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## GE threatens to walk out on Vineyard Wind

Offshore wind developer sues,  
says this could doom the project.

BY HAYLEY DUFFY

Just as Vineyard Wind 1 announced that construction was finally done after a decade of political debates and hard work, the company has filed a lawsuit against the wind farm's central contractor, GE Vernova, after the energy company threatened to walk away from the project.

The issue at the center of this latest skirmish for the controversial energy project is what GE Vernova said are \$300 million in payments withheld by Vineyard Wind. But Vineyard Wind insists they don't owe the energy company any payment. In fact, they said after the blade failure in July 2024 caused a two-year construction delay, GE Vernova owes them funds that surpass the payments withheld. This raises the spectre of what Vineyard Wind claims and what is ominously phrased in court documents as the potential of a "dormant wind farm graveyard."

The offshore wind farm is located 15 miles south of the Island, and announced in March that the construction phase was complete, more than a decade after the lease area for the project was awarded in 2015. It was a long-awaited and hard-earned achievement, made even longer and harder by several recent roadblocks set in place by the federal government.

And just as the project saw the light at the end of the tunnel and was on the verge of what's called "commercial operation," when the farm could generate electricity for sale at a fixed price, the unexpected happened.

In court documents, Vineyard Wind said its "most important contractor," energy equipment manufacturer and services company GE Vernova, threatened to abandon the project "on the eve of completion," or by April 28, because of withheld payments; GE Vernova sent the wind farm developer a termination notice at the end of February. Court documents from a

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The Oak Bluffs Town Meeting was well-attended.

DENA PORTER

## Three towns approve overrides

In the face of staggering overrides worth millions of dollars, voters in Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, and West Tisbury voted Tuesday in favor of allowing the towns to increase the amount they can collect through property taxes. Town officials have said various factors, from rising costs to insurance rate hikes, have

contributed to large funding gaps that needed to be filled. West Tisbury had the highest override of the three towns, passing a \$3.5 million measure. And today, voters head to the polls to ratify this decision, and to decide who will be the next leaders in their towns.

Various issues went before voters in each

town on Tuesday night, from Edgartown pursuing the acquisition of the Martha's Vineyard Boys & Girls Club property to West Tisbury approving an override for upgrades to its police station, potentially as a new headquarter for the town's Council on Aging. Read the full coverage starting on A8.

Town meetings are one of the great rites of spring on the Island. It is where voters make important decisions that impact their communities for years to come. We celebrate the great New England tradition in our editorial "An ode to town meetings." And we explore the history of town meetings in an essay titled "Town meeting: Spark of a revolution." (See both on A4.)

## Extensive mapping of deer population is in

Study shows hot spots in battle to control ticks. BY HAYLEY DUFFY

From dusk to dawn, drones were flown daily this winter from more than 100 spots across the Island to collect and mark the heat signatures of deer, in what is regarded as the most extensive survey of the herd ever done.

Now the results are in. The nonprofit Tick Free Martha's Vineyard (Tick Free MV), which commissioned the study, publicly released the report yesterday that confirmed that the density of deer on the Island is approximately 53 per square mile, and that in certain hot spots, such as Chilmark and Aquinnah, there are two to three times higher densities of deer. The

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## Island family stranded in Canada after visa renewal denial

An online fundraising campaign has been launched to support the Freeze's. BY SARA CREATO

An Island family, stranded in Canada for the past six weeks due to a denied visa renewal following a family ski trip, has been forced to seek new documentation in order to try to return home.

The family's status continues to remain uncertain after federal border officials rejected Michael Freeze's work visa renewal application.

For the past six weeks, the Freeze family has had to stay at the house of one of Michael's friend's parents while they're away. Michael said that not knowing when his family can return to the Island has been

scary. "Everything is just time and time, and the hardest part is that we don't know when this time is going to end," he said.

Michael and his wife, Cinthya Freeze, first moved to the Island four years ago after Michael began working as a construction consultant for Rosbeck Builders Corp. in Edgartown. Originally from Alberta, Canada, Michael, 32, and Cinthya, 34, live in Oak Bluffs with their three children, Noah, 9, Olivia, 7, and Luca, 3.

To work in the U.S., Michael holds a TN visa, which allows Canadian

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The Freeze family has been stuck in Canada for months now.

COURTESY FREEZE FAMILY



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# Christian camp's housing proposal faces pushback from neighbors

Abutters highlighted elevated noise and strain to the nearby environment.

BY SARAH SHAW DAWSON

Homeowners in West Tisbury are sounding an alarm over a recent workforce housing proposal for what they say is an example of a change in character in residential areas through housing developments and the resulting potential environmental damage to local ponds.

The proposal, which went in front of the West Tisbury zoning board of appeals on Thursday, April 9, was submitted by the Vineyard branch of a national Christian summer camp called FOCUS, or the Fellowship of Christians in Universities and Schools. Representatives from the organization applied for a special permit to convert one of the organization's existing properties into employee housing.

Two co-facilities managers of FOCUS, a couple named Stoddard and Linda Lane-Reticker, said on Thursday that they hope to turn the property at 420 Lambert's Cove Road, which has a view of Seth's Pond, into dormitory-style housing for a dozen of their employees. They cited the increased need for workplace housing on the Vineyard, and their desire to repurpose an empty building they own and put it to use.

"We feel that there's a need for additional staff, and we would like to house them well," Linda Lane-Reticker said to the board.

420 Lambert's Cove Road is made up of a main house and guesthouse, capable of housing up to 16 people between them. FOCUS is looking to house eight women in the main house and four men in the guesthouse, all of college age and employed by the organization, plus a resident manager in each. The organization purchased the property in September for \$4.25 million from Ellen French Bunch and Doyle L. Bunch.

But for abutters of the long-established summer camp, some of whom were at the meeting held in West Tisbury Town Hall, the proposal is much less simple: It represents their concerns for a change in the town's character in resi-

dential areas like Lambert's Cove, and the reach of mainland-based organizations into Island life.

Four letters were sent to the board prior to Thursday's meeting, all from abutters who outlined various qualms about the project. Abutters particularly took issue with the summer camp's proximity to Seth's Pond. They pointed to elevated noise that travels across the pond to other properties, wastewater considerations, increases in nitrogen loads, and cyanobacteria blooms in the water, which can be harmful to people and pets. Neighbors also noted that increased activity in the area would further strain Seth's Pond's ecosystems.

"This is a big organization expanding their reach into a residential neighborhood," Ben Zimmerman, a homeowner whose home abuts the FOCUS campus, said on Thursday. "It doesn't have to be allowed, and it shouldn't be allowed."

The FOCUS summer camp has been held on the Island for 50 years, drawing about 700 attendees each year from May to August. Attendees ranging from middle-school to college students participate in Vineyard life for a weekend to a week during the warmer months, engaging in structured activities and leisure time on the FOCUS campus off Lambert's Cove Road. The camp experience is meant to deepen the campgoers' relationships with God and their Christian faith, the organization's website states.

FOCUS' first property, acquired for \$1 in 1973, is now used as the camp's study center. They own multiple properties, including 420 Lambert's Cove Road, across 30 acres. A few of the properties are used to house workers, with the rest used for their facilities and camp dormitories, including a lodge, barn, and dining hall. They also have a basketball court, a tennis court, and a volleyball court on the property.

One contention for abutters is the fact that

FOCUS is exempt from paying residential taxes on many of their properties due to their standing as a faith-based organization. But FOCUS is paying taxes on 420 Lambert's Cove Road, according to Linda Lane-Reticker, because they only recently purchased the property.

Some abutters were concerned about a future tax exemption on a property that didn't formerly have one, which would reduce revenue to West Tisbury. But whether the special permit is approved or not, FOCUS, due to its tax exemptions as a nonprofit and faith-based organization, can apply for the exemption in question this coming July.

"It's wrong, if not preventable, that a tax-paying residential property be converted to a nonpaying commercial property," Jon Previant, who lives across the pond from the FOCUS campus, said. Then he addressed the board: "If you allow that, then you set a very bad precedent."

The Lane-Retickers did contribute a one-time payment of \$4,344 in lieu of taxes to the town of West Tisbury this year for a program the town launched called PILOT, the only local tax-exempt nonprofit to do so. The PILOT program was started last spring to address the gap in revenue from the many tax-exempt property owners in the town.

The zoning board decided to schedule a hearing date for 5:30 pm on April 23 to discuss the special permit again, and urged the Lane-Retickers to get more information about how 420 Lambert's Cove Road could fit into an existing development of regional impact (DRI) classification that FOCUS already has for much of its campus. A DRI is a designation given as a part of the Martha's Vineyard Commission's review process for projects that would have a significant impact to its surrounding area.

"Maybe it is time for the [Martha's Vineyard] Commission to have another look at further expansion," Julius Lowe, vice chair of the zoning board, said to Stoddard and Linda Lane-Reticker.

The Lane-Retickers agreed to look at the existing DRI, and were steadfast on FOCUS' need for quality workplace housing units. They also assured the board that they've abided by all residential rules in recent years, including the 10 pm sound ordinance in West Tisbury.

"One of the things about this property

that was so attractive to FOCUS is it is right smack in the Vineyard vernacular," Linda Lane-Reticker said. She and Stoddard Lane-Reticker said the home was appealing to FOCUS exactly because of its residential feel and "farmhouse look."

The couple said their goal is to provide viable housing for their employees, especially because standards for employee housing have gone up nationwide.

"The American population has desired, by and large, a higher standard of amenities than was commonplace before. And that has been true — we have seen that play out," said Linda Lane-Reticker.

But for the same reason FOCUS and the organization's representatives were drawn to the property, abutters are opposed.

"There's a changing of the character of the neighborhood," Klaus Broscheit, who said he's lived in the area for 30 years, said on Thursday. "I've watched FOCUS, over the years, expand ... I'm seeing a change of the neighborhood too much." **MVT**

# Island resident sentenced in rape case; one detained by ICE

Ana Beatriz Dasilva Sousa was picked up by ICE after a superior court hearing this month. BY NICHOLAS VUKOTA

Two Brazilian nationals accused of child rape were convicted on Tuesday, April 7, at a Dukes County Superior Court hearing at the Edgartown courthouse. One defendant, whose child rape charge was dismissed but who was convicted on a lesser charge, was taken into custody by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents as she left the building.

Jair Fernandes Deoliveira Jr., 26, and Ana Beatriz Dasilva Sousa, 25, were both indicted in March 2025 on a total of seven charges, including raping a minor between October and November 2024 in Oak Bluffs, according to court documents. They were brought before Superior Court Judge Daniel M. Wrenn last week for a change-of-plea hearing, both pleading guilty to certain charges, while others were dismissed.

At a status review hearing in December last year, Superior Court Judge Maureen Hogan set bail at \$20,000 for each defendant because she deemed they were high flight risks. She highlighted that ICE has detainers against them, and the two defendants are undocumented individuals in the U.S. Deoliveira was held at the Dukes County House of Correction facility in Edgartown, and Sousa was at

the Barnstable County Correctional Facility, after their indictments.

"They are from Brazil, not the U.S. They do have family here on Martha's Vineyard, but they are not from here. I know they don't have any criminal records here, but they were only here for a couple months," said Hogan at the hearing in December. "Then there is the issue of the third party, the federal government and ICE. ICE has detainers against them because they are here illegally."

Deoliveira changed his plea to guilty at the hearing on April 7, where he was convicted on four of his seven indictments, including witness, juror, police, or court official intimidation, kidnapping, indecent assault and battery on a child under 14, and rape of a child. He was sentenced to a total of two years and one day, to be served at the Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center, a maximum security prison in Lancaster. According to court documents, Deoliveira was credited with 454 days of time served while being held at the correctional facility in Edgartown since his indictment in March, so he will be held in state prison for only around nine months.

Deoliveira has a detainer placed on him by ICE, and local attorneys said the immigration



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agency is likely waiting for him to finish serving his time in state prison to deport him. Deoliveira also has conditions to serve three years of probation after his release from prison, to register as a sex offender, and stay at least 100 yards away and have no direct contact with the victim.

Sousa, Deoliveira's co-defendant, also pleaded guilty to one of her charges at the courthouse last week, and was convicted for intimidating a witness, juror, police officer, or court official, while her other charges, including aggravated rape of a child, were dismissed. She was sentenced to one year at the Dukes County House of Correction, but was also credited 454 days for her time at the Barnstable County Correctional Facility while her case was ongoing. Although she did not face as severe of a punishment from the court, local court officials confirmed that Sousa was released to ICE custody as she was leaving the courthouse following her hearing on April 7.

It is uncertain where Sousa is currently being held. A representative of ICE was not immediately available for comment. **MVT**

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# High school building costs for year-rounders sharpen into focus

A new tax calculator tool illuminates individual homeowner tax burdens, although school officials say it's still being updated. **BY SARAH SHAW DAWSON**

**A** new tool for calculating an individual homeowner's tax increase from the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School's (MVRHS) building project went live last Friday, clarifying how each town's differing policies impact the cost burden on year-round residents.

The Times published the first look at tax burdens for all property owners in March based on data from UniBank and real estate prices in each town. But the tax calculator is a deeper look, showing residents their individual payments based on their own home's value.

The Island-wide vote to approve or deny the \$333.5 million project will take place on June 2, with millions in reimbursement funding on the line. It's one of the most important milestones for the planned renovation and addition, which is nearly a decade in the making.

"It is important to us that everyone understands what this project means to the students, the staff, and the Island, and how much it is estimated to cost," Mark Friedman, the school district business administrator, said in a statement to The Times.

Homeowners will be responsible for the cost long after a new high school is built. Construction is scheduled to finish in 2030 if approved by voters, but payments from taxpayers to cover the costs will continue and be spread out over the next 30 years.

The tax calculator is based on 2026 residential data from each town. It also assumes a 3.95 percent interest on a 30-year bond, according to Sam Hart, the director of operations at MVRHS. Hart said the calculator is undergoing updates to be as accurate as possible for homeowners.

"The intended purpose of the calculator is to help Island property owners (with and without the year-round exemption) understand the potential impact to their taxes using the assumptions provided by the district's financial advisor," Hart said. "We will update the tool as we work to refine those assumptions."

Seasonal property owners will actually shoulder the most significant portion of the project. With about 60 percent of the Island's housing stock considered vacant, or lived in for 2 months or less out of the year, more than half of the project will go to their annual tax bills.

But those same seasonal residents, who are largely unable to vote on the project come June if their primary address is elsewhere, will pay even more in towns with a residential tax exemption, which is a redistribution of tax burden away from year-rounders. The exemption was adopted in Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and West

Tisbury, with Aquinnah considering it at its town meeting in May.

But year-rounders will still see additional tax on their annual bills, with the exact amount being dependent on the assessed value of their home. In towns with the residential tax exemption, the savings are substantial for a year-rounder, shaving off up to 30 percent of the cost in West Tisbury and 15 percent in Oak Bluffs.

The MVRHS building project will cost about \$333.5 million, with an additional \$47 million of interest over 30 years. The debt for the cost of the rebuilt school will be distributed in a near-equal amount over that time, with taxpayers paying significantly less for the first and last five years of payments. The building plan is for a net-zero, sustainable structure, like the Tisbury School, a project that hired some of the same design and construction companies as MVRHS. Solar panels are currently being installed at the Tisbury School to reduce electricity costs.

The total cost will also be eased by a \$71 million reimbursement by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), a quasi-state organization that provides financial assistance to school building projects throughout Massachusetts. If the project is voted down on June 2 by voters, this reimbursement could be lost.

Michael Watts, who was highly involved in the Tisbury School renovation project as a school committee member, told The Times he's familiar with exactly what that feels like. Tisbury taxpayers were shouldered with about \$30 million more after just a few votes down resulted in a loss of MSBA reimbursement.

"A no vote does not take away the need," Watts said.

One thing Watts gleaned from spearheading the Tisbury School effort is that small fixes only go so far. For the Tisbury School, a more comprehensive renovation was a cheaper alternative to constant repairs.

Watts pointed to the HVAC system in the regional high school, which needs to be upgraded regardless of this project, which he estimated would cost around \$20 million alone. The mold in the building and asbestos under floorboards, as well as dated mechanical and electrical systems, all need to be remedied due to the health risks they pose to teachers and students, especially when flooding occurs.

There are also many programs that are slated for upgrades through the building project because the classroom sizes don't meet state standards. The Career and Tech-

nical Education (CTE) Programs, like mechanical, cooking, horticulture, and early childhood education, are the most glaring examples, with spaces far below standards.

Islanders have raised inquiries for months about the size of the school, and whether the square footage can be reduced to save money, as the tax burden may have a huge impact on individuals and families across the Island, as costs rise for housing, groceries, gas, and childcare, among other necessities.

School committee members said the CTE programs are the reason for much of the square-footage increases, but cutting the programs would be a detriment to students, many of whom go into the trades, education, or hospitality after high school.

With construction costs on the Island about 30 percent higher than on the mainland, Watts said, the cost of these fixes is not going down. "It has to get done eventually," he said.

*All figures below were calculated through the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Building Project Tax Calculator, as well as through data from UniBank and property values from each town's assessor. These figures are just one example of the payments for the high school project over the years, but Islanders' actual tax burden will ultimately be based on their individual property values. Find out what you will pay at [mvrhsbuilding-project.info/tax-calculator-home](http://mvrhsbuilding-project.info/tax-calculator-home).*

A year-round taxpayer in Tisbury with the median assessed residential property value of **\$1,312,000** (provided by Tisbury assessor Ann Marie Cywinski) will pay **\$580.07 annually** in the peak years, **between 2033 and 2058** — taking into account the decrease from the **22 percent residential tax exemption**.

- **Percentage of high school project costs:** 22.9 percent
- **Monetary value of the town's share:** \$59,082,000
- **2026 residential tax rate in Tisbury:** \$7.42 per \$1,000 of assessed value
- **Increase on residential tax rate at peak, per year:** \$0.62 per \$1,000 of assessed value
- **Residential tax exemption:** 22 percent, or \$2,773 per year for qualifying year-round homeowners

**For a \$1.5 million home, which is the 2024 Island-wide median, a year-round taxpayer in Tisbury would pay \$752.81 annually between 2033 and 2058, taking into account the 22 percent residential tax exemption.**

A year-round taxpayer in Oak Bluffs with the median assessed residential property value of **\$1,084,100** (provided by Oak Bluffs assessor Dawn Barnes) will pay **\$477.65 annually** in the peak years, **between 2033 and 2058** — taking into account the decrease from the **15 percent residential tax exemption**.

