outside and smell the flowers, as it were. Polly Hill Arboretum is a great place to start.



COURTESY OF POLLY HILL

"Magnolias are blooming throughout April," says Polly Hill's curator and assistant director, Emily Ellingson. "Oconee bells (*Shortia galacifolia*) in Polly's Play Pen, along with other spring-flowering herbaceous perennials like bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*), fawn lily (*Erythronium revolutum*), daffodils, and other bulbs; winter hazel in Holly Park, early-blooming deciduous azaleas (*Rhododendron mucronulatum*, *Rhododendron schlippenbachii*), Accolade cherries (*Prunus 'Accolade'*) will come to visit during the last two weeks of April. And just generally many new little leaves emerging everywhere!"

Around the Island, Ellingson says that we might find spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*), hazelnut (*Corylus americana*), skunk cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*), and mayflower (*Epigaea repens*) growing along trails. "The

end of April is also a great time to plant trees," she says. "Hence Arbor Day on April 24th."

Not sure what trees to plant? Ellingson will be giving a free talk at the Education and Botany Lab at the arboretum on April 15 at 5:30 pm, titled "Climate-Resilient Trees for Martha's Vineyard."

Now, get outside!

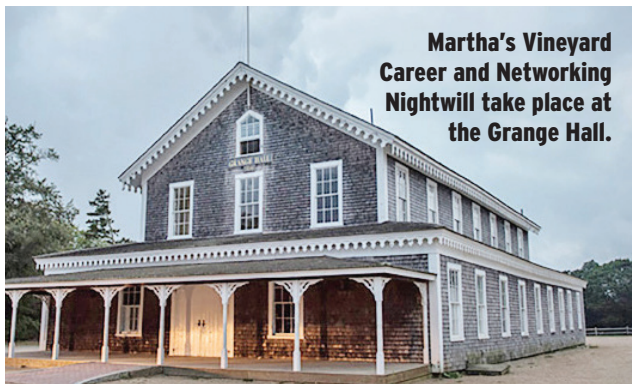
Auditions for 'As You Like It'

Auditions for the Martha's Vineyard Playhouse's 2026 outdoor Shakespeare production, "As You Like It," directed by Brooke Hardman Ditchfield, will be held at the M.V. Playhouse on Friday, April 10, 5 to 7 pm, and Saturday, April 11, 12 to 4 pm. For principal and supporting roles, the playhouse is seeking energetic, non-Equity adult actors of all ages, abilities, and ethnic backgrounds. All candidates must have housing on Martha's Vineyard.

The first rehearsal will be June 15; the play opens July 15 and closes August 8 (with a possible extension through August 15).

Email auditions@mvplayhouse.org to book a slot. Please prepare a short monologue from "As You Like It" (under 2 minutes).

If you would like to sub-



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mit a video audition, email your headshot, résumé, and a video audition (under 2 minutes, please). A YouTube link is preferred. Send via email to auditions@mvplayhouse.org no later than April 11.

If you play an instrument or sing, please prepare no more than 32 bars of music to perform.

Martha's Vineyard Playhouse, 24 Church St., Vineyard Haven.

Explore career pathways on Martha's Vineyard

Come to an exciting evening of career opportunities, community engagement, and professional networking at the Martha's Vineyard Career and Networking Night, set up to connect job seekers, volunteers, and professionals with local businesses and

organizations looking to grow their teams. Discover job and volunteer openings from local businesses and nonprofits; network with industry professionals in a relaxed, engaging setting over live music, food, and beverages — because sometimes the best opportunities come from great conversations. Don't miss this unique chance to build connections, explore new possibilities, and take the next step in your career or community involvement!

Brought to you by the Martha's Vineyard Chamber of Commerce, ACE MV, the Martha's Vineyard Nonprofit Collaborative, and Vineyard Preservation Trust, in partnership with Slough Farm and Concord Electric Supply. Wednesday, April 8, 5.30 to 7.30 pm, at the Grange Hall on State Road in West Tisbury; business.mvy.com/ap/Events/Register/nvFQ7obFECNCZ.

Second Sunday Jazz Concert

On Sunday, April 12, at 2 pm, the community is invited to a jazz concert at the West Tisbury library. This month's performance presents the Eric Johnson Quartet, featuring bassist Ehud Ettun. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please email wt_mail@clamsnet.org. **MVT**



NICOLE GALLAND

Cribbage Club results



BY MARY ALICE RUSSELL

Twenty-two members of the **Vineyard Cribbage Club** met on Wednesday night to play our favorite game! The results of the night were as follows:

- First**, David Christensen 13/5 +149 card
- Second**, Collin Evanson 10/5 +35 card
- Third**, Louis Larsen 9/4 +66 card
- Fourth**, Mary Alice Russell 9/4 +40 card

Fifth, David Pothier 8/4 +53 card

No one was dealt the 24-point hand — unreal! Six skunks were suffered.

We meet on Wednesdays at the American Legion in Katama: If you like cribbage, we have a potluck every week at 5:30 pm, and we start playing at 6 pm SHARP.

If you'd like more info, feel free to email me at ma-onmv@mac.com, or call or text at 508-524-1220. **MVT**

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jordan Cristofer Cottle

Emily Cottle and Edmund Cottle III of Edgartown announce the birth of a son, Jordan Cristofer Cottle, on March 27, 2026, at Martha's Vineyard Hospital. Jordan weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

Anthony Pereira

Vanessa Pereira and Ady Pereira of Vineyard Haven announce the birth of a son, Anthony Pereira, on March 26, 2026, at Martha's Vineyard Hospital.

Lincoln Broski and Logan Dirceo Broski

Elizabeth Broski and Airtion Broski of Oak Bluffs announce the birth of twin sons, Lincoln Broski and Logan Dirceo Broski, on Feb. 20, 2026, at Martha's Vineyard Hospital. Lincoln weighed 4 pounds, 6.6 ounces, and Logan weighed 5 pounds, 11.7 ounces.

Celebrating Our MVRHS Grads

Kendall (Fisher) Cammermyer

Dynamism and drive. BY MARGE HARRIS

Kendall (Fisher) Cammermyer's journey from the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School's class of 1988 reads like a tale of bold choices and constant motion. While she excelled in her classes, played tennis, and enjoyed being a Minnesinger and actor in the school plays, it's the lasting friendships from those years that she treasures most.

At Wellesley College, she chose to major in economics. As we talked, it seems that Kendall was always working, whether it was taking extra courses, singing with the Blue Notes, or working on the Vineyard every summer.

Then, facing student loans, her plan to take a post-college gap year morphed into working as a temporary assistant at Fidelity Investments in Boston. This detour proved pivotal, igniting her passion for the law.

From there, she earned a law degree at Cornell Law School, and championed causes through her work with the Cornell Legal Aid Clinic and the American Indian Law Student group. After graduation, Kendall practiced law in Boston with Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP, receiving outstanding mentoring, and working on labor and employment litigation.

However, she soon wanted a change to achieve a better work-life balance. Before roots in Boston grew too deep, Kendall decided to join her high school mate, Dulcie Ruthertford, in California, doing corporate legal work for the next few years. But then Seattle called, and she couldn't resist. Five transformative years in commercial litigation at Stoel Rives, a Seattle law firm, set the stage for her current location: Puget Sound Energy (PSE).

Twenty-two years later, Kendall serves as PSE's chief ethics and compliance officer. PSE seems to be a cutting-edge leader in clean energy, shaping Washington's sustainable future, so it doesn't surprise me that Kendall would work with such a company. Along the way, she did cultivate that elusive social life: She married a fellow Cornell grad, and now has two grown kids. Kendall is an amazing woman who has always worked too much and too hard, but has accomplished so much — and that, Kendall, is a good thing! You sure make our Island proud! **MVT**

Marge Harris was a teacher at MVRHS for 27 years. You can contact her at margeharris@comcast.net. This column appears twice a month.

POET'S CORNER

Cloud Mountains

By Jeffrey Agnoli

At certain times of the year when the water is cold and the air warm or the water warm and the air cold massive clouds form over the ocean and appear like mountains so near one might imagine hiking into them and climbing effortlessly into their salty mystic light.

Jeffrey Agnoli lives in Edgartown. His daily short poems can be viewed on Instagram @jeffagnoli.

Poets with a connection to Martha's Vineyard are encouraged to submit poems to m@mwest.com. Please also include a two- to three-sentence bio at the end of your poem.

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Tisbury

BY NICOLE GALLAND

Dear readers, I'm not Catherine Mayhew. I'm Nicole Galland, and I've had the pleasure and honor of being her editor here at The MV Times since I joined the staff last year. Kay herself — as many of you are aware — began her stint as Tisbury town columnist back in 1987, just a few years after this paper was founded. For four decades, she has been a taker of the town's pulse, chronicler of the town's cycles of life, and above all, a reliable, insightful, and confiding voice in this column each week. She is confiding in you one more time:

Dear Tisbury:

I am sorry I can no longer share my ideas and passions with all of you because too many birthdays and now lung cancer have now cut my time short. I already miss the pleasures I have enjoyed for many years, while sharing our lives and concerns. Welcome the joys and pleasures of spring as we continue on our journeys.

— Kay

On the Vineyard, April is indeed often the cruellest month; it will be even harder to get through it without Kay's weekly presence in the newspa-

per. Connie Berry, former associate publisher here at The MV Times, expresses a widespread sentiment: "Kay has been a terrific longtime town columnist, writing in a way that we could all relate to. I've loved reading about her family and friends and her life in Vineyard Haven as it kept unfolding."

All her readers love her signature opening and sign-off — "Heard on the street." These have ranged from profound to jokey, and from localized to universal, but every one

of them feels like a comment from a friend. We'll be reviving some of our favorites over the next few weeks, starting today.

Heard on Main Street: There are two theories about arguing with women. Neither one works.

Heard on Main Street: If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

Heard on Main Street: Be the person your dog thinks you are.

Heard on Main Street: Work is for people who don't know how to fish.

Heard on Main Street: Save the Earth. It's the only planet with chocolate.

Heard on Main Street: When in doubt, just take the next small step.

A few months ago, we had a gathering of all the town columnists at the Times office. It was wonderful to meet in person the people whose voices I have gotten to know so well on the page. Kay, despite mobility issues and a doctor's appointment, was present. So very present — what a presence! She has been an anchor in the community. There will

never be another columnist like her ...

... But there can be another following in her footsteps, and she is gracious about passing the baton. If you know anyone who might be interested in becoming the new Tisbury town columnist, please reach out to me directly, at nicolegalland@mvtimes.com.

Heard on Main Street: Thoreau said it: "Be not simply good, be good for something."

Kay Mayhew has been good for Tisbury. Thank you, Kay. **MVT**

"I already miss the pleasures I have enjoyed for many years, while sharing our lives and concerns. Welcome the joys and pleasures of spring as we continue on our journeys."

—Kay Mayhew

Edgartown

By Marnely Murray
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April is finally here, Passover just started, and Easter is around the corner. You would assume August is the month on the Island that makes or breaks us, but for those getting ready for another hopefully busy spring and summer season, April is the foundation on which all of that is built. That being said, here's a self-serving pitch about a class I'm leading this weekend. On Saturday, April 4, at 2:30

pm, join me, co-founder of Shored Up Digital, for a workshop on how to get your business ready for the season ahead.

We'll cover what to focus on now, what actually works on the Island, and how to keep your marketing simple and consistent. You do need to register online for this, but if you run marketing for a brand, business, or nonprofit on-Island, I urge you to join us! It's going to be an

hour and a half packed with learning, networking, and finally understanding what is happening across the board on social media platforms at the moment.