- **Percentage of project costs:** 22.89 percent
- **Monetary value of the town's share:** \$59,056,200

- **2026 residential tax rate in Oak Bluffs:** \$4.99 per \$1,000 of assessed value
- **Increase on residential tax rate at peak, per year:** \$0.52 per \$1,000 of assessed value
- **Residential tax exemption:** 15 percent, or \$995.83 a year

**For a \$1.5 million home, which is the 2024 Island-wide median, a year-round taxpayer in Oak Bluffs would pay \$702.23 annually between 2033 and 2058, taking into account the 15 percent residential tax exemption.**

A year-round taxpayer in Edgartown with the median assessed residential property value of **\$1,610,700** (provided by Edgartown assessor Patti Roads) will pay **\$467.10 annually** in the peak years, **between 2033 and 2058**.

- **Percentage of project costs:** 30.13 percent
- **Monetary value of the town's share:** \$77,735,400
- **2026 residential tax rate in Edgartown:** \$2.48 per \$1,000 of assessed value
- **Increase on residential tax rate at peak, per year:** \$0.29 per \$1,000 of assessed value
- **Residential tax exemption:** None

**For a \$1.5 million home, which is the 2024 Island-wide median, a year-round taxpayer in Edgartown would pay \$435 annually between 2033 and 2058.**

A year-round taxpayer in West Tisbury with the median assessed residential property value of **\$1,484,850** (provided by West Tisbury assessor MacGregor Anderson) will pay **\$358.53 annually** in the peak years, **between 2033 and 2058** — taking into account the decrease from the **30 percent residential tax exemption**.

- **Percentage of project costs:** 13.42 percent
- **Monetary value of the town's share:** \$34,623,600
- **2026 residential tax rate:** \$5.21 per \$1,000 of assessed value
- **Increase on residential tax rate at peak, per year:** \$0.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value
- **Residential tax exemption:** 30 percent, or \$5,885.37

**For a \$1.5 million home, which is the 2024 Island-wide median, a year-round taxpayer in West Tisbury would pay \$401.04 annually between 2033 and 2058, taking into account the 30 percent residential tax exemption.**

A year-round taxpayer in Chilmark with the median assessed residential property value of **\$2,200,000** (provided by Chilmark assessor Pam Bunker) will pay **\$440 annually** in the peak years, **between 2033 and 2058**.

- **Percentage of project costs:** 8.26 percent
- **Monetary value of the town's share:** \$21,310,800
- **2026 residential tax rate:** \$2.28 per \$1,000 of assessed value
- **Increase on residential tax rate at peak, per year:** \$0.20 per \$1,000 of assessed value
- **Residential tax exemption:** None

**For a \$1.5 million home, which is the 2024 Island-wide median, a year-round taxpayer in Chilmark would pay \$300 annually between 2033 and 2058.**

A year-round taxpayer in Aquinnah with the median assessed residential property value of **\$1,550,400** (provided by Aquinnah assessor Harald Sheid) will pay **\$558.14 annually** in the peak years, **between 2033 and 2058**.

- **Percentage of project costs:** 2.4 percent
- **Monetary value of the town's share:** \$6,192,000
- **2026 residential tax rate:** \$6.87 per \$1,000 of assessed value
- **Increase on residential tax rate at peak, per year:** \$0.36 per \$1,000 of assessed value
- **Residential tax exemption:** None, but one is being proposed at 35 percent during this town meeting cycle.

**For a \$1.5 million home, which is the 2024 Island-wide median, a year-round taxpayer in Aquinnah would pay \$540 annually between 2033 and 2058. mvr**



COURTESY MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

A rendering of the renovation and addition of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School.

# EDITORIAL

## An ode to town meetings

In one of the rites of spring, Islanders will be heading into their respective halls to attend a great pageant of New England: the annual town meeting. On Tuesday, three communities on the Island — Oak Bluffs, Edgartown, and West Tisbury — held their town meetings, and voters made important decisions that will impact their communities. The other three towns will soon follow with their own meetings.

From sky-high overrides utilized to fill major gaps in town budgets to changing bylaws for how affordable dwelling units are regulated, residents made decisions that could affect their towns for years to come. And today, as our print edition hits your mailbox, residents will go to the polls to vote for candidates running for public offices. In Oak Bluffs, there are 18 seats on the ballot. In Edgartown, 15 seats. And in West Tisbury, 14 seats. Sadly, almost all of them are uncontested races. The only contested race on Thursday is for the West Tisbury Select Board seat, between Jessica Miller and Garrison Vieira, and we look forward to covering how the elections turn out. Voters will have ballot questions to consider, as well.

Town meeting season can be a heavy lift in the town halls. Municipal officials toil for months

over various issues that need to go on warrant articles. Town finances need to be meticulously calculated, and various departments will need to convince voters why their proposed expenses are justified. Residents, through town board meetings and word of mouth, hear of decisions being considered around the community, and some decide to submit petitions to attempt to enact change themselves. Sometimes, mixed into the batter of municipal governance, drama can flare over certain issues. Perhaps the most memorable of these in recent years was in 2023, when the local high school's budget was nearly jeopardized over heated disagreements on whether a new synthetic turf field should be installed on the campus.

The primary objective of town meetings is for voters to approve or deny different warrant articles, many of them relating to expenses and potential changes to town bylaws. But it's more than just a cyclical gathering to force the elected officials to make decisions. It's an annual tradition where a community-wide discussion happens town by town, and various scenes play out. Old friends and newcomers gather at a single spot, jovially catching up after a long winter, as officials prepare to get the town meeting started. Truth be told, it usually doesn't start on time. Moments of silence are held in remembrance of residents who died in the past year. Voters hold their voting cards over their heads

in favor of or opposition to certain articles, although that visual has been replaced in some towns by clickers, where voters use handheld devices to make a decision, and the collective will is displayed on a screen.

And, of course, we have to remember how late into the night these town meetings can go. Sometimes, when the meetings stretch through the night, a slow trickle of voters out the doors reduces the crowd to below a required quorum. Around midnight is usually the limit for many voters, and if more time is needed, round two will begin the next evening.

Perhaps some of these familiar scenes played out long ago on the Island. Town meetings are centuries-old governing structures that have led to various major decisions. As we learned from an essay contributed this week by Deborah Medders, former Tisbury town moderator, town meeting was where a decision to boycott British goods was made in 1775 in the lead-up to the American Revolution.

Half of the Island's towns have yet to hold town meetings. So we want to encourage residents in Tisbury, Chilmark, and Aquinnah to go out and vote. Each vote and each voice matters when deciding the future of the community. We want to invite you to join this annual dance, this rite of spring, and be a part of participating in our democracy.

## ESSAY

### Town meeting: Spark of a revolution

BY DEBORAH MEDDERS

As our Island towns convene for their annual town meetings this spring 2026, we have the opportunity to reflect back 250 years, to when nearly 60 Massachusetts towns, in 1776 alone, debated the notion of Independence. In 1776 — actually, beginning in 1774 — the three towns on the Vineyard incorporated in 1671, Chilmark, Edgartown, and Tisbury, were taking up their own declarations.

When the British passed the Massachusetts Government Act in 1774 to ban town meetings, it was taken as a direct assault on liberty. In response, many towns barred their doors against British soldiers and continued meeting, often enumerating the grievances that became a foundational influence on the Declaration of Independence.

In 1774, delegates to the First

Continental Congress from the various colonies met in Philadelphia in September and October to discuss the deepening crisis and Britain's increasingly heavy-handed crackdown. While that was still going on, all three Vineyard towns formed "committees of correspondence" to do the same thing on a local level.

Representatives of the towns met at the courthouse in Tisbury on Nov. 9, 1774, and held a "county congress," adopting a slate of 12 resolutions that mirrored those passed in Philadelphia: defying Parliament, protesting its oppressive taxation, and insisting on their right to control their own affairs. The ninth resolution demanded "that town meetings ought to be held in this county as hath been usual," declared the ban on them an "oppressive act," and accused the Crown and its supporters of "violating its just rights laws and liberties."

The resolutions, endorsed unanimously by the county congress, reflected a belief in the power of words and reasoned argument — the cornerstones of the town meeting system. They cautioned against "violations and mobbish proceed-

ings," and urged the citizens of the Island to avoid "all acts of outrage and violence." They called not for independence, but for a "happy union and harmony" between Mother England and the American colonies. They insisted, however, that the "just rights and privileges" of the colonists be respected. That, as always, was the sticking point.

The year 1774 — what historian Mary Beth Norton called "the Long Year of Revolution" — gave way to 1775, and Britain blundered deeper into a crisis from which it could have backed gracefully out. Preferring force to reason, Britain prepared to deploy the king's army and navy to crush the rebellion. The Islanders, seeing the writing on the wall, continued to meet among themselves — to talk, to plan, and to coordinate action.

A resolution by Edgartown to boycott virtually all British goods, passed in the wake of the county congress, took effect on Jan. 1, 1775. Those who refused to sign, or sought to evade it, were declared to be "enemies of the country and supporters of the oppressive acts of the British

Parliament." Tisbury began the year by voting to send its taxes not to Boston but to the treasurer designated by the provincial congress. The town chose, in other words, to fund the voices of protest and dissent rather than support the oppressive and illegal acts of the Crown. Tisbury voted to form a five-man "Committee of Inspection," meant to coordinate local resistance, in early March. Dukes County created a similar "Committee of Safety" on April 12.

The process of these colonial town meeting deliberations and votes translated local grievances into a unified philosophy of natural rights. These natural rights informed the aspirations enumerated in the Declaration of Independence.

They caused the spark of a revolution in 1775 with "the shot heard round the world" in Concord, to become the full conflagration of the American Revolution in 1776.

*Deborah Medders is the former town moderator of Tisbury. She expresses appreciation to A. Bowdoin Van Riper of the Martha's Vineyard Museum for his contributions.*

## LETTER

### State needs to lead possible changes for Steamship Authority

To the Editor:

Recently, at public meetings in Nantucket and on Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts Inspector General Jeffrey Shapiro presented his office's Dec. 18, 2025, report ("The Steamship Authority's Website Development Project; Poor Planning and Lax Oversight Wastes Millions") regarding the "cascade of failures" that led to the Steamship Authority's failed website project. The report outlined the lack of planning and management by SSA leadership and the extensive lack of oversight by the SSA board and Port Council members.

IG Shapiro reviewed how the website project was misguided, mismanaged, and wasted close to \$4.2 million in public funds.

State Sen. Julian Cyr and Rep. Thomas Moakley hosted the meetings, and were joined by the new SSA general manager, Alex Kryska. Kryska was there to respond to the report, talk about how the SSA will address the findings and recommendations, and answer questions from the public. He stated he understands that SSA leadership also needs to take a "hard look" at spending on capital projects, including the recent purchase of the three freight ferries and the Woods Hole terminal building.

One of the most important recommendations from the Office of the Inspector General was that a legislative

commission be formed. This commission would examine and clarify the relationship between the board, the Port Council, and SSA management. In addition, members of the commission would review the Enabling Act to clarify and articulate the fiduciary obligations of the Steamship Authority and the necessary oversight needed by the board. IG Shapiro recommends that the commission examine whether to increase the number of members on the board to include specific subject-matter experts (i.e., accounting, maritime, strategic planning, environmental experts, etc.).

We strongly support the formation of a legislative commission to further examine the recommendations for meaningful change at the Steamship Authority. Having a new general

manager at the helm is a hopeful start to ensure more transparency for the public and successful financial oversight of capital projects. However, a comprehensive approach to real reform would include a legislative commission to take a deep look at the inadequacies in the 60-year-old Enabling Act. Needs have changed significantly since, and the Island populations have grown tenfold. We urge Sen. Cyr and Rep. Moakley to conduct working sessions with their constituents to exchange ideas for moving this forward.

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# ESSAY

## Will the Supreme Court protect our neighbors?

BY JACK FRUCHTMAN

Are our Brazilian neighbors citizens of the U.S. if they are born on U.S. soil, even if their parents do not have proper documentation? The Constitution's 14th Amendment, now 158 years old, when read properly, proclaims that they are. Its first sentence reads, "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside." On the day he took the oath of office 14 months ago, President Donald Trump signed an executive order that claimed the children of undocumented immigrants were not citizens because they are not "subject to the jurisdiction of the United States."

The MV Times covered this issue twice last year: first, just after the president signed the order, in an essay titled "Birthright citizenship and our Brazilian neighbors," and then in "Birthright citizenship and universal injunctions." These two essays appeared before the Supreme Court heard arguments on whether a child born to a person who enters the U.S. without documentation will be recognized as a U.S. citizen. On April 1, the court dealt with the case that challenges their citizenship in *Trump v. Barbara*.

U.S. Solicitor General John Sauer, arguing for the president, claimed that a child born to a person without documentation is not a citizen because the parents, he said, were not "domiciled" in the U.S. That is, they do not intend to make the U.S. their legal, permanent home. (Domicile is a technical legal term: according to the Cornell Legal Information Institute, it "refers to someone's true, principal, and permanent home. In other words, the place where a person has physically lived, regards as home, and intends to return even if currently residing elsewhere.")

In response, Cecillia Wang, the national legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union, contended, for the unnamed pregnant mother called Barbara, that the 14th Amendment's citizenship clause has long been understood simply to mean that anyone born on U.S. soil is an American. She cited not only the Constitution but also English common law, on which U.S. law is based, as well as an 1898 Supreme Court case, *U.S. v. Wong Kim Ark*, and the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act. They all entirely confirm her position concerning the longstanding, traditional view of birthright citizenship.

Let's examine these one at a time. First, English common law. In his friend-of-the-court brief (technically an amicus brief), Yale Law Professor Keith Whittington cited the 18th century English jurist and justice Sir William Blackstone, who is most well-known as the foremost interpreter of common law doctrine. In his famous four-volume "Commentaries on

the Laws of England" (1765–69), he addressed the subject of birthright citizenship. Whittington states that Blackstone was clear about this matter when Blackstone wrote, "The children of aliens, born here in England, are, generally speaking, natural-born subjects, and entitled to all the privileges of such." Whittington concludes that "according to Blackstone, most aliens within the realm owed local allegiance, or obedience, to the sovereign, and the sovereign in turn owed them protection so long as they were within his dominion."

Second, the case of Wong Kim Ark. Though born in San Francisco, he visited relatives in China, but was unable to return to the U.S. because the authorities claimed he lacked U.S. citizenship because the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act prohibited the immigration of anyone from China to the U.S. Wong Kim Ark was the son of undocumented immigrants who lived in California for 20 years before returning to China. He won his case when it reached the Supreme Court in a six-to-two decision. Writing for the court, Justice Horace Grey established the principle of *jus soli*, which recognizes citizenship of children born on U.S. soil to undocumented immigrants (or illegal aliens, as they are sometimes incorrectly called). Grey ruled that Wong Kim Ark's parents were in fact domiciled in the U.S. at the time of his birth, giving him citizenship status. In other words, their allegiance was to the U.S. government.

Finally, the 1952 Immigration

and Nationality Act. In this measure, Congress clearly restated in the law what the 14th Amendment declares: "The following shall be nationals and citizens of the United States at birth: a person born in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof." In other words, Congress confirmed in a statute the constitutional provision that a child born in the U.S. automatically possesses U.S. citizenship, period.

Many justices on April 1 challenged Solicitor General Sauer's argument concerning a person's domicile. For example, Sauer claimed that an undocumented parent must absolutely intend to remain permanently in the U.S. for their children to become citizens. He said that with the influx of so many thousands of undocumented immigrants today, "it's a new world in which billions of people are now a flight away" from the U.S. But Chief Justice John Roberts would not let him get away with this assertion. He immediately quipped, "Well, it's a new world, but the same Constitution," calling Sauer's argument "very quirky."

We will not know until June or July how the court will eventually rule. Island Brazilian neighbors here will have to live in limbo until then, but based on the arguments before the justices on April 1, we should have hope that they will confirm the traditional and longstanding definition of birthright citizenship.

*Jack Fruchtman, who lives in Aquinnah, taught constitutional law and politics for more than 40 years.*

# ESSAY

## Remembering Rudy Klijnkrumer

BY SIG VAN RAAN

*Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) commemorates the 6 million Jews who were systematically killed during the Holocaust. Around the world, Jewish communities observe it with special services, the lighting of yellow candles, and reading the names of the victims. This year, it began at sundown on April 13.*

On Holocaust Memorial Day, my mind turns to my own experiences from that era, and the relationships that sprang from it. My earliest memory of Rudy is from September 1949, when he came to my house in The Hague for my fourth birthday party, and brought me a fresh orange and a chocolate bar, both very dear items in postwar Holland.

The next time I met him was in the summer of 1968, when my girlfriend and I visited Holland on a summer trip through Europe. He gave me a set of cufflinks made from 1¢ coins dated 1945. He referred to me as his "Oorlog Broertje" (War Brother).

My parents always referred to Rudy as the "little boy who came to live with them" during the war. Rudy was Jewish, and needed to be hidden, and he became part of the family, as he has been ever since those dark times so many years ago. After the war, he was reunited with his parents, who had been hidden at a farm in the Dutch countryside.

What an extraordinary human being: a witness to the worst times of humanity who, with his beloved wife Tillie, made a life and created a love story.

There are so many anecdotes that illustrate how exceptional Rudy was. There was another little boy who came to live with my parents during the war. His name was Peter, and he was 18 months old. Gerthe, my mother, was bathing Peter in the kitchen sink, as there was no bathtub. Our next-door neighbor came into the kitchen without knocking. She was a woman my mother did not particularly like, as she thought her husband might be a member of the NSB (Dutch Nazis). My mother asked Rudy to take care of Peter in the sink while she sat and listened to the neighbor. Rudy took some soap and quickly made a lot of bubbles in the sink. Peter laughed with delight at the bubbles, which Rudy used to hide the little boy's circumcision from the nosy neighbor. Then he wrapped Peter in a towel and told Gerthe he would dry him off in the other room and play with him. This 10-year-old boy, with strategic initiative, took control of a situation that could have been tragic.

A few years ago, when Susan and I came to Amsterdam, we met Rudy for a dinner one evening. Before dinner, he took us to the new Holocaust memorial wall that had the names of the Amsterdam Jews who had been murdered by the Nazis. He brought a prayer book and proceeded to say the prayer for the dead as we stood in front of a section of the wall that had the names of at least 20 Klijnkrumers (his extended family members) — the oldest in her 70s, the youngest 4 or 5 years old. At one point, he could not continue the prayer as he wept.

Later, at dinner, we ate and drank and made jokes. Rudy was famous for corny jokes.

In 2016 I wrote a play called "The Babylonian Talmud." It was based on the relationship between Rudy and my father, Gerard Van Raan, during those war years and then extended through my father's lifetime.

In the play (as in real life), the Van Raans had brought with them to America in 1951 a full volume of the books of the Talmud. These had been given to my father for safekeeping by Sybil Haber, a compatriot in the Resistance. I believe Sybil was related to the books' owners, who had fled to Argentina earlier under some financial negotiation (bribery) with a Nazi official. Fifty years later, Rudy agreed to find the family and return the books, which he did after some extensive investigation. Rudy arranged a meeting with the brothers, and it was an emotional rendezvous.

In his 90s, this remarkable man would visit schools and share his story, and keep the memories of the war and the lost victims alive. He was committed that we should never forget.

Rudy died suddenly on April 8, 2026, at the age of 92. The timing of this loss, four days before Holocaust Remembrance Day, is a poignant reminder to honor the memories of those who perished — and also of those who survived and went on to add light to the world.

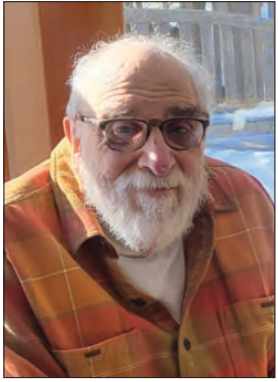
I will so miss Rudy. He was indeed and will always be my War Brother.

May his memory be a blessing to us all.

*"The Babylonian Talmud" was performed as a reading at the Martha's Vineyard Playhouse in 2016. Sig Van Raan, a retired psychotherapist, has lived on the Island since 1992.*

obituaries

Theodore Jochsberger



On April 3, 2026, Theodore Jochsberger, 86, headed off to his next adventure.

Ted was born in the Yorkville neighborhood of Manhattan. His mother immigrated from Hungary, one of 10 children, and his father, an only child, was a first-generation American with roots in Munich. He had one brother, Stephen, who predeceased him, and two daughters, Amy Rochelle, and Linda Jane, who died four years ago.

Ted was a first-generation college student, graduating from Hunter College in the Bronx (now Lehman College), where he majored in chemistry. He was admitted to the graduate chemistry program at City University of New York, where he earned a master's and a Ph.D. before teaching pharmacy students at the Brooklyn College of Pharmacy. While still a young professor, he stepped back into the classroom and sat beside his students as he worked to

earn a bachelor's degree in pharmacy, so he better understood the practice.

His struggles in school benefited his students in the classroom, and the school, as a whole, during his stint as associate dean. He would say that he understood the potential of students whose GPAs might not be stellar, but whose aptitude and work ethics suggested they just needed some extra time and attention.

He was funny, humble, and above all, caring. As a college professor, his students weren't just part of the job, they became part of his ever-extending family. In his more than 40 years of teaching, he touched so many lives, and whenever he ventured into a pharmacy anywhere in the tristate area, he would head straight to the back to see if there was anyone he knew behind the counter. There usually was, and then it was old home week.

When he retired in 2010, he and his wife, Deborah Wells moved to West Tisbury, their happy place. He decided he needed to find a way to contribute, serving on a few town committees. However, his favorite volunteer effort by far was the time he spent helping out in the parking lot during the Ag Fair.

He loved his pets, and shared stories, heartwarming and heartbreaking, about his cats and dogs. But above all of that, he was a devoted father, and somehow survived the soul-crushing loss of his younger

daughter Linda Jane, who was grievously injured as a young teenager in an accident, and remained in a coma for 35 years before her death. Ted forced himself to rally and be present for his older daughter, Amy. No father could have loved a child more than Ted loved Amy, and he never missed an opportunity to show her that in word and deed.

While Ted had many amazing talents, there were also things he just wasn't good at. He loved their home in West Tisbury, but quite rightly said that any maintenance or repairs should be left to those who knew what they were doing. Another area in which he failed to excel was his overwhelming musical talents. Ted was nearly tone-deaf. Despite that, he absolutely loved to sing. One of his favorites was the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." He used to say that the song reminded him that there have been hard times before, and if our ancestors could survive those times, then perhaps so could we.

He is survived by the many family and friends who loved him dearly, and will remain ever grateful to have known him. To honor his legacy, a scholarship has been established in his name at the M.V. Community Foundation. Nothing would honor him more than to have this scholarship reach the level for endowment through thousands of small contributions. To make a tax-deductible donation by

mail, please send a check to M.V. Community Foundation, P.O. Box 243, West Tisbury, MA 02575. Make the check payable to "MV Community Foundation" and write "Theodore Jochsberger" in the memo. Or contribute online at marthasvineyardcf.org; click "donate," then search for "Theodore Jochsberger." For information, call 508-338-4665. A celebration of his life is planned for the fall.

Susan Stevenson

A celebration of life will be held for Susan Stevenson at the Federated Church in Edgartown on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at noon. A reception will be held, following the service, at the Daniel Fisher House on Main Street in Edgartown.

John H. Randolph III



John H. Randolph III ("Randy") passed away in the early morning of March 18, 2026.

A Wampanoag tribal member, he grew up on Martha's

Vineyard and lived on-Island his whole life. He graduated from MVRHS with the class of 1972, and soon after started working for the Oak Bluffs Water Department and District until his retirement. There is a John H. Randolph No. 5 Pumping Station on Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, in Oak Bluffs, named in his honor. He served his community with pride. He worked for 42 years, and was ready to start his retirement.

Randy grew up in Oak Bluffs. Having three sisters, he was taught to be a true gentleman, and it showed. He had lots of friends who loved him dearly. He could be seen driving his blue Jeep, making his rounds to Reliable, the Post Office, and the second bridge, and often hanging at the Head of the Pond, Randolph Way in Oak Bluffs. He loved to make kale soup and BBQ chicken on the grill. Cooking came naturally to him. When Randy was in school he loved playing baseball and basketball, and made special lifetime friends. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. Randy loved his CJ-7 Jeep; he would bring his Aunt Charity (she referred to him as her "favorite nephew") and Uncle Jim to South Beach every summer for their yearly beach ride. Uncle Jim made videos of the day trips, and soon realized he needed shocks. It was a bumpy ride. Randy just needed to let more air out of the tires, down to 12 pounds. That worked!

He was able to travel to Florida with his friends, and made a trip to Chicago to see his Aunt Charity Randolph for her 90th birthday. He really enjoyed those trips, and was so happy to be back home!

He suffered many health problems later in life — cancer, which he beat! When he

was diagnosed with COPD, that really took a toll on his body. He always enjoyed seeing the Osprey Cam at the No. 1 pump station when he stayed in Boston for medical appointments. He just wanted to be home.

Randy worked alongside his dad in the early years. They were best friends. Randy learned a lot from his dad. One of Randy's friends referred to him as "the Water Wizard."

He enjoyed his favorite shows and listening to satellite radio. He had many collections, which we all admired, and if he was feeling up to it, he would show them and explain where they came from.

Randy is survived by his sisters, Rebecca (Larry), Mia (Todd), and Kimberly (Aaron); nieces, Jordan and Saige; nephews, Rashaan, Amani, Michael, Adam, Aidan, and Logan; and many great-nieces and -nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Antoinette and John H. Randolph Jr.; his grandparents, Mildred and John H. Randolph; and his Aunt Charity and Uncle Jim.

His burial was on Saturday, March 21, in Oak Bluffs, and followed by a beautiful celebration of life at the P.A. Club.

The family would like to thank Chapman Funeral Services, the Wampanoag tribal medicine man, Jason Baird, for a truly heartfelt tribute, Carole Vandal for playing the flute, Durwood and Tobias Vanderhoop for representing the Black Brook Drummers, and the P.A. Club for making everything less stressful. We would also like to thank everyone who attended his memorial service. He is truly loved by his community and it showed; thank you.

Rest easy, Big Brother! We love you! **MVT**

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**The Oak Bluffs Water District will be flushing the system April 21-April 30, 2026**

This is a biannual procedure to remove accumulated sediment in the water mains, ensure all hydrants are operating properly and improve water quality. Flushing will be conducted Monday-Friday from 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

Customers are advised that some discoloration of the water may occur if you draw water while we are flushing near your home. If this occurs, you should wait until we are out of your area and then run cold water for several minutes until the discoloration abates.

**Customers are advised to check their water for discoloration prior to washing laundry. The OBWD bears no responsibility for discolored or ruined clothes.**

You may experience a partial drop in pressure while the hydrants are flowing. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Water District office: 508-693-5527.

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

**Oak Bluffs Water District Board of Water Commissioners**

**EDGARTOWN WATER DEPARTMENT PUBLIC NOTIFICATION ANNUAL FLUSHING MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

The Edgartown Water Department will flush the water system beginning Tuesday, April 21 through Friday, April 24, 2026.

Rust-colored water may temporarily develop in some of the areas flushed. Chlorine will be added **only** if disinfecting the system is necessary.

We apologize for any inconvenience this water system maintenance project may cause our customers. Anyone with questions can call the Edgartown Water Department office at 508-627-4717, weekdays from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

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## GE threatens to walk out on Vineyard Wind

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lawsuit filed by Vineyard Wind against GE Vernova said this would doom the project to failure.

"[GE Vernova] walking away threatens the project's very survival," the lawsuit reads.

In a motion dated April 8, Vineyard Wind attorney Jack Pirozzolo filed for a preliminary injunction and temporary restraining order. Separately, the company filed for a more permanent judgment, but currently wants immediate relief on or before April 27 to prevent the contractor from leaving; there is a hearing scheduled for April 16 at the Suffolk County Superior Court in Boston.

GE Vernova is the manufacturer of the Haliade-X blades used for the project, and recently finished installation of the 62 turbines. It was one of its 351-foot blades that fractured off in July 2024, scattered debris across New England shores, and halted progress on the project for six months; blades had to be replaced

on a third of the turbines. GE Vernova was sued by the town of Nantucket after the blade failure, and eventually settled for \$10.5 million.

The contractor asserted that it hadn't been paid in 18 months, hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of work, and threatened to terminate agreements signed back in June 2021.

"Unfortunately, Vineyard Wind has chosen to withhold payments for more than 18 months, totaling more than \$300 million, for work performed. Consequently, GE Vernova exercised its contractual right to terminate the ongoing project agreements for nonpayment," a spokesperson for GE Vernova said in a statement to The Times. "The company remains committed to the safety of the wind farm,

and stands by our performance and our contractual obligations. We will vigorously defend our position through the appropriate legal process."

But Vineyard Wind said in the lawsuit that the claim is "frivolous" and "defies the plain language of the contracts." Attorneys for the developer argue that Vineyard Wind "owes nothing" because GE Vernova "caused catastrophic injury" when the contractor installed 68 defective blades on 25 turbines that resulted in a two-year delay and more than a billion dollars in damages.

Vineyard Wind's attorneys said that GE Vernova actually owes the company \$853 million in claims, mostly from the blade defects. The claims amount was determined by a project engineer appointed under the 2021



GE Vernova plans to abandon the Vineyard Wind 1 project on April 28.

JENNETTE BARNES CAI

**"[GE Vernova] walking away threatens the project's very survival."**

—VINEYARD WIND'S LAWSUIT

agreement to "impartially resolve claims" between the two companies.

Though turbine installation is over, Vineyard Wind needs GE Vernova to use "unique and irreplaceable proprietary technology and tools" so that the turbines can produce power at a commercially viable level, the lawsuit said; as of April 8, all turbines weren't fully

operational, and produced power "at levels well below those intended" based on power purchase agreements signed by Massachusetts electricity distribution companies and Vineyard Wind. The fulfillment of the power purchase agreements is what could lower energy costs for Massachusetts ratepayers.

The turbines also need

"regular specialized maintenance," and the lawsuit said that the \$1.3 billion contract obligates GE Vernova to maintain and service the turbines for five years of operation and guarantee the turbines operate at 97 percent "production availability."

GE Vernova had until April 15 to respond to the complaint. **MVT**

## Island family stranded in Canada after visa renewal denial

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and Mexican citizens to work in certain professions in the U.S. under the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement. For a recipient to remain in the U.S., the visa must be renewed every three years.

The Freezes decided to go on a weekend ski trip in Quebec during their children's school break in February while they renewed Michael's visa. The family, who had successfully made the renewal trip in the past, were also reassured by their lawyer that it'd be fine.

However, the family was denied re-entry into the U.S. on March 2 due to Michael's job description as a construction consultant on his application. Cinthya said that a U.S. Customs and Border Protection agent advised Michael to use a different label, like engineer or architect.

"The officer was really kind, and he was really helpful and empathetic about our whole situation," she said.

The next day, the family went to an Ontario border crossing, and was denied entry a second time. Michael recalled the shock his family felt. "We didn't even know where we were driving at first," he said. "We just parked in a parking lot."

The approval and renewal of TN visas is largely left to the discretion of border officials. Michael said that it seems that officers are stricter with issuing eligibility under the Trump administration.

"There's not anything specific with this administration that stopped us from getting the visa, but it does seem that the officers are having a little bit less leeway," he said.

A spokesperson from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security wrote to The Times that on March 2, the Freeze family was "denied entry into the U.S. because they have no legal status or proper documentation to enter."

Officials from U.S. Customs and Border Protection didn't provide a comment to The Times by print deadline, despite initially agreeing to do so.

Crackdowns on immigration, particularly against undocumented immigrants, have risen dramatically under the Trump administration. The most visible local example occurred when U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and other federal agents swept the Island and detained 20 individuals in March 2025. But the Trump administration has also targeted those with legal immigration status across the country, from student visa holders to refugees.

In a statement, Rep. Bill Keating's office, whose district includes the Vineyard, said that they "have not heard from the Freeze family, but the congressman and his staff stand ready to assist them in any way possible."

To renew his visa, Michael is looking for a new job on the Island that has TN visa eligibility.

Despite the challenges, Cinthya emphasized that her family is determined to return home to the Island. The Freezes are active members in the Vineyard branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS), and the Freeze children attend Oak Bluffs School.

Michael said that the Island was the right fit for his family.

"We fell in love immediately not just with the Island but with the community," he said. "It has that small-town feel because everybody that's here sticks up for each other."

Cinthya said that she and Michael are trying to remain optimistic for their children, whose classmates and teachers at Oak Bluffs School have been frequently checking in on them. "We try to keep

**"We feel like our heart is on the Island, and that's where we need to raise our family. That's why we're fighting so hard to get back."**

—CINTHYA FREEZE

positive for the kids, and we're really hopeful," she said. "It's really tough, and we're taking it one day at a time."

To alleviate the burden of the family's expenses, such as groceries and their rental home on the Island, fellow LDS Church member Melanie Bilodeau set up a GoFundMe campaign. So far, the fundraiser has raised about \$13,000 of its \$24,000 goal.

Bilodeau described the Freeze family as "scrupulously honest."

"They're into living by the laws of the land, which is part of their faith," she said. "They've been stopped in their progress."

Bilodeau feels thankful for the donations: "It's so lovely. I go on every day and

just admire the number," she said. "I'm so grateful to the people of Martha's Vineyard."

Cinthya feels appreciative for the community's contributions and care of their home in their absence. "We feel so grateful for the support that we've been getting. It seriously has been carrying us, and has given us the strength to keep going," she said.

Although they've lived on the Vineyard for only a few years, Cinthya emphasized that the Island is the place their family belongs.

"We feel like our heart is on the Island, and that's where we need to raise our family," she said. "That's why we're fighting so hard to get back." **MVT**

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# Budget overrides, compost, and housing pass in West Tisbury

The town of West Tisbury held its town meeting on Tuesday night, where voters cast their ballots on warrant articles. **BY SARAH SHAW DAWSON**

More than 200 West Tisbury residents filed into the local elementary and middle school on a bright spring day to vote on a 56-article town meeting warrant that will set the tone for the next year, and the future, for residents and municipal representatives alike.

On Tuesday, April 14, the West Tisbury School was packed full of voters, many eager to vote with their mint-green ballots for issues ranging from a budget override to housing initiatives. The town meeting went into the night, with passionate stances from residents on town bylaws and fiscal decisions.

The meeting was moderated by Caroline Flanders.

The anticipated budget article, presented by West Tisbury Accountant Chelsea Joiner, was a proposed override to a state law called Proposition 2½, which was adopted in 1980 and limits how much can be collected through property tax. Joiner said the override — proposed at \$3.49 million — was initiated because of

surging inflation since 2022 that has opened up a massive gap between necessary services and allowable tax growth. The town's annual budget for fiscal year 2027 is \$31.6 million, but they have services that exceed that amount.

If passed, Joiner said, the budget override would add an additional tax of \$1,161 to seasonal taxpayers in the town, and \$705 to those with a residential tax exemption, paid over four quarters.

West Tisbury residents voted yes, with amendments and a slightly lower total amount for the budget override.

The budget was separated into segments based on use. A staggering \$475,000 was requested for PFAS remediation to comply with the state-standard acceptable levels of the "forever chemicals," nicknamed as such because of the incredibly long time it takes for them to break down. Multiple private wells up-Island, including in West Tisbury, have tested positive for high levels of PFAS.

Larry Schubert, chair of the

West Tisbury zoning board of appeals, asked to amend that amount to zero. "The state has mandated that we do this, and didn't provide us with any money," he said. "Maybe they would lend us the money, and we could pay them back on a rainy day."

Town Administrator Jennifer Rand clarified that even without funding, the town would still have to comply with the state health standards. "It is an unfunded mandate that we simply must do," she told Schubert. "If you don't vote [for] this money, we still must do the work."

The other portions of the override were for public safety (\$442,000), town services (\$327,000), employee benefits (\$283,000) to account for an 8 percent increase in health insurance costs, regional services (\$131,000), and \$50,000 for other costs. Skyrocketing health insurance isn't seen only by municipal employees. Vineyards have spoken out this year about untenable premiums, and concerns that they may have to go without

insurance as a result.

Two budgetary considerations were adjusted: one for the up-Island school district, which was decreased by about \$700,000 to a total of \$12 million, and another for the Tri-Town Ambulance. Ben Retmier, the Tri-Town Ambulance chief, said the team rethought their budget and asked to reduce the asking amount by about \$41,051.

The budget wasn't the only article that requested an override. A repaired or replaced HVAC system for the West Tisbury Police Department was passed for \$2 million. "The HVAC system is broken," Rand said to residents. "I can't do anything until I get funding."