Hopping right over to Easter Sunday, you can enjoy two delicious brunches in town: The Harbor View Hotel hosts an elevated brunch paired with harbor views and family-friendly egg hunts throughout the day. They have a brioche French toast with berry

compote and whipped mascarpone that sounds delightful. Alchemy also invites guests to enjoy a luncheon, and on their menu they have a Croque Madame, which is a dish I always crave but rarely get on-Island! Both spots obviously need reservations, and you still have a few days to do so.

Moving on to April 8, there's a Martha's Vineyard Career and Networking Night at the Grange Hall,

brought to you by the Martha's Vineyard Chamber of Commerce, ACE MV, the M.V. Nonprofit Collaborative, and Vineyard Preservation Trust, in partnership with Slough Farm and Concord Electric Supply. This event is designed to connect job seekers, volunteers, and professionals with local businesses and organizations looking to grow their teams. Register online at mvy.com/career-fair to attend.

Last but certainly not least, on Thursday, April 9, State Rep. Thomas Moakley will be at the Wharf, starting at 5:30 pm, for his 2026 campaign kickoff. Rep. Moakley has been instrumental in the advocacy work my friend Megan Brown has been doing around access to epinephrine, and for that I am so thankful, so you'll definitely see me there supporting him! You too can be among the first to show your support for Moakley's bid for re-election.

Birthdays congrats go out to Martha Donahue Klein on April 4, Emily Avakian on April 8, and Yulia Kovalova on April 9! Happiest of days to you three fantastic ladies! **MVT**

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Oak Bluffs

By Joanne Lambert
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"When a flower doesn't bloom, you fix the environment in which it grows, not the flower."

—Alexander Den Heijer

This lovely quote is seen often in early-childhood circles, and can also apply to so many other aspects of life — gardening, friendship, marriage. Thanks to Annie Palches for sharing it with me!

No fooling — the April full moon rises on the 1st. It is called the "Pink Moon" for the wildflowers that tra-

ditionally begin to blossom in April. This one is important, as it is the Paschal moon this year, ushering in the first evening of Passover, and setting the date for Easter, which is Sunday, April 5. Easter always occurs on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox on March 21. That is why Easter seems early this year — hope the weather warms up for the egg hunts!

I was heartbroken to learn of the sudden passing of Joel DeRoche, retired police

sergeant and father of two beautiful daughters. Deepest condolences to his family.

Everybody's favorite event is back: The fifth annual Lip Sync Contest is this weekend, Friday, April 3, AND Saturday, April 4! This is at the P.A. Club, to benefit Martha's Vineyard Sexual Wellness (formerly Family Planning MV — same great organization and services, new name). Now, the contest begins at 7 pm, but the doors open at 6, and if you have

been before, you know that this is a sellout. It is \$25 at the door; the performances and costumes are always fabulous; bring your dancing shoes for DJ Dern!

Making sure that you are registered to vote is more important than ever. Annual town meeting and town elections are coming up soon, and you must be registered to vote by Friday, April 3, to cast your votes. If you are going to vote by mail-in ballot, the deadline to apply

for the ballot is April 9. The Oak Bluffs annual town meeting is Tuesday, April 14 at 7 pm, at the MVRHS Performing Arts Center. Town elections are April 16 at the Oak Bluffs library, from 10 am to 7 pm. You can see the town meeting warrant and get more information about registering and voting at oakbluffsma.gov.

Save the date: April 11 is the M.V. Hospital Community Health Fair. It's a wonderful opportunity to

connect with wellness practitioners and vendors. They offer free screenings, information about current health issues, panel discussions, and more. It is from 8 am to noon, and it's free — don't miss it!

Happy Birthday on April 2 to Michael Barnes and Casey Ciciora! On April 3, we celebrate the lovely Rita Chiaravalle, who shares the day with Jane Goodall. April 4 is the day for Stephen Grace, who will be celebrating on the road as he and Renee Nolan make their way back East from Palm Springs, Calif. Happy birthday also on the 4th to Albie Robinson and Deborah Mayhew, who share the day with Maya Angelou. Guinevere Rebello celebrates on April 8.

Send me your news! **MVT**

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O W N C O M M U N I T Y

Aquinnah



By Kathie Olsen

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Last week was a doozy for me. On Wednesday, I attended the monthly luncheon for seniors at the Town Hall sponsored by the Up-Island Council on Aging. Then, later that afternoon, I was privileged to attend a small group gathered by the Aquinnah Climate Action Group and the M.V. Commission. The meeting was called to reflect on findings from an Island-wide study on populations who might be disproportionately impacted by climate change, to update the town's 2020 climate resilience plan priorities with a focus on social resilience, to identify seed-project ideas, and to prepare recom-

mendations and next steps. The group was serious-minded, each clearly focused on the community, experienced, and willing to talk. It was a great opportunity to do some learning and some thinking together. Thanks to Bill Lake, Hilary Dwyer, and our facilitator, Meghan Gombos. Thursday was a stay-at-home day for Charley and me. We both worked at our computers for many hours, then took a walk at Lobsterville, which was the only beach where the wind didn't bite that day. Afterward, we ran into a friend who puzzled us when he asked if we knew how Virginia Robinson was. We hadn't known that Virginia had to be taken to

the hospital in an ambulance earlier that morning. I'm grateful to report that she is back home now, having had a scare, taken revealing tests, and received some good tending. Please send her healing thoughts. Then came Saturday.

All across this country you could find No Kings demonstrations. More than 8 million people took their hearts into their hands and went out, homemade signs and U.S. flags at the ready, to say that here in the USA, we began in 1776 by saying that we wouldn't tolerate a king, and we still mean it. It was the largest demonstration in U.S. history. The 8 million figure represents 1 million more than came out to the previous No Kings

Day. Here on the Vineyard, Charley and I were among the many hundreds who came to Five Corners to express anger and determination to make things better. They came with humor (my favorite, a play on Mary Poppins: "He's a super, callous, fascist, racist, sexist, pedo POTUS") or with simple truths (my favorite, "This all ends when enough of us say NO!"). Flags were waving, the music played, and hope was given a day. Demonstrations aren't enough, of course. To keep up the pressure for change, momentum now builds toward May 1st. It's promised to be a national day of economic disruption, with people asked to honor "No school, no work, no shop-

ping." (I would add, "No shopping unless it is small and local.") Plan out your day of picnics, potlucks, or privacy, and know that millions of others will be doing the same. It's sad but true that as we affect the purses of the billionaires, we affect the hearts of our politicians. It's yet another way to shout NO MORE. So get ready, folks. That evening, the Aquinnah library hosted a town potluck and dinner at the Town Hall. It was an evening of good food, good music, and great conversation. It was comforting to be with neighbors. It was great to see people from all sectors of our town breaking bread together. It was a shock and a delight to note that many of the dozen or so little kids

that used to run around community events had now grown into a long table filled with teenagers. I'm grateful to the library staff and trustees for this breath of fresh air. I'm grateful to Chef Deon for his delicious soup and sandwiches. I'm grateful to Rose Guerin, Buck Shank, and Lydia Fischer for the music, which was just right. After this full day, we went home tired, but heart-filled. Please send birthday greetings to Ahsun Coby Vanderhoop and Amy Vanderhoop on April 3, and to Na Daizja Aiguier-Bolling on April 6. Writing a weekly column is a real commitment. I want to publicly thank Kay Mayhew for being such a great inspiration for me. She's been at it for a long, long time, always keeping her humor about her and her love for her town first and foremost. Thank you, Kay. Your example shines. I'll hold it close. **MVT**

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Chilmark



By Claire Ganz

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The early forecast welcomes April with cool temperatures, showers, and wind. The buds on the hill around Pat and Joanie Jenkinson's old gas pump below their home on North Road are just beginning to turn gold. The baby lambs are impossibly adorable. Safe travels home from New Zealand to Dana Nunes and Ed Sussman. We've missed you, and so appreciate how hard it must be to leave. Wishing Kay Mayhew love

and comfort, blended with so much gratitude. Happy birthday to Bobby Brown. This year I didn't start any seeds. Indoor projects are taking time and attention, and cleaning up from the winter storms will take a long time. Reveling in rambling exploratory walks with my dog noticing the changes and growth. The water striders, skunk cabbage, and skunks are out. To family and friends, happy Passover.

Little acts of kindness are powerful, and Ingrid Maidoff's aptly named store, Tending Joy, is filled with artisan-made treasures that kindle hope. It is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 11 am to 4 pm, located at 697 State Road. There is a Tenebrae service Thursday evening at 7:30 pm at the First Congregational Church of West Tisbury. This is a beautiful, somber, and reflective service, filled with music, song, and words. This week reminds me

that safety does not come from destruction and cruelty. Greatness does not come from amassing wealth and weaponry. Here's to those who are rising. Here's to those who are growing, encouraging, and healing. Rain or shine, the Chilmark Community Church offers a sunrise Easter service in the parking lot in Menemsha at 6 am. I will bring a basket of blossoms to scatter with gratitude, and prayers and doughnuts.

I appreciate picking up a warm cup of coffee from the Menemsha Texaco. Thank you, Katie and Marshall. There will be a regular service at the church at 9 am. And yes, after the service there will be an Easter egg hunt for the children. April heralds the final month of events hosted by Pathways in the Chilmark Tavern, and this Friday, April 3, Rich Giaimo offers a night of solo guitar performances by Doug Brush, Alex Elvin, Anthony Es-

posito, Rich Giaimo, Andy Herr, and Eric Johnson. Join us at Pathways for Slow Stitching and conversation, Friday afternoons, 1 pm to 3 pm. Congratulations, Rebecca Gilbert, on Native Earth Teaching Farm's first harvest of willow. They are planning to make a living willow structure. The farm is open Sundays, 1 to 4 pm. North Tabor Farm's stand is stocked, and they are planting. Beetlebung Farm is open Wednesday through Saturday, and their Saturday suppers will continue through April. Preorder through their website Thursday by 5 pm, and pick up at the farmstand on Saturday between 4 and 7 pm. **MVT**

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West Tisbury



By Hermine Hull

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April 1 will have come and gone by the time you are reading this week's column. In earlier years, it was the day John Early would first have appeared wearing shorts, his preferred dress throughout the summer, until he gave in to chilling temperatures on Nov. 1. It was also the day that plastic daffodils were planted across the front garden at Howes House, George Manter's annual April Fool's Day joke. Linda Hearn and I went to Vineyard Haven last week to see the Tom Maley exhibition at the Martha's Vineyard Museum. It is in a small

side room at the museum, not the large multi-space presentation I had expected. Still, it is one perfect gem after another, showcasing more of the breadth of Tom's work than many people may be familiar with. The first thing you will see is a Chinese red-painted pillar on which is hung a self-portrait of Tom, beautifully rendered in brushy blocks of colors. The painting is studied, thoughtful, as is the artist shown studying himself. Every drawing, every painting, every sculpture invites careful viewing. Many are enhanced by commentaries from other artists,

his daughter Sandra, and his son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Eileen Maley. Another of my favorite pieces is a paper collage, cut, and arranged by Tom from his bed, near the end of his life. It reminded me of one of my favorite photographs, of Henri Matisse lying in bed with his cat, cutting up pieces of colored paper for the glorious collages he designed and directed when he was no longer able to go to his studio. Tom's collage has much of the same energy and playfulness. It is humbling to see how an artist continues to create, to accommodate

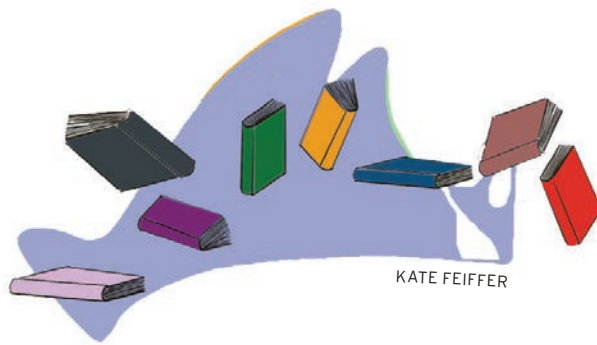
that spark by exploring a new medium. It is a mistake we frequently make, to think we know an artist by what is familiar. I mentioned to Linda the surprising conversations I have had with artist friends about the artists who influenced them, the artists whose work they studied, and admired. We are, none of us, defined by one image, or one period of our work. Tom's dancing sculptures are wild, joyous, stylized, and wonderful, but that is not the entirety of his art. He was a gifted draftsman and painter, a student of myth and history, an observer of many

things. It is a gift to see the familiar and the unexpected combined in this beautifully staged exhibition. Speaking of art, there will be a reception for Nancy Cramer in the Community Room at the West Tisbury library this Friday, April 3, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Nancy is exhibiting her constructions of monotype and collage through the month of April. My longtime colleague at The Times, Kay Mayhew, has announced her retirement from the weekly Tisbury column she has written for more years than I can remember. She was already

well-established when I took over writing the West Tisbury column from Mary Jo Joiner in 2004. Buzzy Gardener wrote the Edgartown column back then, Megan Alley covered Oak Bluffs, Jackie Sexton was the Chilmark columnist, and June Manning wrote the Aquinnah column. All were examples of fine writers who told the stories of each town and its residents, the dailyness, and the extraordinary. But none of the others gave us weekly tidbits titled "Heard on Main Street." That was her trademark sign-on and sign-off. They were the first things I read as soon as the paper arrived on Thursday afternoons. Thanks for making me laugh, for making me weep, for sharing your stories, especially your knowledge of town and Island history, and for always being the sensible voice in the room. **MVT**

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{ ISLANDERS WRITE }



April is National Poetry Month

Here's what's going on around the Island.

BY MICHAEL WEST

April may be, as T.S. Eliot called it, “the cruelest month,” but it is officially National Poetry Month, designed to honor poetry’s vital role in our culture. We have been celebrating National Poetry Month in April through poetry readings, Poem in Your Pocket Day, and school poetry contests since its founding by the Academy of American Poets 30 years ago.

Around the Island, there are many wonderful “April Is Poetry Month” events for you to enjoy.

Aquinnah

On Saturday, April 11, from 2:30 to 3:30 pm, the Aquinnah library will be hosting an informal reading of favorite verses, called Poetry Circle. All are invited. Come and read a poem you love, one of your own perhaps, or come and just sit and listen. Poetry Circle is free, and there will be delicious refreshments.

In April, poet Ron Slate will publish a new edition of “On the Seawall,” an online gallery of new writing, art, and commentary. Slate also curates and hosts the Pathways Arts “Poetry and Prose Nights” every Tuesday at the Chilmark Tavern, from 7:30 to 9 pm.

Chilmark

The Chilmark library will be celebrating Poetry Month with a community reading on

Wednesday, April 22nd, 4 to 5:30 pm, hosted by Claudia Taylor, Martha’s Vineyard poet laureate. All are welcome to read their own work, recite a favorite poem, or simply come to listen. To sign up to be a reader, or for more information, please check out the library website.

Meanwhile, the Chilmark Library also has two April poetry contests: One contest is for students at the Chilmark School in grades 1 through 5, in addition to Chilmark’s At Home in the Woods School and the Wampanoag after-school program. On Friday, May 1, at the Chilmark School, any student who has submitted a poem can read their poem to the group at the final ceremony, where prizes will be awarded.

The other poetry contest is for high school students (MVRHS and Charter School). Both deadlines are Friday, April 10. Poems can be any topic, any length. The Brickner family has funded both contests through the Chilmark library, in honor of their daughter Elisa Brickner. For more information, please check the library website.

Edgartown

In Edgartown, bookseller Mathew Tombers of Edgartown Books will be posting videos of various poets on Instagram and TicToc throughout April. In addition, Tombers will offer a 20 percent discount on all poetry books at Edgartown Books, some of which he will “feature on our

center table downstairs by our checkout desk.”

On Wednesday, April 29th, at the Edgartown library, Claudia Taylor, adult programs coordinator and Martha’s Vineyard’s poet laureate, will celebrate Poem in Your Pocket Day. Taylor urges anyone interested, “Stop by the Edgartown library’s circulation desk to pick up a copy of a poem, carry it in your pocket, and share it with others. Poems by local writers of all ages will be included in our selection. If you would like your poem to

be considered for inclusion, please submit it by April 15 to programs@edgartownlibrary.org.”

Oak Bluffs

In the month of April, the Oak Bluffs library sponsors the Gordon Goodwin Maritime Poetry Competition, an annual poetry contest focused on maritime themes. Poems must be inspired by the sea, the coast, ocean life, or nautical adventures. There are multiple categories, with prizes for children, teens, and adults. The deadline for poems is April 30, and the winners will be featured at a community poetry reading event in May.

Vineyard Haven

One April poetry event you may enjoy is the online haiku workshop by Carolyn Joy Adams: “The Mindful Art of Haiku,” on Thursday, April 2, from 2 to 3:30 pm on Zoom. The workshop is for writers of all experience levels, backgrounds, and interests. Also, check out the library’s poetry reading group, which meets online monthly, and will discuss poems by Nikki Giovanni on Monday, April 6, at 10 am on Zoom. April is the perfect time to join this group of poetry aficionados. You can sign up for either event on the Vineyard Haven library’s website, or in person at the Church Street temporary location.

Meanwhile, the Bunch of Grapes Bookstore will offer 20 percent off all in-stock poetry books (including children’s) for the month of April, according to bookstore owner Molly Coogan, “with the hope that that will encourage folks to read more poetry!” That’s surely one good reason to get up off the couch.

West Tisbury library

The West Tisbury library celebrates Poetry Month with its annual community poetry reading at noon on Sunday, April 12, hosted by Adriana Stimola, West Tisbury’s poet laureate. All are invited to read a poem, whether it is one you wrote or simply a lifelong favorite. You can also just come to listen. **MV**

Vineyard poet Michael West curates The MV Times Poet’s Corner.

Famous poets born in April

- April 2:** Anne Waldman, 1945
- April 3:** George Herbert, 1593
- April 4:** Maya Angelou, 1928
- April 5:** Algernon Charles Swinburne, 1837
- April 7:** William Wordsworth, 1770
- April 9:** Charles Baudelaire, 1821
- April 13:** Seamus Heaney, 1939
- April 13:** Samuel Beckett, 1906
- April 16:** Tracy K. Smith, 1972
- April 18:** Louise Glück, 1942
- April 18:** Etheridge Knight, 1931
- April 21:** Charlotte Brontë, 1816
- April 23:** William Shakespeare, 1564
- April 24:** Robert Penn Warren, 1905
- April 24:** George Oppen, 1908
- April 24:** Natasha Trethewey, 1966
- April 25:** Ted Kooser, 1939
- April 27:** Patricia Lockwood, 1982
- April 28:** Carolyn Forché, 1950
- April 29:** Yusef Komunyakaa, 1947
- April 30:** John Crowe Ransom, 1888
- April 30:** Annie Dillard, 1945

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Join us on Thursday, July 16, at Featherstone Center for the Arts.



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Start your day with a Wake Up and Write! Workshop.

Engage with writers and publishing professionals during a day of discussions about the art, craft, and business of writing.

Watch live pitches for book projects at the Pitch Panel.

Purchase signed books by Islanders Write authors.

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HAPPY Easter calendar

Event spotlight for the week of 4-2 - 4-9



FRI 4/3

Good Friday worship service

Good Friday is a Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ. It is a day of

prayer, fasting, and reflection. Join three Vineyard churches as they come together to remember, reflect, and ponder what Good Friday is all about. Everyone is welcome; 7 pm, First Baptist Church of Vineyard Haven. For more information, contact the Rev. Leo Christian, ldcolonypastor@gmail.com, 508-693-1539.



MV TIMES

SAT 4/4

Annual FARM Institute egg hunt

Be sure to catch FARM Institute's annual egg-ceptional egg hunt. There will be three hunts, based on age: 2 and under, 3- to 5-year-olds, and 6 and up. Each age category features one golden egg with a special prize. The 2 and under egg hunt begins at 9:45 am, the 3-to-5 group hunt begins at 10 am, and the 6-and-up hunt begins at 10:15 am. Please make sure you sign up for the correct time slot for your child, and bring your own basket. If you do not pre-register, please bring cash

to expedite registration. Remember to arrive early. There will be no refunds for missed timeslots. Preregistration is encouraged, as this event historically sells out. Register at thetrustees.org/event/443672. This is a weather-dependent program, and will not run in inclement weather. You will be notified by 8 am on the day by email if this program will not run. It's \$5 for a member child, \$10 for a nonmember child. FARM Institute, the Trustees, 14 Aero Ave., Edgartown.

SUN 4/5

Easter Sunday at the Ag Hall

On April 5, at 10 am, the Agricultural Hall celebrates the resurrection of Jesus in community, with joyous music from its choir and bell choir. Children are welcome to begin the service with their families, and then gather for Sunday school and childcare in the fireplace room. An Easter egg hunt in

the field will take place after the service. From 10 to 11 am, Agricultural Hall, 35 Panhandle Road, West Tisbury.



MON 4/6

Virtual M.V. Poetry Reading Group

If you love poetry, you'll love the Martha's Vineyard Poetry Reading Group. The group has been meeting for more than 10 years to share and discuss poems by their favorite poets. Meetings take place via

Zoom at 10 am on the first Monday of each month, from September to June. Except for your love of poetry, qualifications are not necessary. This month's topic is poems by Nikki Giovanni. Send an email to vhpl_programs@clamsnet.org to be added to the list. A Zoom link and other materials will be provided. It's at 10 am; Vineyard Haven library.

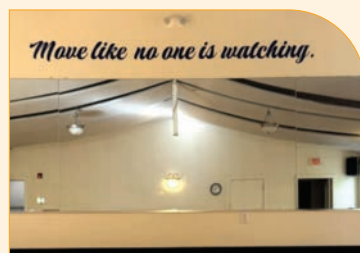


TUES 4/7

'Barre Fusion' with Maria McFarland

Barre Fusion classes tone muscles, increase flexibility, and enhance posture, often using props like dumbbells, bands, and balls. This Barre Fusion class is a combination of

ballet, barre work, balance and weights, loop bands, and Bender balls. Participants can wear sneakers, barre socks, or have bare feet. Suitable for all fitness levels; \$20 youth from 14 to 17, \$25 adults, free to club members. From 8:30 to 9:30 am. airportfitnessmv.com/fitness/class-schedule, Airport Fitness, 24 Airport Road, West Tisbury.



THUR 4/9

Scallop-season sendoff

It is the last call for scallop season, so be sure to join the M.V. Shellfish Group for a hands-on step by step on how to shuck bay scallops. Participants will make delicious pasta sauce with the sweet scallops, and watch a demonstration from Katie Leaird of Martha's Vineyard Pasta on how to make shell-shaped pasta from scratch. Each participant will go home with their own uncooked fresh pasta and fully cooked sauce. This pro-

gram is a collaborative effort between M.V. Shellfish Group and the FARM Institute; \$32 for members, \$40 for nonmembers; 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Preregistration is required at thetrustees.org/event/446441. The FARM Institute, 14 Aero Ave., Edgartown.