Meanwhile, \$70,000 was approved for the installation of a rapid food-waste recycler for public use in West Tisbury, an initiative spearheaded by Island Grown Initiative (IGI) at select board meetings in various towns this year.

While residents of the up-Island town skew older, with a median age over 54, according to a U.S. Census report, resources for younger families kept emerging in discussions on Tuesday night. With a rising cost of living on the Vineyard, and one of the warrant articles directly affecting those with budding home businesses, a few residents pointed to the need to affect positive change for young people to stay on the Island.

A proposed six-or-more-month moratorium on special permits for home businesses was one of the most contested articles of the night, mainly because of the many younger Islanders it could affect. It was drafted by the West Tisbury planning board because of mounting concerns about destruction caused in residential neighborhoods by home businesses.

"These service businesses have been exponentially driven by LLCs," former West Tisbury zoning board of appeals member Jeffrey Cabe said. "It needs to be looked at, because otherwise it's a sea of money that's washed ashore — and people that live here will be washed away ... unless we look at this topic."

But young business owners disagreed.

"There are a lot of families and people on the Island who make money in a variety of ways," West Tisbury poet laureate Adriana Stimola said. Her husband runs a tattoo studio out of their home. "This is a detriment to the working community here, and especially a detriment to the younger working family community here."

Julius Lowe, the vice chair of the West Tisbury zoning board of appeals, agreed with Stimola. "I cannot speak strongly enough against it," he said. "This is not fair to people."

Residents voted to table the small-business moratorium proposal until the next town meeting.

A few warrant articles were passed that were initially drafted through the town's Housing Production Plan, which is made up of objectives for the next five years to introduce housing solutions for each Island town. The plans have been underway since 2025, with drafts being finalized this spring.

A recommendation from the housing plan was a demolition delay for residential buildings, which after being passed by voters Tuesday night will conserve buildings slated for demolition for possible reuse.

Other housing initiatives were also approved. An amended amount of \$150,000 (down from \$250,000 asked by town representatives) will jumpstart a Lease to Locals program, which places year-round tenants into apartments or homes by providing homeowners with cash incentives for housing them. Chilmark started a Lease to Locals initiative last year, and tenants have already been placed in some up-Island homes.

"It's a small investment for a really large return for the community," Silber said. **MVT**

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# Oak Bluffs approves \$1.9 million override

Voters will need to return for a second night of annual town meeting. **BY EUNKI SEONWOO**

After deliberating deep into the night on Tuesday over town expenditures, Oak Bluffs voters needed to return to the high school's Performing Arts Center on Wednesday to hopefully wrap up voting on the remaining warrant articles of the annual town meeting.

The second round of deliberating on warrant articles will take place again at the center, starting at 7 pm on Wednesday.

Discussion during the town's annual and special town meetings lasted from

around 7:30 to 10:40 pm on Tuesday, and while 50 articles still need to be decided on, the nearly 350 voters that gathered on the first night did make a major decision, and approved a \$1.9 million override to fill a funding gap in the town's \$46.2 million budget for fiscal year 2027.

This is the first time the town has approved an override for its municipal budget since 2019. The override will still need to be voted on at the town election on Thursday, April 16, at the town library before it can be enacted.

The override was meant to bypass a state law called Proposition 2½, which limits municipalities to collecting no more than 2.5 percent of property values in taxes. Overrides on town budgets have been a statewide phenomenon this year.

Acting town administrator Wendy Brough told voters that the town was facing various increased costs that stemmed from mandatory, unavoidable expenses, including employee insurance spikes, rising educational costs, and new positions.

Brough said while there is \$4.3 million in free cash, funding remaining from the previous fiscal year, the town couldn't simply rely on it to fill funding gaps. The town has been aiming to keep the balance of free cash within the state Department of Revenue's recommendation of between 5 and 7 percent of the town budget over the years, Brough said.

"Continued reliance on free cash to fund ongoing operations reduces financial resiliency and limits the town's ability to respond to unforeseen expenses, such as the recent blizzard that impacted us all," Brough said. The blizzard cost the town at least \$300,000 in snow and ice removal, on top of costs for tree damage and personnel. Brough also said that using free cash has provided temporary relief for taxpayers, but didn't address the town's "structural budget deficit" pushed up by inflation, leading to the override request.

Town moderator Jack Law went over the annual fiscal-year budget department by department.

Although there were amendments on the meeting floor by Rizwan Malik, Oak Bluffs School com-

mittee chair, that reduced educational spending by \$65,337, the town still faced a steep budget.

Voters questioned certain positions the town was looking to finance. Some individuals made calls to find local candidates in the future to staff the conservation department, since Garrett Albiston lives in New Hampshire and does much of his work remotely, though members of the conservation commission defended Albiston's performance.

Regarding a proposed new school resource officer, Oak Bluffs Police Chief Jonathan Searle said this would be an officer in the town department to patrol the Oak Bluffs School in the summer. He and Jeremy Light, principal of the school, highlighted that a school resource officer, like Det. Jillian Sedlier-Clarke, who also works in this role, can be a positive role model for students and act as a deterrent for crimes. "We can't put a price on this," Light said.

While the override, and the budget, ultimately passed, some voters expressed concern over the rising expenses, and said there was a need to prepare for the future and stabilize the budget.

"There needs to be a plan moving forward," Gail Barmakian, Oak Bluffs wastewater commission chair and former select board member, said.

Voters also approved various other town expenses, including \$100,000 for the annual town fireworks and \$75,000 for a public EcoRich 500 composter to handle residential food waste, although how the compost will be used has not yet been determined. There were also unexpected costs that the town needed to cover, such as \$100,000 in overtime pay for the Oak Bluffs Police Department.

"We're running it as tight as we can," Jonathan Searle, Oak Bluffs Police Chief, said. "The reality is, professional policing in 2026 costs money."

Meanwhile, the voters also reviewed whether the tree warden and town clerk should be changed from elected to appointed positions. While the tree warden was approved 110-38 for this proposed change, there was pushback regarding the town clerk position.

Most voters, including former town clerks, advocated to keep town clerk an elected position, independent from the influences of other town officials like the select board and town administrator. Town clerks run local elections, and act as municipal recordkeepers who work directly with the state and voters.

Voters rejected making the town clerk an appointed position 162-20, the only failed warrant article of the evening. **MVT**

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# Edgartown approves override, purchase of Boys and Girls Club building

Other issues included big-events bylaw and fireworks. **BY NICHOLAS VUKOTA**

**A**t the Edgartown special and annual town meetings on Tuesday night, Edgartown voters approved more than \$1.4 million in overrides to fund the next year's operating budget and purchase the Martha's Vineyard Boys and Girls Club property.

The meetings, held at the Old Whaling Church, drew a total of 245 Edgartown voters. Most articles passed with little opposition, and only two articles were denied. The special and annual town meetings started at 7 and ended at 10 pm.

Both override questions now go to the ballot at Thursday's town election, from 10 am to 7 pm.

Article 6 passed after a brief discussion. The \$900,090 general override will add roughly 6 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, said town administrator James Hagerty at the annual.

In a standing vote of 194-7, voters also approved the \$3 million acquisition of the Boys and Girls Club property located at 4 M Daniels Lane. Funding includes \$2 million from the capital stabilization

fund, \$500,000 from free cash, and \$500,000 tied to the override, adding about 3 cents per \$1,000, said Hagerty.

One resident asked for context for transactions, plans, and the renovations needed for the building.

"The inspection did show some issues ... That being said, there's a lot of flexibility on the project," said Hagerty.

Hagerty said they have considered using it as a new Council on Aging facility or a parks department space.

While some residents applauded town officials for keeping taxes low in the face of high costs and inflationary pressures, others were concerned the money going toward the building acquisition was not being prioritized for more important projects, like the \$15 million needed to change the Chappy Ferry slips to address rising sea levels.

But the article was ultimately passed without much further discussion.

Residents also ushered in some debates about approving \$95,000 for fireworks on Article 25. Voter John Merrow proposed an amend-

ment to require Edgartown to use low-noise fireworks starting in 2027, citing impacts on pets, veterans with PTSD, people on the autism spectrum, and birds. "I don't think that's asking too much," said Merrow.

Merrow also said that low-noise fireworks have brighter colors. But Hagerty said he had consulted with the current vendor, Pyrotecnico FX, and it disagreed, stating quiet fireworks are not powerful enough to be seen from a distance, and the colors are faded. Town counsel Zeb

Landsman also said they cannot approve an amendment for 2027.

"John, I'm respectfully disagreeing with you," Hagerty said. "It's the 250th anniversary. Similar to apple pie and Chevrolet. The fireworks that come in, the people that [are] brought in. It's a great event for the town."

"All in favor of rockets' red glare," said town moderator Steve Ewing. The crowd said a loud "Aye," but this was followed by a significant "Nay." A standing vote confirmed the war-

rant's approval, 119-69.

There were also some pointed discussions about Article 70, an article that aimed to amend the town's accessory dwelling unit (ADU) bylaws. The article changed specific wording in the bylaw, such as amending "accessory dwelling unit" to "protected-use accessory dwelling unit" and changing "livable floor space" to "gross floor area."

Residents showed concern about the changes. Ben Hall, among other residents, was concerned that the changed wording for floor space would include unlivable rooms, such as unfurnished attics or basements, in tax assessments, and these were previously not a part of the calculations.

"The building inspector has rightly been troubled by a lot of situations where people have converted basements into apartments," Hall said. "Once they become converted, they should be included in that gross or livable space. But before they are, why are they being included?"

Reade Milne, Edgartown building inspector, said this definition change is only for zoning purposes, and has nothing to do with tax assessments.

"If you have an existing unfinished basement, however the assessors assessed that unfinished space, [it] will continue to be assessed as unfinished space," said Milne.

Hall proposed an amend-

ment to clarify that gross floor area would apply only to finished basements instead of both finished and unfinished, but the amendment did not pass. The warrant article as written was approved 145-17 in a standing vote.

Article 72 was the only article outright rejected by voters. The article aimed to restrict outdoor amplified gatherings of 50 or more people involving food, beverages, and music on properties of three or more acres. Residents said they did not understand that the current bylaw, which was passed at town meeting last year, extended beyond just residents to commercial entities. The goal of the article this year was to prevent commercial entities from using the bylaw to increase profits.

Residents compared approval of the article to "closing Pandora's box."

But Julia Livingston, Edgartown's planning board chair, spoke against the warrant article. She warned that the amendment could hurt the Edgartown Boathouse, owned and operated by the Vose family, who rely on weddings and events to generate income to keep the historic boathouse going. The restriction could jeopardize their ability to generate revenue.

The article was ultimately denied by a standing 138-6 vote. **MVT**



**Edgartown Town Meeting underway at the Old Whaling Church. See full coverage of all three town meetings at mvtimes.com.**

NICHOLAS VUKOTA

# New candidate emerges for Chilmark Select Board race

The town election will be held at the Chilmark Community Center.

**BY EUNKI SEONWOO**

**R**ebecca Haag, a stalwart figure in the Island's nonprofit world and former executive director of Island Grown Initiative, was slated to be the sole candidate to run for the select board in Chilmark. But in a last-minute twist to what's been an uneventful election cycle, a new candidate has entered the race with a write-in campaign.

Chilmark residents recently received a letter from Katherine Carroll, president of the Menemsha Texaco, who serves various roles in town government including as chair of the Chilmark board of health, on April 9 asking for support in her bid for the select board through her write-in campaign in the annual town election on April 29. The select board seat up for reelection is currently held by Marie Larsen, who decided in January she would not be running for the position.

Although the March 11 due date for prospective candidates to pull nomination papers has already passed in Chilmark, residents can vote for someone not on the ballot by writing in a person's name.

That means Carroll's name will not be on the ballot, and that she will have to get the word out for voters to write her in on the ballot.

Chilmark voters will have an opportunity to meet and ask questions of candidates during a forum hosted by the League of Women Voters of Martha's Vineyard. The event will be held at the Chilmark library on April 20 at 6 pm, and a recording will be available for viewing on the MVTV website. Haag is an official part of the forum program, and Carroll said she may have an opportunity to speak to voters.

Both Haag and Carroll sent letters to Chilmark households to introduce themselves as candidates and vie for support, emphasizing their deep connections to the community.

"As someone who wanders through Menemsha in January, swims at Lucy Vincent Beach, and walks the many beautiful trails, I feel an obligation to give back to the community," Haag wrote of her decision to run for town office.

Carroll highlighted that as recently as a couple of weeks ago, she didn't plan to run for the select board, but her friends had started a write-in initiative on her behalf. "I have accepted that call because I care deeply about the daily functioning of our town, and the well-being of everyone who lives here," she wrote.

Both candidates wrote about a need to preserve Chilmark as a place where residents can live and raise their families.

Haag highlighted that "challenges loom" for Chilmark, including insufficient affordable housing, weak phone signals, PFAS "endangering our water," and public health threats of tick-borne diseases. Carroll said she would "treat our budget as a promise to future generations," and be mindful of how town resources are spent, alongside being approachable to residents regarding community concerns.

Chilmark will hold its town election on April 29 at the Chilmark Community Center on 520 South Road, from noon to 8 pm. **MVT**



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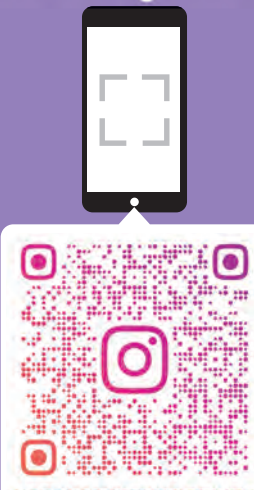
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**SAVATREE IS LOOKING FOR TREE CLIMBERS, LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SPECIALISTS, LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION SPECIALISTS AND GROUND OPERATIONS TREE CREWS FOR OUR WEST TISBURY LOCATION!**

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**MVCS DISABILITY SERVICES EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Family Support Center Program Manager (\$63,000-\$78,000 per year)**

We're looking for a compassionate, culturally responsive leader who honors families lived experiences, diversity, and cultural values. In this role, you'll direct programming and support families in navigating complex systems, accessing resources, and exploring self-directed options across the lifespan. Experience preferred but paid on the job training may be provided. Apply at: [mvcommunityservices.org/employment](http://mvcommunityservices.org/employment)

**Family Support Center Service Navigator (\$23.07-\$27.40 per hour)**

Do you love helping families thrive? We're seeking a compassionate and resourceful Service Navigator to support families in identifying resources, solving problems, and building strong community connections. Join a team that values family strengths, diversity, and self-direction across the lifespan. Experience preferred but paid on the job training may be provided. Apply at: [mvcommunityservices.org/employment](http://mvcommunityservices.org/employment)

**MVPCS ELEMENTARY GRADE TEACHER**

The Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School seeks a full-time, elementary grade (1 - 4) teacher to start September 1, 2026. Must hold a BA/BS; teaching experience and licensure preferred. Please email resume, letter of interest, and completed application to Peter Steedman, Director, [psteedman@mvpcs.org](mailto:psteedman@mvpcs.org). Applications can be found on the school website at [MVPCS.org](http://MVPCS.org).

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Hands-on position working on pools and hot tubs, including troubleshooting equipment, heaters, plumbing, and repairs. Mechanical experience is a plus, but willing to train the right person. Seasonal to start, with potential for a year-round position. HIRING ASAP TO APPLY Call 508-693-6636 and leave a message.

**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: 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/](http://oakbluffsma.gov/) jobs. or email [wbrough@oakbluffsma.gov](mailto:wbrough@oakbluffsma.gov) for an application form and for all inquiries. Oak Bluffs is an EOE.

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**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](mailto:jhale@mvshipyard.com).

**HELP WANTED**

**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.



**SEEKING ELECTRICIAN FOR FULL TIME YEAR ROUND EMPLOYMENT.**

Self-starters with experience in both residential and commercial installations desired. Please call 508-693-7786 or forward resume to [office@warrelectricmv.com](mailto:office@warrelectricmv.com) for more information.

**SEEKING RECEPTIONIST FOR BUSY MEDICAL PRACTICE, SUMMER OR YEAR ROUND, PART TIME WORK MONDAY- THURSDAY.**

Must be prompt, detail oriented, patient and kind with elderly persons, and have computer skills. Summer students welcome. Contact Michelle @ 508-560-1174.

**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 [sheriff-meadow.org/jobs](http://sheriff-meadow.org/jobs)

**SUMMER SITTING - 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



**SEEKING EXPERIENCED MANAGER \$65K-\$80K.**

Please send resumes and questions to [hello@fatronniesburgerbar.com](mailto:hello@fatronniesburgerbar.com)



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**THE UPS STORE VINEYARD HAVEN IS HIRING FOR UPCOMING SEASON.**

Customer service star in a fast-paced environment. Retail experience a plus but will train. Please send resume to this email. No phone calls please. [miketfb@aol.com](mailto:miketfb@aol.com)

**TRIPP BARNES NEEDS ASSISTANT**

Drivers License required, phone skills, speaks english. 508-400-6171. 300 State Rd. [Trippbarnes@comcast.net](mailto:Trippbarnes@comcast.net).

**JOHN KEENE EXCAVATION MARTHA'S VINEYARD**



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**MVCommunity Services**

**We are looking for a Human Resources Generalist**

The Human Resources Generalist will perform the daily functions of the Human Resources (HR) department including interviewing and hiring staff, administering pay, benefits, and leave, and enforcing company policies and practices.

Under the Direction of the Director of Human Resources, key responsibilities include:

- HR Administration & Compliance
- Onboarding
- Payroll & Recordkeeping

Bachelor's degree in Human Resources, Business Administration, or a related field required; equivalent related experience may be considered. This position is full-time, 40 hours/week, with a salary range of \$65,000 - \$75,000/year.

For full job responsibilities and to apply please check our website or scan the QR code: [mvcommunityservices.org/employment](http://mvcommunityservices.org/employment)

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# Real Estate

## LAND-CHILMARK

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## HOUSES-OAK BLUFFS



**OPEN HOUSE: SAT APRIL 18, 10:30AM TO 12PM**

Waterfront community with tennis. Three bedrooms with large separate family room. Kayak storage, dinghy dock. Peaceful quiet association. Very reasonably priced at \$1,399,000.