Events

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 Dance Fitness and Strength Training with Kris Martin

7-8 am, Airport Fitness, West Tisbury. A creative blend of rhythmic resistance, cardio conditioning, manageable mobility and core strength exercises all set to crazy-FUN music. 508-696-8000, info@airportfitnessmv.com

Virtual Kripalu Flow Yoga

7:30 am, West Tisbury Library. On Zoom with Yogijay. Sign up at <https://www.wholesomemv.com/classschedule> 508-693-3366, wt_mail@clamsnet.org.

Mindfulness & Meditation

Open Practice Group 8-9 am, Aquinnah Town Hall. Mindfulness & meditation practice group, open to anyone interested in being more intentional and practicing with others. 413-575-0110, ruthfolchman@me.com.

Kaiut Yoga

8:30-9:30 am, Peaked Hill Studio, Chilmark. Kaiut Yoga works through chronic pain and injuries, general aches and stiffness, and is good for the inflexible, hyper flexible and the aging body. 774-563-8282, valerie@peakedhillstudio.com.

Balletics

9-10 am, Up Island Council on Aging, West Tisbury. Total body conditioning, learning body's strengths & weaknesses, how to prevent injury. coa-staff@westtisbury-ma.gov, 508-693-2896.

Fit for Flow with Maggie Bucci

9-10 am, Stillpoint, West Tisbury. This fitness class, led by Maggie Bucci, is designed to get you fit to flow with the journey of life info@stillpointmv.org.

Thursday Play Kitchen and Store

10 am-12 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Come enjoy watching your kids be creative and solve problems! For ages 2-6. Drop in between 10am-noon. 508-693-9433, mlynch@clamsnet.org.

Wiggle with the Words Storytime

10:30-11 am, Edgartown Library. Fun props and interactive stories. Geared for ages 1-5, but all are welcome. No sign-up. programs@edgartownlibrary.org, 508-627-4221.

Tech help

11 am-1 pm, Up Island Council on Aging, West Tisbury. Free tech help 508-693-2896, coa-staff@westtisbury-ma.gov

Welcome Spring Cardmaking Workshop

11 am-12:30 pm, Tisbury COA, Vineyard Haven. Card making workshop Thursday April 2nd 11AM 508-696-4205, amcdonough@tisburyyma.gov.

Needlework Group

1-3 pm, Up Island Council on Aging, West Tisbury. Needlework Group @ Up Island Council on Aging. Thursdays 1-3:00 508-693-2896, coa-staff@westtisbury-ma.gov.

Red Dragon Mah-Jong

1-3 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Come join us for a fun weekly Mah-jong meetup! Bring your board or use one of ours, subject to availability. 508-693-9433, cphelan@clamsnet.org.

Community Knitting Circle

1-3 pm, Chilmark Library. Join us for a relaxed afternoon of knitting in the Martha's Vineyard Room. Our knitters love to share their knowledge and beginners are welcome! 508-645-3360, chil.programs@gmail.com.

Virtual Writing Series: The Mindful Art of Haiku with Caroline Joy Adams

2 pm, Vineyard Haven Public Library. Explore various writing topics and creative pathways in a supportive writing community led by creative writing coach Caroline Joy Adams. 508-696-4211, vhpl_programs@clamsnet.org.

String Games Club!

3:30-5 pm, Grace Church, Vineyard Haven. Remember playing Cat's Cradle with friends? Kids & nostalgic adults, learn classic solo figures like Cup and Saucer, Eiffel Tower, and Jacob's Ladder! 508-696-4210, vhpl_programs@clamsnet.org.

'TRAIN DREAMS' at the MV Film Center

4 pm, MV Film Center, Vineyard Haven. TRAIN DREAMS, nominated for Oscar's BEST PICTURE, BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY, and BEST ADAPTED SCREENPLAY.- at the MV Film Center 508-696-9369, mvfilmsociety.com.

The Art of Sock Knitting - Intermediate Knitters

4-6 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Ready to knit your very first pair of socks? This intermediate class is designed for knitters who are comfortable with the basics. 508-693-9433, cphelan@clamsnet.org.

Anime and Manga Club

4-5 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. For kids and tweens is grades 4th-7th Come talk about your favorite anime and manga! Draw and snack. Take a look at our manga collection. 508-693-9433, mlynch@clamsnet.org.

Book Discussion - Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln

4:30-5:30 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Book Discussion - Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln 508-693-9433, cphelan@clamsnet.org.

Common Thread Social Needlework Meetup (formerly Stitch Society)

5-6 pm, West Tisbury Library. Thursdays from 5:00pm to 6:00pm, for the Common Thread: Social Needlework Meetup 508-693-3366, lhearn@clamsnet.org.

Table Tennis

5 pm, Tisbury Senior Center, Vineyard Haven. Table tennis for all ages and skill levels. 508-728-5898, raeobmv@gmail.com.

Living with Chronic Illness: Parents & Caregivers.

5:15-6:15 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Living with Chronic Illness: Parents & Caregivers of children with chronic illness. 508-693-9433, cphelan@clamsnet.org.

Pilates Flow with Camille Beauzile

5:30-6:30 pm, Stillpoint, West Tisbury. This upbeat Pilates class blends preventative medicine, mind-over-matter focus, and joyful movement info@stillpointmv.org.

Maunder Thursday Service

5:30 pm, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Edgartown. Somber Service followed by soup supper in the Parish Hall. 508-627-5330, office@standrewsmv.org.

Better Basics: Knitting SOS

5:30-7:30 pm, Featherstone Center for the Arts, Oak Bluffs. Ever find yourself at a fork in the road in your knitting project? Learn some tricks and tips for common "SOS moments." 508-693-1850, featherstone@featherstoneart.org.

Benefit Bingo Night

6:30-8:30 pm, P.A. Club, Oak Bluffs. Spring Ka-Ching Bingo Night benefits O.B. School PTO. 21+. \$20 pre-register includes 15 Bingo games and door prize opportunities. \$25 at the door. spring-kaching-bingo-at-the-pa-club-copy@cheddarup.com

Jazz at Sweet Life with Jeremy Berlin

6:30-8:30 pm, Sweet Life, Oak Bluffs. Jeremy Berlin plays jazz piano every Thursday at the Sweet Life starting at 6:30 617-835-3756, emhaggerty@gmail.com.

A peek into Japanese Kabuki theater

“Kokuho,” playing at the M.V. Film Center.

BY ABBY REMER

“Kokuho,” starting at the Martha’s Vineyard Film Center on Friday, April 3, is a fascinating historical drama that gives us an inside look into the theatrical world of Japanese Kabuki theater. We learn at the outset that Kabuki originated in 17th century Kyoto. It grew so popular that the shogun feared it might lead to moral decline, and therefore banned women from performing. Since then, men known in Japanese as onnagata have played female roles. This highly theatrical art form combines distinctly stylized singing and dancing with sumptuous costumes and stunning sets. Director Lee Sang-il immerses us in this universe of Kabuki through the story of Kikuo (played as an adult by Ryo Yoshizawa). We first meet him at age 14 (Soya Kurokawa) onstage in a Nagasaki teahouse in 1964. While performing as an onnagata, he catches the attention of a renowned Kabuki actor, Hanjiro (Ken Watanabe), who is a guest of Kikuo’s father, a gang leader. Suddenly, a rival gang storms in and dramatically kills Kikuo’s father in front of his son’s eyes. Soon after, Hanjiro takes Kikuo under his wing as his apprentice. This is initially much to the chagrin of his only son, Shunsuke (played as an adult by Ryusei Yokohama), who has been destined to carry on the family’s legacy. What begins as a rivalry turns into a complex lifelong friendship. We follow the boys through their intensely rigorous training, where every minute movement is precisely

prescribed. The story continues through the winding, sometimes torturous journey of their lives, which includes stardom, falls from grace, complicated family relationships, and the burden of legacies, as each of the friends works toward becoming the most famous master of Kabuki (or a Kokuho — a living national treasure). Along the way, we absorb a lot about the art form and its ritualistic traditions. There are fascinating scenes of the intricate process of applying striking makeup and exquisite, multilayered costumes, which, through their weight and elaborate folds, highlight each actor’s subtle, exacting movements. There are also many performances, with subtitles that explain what is happening, so we can follow along and appreciate the artistry. Although Kabuki emphasizes artifice and high drama, the scenes of the friends’ lives, with few exceptions, unfold slowly and quietly. This allows us to appreciate the small details of Japanese interiors and outdoor settings, which reflect the country’s development over the decades. Overall, the film has an epic, absorbing quality that focuses on the pursuit of perfection, and examines how far someone is willing to go to become the most revered national treasure. **MVF**



“Kokuho” starts at the M.V. Film Center on Friday, April 3. For tickets and information, visit mvfilmsociety.com.

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Events

Tenebrae Church Service

7:30-8:30 pm, First Congregational Church of West Tisbury. Candlelight Tenebrae service with Communion to honor Jesus’ suffering. 508-693-2842, wtiscong@comcast.net. **‘EPIC: ELVIS PRESLEY IN CONCERT’ at the MV Film Center** 7:30 pm, MV Film Center, Vineyard Haven. EPIC: ELVIS PRESLEY IN CONCERT— at the MV Film Center 508-696-9369, mvfilmsociety.com.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Cardio and Conditioning with Alyson Parker

7-8 am, Airport Fitness, West Tisbury. Cardio and strength work with weights

and conditioning using your own body weight for resistance. 508-696-8000, info@airportfitnessmv.com.

Pumped Up Intervals with Maria McFarland

8:30-9:30 am, Airport Fitness, West Tisbury. A class alternating cardio intervals and weight work intervals using heavier weights, body bars, loops bands, and weighted balls. 508-696-8000, info@airportfitnessmv.com.

Turtle Time

10 am-4 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Turtle Time! Biofacts, a story and a craft all about turtles. There will be turtles to touch! Program led by Josey from Felix Neck. Ages 4-8. 508-693-9433, mlynch@clamsnet.org.

Carnegie Heritage Center Opening Weekend

10 am-4 pm, the carnegie heritage center, Edgartown. Carnegie Heritage Center reopens Easter weekend, Friday and Saturday, 10 AM - 4 PM. Admission: \$5 (ages 12+). vineyardtrust.org/events/774-549-9107, thecarnegie@mvpreservation.org.

Painting Still Life with Liz Taft

10 am-1 pm, Featherstone Center for the Arts, Oak Bluffs. This class is about learning to see things simply and translating that into a painting. Open to anyone who has done a little bit of painting. 508-693-1850, featherstone@featherstoneart.org.

Mermaid Tales with a Twist

10:15-10:45 am, Oak Bluffs Library. Enjoy storytime with Luna Tide, the Oak Bluffs Mermaid! For kids ages 3-5. Come for the Mermaid, leave with new evidence-based reading practices. 508-693-9433, mlynch@clamsnet.org.

Kid’s Music Class

10:30-11 am, West Tisbury Library. Sing fun songs and play instruments with friends! Ages 0-5. 508-693-3366, hburbridge@clamsnet.org.

Seasonal Kids Crafting

10:30 am-4:30 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Seasonal craft projects for ages 3-11. New craft each week! Drop in. 508-693-9433, mlynch@clamsnet.org.

Vineyard Haven Library

Story Circle with Aria 10:45 am, MV Family Center, Vineyard Haven. Weekly story circle with Children’s Librarian Aria on Tuesdays and Fridays – now at the MV Family Center on Greenwood Ave following 9:30am play-group. 508-696-4211, vhpl_programs@clamsnet.org.

Online Balance with Kanta Lipsky

11:30 am-12:30 pm, West Tisbury Library. To strengthen our connection to Earth and maintain balance. To sign up, email wt_mail@clamsnet.org, 508-693-3366.

Good Friday Service

12 pm, St. Andrew’s Church, Edgartown. Beautiful and somber service with music. 508-627-5330, office@standrewsmv.org.

West Tisbury Book Sale Donations

1-2 pm, Friends of West Tisbury Library Shed. Donate your lightly used books for the annual Friends of the West Tisbury Library Book Sale. 617-543-7898, westtisburylibraryfriends@gmail.com.

Tai Chi with Shaka Fridays

1-2 pm, Tisbury COA, Vineyard Haven. Tiz COA Tai Chi Mondays at 8:15AM and Fridays at 1PM 508-696-4205, amcdonough@tisburyyma.gov.

Virtual: Our Amazing Birds – 65 Years of Birding in 65 Minutes

2 pm, Vineyard Haven Public Library. Enjoy beautiful bird photography illustrating the diversity in avian feeding techniques, mating systems, migration feats, tool use, food storage, etc. 508-696-4211, vhpl_programs@clamsnet.org.

Memory Training - MV Center for Living

2-4 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Memory Training - MV Center for Living 508-693-9433, cphelan@clamsnet.org.

Art Reception: Nancy Shaw Cramer

3:30-4:30 pm, West Tisbury Library. Reception featuring artist Nancy Shaw Cramer. 508-693-3366, wt_mail@clamsnet.org.

‘KOKUHO’ at the MV Film Center

4 pm, MV Film Center, Vineyard Haven. KOKUHO - Oscar nominated for Make-up and Costumes – at the MV Film Center 508-696-9369, mvfilmsociety.com.

Stations of the Cross

4 pm, St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Edgartown. Beautiful and somber service with music. 508-627-5330, office@standrewsmv.org.

Magic the Gathering: Gaming Club

6-9 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. All skill levels are welcome. You can bring food and drink. Under age 14 should be with an adult. mdaniels@clamsnet.org, 508-693-9433.

Good Friday Worship Service

7-8 pm, First Baptist Church of Vineyard Haven. A Martha’s Vineyard Community Good Friday Service. Multiple Churches, Worshipful Music, Inspirational Messages, and Meaningful Meditation 508-693-1539, oldcolonypastor@gmail.com.

‘FANTASY LIFE’ at the MV Film Center

7:30 pm, MV Film Center, Vineyard Haven. FANTASY LIFE— at the MV Film Center 508-696-9369, mvfilmsociety.com.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Vineyard Confections Spring Egg Event

8 am-12 pm, Island Wide, Edgartown. Vineyard Confections Annual Spring Egg Hunt vineyardconfections@gmail.com.

Dance Fitness with Kris Martin

8:30-9:30 am, Airport Fitness, West Tisbury. A creative blend of rhythmic resistance, cardio conditioning, manageable mobility and core strength exercises all set to crazy-FUN music. 508-696-8000, info@airportfitnessmv.com.

Edgartown Candidates Forum, Sponsored by Chappaquiddick Island Association

9-10 am, on-line, Edgartown. Meet candidates for Edgartown Select Board, School Committee, and Planning Board and participate in Q & A. 508-000-0000, info@chappycia.org.

Easter Egg Hunt and egg coloring!

9-10:30 am, The Village Green - St. Andrew’s Church, Edgartown. St. Andrew’s and The Federated will co-host an Easter Egg hunt on the town green in Edgartown at 9:00 am followed by egg coloring at the church! 508-627-5330, mccarman20@gmail.com.

Vinaya Power Yoga

9-10 am, Edgartown Library. Therapeutic and creative, with elements of strength building. programs@edgartownlibrary.org, 508-627-4221.

Acrylic Painting

9 am-12 pm, Featherstone Center for the Arts, Oak Bluffs. Perfect your painting techniques during this weekly intermediate/advanced class! 508-693-1850, featherstone@featherstoneart.org.

Kaiut Yoga

9-10 am, Peaked Hill Studio, Chilmark. Kaiut Yoga is works through chronic pain and injuries, general aches and stiffness, and is good for the inflexible, hyper flexible and the aging body. 774-563-8282, vsonnenthal@gmail.com.

Annual Farm Institute Egg Hunt

9:45-10:30 am, Farm Institute, The Trustees, Edgartown. Join us for on the farm for an egg hunt! 2 and under begins at 9:45, 3-5 begins at 10:00, and 6 and up age group begins at 10:15. Pre-regis encouraged 508-627-7007, lbrown@thetrustees.org.

Misty Meadows Spring Egg Hunt

10 am-12 pm, 55 Misty Meadows Ln, West Tisbury. Misty Meadows Spring Egg Hunt- 5\$ a bag/Volunteer@mistymeadowsmv.org.

Carnegie Heritage Center Opening Weekend

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Baby and Toddler Storytime

10:15-10:45 am, Oak Bluffs Public Library. Join us for a fun-filled storytime with stories, songs, and shakers! Tummy time for our smallest pals! Great space for post storytime play. 508-693-9433, mlynch@clamsnet.org.

Adult Community Dance with Jesse Keller Jason

10:30-11:30 am, West Tisbury Library. For adults and seniors of all levels. No sign-up. wt_mail@clamsnet.org, 508-693-3366.

Pilates Flow with Camille Beauzile

10:30-11:45 am, Stillpoint, West Tisbury. This upbeat Pilates class blends preventative medicine, mind-over-matter focus, and joyful movement info@stillpointmv.org.

Spring Flower Class

11 am-4 pm, Morrice Florist, Vineyard Haven. Spring Flower Class on Saturday 4/4! We have two time slots available: 11:00am and 2:00pm. Sign up online to reserve your spot! Lots of local blooms! 508-693-0392, studio@morriceflorist.com.

Book Tasting Event - Read-A-Latte Cafe

11 am-2 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Book Tasting Event - Read-A-Latte Cafe 508-693-9433, cphelan@clamsnet.org.

Storytime

11-11:30 am, Chilmark Library. We’ll read classic and current children’s literature, and sing, move, and play together. Ideal for ages 3-6. adubno@clamsnet.org, 508-645-3360.

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	FANTASY LIFE	7:30 PM
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Sun 4/5	EPIC: ELVIS PRESLEY IN CONCERT	1:00 PM
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	KOKUHO	7:00 PM
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Wed 4/8	FANTASY LIFE	4:00 PM
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Events

Block Printing Workshop

12-3 pm, Featherstone Center for the Arts, Oak Bluffs. Learn the basics of relief block printing by carving designs into printing blocks, inking using a brayer and transferring the image to paper. 508-693-1850, featherstone@featherstoneart.org.

SINGING & PERFORMING CLASS

1-2:30 pm, Aquinnah Town Hall. Singers choose a song to cover and develop for a stage performance over the course of the 8 week session, with a performance on the last day. laurajordandecker@gmail.com.

Pokemon Club

1-2 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Bring your Pokémon cards to show to others! This is a club to talk about Pokémon, look at cards, and draw! Ages 5-11. 508-693-9433, mlynch@clamsnet.org.

Pokemon Club

1-2 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Bring your Pokémon cards to show to others! This is a club to talk about Pokémon, look at cards, and draw! There is no trading allowed. Ages 5-11. 508-693-9433, mlynch@clamsnet.org.

All Ages Chess Club

2-3:30 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Join us in a fun and welcoming environment. oakb_mail@clamsnet.org, 508-693-9433.

Movimento Criativo Para o Parto

2:30-4 pm, West Tisbury Library. Aprenda e pratique técnicas para aumentar sua confiança ao entrar em trabalho de parto. 508-693-3366, hburbridge@clamsnet.org

Help Decorate the Library Bulletin Board

2:30-3:30 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Turn flags into flowers and contribute to a Spring display. All ages needed to help. 508-693-9433, mlynch@clamsnet.org.

Model Railroad Group

3-4 pm, West Tisbury Library. Meets the first Saturday of each month! Share ideas, tips, projects, and more. This group is led by long time model railroad enthusiast Rick Fischer. 508-693-3366, wt_mail@clamsnet.org.

Island Theatre Workshop open AUDITIONS

3:30-5:30 pm, Pilates Center - Woodland, Vineyard Haven. Island Theatre Workshop holds OPEN AUDITIONS for its May 2026 One Act Play Festival: Women On Stage. Casting for all female cast. 508-627-2456, vineyardtenor@gmail.com.

'KOKUHO' at the MV Film Center

4 pm, MV Film Center, Vineyard Haven. KOKUHO - Oscar nominated for Make-up and Costumes - at the MV Film Center 508-696-9369, mvfilmsociety.com.

Chef's Love Letter Dinner Series

5-9 pm, Black Joy Kitchen, Oak Bluffs. Saturday Dinner Series @ Black Joy Kitchen. No two Saturdays are the same, but every plate is crafted with care, heritage, & joy. Reserve Ahead. 508-733-7750, hello@blackjoykitchen.com.

'FANTASY LIFE' at the MV Film Center

7:30 pm, MV Film Center, Vineyard Haven. FANTASY LIFE- at the MV Film Center 508-696-9369, mvfilmsociety.com

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

6 am, Menemsha Beach, Chilmark. Easter Sunrise Service 508-645-3100, pclarkgoff@comcast.net.

Easter Sunday Service

9 am, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Edgartown. Beautiful musical family-friendly Easter Service. All are Welcome! 508-627-5330, office@standrewsmv.org.

Easter Sunday at the Ag Hall

10-11 am, Agricultural Hall, West Tisbury. Easter service at the Ag Hall followed by Egg Hunt 508-693-2842, wtisccong@comcast.net.

"An Unfinished Story" to be continued..." with Rev. Vicky Hanjian

10 am, Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard, Vineyard Haven. Please join us in person or online on Sunday at 10 am! 508-693-8982, uu.society.mv@gmail.com.

BrunchBQ & Beats with DJ

Smooth B @ Black Joy Kitchen

10 am-2 pm, Black Joy Kitchen, Oak Bluffs. Sunday BrunchBQ & Beats with DJ Smooth B @ Black Joy Kitchen 508-338-7750, hello@blackjoykitchen.com.

Easter Egg Hunt

11 am-12 pm. New Location: West Tisbury School Field. The hunt starts promptly at 11 am. All are welcome. 508-693-9555, chief@westtisburyfire.org.

Sunday B-Side Brunch

11 am-2 pm, Martha's Vineyard Museum, Vineyard Haven. Sunday B Side Brunch: 11-2 at First Light Café. Great food, views, and soulful vinyl by DJ Vincent Patricola. Free and open to all. 508-627-4441, rpierce@mvmuseum.org.

'EPIC: ELVIS PRESLEY IN CONCERT' at the MV Film Center

1 pm, MV Film Center, Vineyard Haven. EPIC: ELVIS PRESLEY IN CONCERT- at the MV Film Center 508-696-9369, mvfilmsociety.com.

'FANTASY LIFE' at the MV Film Center

4 pm, MV Film Center, Vineyard Haven. FANTASY LIFE- at the MV Film Center 508-696-9369, mvfilmsociety.com.

'KOKUHO' at the MV Film Center

7 pm, MV Film Center, Vineyard Haven. KOKUHO - Oscar nominated for Make-up and Costumes - at the MV Film Center 508-696-9369, mvfilmsociety.com.

Radio show - Eclectic #5

7:30-9:15 pm, WVVV - MV Community Radio, Vineyard Haven. Radio show "It's a Big World, Open Yer Ears". This week: Eclectic #5, a mix of stuff from everywhere. 96.7 lpfm or www.wvvv.org 617-676-8160, egik_egak_egoogimak@yahoo.com.