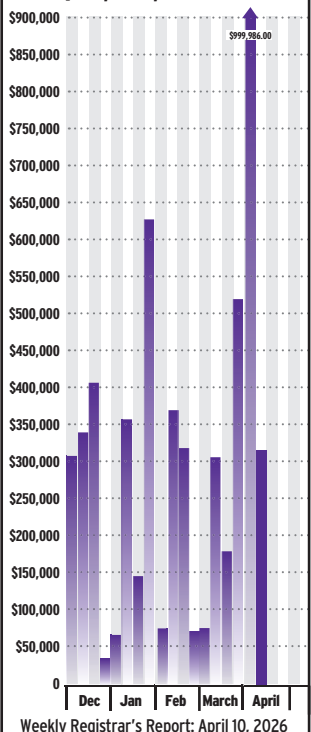
**\$1,790,000 CALL OR TEXT ALAN SCHWEIKERT 508-221-1708 OR MICHAEL SCHWEIKERT 774-563-9112**

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.



## LAND BANK WEEKLY INCOME

**FY 2026, Year to Date: \$16,185,624.77**



## 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.

## HOUSES-OAK BLUFFS



**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.



**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.

## HOUSES-OAK BLUFFS



**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.



**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 concert's, 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



**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 \$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.



## Real Estate Transactions April 6 - 10, 2026

### Chilmark

**April 6,** Vincent P. Melvin and Cathryn A. Melvin sold O Cygnet Way and O Beach Lot to Cygnus Holdings LLC for \$375,000.  
**April 9,** Aleta Bezanson, trustee of Chilmark Chowder Nominee Trust, sold 23 Chockers Lane to Daniel P. Karnovsky and Priscilla C. Karnovsky for \$5,750,000.

### Edgartown

**April 9,** Randall L. Gibbs and Gail H. Gibbs sold 3 Jacobs Neck Road Lot 2 to Samuel E. Davis for \$2,400,000.  
**April 9,** John Montes Jr. and Kathleen D. Montes sold 63 Saddle Club Road to 63 Saddle Club LLC for \$1,550,000.

### Tisbury

**April 7,** Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank, now known as Martha's Vineyard Bank, transferred a fore-closed deed for 107 North William St. from Carolyn H. Rogers to JCG Investments LLC for \$583,000.

### Multiple towns

**April 1,** Judith Shapiro and Sue A. O'Rourke, trustees of Campground Realty Trust, sold properties in Tisbury and Oak Bluffs, 569 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, O Carrolls Way, and O Great Rock Road, to NG Martha's Vineyard LLC for \$4,649,900.



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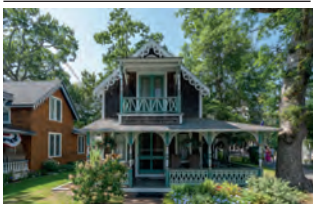
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# Real Estate

**HOUSES-OAK BLUFFS**



**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.



**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.

**HOUSES-OAK BLUFFS**



**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.



**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.

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Save 1/3 off convention building methods. New homes and additions. High-end home shells are custom designed, constructed in a controlled environment, and delivered to your MV site for about \$135/sq.ft. (Estimated price for finished house: \$550/sq.ft.) Packages include: Custom design, post and beams, roof and walls, doors and windows, siding and trim, insulation and floors. The pre-construction wall and roof panels go up in about 3 weeks. View model in Aquinnah by appointment. (508) 645-3572 Broker participation invited Posner@MVPostAndBeam.com

**HOUSES-OAK BLUFFS**



**SOLD**  
**BEING OFFERED BY RENE BEN DAVID,REALTOR @ 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.



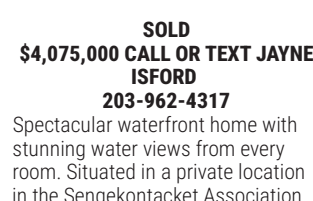
**SOLD**  
**COASTAL CHIC CONDO PRICE IMPROVEMENT \$1,149,000 SENGEKONTACKET WATERFRONT COMMUNITY | MARTHA'S VINEYARD**

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

**HOUSES-OAK BLUFFS**



**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.



**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.

**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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# Legal Notices

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The contents of leased units are subject to our lien for non-payment of rent and other charges. You are denied access to that unit.

You can redeem such goods on or before 11:00am. on Friday April 17, 2026 at Airport Ministorage of Martha's Vineyard, 14 North Line Rd, Edgartown, MA 02539, 508-693-4084. The goods you have stored after this time will be sold at auction to the highest bidder. The auction will run several days before and up to the date of the auction and will be held ONLINE at [www.selfstorageauction.com](http://www.selfstorageauction.com) The name of the lessee(s): UNIT # 413, Martha Sullivan, tables, wood pieces, tools, door, juke box The facility/auctioneer reserves the right to cancel a sale at any time for any reason. The lien holder reserves the right to reschedule the auction.

**INVITATION FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF HOUSE WHICH MUST BE MOVED FROM CURRENT LOCATION:**

A 376sqft +/- house located at 7 Yellow Brick Rd. is intended for demolition, and is being made available to any interested parties subject to the owner's conditions. The Zoning Inspector is accepting Letters of Interest for 20 days from the date of this publication. All interested parties should submit a letter of interest to the Zoning Inspector @ P.O. Box 278 West Tisbury, Ma 02575 or [inspect@westtisbury-ma.gov](mailto:inspect@westtisbury-ma.gov). The house must be moved within 50 days of this publication. Please be aware that the house is on private property and any site visit shall be scheduled with the Zoning Inspector.

**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT INVITATION TO BID SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES EQUIPMENT #2026-01**

The Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) is requesting sealed bids for the sale of one (1) 2016 Ford Transit Van, one (1) John Bean Tire Balancer, one (1) Ranger Tire Machine and one pair (1) Ideal Column Lifts. The above vehicles and equipment have been taken out of VTA service and will be sold in "as is" condition with no warranty expressed or implied. The VTA urges prospective bidders to view the vehicles and equipment before submitting a bid. The above vehicles and equipment will be available for inspection by APPOINTMENT ONLY at 11 A Street in the Airport Business Park, Edgartown, MA, by calling (508) 693-9440 ext. 125 or emailing [info@vineyardtransit.com](mailto:info@vineyardtransit.com). No walk-in inspections will be allowed. Sealed bids must be accompanied by a certified bank check in the amount of the bid for EACH vehicle or equipment being bid on. All bids must be received at the VTA Administrative Office no later than 12:00PM on Monday, April 27, 2026, and must be submitted on the forms supplied in the bid package by the VTA. The VTA reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, and to waive informalities and irregularities as it deems in its best interest. Complete instructions are contained in the bid package available from the VTA at this email address: [info@vineyardtransit.com](mailto:info@vineyardtransit.com) or online at <https://www.vineyardtransit.com/bids>.

**LEGAL NOTICES EDGARTOWN**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EDGARTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

On Wednesday, Wednesday April 22, 2026 at 4:30 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 **The Ross Realty Trust** under the Edgartown Wetlands Protection Bylaw and the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. The applicant is seeking an Order of Conditions for the continued use of, and annual installation and removal of, seasonal beach access stairs/ ladder for

## LEGAL NOTICES EDGARTOWN

personal use on a coastal bank. The property is located at **59 Light-house Road (AP MAP 3 LOT 10)** For a copy of the application or for questions related to observing the meeting via Zoom, please contact: [conservation@edgartown-ma.us](mailto:conservation@edgartown-ma.us)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EDGARTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

On Wednesday, Wednesday April 22, 2026 at 4:35 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 **Vineyard Land Surveying** on behalf of **OPR 99 Homestead LLC** under the Edgartown Wetlands Protection Bylaw and the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. The applicant is seeking permission to remove an existing house and garage and reconstruct a new house, garage, ADU, Barn, utilities, and associated landscaping. All work will be done within previously landscaped and maintained areas. The project will be located within the buffer zone to a Coastal Bank and within the Ponds District.

The property is located at **99 Oyster Pond Road (AP MAP 40 LOT 1.13)** For a copy of the application or for questions related to observing the meeting via Zoom, please contact: [conservation@edgartown-ma.us](mailto:conservation@edgartown-ma.us)

## LEGAL NOTICES TISBURY

**TOWN OF TISBURY Office of PLANNING BOARD PO BOX 602 VINEYARD HAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS WWW.TISBURYMA.GOV**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to MGL Ch. 40A, s. 9; and section 06.06.08 of the Tisbury Zoning Bylaw, the Tisbury Planning Board will hold a hybrid (zoom link below) public hearing on **May 6th, 2026 at 5pm** at the Town Hall Annex at 66 Highpoint Lane and via zoom at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider a change of operator for the food establishment located at 13 Beach St Ext. and to consider exterior changes to the outdoor seating area and other landscaping changes. Locus: 13 Beach St Ext., Tisbury, Ma - Assessor's Parcel 09-C-01 Property Owner: FLOWERWOOD LLC Applicant: Junior De Olivera Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83837295409> Meeting ID: 838 3729 5409 Passcode: 504871 A copy of the application and plans are available to review. Please send an email to [tisburyplanningboard@tisburyma.gov](mailto:tisburyplanningboard@tisburyma.gov) with your request. Interested parties are invited to send comments and/or attend the virtual meeting.

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Locus: 190 Beach Rd., Tisbury, Ma - Assessor's Parcel 10-A-01 Property Owner: Tisbury Marine Terminals LLC Applicant: Tim Greene (AT&T) Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83837295409> Meeting ID: 838 3729 5409 Passcode: 504871

A copy of the application and plans are available to review. Please send an email to [tisburyplanningboard@tisburyma.gov](mailto:tisburyplanningboard@tisburyma.gov) with your request. Interested parties are invited to send comments and/or attend the virtual meeting.

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Pursuant to MGL Ch. 40A, s. 9; and sections 05.11, 05.12, 05.12.01, 05.13 and 13.02 of the Tisbury Zoning Bylaw, the Tisbury Planning Board will hold a hybrid (zoom link below) public hearing on **May 6th, 2026 at 5pm** at the Town Hall Annex at 66 Highpoint Lane and via zoom at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider a resumption on an application to renovate and add onto an existing commercial structure in the BI District to accommodate mixed use development consisting of fourteen (14) residential units (one Affordable at 80% AMI, one Community at 150% AMI, eight (8) year-round workforce, and four (4) market rate unrestricted units) and three (3) commercial units. Plans include the construction of a four-story addition in the rear of the building, along with exterior building repairs and overall property development. Locus: 4 State Rd, Tisbury, Ma - Assessor's Parcel 09-A-06 Owner: 4 STATE ROAD MCVY LLC Agent: Xerxes Aghassipour Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83837295409> Meeting ID: 838 3729 5409 Passcode: 504871

A copy of the application and plans are available to review. Please send an email to [tisburyplanningboard@tisburyma.gov](mailto:tisburyplanningboard@tisburyma.gov) with your request. Interested parties are invited to send comments and/or attend the virtual meeting.

## LEGAL NOTICES W. TISBURY

**PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The West Tisbury Planning Board will hold a virtual public hearing on **Monday, May 4, 2026 at 5:00 pm, on an application from the Town of West Tisbury to update Section 5.2-4 of the Rules and Regulation Governing the Subdivision of Land under the revised Building Code regulations.** For more information and/or to review the application please contact or visit the Planning Board office on the second floor of the Town Hall. Please address any comments to: Leah Smith Planning Board P.O. Box 278 West Tisbury, MA 02575 Topic: Planning Board Time: May 4, 2026 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8767049956?pwd=bx-AaUie4A8a2E3yhudVdFVDAaRn4e2.1> Meeting ID: 876 7049 9956 Passcode: 564978 +1 309 205 3325 US +1 312 626 6799 US

## WEST TISBURY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On **Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 5:15pm** the ZBA will hold a public hearing at the TOWN HALL-2 nd floor meeting room on an application for a Special Permit from **Matthew Merry** to allow the construction of a 16' x 18' accessory structure (a 3-sided stone "shed" using four locust posts) for storage of lawn and garden equipment requiring 42 feet of side yard setback relief and 17 feet of rear yard setback relief on a pre-existing, non-conforming lot, under Sections 4.2-2D4 and 11.2-2 of the West Tisbury Zoning Bylaw at **11 Dolphine Merry Rd., Map 11 Lot 25.1**, in the RU district. Interested parties are invited to send comments via email to: [zba@westtisbury-ma.gov](mailto: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.

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## RENTALS WANTED

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## APARTMENTS/ROOMS

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## Extensive mapping of deer population is in

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goal of the survey was to obtain accurate data on the deer herd, the primary host for ticks, in order to help health officials and wildlife managers control the herd and thereby reduce tick-borne conditions.

The survey of the deer population was carried out from preapproved spots by independent conservation nonprofit White Buffalo from mid-February to mid-March. The Connecticut-based contractor counted a total of almost 5,000 deer on the Island as of mid-March.

To be precise, pilots counted exactly 4,681 deer over 87.7 square miles, which means a count-based density of 53 deer per square mile on the Island.

The state's target is 12 to 18 deer per square mile, which is the case in most of Central and Western Massachusetts, in order to reduce property damage and maintain public safety, forest health, and public health.

And while 53 deer sounds slightly better than the more than 55 deer per square mile (and 100 deer per square mile in areas closed to hunting) estimated by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife), the results from

this survey are much more nuanced, and several hot spots on the Island yielded much higher densities.

The highest density was reported in Aquinnah. A total of 533 deer were counted within 5.3 square miles, which is 101 deer per square mile. Next was Chilmark at 85 deer per square mile; 1,520 deer were counted in 17.8 square miles. The lowest density was recorded in Oak Bluffs at 19 deer per square mile. (See table for the rest of the towns.)

The survey was conducted at the lowest herd count of

the year — both after 934 deer were harvested this fall and winter and before the birth of fawns in May and June. Jason Boulanger, head of research for White Buffalo, previously told The Times that the reason drone surveys are normally done in the winter for East Coast states is because there's a higher contrast for the thermal cameras when the ground temperature is cold. The report submitted by Boulanger said that the count "likely represents a minimum number of deer present at the time of the survey." In a statement about the survey, Virginia Barbatti, executive director for Tick Free MV, concurred.

The three rotor-type drones used by White Buf-

**1. Heatmap depicting spatial distribution of estimated deer densities across Martha's Vineyard between Feb. 17 and March 19.**

**2. Map of all deer-count locations across Martha's Vineyard between Feb. 17 and March 19.**

**3. Deer counts, town area, and calculated deer per square mile within Martha's Vineyard towns.**

from the automated transects to manual flight, and the pilots recorded each individual deer. "The pilots could pause, hover, circle specific areas, zoom in, and adjust angles as needed to account for heat signatures that could be obscured by vegetation or structures," the report stated.

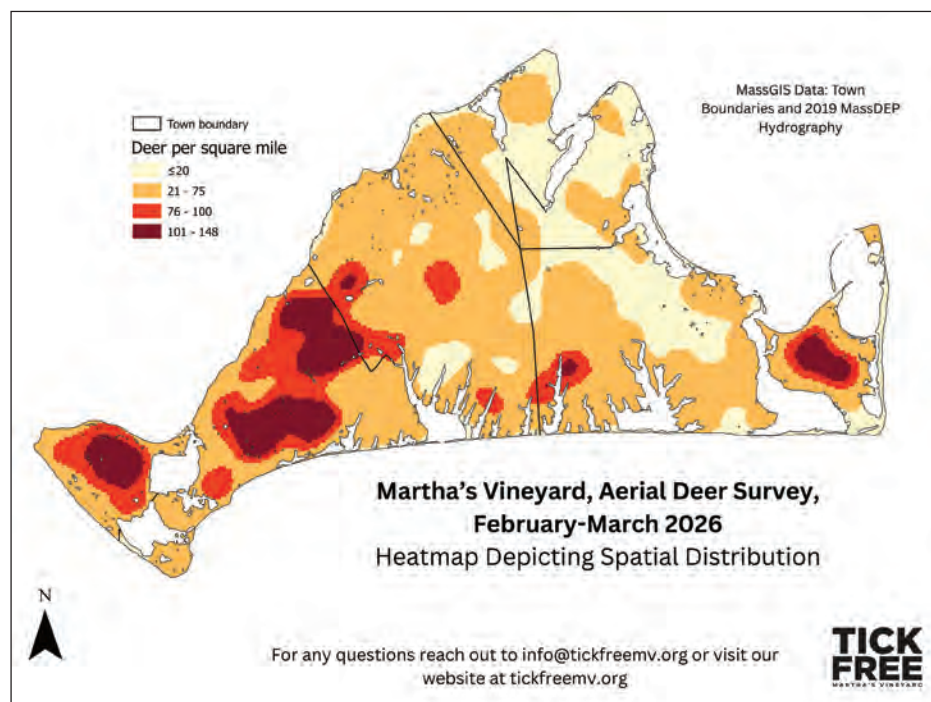
Most of the Island was surveyed between Feb. 17 and March 9, and then after some weather disturbance, Chappaquiddick Island was surveyed from March 18 to 19.

Boulanger recommended in his report that the Island continue to do annual surveys to establish an index of deer abundance over the years. He said that this could detect shifts in deer density and ecological impacts, and allows managers to adjust harvest quotas and make informed decisions.

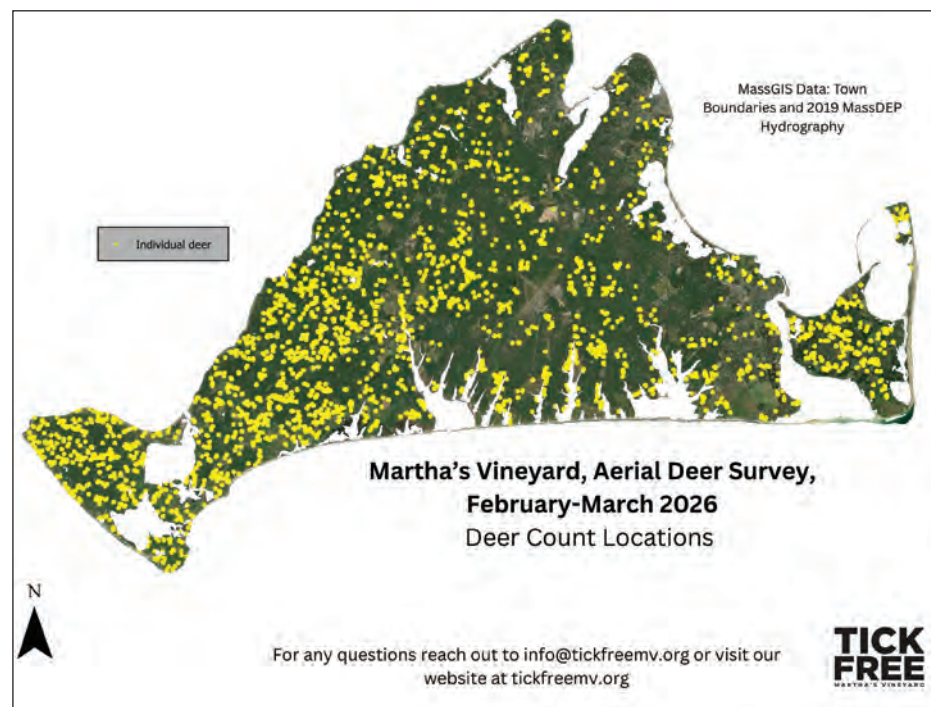
Tick Free MV, created at the end of last year, is the backbone of an Island-wide tick strategy to reduce the number of tick-borne disease and allergies on Martha's Vineyard. This was just one step, though the group also recently supported bills filed by Gov. Maura Healey to expand hunting access, and advocated for the state to track alpha-gal syndrome, which was recently made a "reportable condition" within the state Department of Public Health.