MONDAY, APRIL 6

Dance Fitness and Strength Training with Kris Martin

7-8 am, Airport Fitness, West Tisbury. A creative blend of rhythmic resistance, cardio conditioning, manageable mobility and core strength exercises all set to crazy-FUN music. 508-696-8000, info@airportfitnessmv.com

Virtual Chair Yoga with Yogi Jay

7:30-8:30 am, West Tisbury Library. Accessible to all levels and ages. Sign up for free at wholesomemv.com/classschedule. 508-693-3366, wt_mail@clamsnet.org.

Core Stability, Strength and Balance with Alyson Parker

8:30-9:30 am, Airport Fitness, West Tisbury. A class featuring core stabilization, strength and balance; we target all major muscle groups and include some intermittent cardio. All levels welcome 508-696-8000, info@airportfitnessmv.com.

Martha's Vineyard Poetry Reading Group discusses poems by Nikki Giovanni

10 am, Vineyard Haven Public Library. No qualifications, except a love of poetry. Send an email to vnhpl_programs@clamsnet.org to be added to the list. A Zoom link will be provided. 508-696-4211, vnhpl_programs@clamsnet.org.

Pint-Sized Picassos

10:30-11:30 am, Edgartown Library. Drop-in painting. Children under 8 must have adult present. 508-627-4221, programs@edgartownlibrary.org.

Online Balance with Kanta Lipsky

11:30 am-12:30 pm, West Tisbury Library. To strengthen our connection to Earth and maintain balance. To sign up, email wt_mail@clamsnet.org. 508-693-3366.

West Tisbury Book Sale Donations

1-2 pm, Friends of West Tisbury Library Shed. Donate your lightly used books for the annual Friends of the West Tisbury Library Book Sale. 617-543-7898, westtislbraryfriends@gmail.com.

Drop-in Mah Jongg

1-3 pm, Edgartown Library. Mats, tiles, and cards provided. No formal instruction. programs@edgartownlibrary.org, 508-627-4221.

Switch Games for kids and teens

3-5 pm, West Tisbury Library. Switch club Mondays from 3-5pm in the Community Room 508-693-3366, lhear@clamsnet.org.

Guiding Good Choice (GGC)

3-5:30 pm, West Tisbury Library. Guiding Good Choices (GGC) an evidence based program for parents and caregivers. | Um programa baseado em evidências para que pais e responsáveis. 774-447-3072, littlefield@mvcommunityservices.org.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

Cardio and Conditioning with Alyson Parker

7-8 am, Airport Fitness, West Tisbury. Cardio and strength work with weights and conditioning using your own body weight for resistance. 508-696-8000, info@airportfitnessmv.com.

Kaiut Yoga

8:30-9:30 am, Peaked Hill Studio, Chilmark. Kaiut Yoga works through chronic pain and injuries, general aches and stiffness, and is good for the inflexible, hyper flexible and the aging body. 774-563-8282, valerie@peakedhillstudio.com.

Pilates Flow with Camille Beauzile

9-10:15 am, Stillpoint, West Tisbury. This upbeat Pilates class blends preventative medicine, mind-over-matter focus, and joyful movement info@stillpointmv.org.

Little Naturalists

9:30-11:30 am, Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary, Edgartown. Spark your child's curiosity at Felix Neck's Education barn with hands-on free play-water play, sensory bins, experiments, and more. 508-627-4850, felixneck@massaudubon.org.

Play Kitchen and Store

10 am, Oak Bluffs Library. Come enjoy watching your kids be creative and solve problems! For ages 2-6. Drop in between 10am-noon. 508-693-9433, mlynch@clamsnet.org.

Free Range Fun

10:15-11 am, West Tisbury Library. Enjoy a room filled with parachutes, scarves, bubbles, music and more to explore! Recommended for ages 0-5 508-693-3366, hburbridge@clamsnet.org.

Drop-in Play-Doh Group

10:30 am-12 pm, Edgartown Library. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. 508-627-4221, programs@edgartownlibrary.org.

Work From Home, From The Library

11 am-12 pm, West Tisbury Library. Get help working remotely with child watch at the library. 11-12pm on 4/7, 4/28, 5/12, 5/26 508-693-3366, hburbridge@clamsnet.org.

SQUAD FITNESS with Triva

Emery • BeWell-MV 11 am-12 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. SQUAD FITNESS with Triva Emery • BeWell-MV 508-693-9433, cphelan@clamsnet.org.

Mah Jongg

2-4 pm, Chilmark Library. Multiple tables for all levels and ages. Instruction on first Tuesday of the month. chil_programs@gmail.com, 508-645-3360.

Lego Club

2:45-4 pm, Chilmark Library. Kids Lego Club 508-645-3360, chil-marklibrarykids@gmail.com.

Researching Real Estate Records in Dukes County

3-5 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Researching Real Estate Records in Dukes County 508-693-9433, cphelan@clamsnet.org.

Environmental Explorers Afterschool

3-5 pm, Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary, Edgartown. Environmental Explorers is a weekly afterschool offering that connects students 7-14 years old to nature at Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary. 508-627-4850, felixneck@massaudubon.org.

Basics of Silversmithing:

Twisted Wire Bracelet or Ring

3-6 pm, Featherstone Center for the Arts, Oak Bluffs. In this class you will manipulate wire to create either a triple band design for a cuff, or use wire to design a braided or twisted ring design. 508-693-1850, featherstone@featherstoneart.org.

SINGING & PERFORMING CLASS

3:15-4:45 pm, Aquinnah Town Hall. Singers choose a song to cover and develop for a stage performance over the course of the 8 week session, with a performance on the last day. laurajordandecker@gmail.com.

SINGING & PERFORMING CLASS

3:30-5 pm, Aquinnah Town Hall. Singers choose a song to cover and develop for a stage performance over the course of the 8 week session, with a performance on the last day. laurajordandecker@gmail.com.

Drop in for our Teen and Tween Art & Craft Class

3:30-4:30 pm, West Tisbury. Teen and Tween Art & Craft Class at the library-meets every Tuesday. Ages 10-18, supplies provided. 508-693-3366, lhear@clamsnet.org.

ASL Practice Group

4:45-5:45 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Want to learn ASL? Drop in conversational practice group! No experience necessary. 508-693-9433, sschofield@clamsnet.org.

Knitting Group

5-6 pm, West Tisbury Library. Creativity and conversation. Use supplies provided or bring your own. Adults and teens. No sign-up. wt_mail@clamsnet.org, 508-693-3366.

Table Tennis

5 pm, Tisbury Senior Center, Vineyard Haven. Table tennis for all ages and skill levels. 508-728-5898, raeobmv@gmail.com.

American Sign Language Practice Group

5-6 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Drop in on our conversational practice group. No experience necessary. anelson@clamsnet.org, 508-693-9433.

Open Mic Night at the Katharine Cornell Theatre!

6 pm, Katharine Cornell Theatre, Vineyard Haven. Come to play, or just to listen. Sign-up on arrival, free and open to all! 508-696-4211, vnhpl_programs@clamsnet.org.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

Barre Fusion with Maria McFarland

8:30-9:30 am, Airport Fitness, West Tisbury. Ballet styled flows, barre work, balance and weights using disks, loop bands and Bender balls. Come with sneakers, barre sox, or bare feet 508-696-8000, info@airportfitnessmv.com.

Play Reading at Tisbury Senior Center

9 am-12 pm, Tisbury Council on Aging, Vineyard Haven. Play Reading for Artistic, Literary and Dramatic Pleasure 201-207-7568, monahennessy1@gmail.com.

Oak Bluffs Public Library Storytime

10:15-10:45 am, Oak Bluffs Library. Stories, songs, scarves, and a parachute. Stories are geared toward kids 1.5 to 5 years old; all ages welcome. 508-693-9433, mlynch@clamsnet.org.

Children's Storytime

10:30-11 am, West Tisbury Library. Join Hannah for silly songs and stories. Ages 0-5 508-693-3366, hburbridge@clamsnet.org.

Tumble Buds

10:30-11:30 am, Edgartown Library. Drop-in movement program geared toward ages 1-5. 508-627-4221, programs@edgartownlibrary.org.

Vineyard Haven Library

Story Circle with Aria 10:45 am, MV Family Center, Vineyard Haven. Weekly story circle with Children's Librarian Aria on Tuesdays and Fridays - now at the MV Family Center on Greenwood Ave following 9:30am playgroup. 508-696-4211, vnhpl_programs@clamsnet.org.

Mah Jong

1-3 pm, Up Island Council on Aging, West Tisbury. Come join us for Mah Jongg every Wednesday from 1-3:00 @ The Up Island Council on Aging . 1042 State Rd West Tisbury 508-693-2896, coa-staff@westtisbury-ma.gov.

West Tisbury Book Sale Donations

1-2 pm, Friends of West Tisbury Library Shed. Donate your lightly used books for the annual Friends of the West Tisbury Library Book Sale. 617-543-7898, westtislbraryfriends@gmail.com.

Virtual Reality for Tweens & Teens

3-5 pm, West Tisbury Library. For ages 10-18. Each participant's time depends on the turn-out. lhear@clamsnet.org, 508-693-3366.

Drop-in Knitting Group with Cindy Bonnell

3-5 pm, Edgartown Library. All levels are welcome to bring their projects for support and inspiration. programs@edgartownlibrary.org, 508-627-4221.

Kids Drawing Club

3-4 pm, Chilmark Library. Kids drawing club 508-645-3360, chil-marklibrarykids@gmail.com.

Kids Crafts - Cardboard Crafts

3:30-5 pm, EMS Building across from the Tisbury School, Vineyard Haven. Make your own cardboard creations! EMS Building across from the Tisbury School.

Sponsored by the Vineyard Haven Public Library 508-696-4211, jrapuano@clamsnet.org.

'FANTASY LIFE' at the MV Film Center

4 pm, MV Film Center, Vineyard Haven. FANTASY LIFE- at the MV Film Center 508-696-9369, mvfilmsociety.com.

Restorative Reset with Jelisa Difo

5:30-6:30 pm, Edgartown Library. Postures close to the ground for deep rest and relaxation. programs@edgartownlibrary.org, 508-627-4221.

Quilting Circle

6-7:30 pm, West Tisbury Library. All are welcome. For details, email Wendy at wgnierenberg@yahoo.com or call the library at 508-693-3366.

Free English Classes

7-8 pm, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day saints, Vineyard Haven. Free English Classes offered by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Basic conversational classes offered. To register text 774-563-0460.

Adult Board Game Night

7:30-10 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Adults are welcome to join us at the Barn and Bowl Bistro for a variety of board games and socializing. 508-693-9433, cphelan@clamsnet.org.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Dance Fitness and Strength Training with Kris Martin

7-8 am, Airport Fitness, West Tisbury. A creative blend of rhythmic resistance, cardio conditioning, manageable mobility and core strength exercises all set to crazy-FUN music. 508-696-8000, info@airportfitnessmv.com

Virtual Kripalu Flow Yoga

7:30 am, West Tisbury Library. Zoom with Yogi Jay. Sign up at https://www.wholesomemv.com/classschedule 508-693-3366, wt_mail@clamsnet.org.

Mindfulness & Meditation

Open Practice Group

8-9 am, Aquinnah Town Hall. Mindfulness & meditation practice group, open to anyone interested in being more intentional and practicing with others. 413-575-0110, ruthfolchman@me.com.

Kaiut Yoga

8:30-9:30 am, Peaked Hill Studio, Chilmark. Kaiut Yoga works through chronic pain and injuries, general aches and stiffness, and is good for the inflexible, hyper flexible and the aging body. 774-563-8282, valerie@peakedhillstudio.com.

Balletics

9-10 am, Up Island Council on Aging, West Tisbury. Total body conditioning, learning body's strengths & weaknesses, how to prevent injury. coa-staff@westtisbury-ma.gov, 508-693-2896.

Fit for Flow with Maggie Bucci

9-10 am, Stillpoint, West Tisbury. This fitness class, led by Maggie Bucci, is designed to get you fit to flow with the journey of life info@stillpointmv.org.

Thursday Play Kitchen and Store

10 am-12 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Watch your kids be creative and solve problems! For ages 2-6. Drop in between 10am-noon. 508-693-9433, mlynch@clamsnet.org.

Wiggle with the Words Storytime

10:30-11 am, Edgartown Library. Fun props and interactive stories. Geared for ages 1-5, but all are welcome. No sign-up. programs@edgartownlibrary.org, 508-627-4221.

Tech help

11 am-1 pm, Up Island Council on Aging, West Tisbury. Free tech help 508-693-2896, coa-staff@westtisbury-ma.gov.

Needlework Group

1-3 pm, Up Island Council on Aging , West Tisbury. Needlework Group @ Up Island Council on Aging . Thursdays 1-3:00 508-693-2896, coa-staff@westtisbury-ma.gov.

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An ode to shellfish season

The season comes to a close.

BY ELLA MUNNELLY



Cosgrove's raft, where he does all his culling; all of his product runs through the table pictured.

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ong after the summer crowds have left the Island, those who remain are able to enjoy the peak-quality shellfish that the winter has to offer.

Oysters in the winter are sweet. Colder water slows their metabolism, causing them to store more natural sugar for energy. This buildup gives them their distinct flavor, along with a firmer, meatier texture.

A bay scallop right out of the water is delicate and tender, with a similarly distinct sweetness that deepens in the winter months. By the time June rolls around, the stock is dwindling, and eating fresh local bay scallops is nearly impossible.

Part of what makes shellfish season feel special is exactly this limitation: A freshly shucked sweet winter oyster is a hyper-local experience; you can't get the same thing year-round.

As the season, which typically runs from October to March, comes to an end, Liam Cosgrove reflects on his winter on the water.

Cosgrove is the farm manager of Top Shell Oyster Farm, and the captain of the Oyster Catcher. Top Shell is run by Cosgrove with his business partner, Maddie Henson, and is the first farm in Edgartown to raise oysters exclusively in the open ocean. Most farms are in ponds; in Edgartown, all of the others are in Katama Bay, but Cosgrove's is off-shore, near State Beach.

"When I was a kid I wanted to create my own reef, and now I kind of have," said Cosgrove. "I knew I wanted to work on the water, and after a bunch of different attempts, eventually I found it."

Top Shell Oyster Farm consists of two acres marked by four yellow corner markers. It is 30 feet deep, and there is pebble substrate at the bottom of the sea floor to provide a firm surface for spat, or juvenile oysters, to attach and grow.

"There are 12 leases available, and the wait was so long that we decided to go out to sea, which is much harder," said Cosgrove. "There are some pros to it: At one point in the summer, I was the only one available to still sell oysters."

Cosgrove has a nursery system in Katama, and when the oysters reach thumbnail size, he puts them into the water. "Everything I'm growing is already sold," said Cosgrove, who isn't worried about a lack of demand for his oysters. "Oyster farming is thriving," he said, "and it's really good for the ocean."

In the ocean, oysters act as water filters, habitat creators, and natural barriers. They filter water by eating algae and excess nutrients, which improves water clarity. They also form reefs by attaching to each other, which provides shelter and nurseries for other marine life. These reefs can stabilize shorelines and protect against storms and erosion.

When Cosgrove first started farming, Nor'easters would blow everything he planted away, so he talked to some of the more experienced fishermen who had since moved into Katama and asked what they would do. "As a general MO, oyster farming, especially on-Island, is very welcoming," said Cosgrove.

Cosgrove was born and raised on the Island, and this year is his first scalloping. He began free-diving for them recreationally, but now he has a commercial license, which allows him to harvest three bushels a day, five days a week. "It was my first season out there, really trying to do it, and it was definitely a hard season," said Cosgrove. "I think the stocks were pretty scarce this year, from what I'm told, but that meant the prices were good."

"The most expensive part of starting is

having a boat," said Cosgrove, who already owned the Oyster Catcher, which made it more affordable for him to begin scalloping. He got his dredges secondhand at yard sales.

The Oyster Catcher was originally won as a Derby prize back in 2003, and was then sold to Tom Rancich, who used the vessel to retrieve unexploded ordinance, "which is really badass — it came with all this cool stuff on it," added Cosgrove. Now after 23 years of service, it is time for the Oyster Catcher to hang up its hat, as Cosgrove has received a grant which will go toward a new boat: "This boat is going to be partially set up in a way to make scalloping more efficient for me."

Although Cosgrove acknowledged that there was a bit of a learning curve, he is confident in his ability to get it down, aided by the help of more experienced fishermen. "The shellfish constable helped me out a lot," said Cosgrove, "and talking to other senior fishermen helps a lot. Everybody was super-open with their information."

As the spring approaches and the winter shellfish season concludes, what remains is the mark of months spent working in the cold, the tides, and the uncertainty that surrounds life on the water. This year, the loss of veteran fisherman Roy Scheffer and his partner Patricia Bergeron, who died while scalloping in January, lingers over a season defined as much by risk as by reward. "I think that was super-humbling, because there's nobody on this Island who has more experience than those two when it comes to working these waterways," said Cosgrove.



Cosgrove displays marine life that is supported by his farm.

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Oysters harvested from Top Shell Oyster Farm.

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Liam Cosgrove with his boat, the Oyster Catcher.

Looking ahead to another busy summer, Cosgrove is enthusiastic about what's to come. "The farm is the biggest it's ever been, so I'm excited to see what kind of numbers we can do," he said.

In addition to farming the oysters, the Top Shell team also offers a raw bar experience, providing their personal oysters as well as other Island oysters, lobster, clams,

shrimp, or caviar on request. Throughout the summer, Cosgrove himself is often shucking his oysters from his own farm at weddings or backyard parties.

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Cosgrove pulls up an oyster cage in January in Edgartown.

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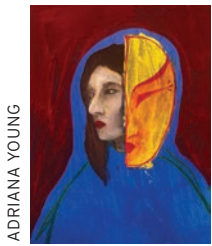
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Choices broaden for MVRHS English curriculum

BY PENNY HADDAD

Two significant changes to English department course offerings are coming to Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) for the 2026–27 school year. Previously, students had more limited course options within the department: Take College 1 or Honors-level English courses as freshman and sophomores, with the additional options of Advanced Placement (AP) English classes as upperclassmen, and Dual Enrollment for seniors.

Beginning this school year and continuing into next year, the English department has shifted so that students can earn Honors credit within their general-education English course by demonstrating proficiency on additional assignments. The department

is also designating a course as "Accelerated English," which moves at a faster pace and in which all students who pass earn honors credit. The change, which was designed to address some of the problems that arise from tracking while preserving academic rigor for all students, allows all students to potentially earn Honors credit if they fulfill the Honors requirements. The change was already implemented in this year's ninth-grade English class, and next year will apply to 10th and 11th grades as well.

Emily Cavanagh, who teaches the freshman "Accelerated English" class, said, "We've had success with both the accelerated and [general] ninth-grade classes this year, so it seemed like it made sense to apply it [to] the next grades."

Ms. Cavanagh said, "There will be an accelerated and grade-level option in 10th grade English and 11th grade English, with an option for earning honors credit over the course of the year." Honors credit can be earned through various classroom activities, independent reading, and projects that ask students to stretch their thinking and curiosity.

This isn't the only curriculum change that is being implemented next year. Seniors will have the option to select English electives for each semester of the school year instead of a traditional year-long course. English department Chair Christine Ferrone said, "We wanted to create a program for seniors that was maybe a little bit more authentic to what they would face in college, where



TESSA SCHULZ

English teacher Galen Brown converses with juniors from her "AP Language and Composition" class during flex block.

they would be choosing courses by semester and not the full year."

There will be a variety of senior English electives to choose from, which marks a departure from previous years.

Proposed elective offerings include "Science Fiction," "Wampanoag Writers," "Siddhartha and the Hero's Journey," "Journalism," and more. Rising senior Margaret Mo-

henke said, "I'm really excited about the different English offerings we have next year because of all the semester-long classes. I can choose what interests me and dive deeper into specific topics."

In addition to the English elective offerings, seniors will continue to have the option to take "AP Literature" or "Dual Enrollment English."

Ms. Ferrone is hopeful that these changes to senior

year will inspire teachers to create a more engaging curriculum for both students and teachers. "As a chair, I've always advocated for my teachers to teach what they're passionate about, because I think that translates to good teaching and good engagement with students," she said. "This model also allows them to take what they love and create courses that are interesting." **HSV**

Learning on the job at MVTV and the Oak Bluffs School

BY DIVYA RANDOLPH

Students who have entered the work-study program at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) are stepping into their desired fields of study through a variety of experiences including paid work, paid and unpaid internships, and volunteering.

Students completing work studies for elective credit or career and technical education (CTE) credit visit their placements during the school day, whereas internships and volunteering are often completed after the end of the day.

Senior Bryan Fernandes is a volunteer for Martha's

Vineyard Community Television (MVTV), where he goes two times per week after school. Bryan wants to become a film director, and during his mentorship under MVTV's access coordinator and instructor, Michelle Vivian-Jemison, he has not only filmed for MVTV but has also been able to film some of his own projects as well. These projects included a capstone project and a podcast that gets aired on MVTV called "TLDR" (Too Long, Didn't Read) where he shines the spotlight on fellow students.

Additionally, Bryan has completed work for local



MARK LENNIHAN

Senior Esme Colon works alongside Michael Grant during her work-study at Gannon and Benjamin Marine Railway.

businesses. "I created a little ad, and I helped film at an animal adoption area on the island. That's where I learned that I'm allergic to cats — well, at least their saliva," Bryan said.

Senior Nicholas Mathias hopes to become a teacher, and was inspired to pursue a work-study at the Oak Bluffs School after his volunteer

experience there. "In my junior year I went to work at the homework club at [Oak Bluffs School], and I did that three days a week. Working with the kids gave me the idea [of pursuing a work-study]; then, this past summer, my mom told me I should try it," he said.

Students who want to participate in the work-

study program can work with their guidance counselors to schedule it into their school days. The CTE department refers the most kids to MVRHS' work-study program. Guidance counselor Sheila McHugh Hazell said, "It's really a collaborative process between the guidance office and the CTE department."

One challenge presented by work-study is managing time between the work-study and regular classes at MVRHS. "Time management is a big thing that can be stressful at times, but once you strengthen that skill, it kind of flows from there," Bryan said.

Along with time management, another complication for some students is the fluid nature of business in a seasonal community. Due to many businesses closing during the winter months, some students struggle to find a job placement that can last throughout the entire school year.

Still, work-studies are

unique in that they allow students to pursue a passion and learn on the job instead of following a prescribed curriculum. When asked to name his favorite part of his internship, Nicholas was quick to respond. "It's definitely the kids, because we have created so many memories together," he said.

He also spoke to the strong bond he's been able to develop with students. "The other day, one of my students [at Oak Bluffs School] saw me in the hallway, and they said, 'Mr. M, are you going to be in science today?' I was at the top of the stairs, and I said yes, and the kid threw his head back and said, 'Thank God,'" Nicholas said.