"This is a multiyear undertaking that will require

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Town	Total Deer Count	Town Area (mi <sup>2</sup> )*	~Deer/mi <sup>2</sup>
Aquinnah	533	5.3	101
Chilmark	1520	17.8	85
Edgartown	1157	26.0	45
Tisbury	172	6.5	26
Oak Bluffs	138	7.2	19
West Tisbury	1161	24.9	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>4681</b>	<b>87.7</b>	<b>53</b>

CHARTS COURTESY WHITE BUFFALO/TICK FREE MV

multiple interventions to dramatically reduce the overabundance of ticks in the environment," Barbatti said in a statement for the report. "With deer being the primary reproductive

hosts for ticks, our initial efforts will focus on ways our community can come together to manage the deer herd to a level that improves our public health outcomes as well as maintaining the

Island's ecology and biodiversity. We now have data to share, and look forward to engaging with the community to digest the results and discuss what comes next — together." **MVT**



ASTRID TILTON/TICK FREE MV

falo allowed the surveyors to hover, inspect specific areas, and operate at various heights. The report said that the "integrated laser range finder" could measure object coordinates up to 1,200 meters away. White Buffalo preprogrammed a transect, a straight line or path used in a study, of each property, and flew in evenly spaced and parallel flight lines that started in Aquinnah and moved east. The drones flew at an altitude of 250 feet and at a speed of 15 miles per hour. Once a deer was spotted, the drones were switched



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# Girls' lacrosse battles through the early season

MVRHS girls' varsity lacrosse is four and four so far.

BY NICHOLAS VUKOTA

The Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) girls' varsity lacrosse team defeated Bourne High School on the McCarthy Stadium pitch 9-4 on Saturday.

The Vineyarders took an early lead in the first quarter after junior Lara Sedlier (No. 3) and sophomore Mackenna Metell (No. 1) scored two opening goals. Bourne responded with one of their own to bring the score to 2-1 at the end of the first quarter.

Two goals from senior Brynn Savva (No. 20) in the second quarter and one from sophomore Lacey Munn (No. 14) brought the Vineyarders ahead to 5-1, but Bourne mounted

a comeback in the third through three straight goals on penalty opportunities, to keep the game close. But the Vineyard's Sedlier and Metell found the net again later in the third quarter to extend the lead to 7-4.

And in the fourth quarter, the girls ran away with the lead. Sedlier assisted a goal by Savva, then Metell found the net again, finishing the game with a 9-4 tally.

Head Coach Lauren Pineau said the win is the result of team contribution and buy-in. Forwards Sedlier and Savva dominated on attack, while the team's strong mid-field play was anchored by Metell's face-off dominance, and on defense, senior Eva Giordano (No. 13) and junior

Anna Alves (No. 7) forced numerous turnovers.

This game also pushed MVRHS goalkeeper Alex Royal (No. 22) to an achievement of more than 200 career saves, a significant milestone for the sophomore keeper.

"We have come a long way since preseason," said Pineau. "They have earned every goal, every turnover, every possession."

Pineau said the goal this season is progress over perfection. "It's always about possession, you know, that's how you're gonna win these games," said Pineau. "Making sure that our fundamentals, such as catching, and picking up the ball off the ground, is something that as



PHOTOS: NICHOLAS VUKOTA

Sophomore Madison Curelli takes the draw against Bourne.

a team we're all collectively working on."

"We did have a few losses in a row, and that can really deteriorate the morale of a team, but it did not with this team," said Pineau. "I could do all I can to cultivate the culture for the team, but it's really them who hone in on it, and that's what's super-

important to me. Even if we lose, we're walking off the field with our heads held high, and with the best sportsmanship."

The girls' varsity lacrosse team lost four in a row to end March, but stayed resilient, and have won the past three games consecutively. The girls' lacrosse team also

beat Sturgis Charter School East on Tuesday, April 14, at the Island's McCarthy Stadium Field, 13-0, and are scheduled to take on Sturgis Charter School West, whom the Vineyarders previously beat 3-2 in March, on Tuesday, April 28, at 4 pm at Sturgis' McBarron Field.

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Freshman Aurora Burt runs with Bourne pressure.



Sophomore Mackenna Metell cradles away from Bourne.

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I Hear Your Voice  
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Datz recreated this image of soldiers aboard a frigate.

## RIDING BACKWARD IN TIME

Margot Datz reimagines the Flying Horses' decorative panels.

CELEBRATING ISLAND DIVERSITY

VOICES by Sharisse

There is a story beneath the surface of the places we call home. On Martha's Vineyard, that story begins long before summer traditions, generational homes, and the memories many of us hold close. It begins with Noepe — the land between the streams — and the Wampanoag people who have lived in relationship with this land for centuries.

Earth Month often asks us to think about how we treat the land and the role we play in protecting it. But care requires context. It begins with truth — and with asking not only how we treat the land, but how we understand it, and whose voices we center when we tell its story. To understand the land, we have to listen to the people who have always been in relationship with it.

For the Wampanoag community, that relationship is not theoretical. It is lived, carried through generations and responsibility. Juli Vanderhoop, a member of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), offers a perspective that reframes everything we think we know about care: "The land asks nothing — but gives so much." It is a simple statement, but one that holds weight.

Because in a world that is constantly asking for more — more growth, more production, more consumption — the land has remained steady in what it offers. It gives us food to eat, water to drink, and a place to live. And still, we take. That imbalance — between what is given and what is taken — is where the disconnect begins. Vanderhoop speaks to it not with abstraction, but with clarity: "People who are not humbled by that magnificence just keep taking." It is not the act of taking itself that she questions, but the absence of awareness that often comes with it, the lack of pause and consideration.

At the center of it all is a question that feels both simple and urgent: "Is this necessary?"

Not just in what we build, or buy, or consume — but in how we move through the land each day. Because what we are witnessing is not just growth. It is not just development. It is, as Vanderhoop describes, "a machine that just consumes."

For the Wampanoag people, this way of living has never been about excess — it has always been about balance: "We've only ever taken what we needed."

It is a principle rooted in understanding that the land is not a resource to be exhausted, but a relationship to be honored. A responsibility carried not just in the present, but forward — into generations not yet here.

That responsibility is some-

thing that continues to live within the next generation.

Soraya Randolph, 18, a senior at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School and a member of the Aquinnah Wampanoag community, speaks to a connection that is both inherited and deeply personal: "One thing that is extremely embedded in our beliefs as Wampanoag people is that this land is not just home to us ... but to all species." Her words echo the same understanding Vanderhoop describes, but they also carry a quiet urgency shaped by what she is witnessing in real time. "It's really hard ... to see the mistreatment of the land — from littering across the Island to rare natural habitats being destroyed for expansions on summer homes." There is also a difference

in how the land is seen, and who gets to define that vision. For many, Martha's Vineyard represents escape. A place of beauty, wealth, and seasonal ease. But Soraya offers a reframing that pulls us beneath the surface: "When people think about Martha's Vineyard, they envision wealth and a hidden paradise. When I think about it, I think about Noepe — a small, overlooked fishing island with lots of passion that is often struggling behind closed doors."

It is a reminder that a place is not just what is visible — it is what is lived. And within that lived experience is a way of thinking that stretches far beyond the present moment. "I was raised to always think seven generations ahead ... and from where I'm standing, my descendants won't

have much of a home to feel connected to."

In a time where decisions are often made for what is convenient now, her words carry a different kind of urgency — one rooted not in immediate gain, but in long-term responsibility: "If people continue to concern themselves with what's convenient now instead of what's needed for the future, then future generations will have to work twice as hard to clean up our mess before it's too late."

That relationship to the land does not exist in isolation — it shows up in how we gather, the ways we eat, and how we move through daily life. In "The Martha's Vineyard Cookbook," author Julia Blanter reflects on what it means to engage with the Island through food, not just

as tradition, but as responsibility. "We have so much to learn from our Wampanoag community, the stewards of this land, with their deep respect for land and sea," she says. Her work is rooted in honoring that connection. Through stories of foraging, sharing, and sourcing locally, she points to something deeper than recipes: "That spirit of gathering and sharing is one I hope people take with them and embody wherever they are."

But that spirit also requires intention. "I didn't include salmon recipes, for example, because we are lucky to have dozens of native species in our waters, with local fishermen working so hard, so why import fish from the other side of the world?" It is a question that echoes Vanderhoop's

earlier reflection, "Is this necessary?" but reframed through everyday choices: to eat locally, to know where food comes from, and to understand the hands that bring it to the table. "Educate yourself on local ingredients and foodways by having a conversation with elders, at the farm stand, at the fish market, and with your neighbors," she adds. Because even in something as routine as a meal, there is an opportunity to be in relationship with the land, and to be accountable to it. "Respecting the seasons and our culinary community is my guiding principle here on Martha's Vineyard. I'm acutely aware of food waste; it feels disrespectful not to use every scrap when you personally know the hard-working people who bring this food to our tables. And every dollar I spend locally goes directly into the pockets of our farmers, fishermen, and food artisans, staying in our community rather than funding corporate interests."

But even with everything we've heard and come to understand, the reality remains difficult to ignore. This is not just about how we treat the land; it is about who is able to remain on it. Juli spoke to that reality with a truth that cannot be softened: "As Wampanoag people, we can no longer afford to live on our own land." On an Island that so many experience as a place of beauty, rest, and escape, there are still communities whose roots run deepest struggling to stay. And what does it mean to celebrate the land without acknowledging who is being pushed from it? What does it mean to preserve something while simultaneously contributing to its loss? These are not easy questions, but as Vanderhoop noted, they were never meant to be: "This is not the way... we are trying to survive."

Maybe that is where Earth Month needs to shift — away from surface-level conversations about sustainability and toward something more honest, grounded, and accountable. Because the land does not need a moment; it needs a relationship. One rooted not in convenience, but in care. Not in consumption, but in understanding. Not in taking, but in knowing when enough is enough.

There is a story beneath the surface of every place we call home. And on this Island, that story is still being lived — through the voices of those who have always been in relationship with it, the choices we make every day, and the generations who will inherit what we leave behind. So maybe the question is not how much more the land can give us, but whether we are finally ready to listen to what it has been showing us all along. ■■■



"Self Portrait," Soraya Randolph.

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Vineyard landscape.

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"In the kitchen," with Julia Blanter.

ALLISON ROBERTS



Juli Vanderhoop at Orange Peel Bakery.

DENA PORTER

# A land that gives, a world that takes

Beneath the surface of Noepe. BY SHARISSA SCOTT-RAWLINS

D I N E



Highlands General offers grab-and-go sandwiches and more.

# 'Rustic minimalist art nouveau'

Highlands General café and marketplace.

BY ALLISON ROBERTS

The beloved Linda Jean's diner-style restaurant, on Circuit Ave. in Oak Bluffs, closed down in early 2025. Though folks miss Linda Jean's, I think they

won't be disappointed by the new kid in town, Highlands General. Highlands General opened in its space at the end of March, and could be best described as a café-marketplace. It is open year-round for breakfast and lunch, with a handpicked mix of goods and grab-and-go. The feel is rustic but sophisticated, with plants, warm-colored wood beams and floors, and dark green wainscoting. The sunlight coming in through the big front windows creates a light and cheery atmosphere.

"Rustic minimalist art nouveau," my lunch date and MV Times coworker Nicole Galland said about the place as we took it all in.

The market is on one side of the restaurant, but not separate from it. The planning was well-thought-out. The premade items in the grab-and-go section include sandwiches, salads, yogurt parfaits, snacks, biscuits, and carbonated beverages from Coke to probiotic sodas. Customers will also find a variety of fun merchandise: Highlands General T shirts and sweatshirts, chocolates, coffee, and candies. On the other side, there are several tables, tall barstools, and counters at both windows, where customers can sit and watch the action on Circuit Avenue as they eat.

Patrons place their order at the counter, and are handed a pager that vibrates when their order is ready. Of course, Galland



Highlands General market items.



Cauliflower bowl, breakfast plate, and ice teas ready to be devoured.



Enticing baked goods.

PHOTOS: ALLISON ROBERTS

and I were immediately drawn to the scones, muffins, cookies, and cinnamon buns hanging out in the glass case waiting to be chosen. Once we remembered that we were there for brunch, not just treats, we checked out the menu.

The coffee and drinks options included good old coffee straight up, lattes, cappuccinos, lemonade, ice tea, hot chocolate, and more. The breakfast menu has some of the

more common choices, like breakfast sandwiches, but there are also options like french toast sticks and grilled banana bread. Galland ordered the breakfast plate, which consisted of scrambled or fried eggs, choice of bacon, avocado, or homemade maple sausage, crispy hash browns, and biscuit and jam.

"I like that even though it's not the diner it once was, they're not afraid of salt, which makes the hash



browns one of the best I've ever eaten," Galland laughed. "Even though I'm a grownup, when I finished it, I was like a little kid — 'No, no, more!' The biscuit was generous and tasty, and the eggs — which I deliberately chose scrambled, because they are hard to make interesting — were seasoned well and very tasty."

I decided to order something off the lunch menu, which starts at 11 am. There were several options, from salmon or rotisserie chicken bowls to grilled cheese, crispy fish, and cauliflower melt sandwiches, to specials like Buffalo chicken mac and cheese. They also roast rotisserie chicken, which folks can buy whole, halved, quartered, or as part of a rice bowl. I chose the Rotisserie Cauliflower Bowl filled with brown rice, chickpeas, roasted vegetables, green herb sauce, and greens. My Lord, it was good. The veggies were warm and tender but not mushy. Beets and cauliflower lay on a bed of greens and rice. The herb dressing on the greens was outstanding. It was a generous serving size, and I was thrilled to have leftovers for later.

Galland and I believe it is sacrilegious to write a dine story without including a dessert. And because we felt bad for the baked goods that were waiting to be chosen, we ordered a chocolate-chip cookie to bring back to the office for an afterno on pick-me-up. One problem, though: We devoured it immediately. **MVT**

Highlands General is open daily, 7 am to 4 pm. 25 Circuit Ave., Oak Bluffs, 508-338-7141, [info@highlandsgeneral.com](mailto:info@highlandsgeneral.com). Check it out at [highlandsgeneral.com](http://highlandsgeneral.com).

## Celebrating Our MVRHS Grads

# Eric Medeiros

Enterprising entrepreneur.

BY MARGE HARRIS

Eric Medeiros, class of 1983, worked while in high school. He completed his schoolwork, but having afterschool carpentry jobs, he was not able to be involved in sports, clubs, and other afterschool activities. He enjoyed learning carpentry in the Building Trades program with Kevin Carr, learning by using both his hands and brain, where he felt confident. It made a big difference for this young man, who planned to work in carpentry after high school.

As he approached graduation, Eric realized that there were a lot of carpenters on our Island, and that he needed an opportunity to work full-time, year-round, developing a trade. He was hired by Denny Alley at P & L Appliances where, at first, he did only deliveries, but after completion of courses in appliance repair, he was able to secure full-time work that fall. My mouth fell open as he described how he commuted to Providence three nights a week after work, in order to take necessary courses in repairing appliances. He kept learning on the job using his ability, his skill, and his knowledge.

However, that winter, he was laid off due to no available work. Luckily, being an entrepreneur — and truly that's what Eric is, as you

will see — he was urged by George Goulart at the appliance store Mid-Cape to start his own repair business; George said he would send him all the repair work that Eric could handle. What a gift this was for the young man, and it worked for the next 11 years, until George retired. By now, Eric was married to Karen Olsen, and he decided to get his own business, at the Radio Shack building, selling Maytag appliances. He sold and repaired appliances, and his company expanded to 13 employees. However, after a few years, he couldn't get enough trained help to keep the business going at such a large scale, so he decided to downsize to the small store that he has now run for more than 20 years. He told me that it was very hard to cut back, because he truly had the dream of expanding, but it wasn't practical for him to do so.

Eric is truly an entrepreneur who didn't get the opportunity to achieve a business degree, but took advantage of every opportunity, worked hard, and developed a successful business. Kudos to you, Eric — you serve our Island well! **MVT**

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## COMMUNITY NOTE



### Benefit walk for dementia services on M.V.

The Martha's Vineyard Center for Living provides services, programs, and activities for Islanders 55 and over through partnerships with the town Councils on Aging and other related organizations. On May 16, at 10 am, it is holding a benefit walk supporting dementia and caregiver services. Participants will meet at Nomans, walk to the "Jaws" Bridge, and come back to Nomans to celebrate. Registration coming soon to [mvcenter4living.org](http://mvcenter4living.org). **MVT**

### April vacation pony rides

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TOWNS COLUMNISTS

## Tisbury

Excerpts compiled by Ella Munnely



We at The Times are heartbroken to report that Kay Mayhew, the Tisbury town columnist since 1987, passed away on April 12. “Too many birthdays and now lung cancer have now cut my time short,” she wrote in her final sign-off letter to the town. We offer our deepest condolences to her family — and also to the town, which has

lost a local treasure. Below are some of Kay’s signature “Heard on Main Street” quips from this week over the past decade. Heard on Main Street: You’re not old until your dreams become regrets. –April 15, 2025 Heard on Main Street: Sometimes we are so caught up in who’s right and who’s wrong that we forget what’s

right and what’s wrong. –April 17, 2024 Heard on Main Street: Life is too short to wake up with regrets. So love the people who treat you right. Forget about the ones who don’t. –April 17, 2024 Heard on Main Street: How come Superman could stop bullets with his chest, but always ducked when someone threw a gun at him? –April 19, 2023 Heard on Main Street: It’s a lot easier to get older

than it is to get wiser. –April 19, 2023 Heard on Main Street: Your job won’t take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and family will. Stay in touch. –April 19, 2022 Heard on Main Street: Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. –April 19, 2022 Heard on Main Street: Accept facts: When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile. –April 21, 2021 Heard on Main Street:

Enjoy the April showers, promising the dandelions of summer. –April 21, 2021 Heard on Main Street: This too shall pass. By next winter? –April 15, 2020 Heard on Main Street: Life is short. Live it to the fullest. –April 17, 2019 Heard on Main Street: Spring showers bring more than May flowers; they also bring back our snowbirds. –April 17, 2019

Heard on Main Street: It’s those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular. –April 18, 2018 Heard on Main Street: A hand to hold and a heart to understand is sometimes all a person needs. –April 18, 2018 Heard on Main Street: Friends are people who walk into your life by accident and remain part of your life on purpose. –April 12, 2016 **MVT**

**Heard on Main Street: Your job won’t take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and family will. Stay in touch.**

If you know anyone who might be interested in becoming the new Tisbury town columnist, please reach out to Nicole Galland directly, at [nicolegalland@mvtimes.com](mailto:nicolegalland@mvtimes.com).

## Edgartown

By Marnely Murray [marnely@gmail.com](mailto:marnely@gmail.com)



I start this column with sad news, as our Tisbury town columnist, Kay Mayhew, has passed away. As the newest columnist of the bunch, I only had the pleasure of meeting her once, but read her column weekly. Her introduction of “Heard on Main Street” was always such a curious and smart way to kick off a column, and for that, I tip my journalistic hat to her. Sending prayers of peace to her family and all those who knew her. Sadly, there’s no segue to the fact that it already feels like we’re off to the races! Figuratively and literally, that is. Today is the day to get out there and vote, but

also it seems like mid-April is the time when we all realize the season is just around the corner and we need to get ready. A subset of people getting ready are those running the Boston Marathon on the 20th, so make sure you send Eliska, Chris, Ryan, Tory, Casey, and everyone else running good wishes!

Also getting ready are our local businesses and restaurants, which are slowly reopening. This past week or so, we saw Bettini at the Harbor View Hotel go to seven days a week already, and the Atlantic reopened for the season, so there are some new dining menus to try out before the days get too busy. A big round of applause and welcome back to Chef Jayden Canady, who comes back to the Atlantic from having participated as a contestant on Season 24 of “Hell’s Kitchen: Battle of the States,” representing Massachusetts. Welcome

back, Chef, we can’t wait to dine on the harbor once again with you. On the subject of food, Chef Jenny DeVivo is hosting a Found Foods Supper Club on April 16, starting at 5:30 pm, at the FARM Institute. It’s a unique, hands-on culinary experience that celebrates food rescue, zero-waste cooking, and seasonal ingredients from local farmers, fishers, and food purveyors. Each session features a curated, on-the-spot menu dictated by the surplus ingredients available that week, transforming overlooked foods into delicious, sustain-

able meals. Preregistration is required for all FARM Institute cooking classes at <https://visit.thetrustees.org/orders/483/tickets>. I’m also excited to walk back into the Carnegie Heritage Center, which reopened this past week. They will be welcoming visitors Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm, and I have to say, it’s truly one of my favorite spots in Edgartown. Explore exhibits and immerse yourself in history, but also it’s a great space to just take a break from the hustle and bustle of town and sit in its reading rooms with a book. Make sure to check out its upcoming events online at [vineyardtrust.org/events](http://vineyardtrust.org/events). Also reopening this week is CB Stark Jewelers’ Edgartown location on April 17, so make sure to stop by and say welcome back to them! If you’ve ever wanted to learn about orchids, talk to the experts, Mariko

and Grace, at Donaroma’s. They’ll be teaching a class on April 18, starting at 1pm (\$95 per person). Learn to care for orchids, including watering, light and reblooming. Simple styling tips and strategies. Each participant will receive an orchid to take home! To sign up, call or email Amy Coffey at [amy@donaromas.com](mailto:amy@donaromas.com) or call 508-627-3036. Birthday greetings go out to my bestie Meg Shai-Brown on the 17th, Birdie Moore and Helia Cabral on the 18th, and Tilma Zyla on the 19th. Cheers to Mike Harmon and Matt Millard — your friend Casey O’Connor said to make sure to say happy birthday to you too! May your week ahead be filled with lots of spring cleaning, getting ready for the season, and fun experiences with friends and family! May we all honor Kay by walking our main streets in hopes of overhearing a thing or two! **MVT**

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## Oak Bluffs

By Joanne Lambert [joannelamber@gmail.com](mailto:joannelamber@gmail.com)



“You can meet saints everywhere. They can be anywhere. They are people behaving decently in an indecent society.” –Kurt Vonnegut

Wasn’t it thrilling to watch the Artemis II mission make that incredible journey around the moon? It was

just amazing to me that we could see the astronauts in real time, watch and listen as they experienced time in a capsule hurtling through space. They were not bragging about themselves afterward, either — they were sharing an emotional experience with all of us, talking about our common bonds as the “crew” of Earth. These are the kind of “saints” that Kurt Vonnegut was talking about, I think! I met some of our local saints at the MVH Health Fair last Saturday. So many nonprofits and individuals working for the wellness of our community, it was inspiring! I met the team of young people who are organizing the M.V. chapter

of Swim Across America, a fundraiser supporting the fight against cancer. MVRHS juniors Leah Thompson and Zoe Treitman took the lead to bring this event to M.V. after reading about Nantucket’s event last year. This July 18th, Menemsha Beach will be the spot to jump into the water and raise funds to support our local cancer services. More info at [swimacrossamerica.org/MV](http://swimacrossamerica.org/MV). Earth Day is Saturday, April 18. Celebrate by joining the Island-wide beach cleanup from 10 am to noon. Pick your favorite beach, check in with a host from the Vineyard Conservation Society to get your gloves, bags, and a lunch token, then head to

the M.V. Museum for lunch and an afternoon festival including live music, vendors, and fun from noon to 3 pm. More info at [vineyardconservation.org](http://vineyardconservation.org). Spring school vacation is next week, April 20 to 24. Wishing all our teachers, administrators, and staff a well-deserved and restful break! This can feel like a quiet week here, with many families heading off for vacation fun. For those staying put, there are activities all week at the library for kids of all ages. The Family Center is open with play groups and activities for the little ones; check its programs on Facebook or email [mvfamilycenter@gmail.com](mailto:mvfamilycenter@gmail.com). The YMCA is operating

at the Ice Arena until June 1 – the good news is you can still work out AND take your fitness classes. The bad news is that the pool is closed until June 1 also, while they complete the expansion construction. The really great news is that our already wonderful Y is going to be even better. It really has become the Island hub — they offer something for everyone. I can’t wait to see it completed! Happy birthday to Jenny Seward on April 16! Megan Briere celebrates on the 18th. Birthday hugs to Mark Baird on his day, April 19. On the 20th, we send balloons to Matt Leonard. Happy birthday to Heidi Ganser, Jeff Bryant, and Shelby Ponte on April 22. I am very sad to learn that fellow columnist and friend Kay Mayhew has passed away. My deepest condolences to her family and loved ones. Send me your news! **MVT**

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Amelia Brito

Victoria Rolanti and Julio Brito of Oak Bluffs announce the birth of a daughter, Amelia Brito, on April 8, 2026, at Martha’s Vineyard Hospital. Amelia weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

### Dahlia Bell Kirkland Hughes

Josey Kirkland and Ben Hughes of Edgartown announce the birth of a daughter, Dahlia Bell Kirkland Hughes, on April 8, 2026, at Martha’s Vineyard Hospital. Dahlia weighed 7 pounds, 2.6 ounces.

**Earth Day is Saturday, April 18. Celebrate by joining the Island-wide beach cleanup from 10 am to noon.**

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

## Aquinnah



By Kathie Olsen  
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Charley and I have a big porch that wraps around two sides of our house. One side faces the northeast, the other faces southwest. For much of winter, Charley did his writing bundled up, sitting outside on the southwest side, where he was sheltered from the wind but comforted by the rather feeble warmth of the sun. Now, however, as the world

has turned, it became obvious that it was time to bring out the furnishings for the northeast-facing porch. Last Friday we spent a few hours out there basking in the sun, albeit still wrapped in sweaters, and enjoying seeing the cheerful chairs and pillows again after their long winter of storage. It was a delicious taste of what is to come as we spend many hours out

there all summer long. I was grateful for that resting and warming space again on Saturday. Saturday was the day when the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) hosted planting of seagrass along the dunes at Lobsterville. At 9 that morning, I put on sweats, grabbed a trowel and my gardening gloves, and headed out to take part. I was greeted by smiling faces and a table filled with delicious break-

fast offerings from Quitsa Cuisine. After signing in, I walked down to the beach, grabbed a bundle of seagrass, found a section waiting for its seagrass, got onto my knees and got to work, one of the many working hard all along the beach. I found the work a form of spiritual meditation. Poke a deep hole, grab three plugs of beachgrass, put them in, and gently pat the sand firmly around them. The patting felt like comforting

Mother Earth herself, an act of love and care for this place that gives us so much joy. If you weren't among those who were there that day, get there next year, when it will surely happen again. Your knees may hurt the next day like mine did, but your heart and soul will be happy. April 20-27 is Earth Week. The Aquinnah library is taking part by hosting three events. The first takes place on Tuesday, April 21, at 1 pm.

Come to the library for an all-ages program with Sydney Pigott, Felix Neck education coordinator, who will teach us about the shorebirds that nest on our beaches. The second event is a Climate Resilience Symposium at Aquinnah Town Hall on Thursday, April 23, from 3 to 5 pm. Speakers from the M.V. Commission and local emergency management officials will speak about emergency planning and response, and Biodiversity Works Program Director Rich Couse will speak about planting for climate resilience. The third event will take place next

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## Chilmark



By Claire Ganz  
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The daffodils are busting open. The dark-green-leafed andromeda is festooned in blossoms that remind me of grand strands of pearls. It is fun to strip them off their pedicels and to cut spent daffodils into confetti until the basket is full, and then scatter them at the base of boulders and favorite trees and into pictures on the lawn where you'd hoped to plant the bulbs you'd meant to separate from the crowded clusters, and to give yourself grace because many things are

changing and responding to changes as well as the normal activities of life in the country in springtime is a lot. It is interesting how the phrase "You could do something with this," which used to be the most off-putting remark, has become a necessary perspective. The news that Kay Mayhew

passed hits hard. Reading her column was a treat, and I especially appreciated the section Heard on Main Street. She had an interest in history and genealogy, and an ear for the human experience. I am grateful for archives of her writing at the museum and in this paper. I am grateful for the friends of mine who were dear friends of hers. My heart goes out to all her family, friends, and community. She was a member of the Martha's Vineyard chapter of the League of Women Voters, an organization that works diligently to support our right to vote, civics education,

and candidates by providing forums to help us understand candidates positions on town management, priorities, and decisionmaking. Thank you, Katherine Carroll (a.k.a. Katie), for putting your hat in the game and launching a write-in campaign for the open seat on Chilmark's select board. Competition is good, and now we have two candidates, Rebecca Haag and Katherine Carroll. Select board members put in a lot of effort, and are also responsible for decisions that can improve and change not just what a town looks like, but what it is like

to live and work there. An in-person forum is scheduled for Monday, April 20, at 6 pm at the Chilmark library. It warms my heart every time I pass Colin Ruel's gallery, and I am so pleased by the news that Colin's exhibition, "The Light Is Returning" which explores family, labor, and belonging across generations, will open at the Martha's Vineyard Museum May 16. Island Gymnastics Coach Beth Goodell reports that two gymnasts from Chilmark won their respective levels. Estelle Mason, 11, led her Gold Level Team with a personal record of 38.8, which included amazing consistency, with no score below a 9.65 across four events. Her team bested East Bridgewater by nearly 3 pts. According to Island

Gymnastics Coach Beth Goodell, Estelle's record will be checked, because it might also be a gym record. Joey Foran, 8, led her Copper Level Team to a second-place finish against East Bridgewater, with a personal record of 36.9, with scores of 9.5 on vault and bars. Congratulations to the 6-year-olds for their preteam demonstration of the floor exercise: Georgie Barbatti (I know why you weren't in Sunday school!) and Finley Wilber, and Vera Schefferthe. This was the biggest number of Islanders to compete since before COVID: 52 gymnasts ages 6 to 15, over two sessions and four levels! Well done! Maritime Memoirs Vineyard Haven Cruising Club Invitational Stories at Pathways, Tuesday, April 21, 7 to 9 pm. **MVT**

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## West Tisbury



By Hermine Hull  
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I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.  
  
Continuous as the stars that shine  
And twinkle on the milky way,  
They stretched in never-ending line  
Along the margin of a bay:  
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,  
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.  
  
The waves beside them danced; but they  
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:  
A poet could not be but gay,  
In such a jocund company:  
I gazed — and gazed — but little thought  
What wealth the show to me had brought:  
  
For oft, when on my couch I lie  
In vacant or in pensive mood,  
They flash upon that inward eye  
Which is the bliss of solitude;  
And then my heart with pleasure fills,  
And dances with the daffodils.

I learned this poem by William Wordsworth when I was in high school, and it comes to mind every spring when daffodils carpet the Island. What a sight they are, no less inspiring to my eye and heart than they were to Wordsworth. Jennie Gadowski attended the Dukes County Fire Training Council celebration for its 2025-26 Fire-fighter I/II class on April 4. Her granddaughter, Jennelle Gadowski, was one of five West Tisbury Fire Department graduates. The others were Alex Bortolotto, Josh Emin, Theodore Pearson, and Erik VanLandinham. Congratulations to you all. Don't forget that the library will be closed on Monday, April 20, for Patriot's Day. There will be free soup and bread lunches from 11:30 to 1 on the weekdays during the spring school va-

cation, beginning Tuesday, April 21. All are welcome. Some of the other library programs include learning how to cane or rush a chair seat this Friday, April 17, at 4 pm. Bring your chair to restore. Sign up at wt\_mail@clamsnet.org. Saturday at 1 pm, there will be a screening for families of "Flow," in recognition of Earth Month. At 3:30 pm, Jennelle Gadowski will advise about "Emergency Financial Preparedness," how to protect your finances before, during, and after an emergency. Sunday at 1 pm, come to a concert of traditional music from Venezuela and Columbia. There will be a Gnome and Fairy Home-Building program for kids on Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Building materials will be provided, and participants

are welcome to bring some of their own: bark, shells, seed pods, feathers, twigs, moss, lichen, small pieces of driftwood. Wednesday at 3:30 pm, kids are invited to the Tisbury School gymnasium for the "Wild World of Animals" show, sponsored by the M.V. Library Association. Thursday, 9:30 to 10:30 am, families are invited to the library for pancakes and cartoons. Celebrate Earth Month on Saturday, April 18, with a beach cleanup from 10 am to noon, then head to the M.V. Museum for a conservation festival till 3 pm. For information: vineyardconservation.org. Linda Hearn and I had another art outing to see the "30 x 30" show at Featherstone, a tribute to the 30 years since Mary Stevens and Virginia Besse opened

the gallery at the Stevens' farm. Artists across the Island produced images on a 30- by 30-inch canvas. Work ranged from traditional paintings, photographs, and mixed-media pieces to Debra and Robert Yapp's stone-and-driftwood framed mirror, Deb Edmunds' garden gate setting for the goldfinch she carved and painted, Scott Bliss' tree with beach glass leaves, and nonrepresentational paintings by Harriet Bernstein, Brique Garber, and Ellike Edelman. You had to look carefully to appreciate the three-dimensional collaged flowers and butterflies on the painted surface of Deborah Black's "Joyful Transformation," and delineating Daisy Lifton's layered-paper horses. Several artists added texture using transparent and opaque papers. One artistic

family showed their work together; Traeger DiPietro, his wife Lauren Evans, and Lauren's children, Nico and Marina. I wish I could mention every exhibitor. Linda and I had gone especially to see "The Wave," a felted wool "painting" by her daughter, Laura Hearn. Recalling Hokusai's famous 1831 woodcut, "The Great Wave Off Kanagawa," it is spectacular. I just learned that Kay Mayhew died on April 12. My colleagues at The Times and I all thought we would have more time to send her notes and cards, to let her know what her stalwart presence meant to us all. Knowing Kay, she would have hated any fuss. She is with her Donald again, and I wish them peaceful rest. My condolences to their family, and to the lifetime readers of her Tisbury columns. We haven't completely lost Kay. Her years of Tisbury columns can still be read and enjoyed. She can still transport us to a time and place she recorded, week after week, year after year. That is the gift a writer leaves behind. **MVT**

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## BOOKS

# 'Strangers: A Memoir of Marriage,'

## by Belle Burden

Unforeseen betrayal and unforeseen success.

On March 21, 2020, while quarantining with her family on the Vineyard during the early days of the pandemic, Belle Burden received a voicemail from an unknown man: "I'm trying to reach Belle. He paused. I'm sorry to tell you this, but your husband is having an affair with my wife."

This unexpected and unwelcome call precipitated the dramatic unraveling of her marriage, the details of which Burden reveals in her much-talked-about memoir, "Strangers."

"Strangers" has struck a chord with readers. The book has emerged as the literary sensation of the season, catapulting Burden, who kept a very low profile prior to the publication of her memoir, into the public eye. She's been featured in magazines like Elle and Town & Country. She had a sit-down for an interview with Oprah. Her book hit the New York Times best-seller list quickly, and has stayed there. And it was recently announced that Netflix will be adapting the book into a movie starring Gwyneth Paltrow as Burden.

About the call, Burden writes, "The words didn't make sense ... I thought, 'This can't be true. This must be a mistake. James will explain this.'"

When Burden confronts James, he initially insists the affair meant nothing and that it is over: "I love you and only you. I'm so sorry. I'm so embarrassed." But shortly after, the husband from the voicemail calls back, telling Burden that his wife attempted suicide, and is in an

ambulance. Burden describes her immediate response: "I felt panic then. James' betrayal was going to cause waves of damage beyond me, beyond our family. This was a crisis we would need to manage together."