Bryan said, "I think if you do something that you love, you like, or even only like a little bit, a part of you grows, that spark inside you. I think it's a great experience, but what is important is doing something outside of school that could prepare you for life." **HSV**

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'30 X 30' EXHIBIT ON FEATHERSTONE'S 30TH

BY ABBY REMER



Mary Dombrowski's "For the Love of the Earth" alcohol and ink painting.

"The 52 who have taken the challenge are truly fabulous. For many of them, these are the biggest pieces they've ever created."

-Ann Smith



Ellika Edelman's "Lost" gouache painting.

PHOTOS: DENA PORTER

Walking into the Francine Kelly Gallery, the light and marvelous colors in Featherstone's "30 x 30" exhibition immediately lift your spirit. The show, on view through April 26, is a glorious way to celebrate the center's 30th anniversary, with 52 Vineyard artists sharing their visions on 30-inch by 30-inch canvases.

Looking about, you immediately notice how large this size of canvas truly is. Executive Director and CEO Ann Smith remarks that when many artists came to pick up their blank canvases, they said, "Wow, this is really big! It's challenging me as an artist." And Smith notes, "The 52 who have taken the challenge are truly fabulous. For many of them, these are the biggest pieces they've ever created." Interestingly, the uniformity in size highlights the variety of subject matter, palette, and styles that reflect the diversity of Island artists. The exhibit is hung exceptionally well; each wall boasts colors, themes, and subject matter that complement each other beautifully, from side-by-side oysters to paired technicolor abstracts.

Two quiet pieces with distant horizon lines beckon us into the gallery. Bob Avakian's clouds rush out toward us in his moody black-and-white photograph, "Island." They isolate the abandoned Oak Bluffs theater, illuminated with an intensity that draws our eye to every inch of its dilapidated state. In contrast, the warm colors created by the sun hovering on the



Mikey Rottman's "Farmland," mixed-media artwork.

ocean's distant horizon line in Dakota LeBeau Maltese's photograph, "Breeze," evoke a peaceful sigh.

There are a few purely abstract works. Riotous colors zip in, out, and around Ellika Edelman's abstract gouache painting, "Lost." The hundreds of small, brightly hued geometric blocks are pieced together like a quilt. In Harriet Bernstein's acrylic "Mist Air," a cluster of unusual shapes floats in a mesmerizing purple haze whose hues seem to multiply the longer we look.

We move into botanical subjects with Mikey Rottman's mixed-media piece, "Farmland," which explodes with color. Abstract V shapes in various patterns hint at cultivated fields, with a green, cowlike image anchoring the composition just slightly to the right of center. Brad Permar's small strokes of oil paint create the gorgeous, nearly impressionist image in "Flower Garden for Hens," making us yearn for summer.

More floral subjects include Jean Mansfield's handsome white milkweed, which bursts into bloom, sparkling with life against an opaque background of warm sienna, burnt umber, and the like. Deborah Black sets her flowers in "Joyful Transformation" in a garden, using various media that create fascinating textures on the canvas.

Additional mixed-media works include Scott Bliss's delightful "Blowing," in which all the branches in a tall tree lean perpendicular to the ground. He populates them with row upon row of birds formed with bits of seaglass, animatedly chirping away. Deb Edmunds applies a 30-inch-high wooden frame, reminiscent of a window or a door, fitting it snugly over a botanical-patterned fabric in which white flowers dance over a solid black backdrop. Vines winding in and around a frame and a small, perched, yellow-and-black bird accentuate the work's three-dimensionality.

The title of Dom Scalpelli's oil painting, "Schumann Resonance," infuses meaning to his landscape, which "resonates" with the expressive Romantic music of the



Deb Edmonds' "Wood, Vines, Fabric" mixed-media piece.



Patricia Floyd's "Hazen's Collar" acrylic painting.



Jean Mansfield's "Milkweed" acrylic painting.



Over 50 artists have submitted their work in the "30 x 30" exhibition.

PHOTOS: DENA PORTER

German composer. The arching strokes of purple, blue, red, black, and white fill the entire canvas, creating an exciting background for the few bare trees on the far left.

Michael Stimola creates a different aesthetic with his striking "Island Invader, Phragmites" using cyanotype and photography. Here, tall, white, feathery phragmites, perennial grasses, stand out against the surrounding lush, cyan blue. There is a similar simplicity in Mitch Gordon's single, enormous pearl-white shell filling his canvas. The oil painting's title, "Being and Nothingness," leaves us to ponder its meaning. Samantha Folts's title of her acrylic painting, "Portrait of a Local Fisherman," makes us smile as it features an elegant blue heron with nary a human in sight.

There are many more water-related works. Mary Dombrowski gazes down from far above in "For the Love of the Earth," created with alcohol and colored ink. It's as though we are flying high over a gloriously colored scene in which land and water meet. Embossed, arching, and diving whales swim across Ann Meleney's alluring mixed media seascape, "Golden Migration." A rectangle of blue waves alludes to the ocean, while the gold-and-red lace-patterned sun above sets the surrounding sky afire.

Blue and white dominate two other seascapes, displayed side by side. In Laura Hearn's impressive, felted work, an enormous cresting wave loops gracefully to the right, drawing our eye to Barbara Reynold's "Split Rock," which hangs next to it. The photograph captures a giant boulder that recalls a beached whale just offshore, with foamy waves rolling onto the beach.

Nature, in all its forms, isn't the only subject matter. Patricia Floyd's "Hazen's Collar" is an intimate moment in her acrylic portrait of a young boy, looking slightly off to



Harriet Bernstein's "Mist Air" acrylic painting sold at the opening reception.



Poster for the "30 x 30" exhibition.



Jennifer Langhammer's "Milly's Loaf" and "Pat of Butter" ceramic sculptures.

the left, cradling his beloved pup. Sandra LaBell pulls us in just inches away from her acrylic painting of a huge bowl filled with a mesmerizing array of buttons in various shapes.

So many more beguiling works fill the gallery, but not to be missed as well is Jennifer Langhammer's show, "Significant Objects," in the Schule Chapel. It is filled with ceramic, life-size replicas of everyday objects that might initially appear mundane but carry significant associations for their owners. For each one, she has fashioned small, sculpted related items as gifts for these people.

For Langhammer, everyday objects serve as touchstones and talismans in our lives. Friends and strangers submitted the reference objects and the stories about their personal meaning. Just a few include a little pat of melting butter as the gift for the person who inspired "Milly's Loaf." The replica depicts a Warburton's medium-sliced bread, the only type Milly's grandmother would eat. An unusually shaped, tiny bud vase is the gift that comes with "Liz's Perfume Bottle," an item from Liz's childhood that she found mysterious and fascinating. Langhammer made a small ceramic battery to accompany "Emily's RadioShack Battery Tester," a gadget Emily fondly associates with her father.

Langhammer's project is ultimately about connection — as she says, "Connection to the past, connection to the people and places we love, and, through sharing the pieces, connection to each other." Prices range from \$1 to \$5,360. Both exhibitions will lift your spirits and delight the eye, offering a welcome respite from worldly cares. **MVT**

"30 x 30" and "Significant Objects" are on view at Featherstone Center for the Arts through April 26. For information, visit featherstoneart.org.



Ann Meleney's "Golden Migration" mixed-media piece sold at the opening reception.

Wild Side

BY MATT PELIKAN



The brown creeper, the undisputed champion of camouflage.

Most unusual songbird



Brown creeper hiding in plain sight.

MATHEW PELIKAN

The results of the Vineyard's Least Conspicuous Songbird Contest are in, and they're unanimous: The brown creeper, *Certhia americana*, is the undisputed champion.

Tiny at about five inches in length, the brown creeper spends most of its time clinging to the bark of trees, often hitching upward along the trunk. Its behavior while doing so is slow and deliberate. And the plumage of a brown creeper, mottled brown on the head, back, wings, and tail, blends in well with the irregularities and brown color of tree bark. Coloration and behavior make this species infuriatingly hard to detect by visual means.

A creeper's vocalizations are not much help to a birder. These birds rarely have much to say while foraging. The song, which is fairly loud and carries well, is a series of about four short, whistled notes, generally descending slightly in pitch. But this song is tuned to a very high frequency, in the range at which human ears start to lose their sensitivity. Indeed, a common complaint among aging

birders is that they have lost the ability to hear brown creeper songs altogether. The typical call note of this species, a simple, lisp-like "tseep" note, is even higher in pitch, and correspondingly harder to hear.

If we held a contest for Most Unusual Songbird, well, the creeper would win that one, too. The species is the only member of its family that occurs in the Americas, and that family, *Certhiidae*, is a small one, with just nine species in a single genus. This means that the brown creeper is only a distant relative of all the other songbirds on our continent.

One might be excused for thinking that the brown creeper is a species assembled from spare parts borrowed from other birds. Anatomically, the

creeps upward along a tree trunk, snag on the bark and offer support.

While the feet of creepers and woodpeckers differ, again, there is a functional similarity. On a woodpecker foot, two toes point forward and two backward, allowing for a clamplike grip on tree bark. A creeper has the conventional songbird arrangement of three toes pointing forward and one pointing back. But that backward-pointing toe is a corker, robust and elongated. Matched with the sharply

small size and arboreal habits. But in contrast to the creeper's penchant for climbing upward along a trunk, nuthatches are famous for clambering downward, headfirst, along a trunk as they forage. During migration, especially in the fall, brown creepers and red-breasted nuthatches often turn up in the same places, either traveling together or zeroing in on the same resources.

Creepers forage as they creep, taking virtually all their food in the form of

trunks clean of insect life.

Overall, brown creepers nest in forested habitat from Central America north into Southern Canada, north along the coasts to Alaska and the Maritime Provinces. The species is notably scarce in the prairie states, reflecting the shortage there of extensive tree cover. Breeding bird surveys suggest that brown creepers are increasing in Massachusetts, probably as a result of reforestation.

I'm a bit obsessed about brown creepers just now be-

The woodland around our office is one of the increasing number of areas on the Vineyard in which pitch pines have succumbed to invasion by Southern pine beetles. As the dead pitch pines begin to break down, large flakes of bark are beginning to peel off. And the brown creeper stands to be a beneficiary of this process.

The favorite nesting site of a brown creeper is behind such a flake of loosened bark, where the female creeper suspends a nest made of twigs, grass, and feathers. Brown creepers have always nested on the Vineyard, in irregular numbers and in unpredictable locations. But one consequence of the Southern pine beetle invasion will likely be a huge increase in nesting opportunities for brown creepers. Look for this odd and elegant bird to show at least a short-term growth in breeding numbers over coming seasons. **MVP**

One might be excused for thinking that the brown creeper is a species assembled from spare parts borrowed from other birds.

creeper is highly evolved for its arboreal explorations, and shares one curious adaptation with the woodpeckers, which are essentially unrelated. Both have evolved stiff, pointed tail feathers, which, as the owner of those feathers

clawed, forward-pointing toes, that rear toe serves the same supportive function as the rear pair of toes on a woodpecker.

In terms of behavior, the brown creeper most closely resembles the nuthatches, similar to the creeper in

insects, spiders, and eggs and larvae gleaned from tree bark. The thin, downturned bill of a brown creeper is perfectly suited for this myopic foraging strategy. By both behavior and anatomy, this curious bird is optimized for picking tree

cause one has been singing every day outside my office off Lambert's Cove Road. This persistence indicates a territorial male, either hoping for a mate or perhaps already mated, and looking around, it is easy to see why this bird has set up shop.



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