However, the next morning, James declares he wants a divorce and is leaving. And leave he does, saying he doesn't want custody of the children, nor their apartment, or the Vineyard house. Without warning, James has seemingly wiped his hands clean, abandoning the family, which, until that moment, he appeared to love fervently.

Burden is haunted by never learning what led to James' affair and not seeing it. "He never told me, not once, that he was discontent in our marriage, unhappy with me, or struggling in our life together. I wonder now, did I make up the love story, the tale of our commitment to each other? ... I believe in that narrative." Burden, though, continues to

probe. "But what if the story I told myself wasn't true? What if he always had a different story?"

Burden reports on James' behavior throughout the divorce. Although it isn't pretty, she doesn't write vin-

dictively, leaving room for us to see him as human, even with his flaws. We follow Burden through all the stages of grieving, which include examining aspects of herself, such as surrendering her agency in the marriage to James. "And, as he

told me often, he was going to take care of me," she writes, noting that she had been happy to find her knight in shining armor. Part of the ramifications was Burden's ignorance about their finances. "I lost touch with both the big picture and the details of our financial life, depending on James to tell me what to do ... I settled into the vagueness, the luxury, and privilege of not knowing. And part of me liked it, the handing over. James' care for our money felt like his contribution to our family, the way he showed his love and commitment to me and the kids. There was something romantic about it, too."

During the divorce, James expects Burden to comply with his decisions, demanding that she do so. We see signs of Burden's growth. "It would be easier, safer, to let the divorce proceed as James wanted it to. To trust that he would be fair to me in the end ... But why should I trust James to be fair to me? Why would it serve me, or my children, to be silent? There was something growing in me, an almost nihilistic desire to set flame to the remaining structures of my former life, to the very safety I clung to, to the fiction that I could depend

on anyone other than myself for protection, to the idea that being quiet was the only way to be good."

Burden explores the origins of her compliance with not speaking out, disagreeing, or standing up for herself. Neither her grandmother nor her mother called out her own unfaithful partner. "Without being conscious of it, as a child and a young adult, I absorbed this legacy of infidelity ... I thought I had ended this legacy ... but I had repeated it in a spectacular fashion." By the end of the book, we see how Burden took brave steps to stop the cycle of staying silent.

Burden covers a lot more ground in "Strangers," including how friends and society treat those whose partners are unfaithful.

Although "Strangers" does not take place exclusively in the Vineyard, Burden anchors her story on the Island through the leitmotif of the osprey couple that returns yearly to her family's property. These birds, with their loyal mating habits, are greatly loved by Vineyarders, who await their arrival every spring. In "Strangers," the ospreys and their chicks initially represent Burden's seemingly idyllic family life and her husband's role as protector. After his unexpected abandonment, Burden moves from finding the birds painful to witnessing them as a source of comfort and a reflection of nature's — and thus her own — endurance.

Ultimately, at its core, "Strangers" is Burden's challenging journey that leads to claiming her voice and embracing herself. **MVT**

"Strangers: A Memoir of Marriage," by Belle Burden, is available at Edgartown Books and Bunch of Grapes. Belle Burden will be speaking at this summer's Islanders Write on Thursday, July 16.



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## Aquinnah

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week, on April 25, but I'll write more about that in next weeks' column.

Saturday, April 18, is the 34th annual Earth Day Beach Cleanup and Conservation Festival. Here in Aquinnah, the target beach is Philbin. Check in with hosts at Philbin at 10 am, and they will give you bags and gloves (or BYO), along with your lunch token. Then go to the M.V. Museum for lunch and the

Earth Day Conservation Festival. There will be games, live music, activities, live animals, and fun for the whole family there. Parking is limited at the museum, so they ask that you carpool, take the VTA, or park nearby at Veterans Field.

Construction up on the Cliffs continues. Along with the new stairs and walkway, we will be graced with a new VTA bus shelter. The shelter was designed and is being built by the talented Tim Laursen, who designed and built the sun shelter behind the shops. I'm so glad that

the many visitors who come to our town on the bus, and the school kids who board buses there in the early mornings, will now have a lovely, sheltered place to sit as they wait. That beautiful spot has long been worthy of this addition. Thanks to Jay MacLeod, Aquinnah representative to the VTA, who tells me that they expect it to be ready in early May. Stay posted.

Happy birthday wishes to Vernon Powell, who celebrates on April 18.

Dear Kay. Oh how we will miss you. **MVT**

## Cribbage Club results



BY SAMANTHA BURNS

Chairs filled quickly, cards were shuffled with purpose, and the room buzzed with the unmistakable energy of people enjoying themselves.

Members agreed it was a wonderful evening all around: good weather, good food, good company, spirited play, and proof that a little sunshine can do marvelous things — especially when it persuades people to spend a Wednesday night enthusiastically arguing over pairs, runs, and whether somebody counted that hand correctly. Nineteen people

gathered to play our favorite game! The results of the night were as follows:

**First**, with a Grand Slam, Collin Evanson with a 12/6 +74 card

**Second**, Mary Alice Russell with an 11/5 +71 card

**Third**, for the second week in a row, Bill Russell with a 10/4 +97 card

**Fourth**, for the second week in a row, Samantha Cron with an 8/4 +25 card

**Fifth**, David Christensen with an 8/4 +21 card

There were THREE 24-point hands dealt,

to Byram Devine, Collin Evanson, and George Giosmas. Second-place winner Mary Alice Russell had an infamous FLUSH crib. Seven skunks were suffered Wednesday night!

We regularly meet on Wednesdays at the American Legion in Katama; if you like cribbage, please come join us! 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, call, or text Mary Alice Russell at maonmv@mac.com or 508-524-1220. **MVT**

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# calendar

Event spotlight for the week of 4-16 - 4-22

## THU 4/16

### Alida O'Loughlin art show

Enjoy an evening of art and exploration at MVTV. Artist Alida O'Loughlin is showcasing her photography for the Island com-

munity to enjoy. Free, 5 to 7 pm. MVTV — Martha's Vineyard Community Television, 58 Edgartown—Vineyard Haven Road, Oak Bluffs; 508-696-9760.



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## FRI 4/17

### 2026 Bivalve Ball

Catch up with fellow Islanders and support local shellfish. Participants will enjoy a silent auction, raw bar, chowder, and drink. 5 to 9 pm, \$60. Tickets at bit.ly/EB\_BivalveBallTix. Contact Chilmark Community Center, 520 South Road, Chilmark. Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, mvshellfishgroup.org.



## SAT 4/18

### Chilmark Preschool art opening

Come see the joyful artistic expressions of the chops of the Island's youngest community members. Exhibit open all month.

Contact: Casey Esposito, director, casey@chilmarkpreschool.com; chilmarkpreschool.com. Chilmark library, 522 South Road, Chilmark.



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## SUN 4/19

### 'Evil Speech & Antidotes'

Evil Speech and Some Possible Antidotes' with Rabbi Lori Shaller and Kohenet Batya Diamond. Does it really matter if we publicly criticize our friends, our acquaintances, our elected officials? How are we impacted when we speak negatively about others and when we hear negative speech from others? And how can we counter-balance those effects? Join the speakers on

Sunday, April 19, at 10 am to explore these questions. In person and virtual, free. Unitarian Universalist Society of M.V., 238 Main St, Vineyard Haven.



## MON 4/20

### W.T. Book Sale donations

The Friends of the West Tisbury Library are accepting book donations on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 1 and 2 pm, at the donation shed

adjacent to the West Tisbury School, for their annual book sale. Donation guidelines are at bit.ly/FWTPL\_BookDonations. 401 Old County Road, West Tisbury.



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## TUE 4/21

### Play reading at Tisbury Senior Center

Each week, enjoy hearing a different play — from the classic to the modern, from hits to buried treasures — read by seasoned actors, as well as readers

new to the art form. The plays can be funny, sad, thought-provoking, or all three. Free. 9 am to 12 pm. Tisbury Council on Aging, 34 Pine Tree Road, Vineyard Haven.



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## Events

### THURSDAY, APRIL 16 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 and 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.

### Spring Spectacular Show

11 am-4 pm, Louisa Gould Gallery, Vineyard Haven. Annual Spring Group Show: Sean Roach, Christie Scheele, Teek Eaton-Koch, Julieann Jarreau, and Paul Beebe. 508-693-7373, louisagould@gmail.com.

### Free Cuts For Recovery

1-3 pm, The Red House PRSC, Vineyard Haven. Free, fresh cuts. Seniel will be on-site offering haircuts to our community. 508-693-2900, jttau@mvcommunityservices.org.

### Red Dragon Mah-Jong

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

### 3-Week Watercolor 101 with Lynn Hoeft

1-4 pm, Featherstone Center for the Arts, Oak Bluffs. Come learn the fundamentals of watercolor in this beginner course covering materials, getting started, color, and still life and landscape paintings. 508-693-1850, featherstone@featherstoneart.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.

### VHPL Book Club Reads "The Frozen River: A Novel" by Ariel Lawhon

2 pm, Tisbury EMS Facility, Vineyard Haven. Enjoy a lively discussion in a casual "hybrid" format. Send an email to [vhpl\\_programs@clamsnet.org](mailto:vhpl_programs@clamsnet.org) to be added to the list. Everyone is welcome! 508-696-4211, [vhpl\\_programs@clamsnet.org](mailto: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](mailto:vhpl_programs@clamsnet.org).

### Mario Kart Tournament

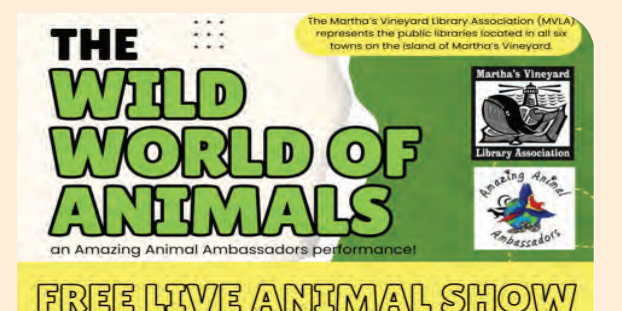
4-7 pm, West Tisbury Library. ALL AGES 4/16. Pizza Served. Registration Required. Email [hburbridge@clamsnet.org](mailto:hburbridge@clamsnet.org) or call 508-693-3366.

## WED 4/22

### 'The Wild World of Animals'

Amazing Animal Ambassadors brings us the natural wonders of our planet in this free, live animal show. Learn about creatures from Africa, South America, Australia, Europe, Asia, and the U.S. During the show, audience members will have the opportunity to handle several animals,

and save time for great photo opportunities. The presentation is brought to the community by the Martha's Vineyard Library Association (MVLA). Free, 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Tisbury School Gymnasium, 40 West William St., Vineyard Haven. Contact: Hannah Burbidge, [hburbridge@clamsnet.org](mailto:hburbridge@clamsnet.org), 508-693-3366.



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# Poetic magical realism

“The Gardener” is now playing at the M.V. Film Center.

BY ABBY REMER

**M**ore than a touch of poetic magical realism weaves in and out of Dabney Day’s “The Gardener,” opening at the Martha’s Vineyard Film Center on April 17. Before the narrative begins, we see gorgeous scenes of nature, and a man — possibly the gardener (William Miller) of the film’s title — digging in the rich earth amid overgrown greenery. We hear a woman’s voice reciting the lines that prepare us for what is about to come: “It has been said that in every life there is a season, a time to grow, a time to dance, a time to mourn, and a time to thrive.”

Moments later, we meet the woman behind the voice, Sabena Weathers (Radha Mitchell). She is exiting her chauffeured car and walking decisively into the impressive corporate headquarters of the cosmetics company, By Sabena. Her entrance is swift, efficient, and authoritative, and those around her scurry about as she heads to her office with the same imperial bearing as Miranda Priestly in “The Devil Wears Prada.”

Within seconds, she closes the door. We hear her nasty cough and watch her light a cigarette with a gold lighter. As the phone rings incessantly, the camera pans over a large painting of what we later discover is her father, the company’s founder. When she finally picks up the receiver, a heavily accented French voice asks her something indistinct. “Sabena is not on the market,” she responds dismissively.

“But we have such synergy,” the man’s voice insists.

“No, I understand. Sabena is me. It’s not just a name on a lipstick tube. It’s not about the money ... What you would acquire is my life. I have no plans to merge.” It



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turns out that the leading French cosmetics company in Europe is gunning for a hostile takeover.

Hanging up, Sabena is moving, cigarette in hand. While dominating a photo shoot and shouting orders, she short-temperedly takes a call from her doctor’s office. The next thing we know, she’s undergoing emergency surgery, nearly dying. In a dreamlike sequence, Sabena, wearing a flowing white dress, runs through a bounteous, blooming field, intercut with ominous images of tall skyscrapers and threatening lightning.

Thus, in the first five minutes of the film, we are off and running. As the story unfolds, Sabena is pressured into finding a way to reduce the intensity of her life. During a drive, a piebald raven, which appears auspiciously throughout the film, leads her to a remote mountaintop. There, she discovers an old house, a small cottage, and a lush but long-neglected garden for sale. Much to her own surprise and the astonishment of those at her company, Sabena buys the place.

At first, she simply works tirelessly from her new home, at a risk to her health. When an easygoing, salt-of-the-earth gardener appears, she initially wants nothing to do with him. Their relationship becomes central to the narrative, which has many competing tendrils.

Sabena vacillates between self-growth and attunement to nature and her fierce, hard-edged corporate persona, fighting tenaciously to hold on to the company. As the film proceeds, Sabena’s life is like a neglected garden that needs the soil tilled, rocks overturned, and seeds planted to discover what, if anything, will ultimately bloom. **MVT**

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## Events

### 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](mailto:mlynch@clamsnet.org).

### 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](mailto:cphelan@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](mailto: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](mailto:lhearn@clamsnet.org).

### Table Tennis

5 pm, Tisbury Senior Center, Vineyard Haven. Table tennis for all ages and skill levels. 508-728-5898, [raeobmw@gmail.com](mailto:raeobmw@gmail.com).

### Sip, Stretch, Polish Open House Pop Up.

5-7 pm, Sea Spa Salon & Nevin Square Edgartown, Edgartown. Spring open house pop-up with Sea Spa Salon, Vintage MV Wine & Spirits, Vineyard Vinyasa, & Kenworthy in Nevin Square, Edgartown. 774-563-9470, [weddings@seaspasalonmv.com](mailto:weddings@seaspasalonmv.com).

### Alida O’Loughlin Art Show Opening at MVTV :)!

5-7 pm, MVTV - Martha’s Vineyard Community Television Station, Oak Bluffs. An evening of art exploration! Artist Alida O’Loughlin is showcasing her creative photography for the island to enjoy! 508-696-9760, [michelle@mvttv.org](mailto:michelle@mvttv.org).

### Opening Photography Alida O’Loughlin

5-7 pm, MV Community Television, Oak Bluffs. A Photography show about some of the amazing patterns we find in Nature. 508-560-2648, [alidamv@comcast.net](mailto:alidamv@comcast.net).

### Pilates Flow with Camille Beaulize

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](mailto:info@stillpointmv.org).

### Found Foods Supper Club: A Hands-On Culinary Experience

5:30-7 pm, Farm Institute, Edgartown. Join Chef Jenny DeVivo for a unique hands-on culinary experience that celebrates food rescue, zero-waste cooking, and local seasonal ingredients! 508-627-7007, [lbrown@thetrustees.org](mailto:lbrown@thetrustees.org).

### 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](mailto:emhaggerty@gmail.com).

### Mary Oliver: Saved by the Beauty of the World

7 pm, Grange Hall, West Tisbury. Grounded in her own words, this intimate documentary explores the life and legacy of a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Mary Oliver. 508-560-2134, [boxoffice@circuitalts.org](mailto:boxoffice@circuitalts.org).  
**Chilmark Preschool Art Opening**  
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### FRIDAY, APRIL 17

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@airportfitnessmv.com).

### Carnegie Heritage Center Opening Weekend

10 am-3 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](http://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](mailto:featherstone@featherstoneart.org).

### Mermaid Tales with a Twist

10:15-10:45 am, Oak Bluffs Library. Enjoy storytelling 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mlynch@clamsnet.org).

### Mini-Maker Craft Club

10:30 am-2 pm, Edgartown Library. A different-themed craft will be offered every week. 508-627-4221, [programs@edgartownlibrary.org](mailto: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, [whpl\\_programs@clamsnet.org](mailto:whpl_programs@clamsnet.org).

### Spring Spectacular Show

11 am-4 pm, Louisa Gould Gallery, Vineyard Haven. Annual Spring Group Show. Sean Roach, Christie Scheele, Teek Eaton-Koch, Julieann Jarreau, and Paul Beebe. 508-693-7373, [louisagould@gmail.com](mailto:louisagould@gmail.com).

### Friday Crafting

11 am-4:30 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Fresh craft projects for ages 3-11. New craft each week! Drop in. 508-693-9438, [mlynch@clamsnet.org](mailto:mlynch@clamsnet.org).

### Toddler Time

11-11:30 am, Chilmark Library. We’ll read classic and current children’s literature, and sing, move, and play together. Ideal for preschool ages. [chilmarklibrarykids@gmail.com](mailto:chilmarklibrarykids@gmail.com) 508-645-3360, [chilmarklibrarykids@gmail.com](mailto:chilmarklibrarykids@gmail.com).

### 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](mailto: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, [westtislibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:westtislibraryfriends@gmail.com).

### Slow Stitching Circle, with Rebecca Gilbert

1-3 pm, PathwaysARTS at the Chilmark Tavern. Small sewing projects - existing or start new! Bring favorite trims & buttons. Basic materials provided. Slow down, repurpose & recycle. Free. 508-645-9098, [tanya4pathways@gmail.com](mailto:tanya4pathways@gmail.com).

### Rush or Chair Caning Workshop Series

4 pm, West Tisbury Library. w/ instructor Fred Thornbrugh. Meets April 17, May 1, 8, 15 & 22. Sign up by emailing [wt\\_mail@clamsnet.org](mailto:wt_mail@clamsnet.org). 508-693-3366, [wt\\_mail@clamsnet.org](mailto:wt_mail@clamsnet.org).

### Everybody to Kenmure Street

5 pm, Grange Hall, West Tisbury. A Sundance jury award winner for civil resistance, this urgent documentary follows a Scottish community uniting to stop two neighbors’ deportation. 508-560-2134, [boxoffice@circuitalts.org](mailto:boxoffice@circuitalts.org).

### Tarot Exploration

5-7 pm, Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha’s Vineyard, Vineyard Haven. Join CUUPS MV to explore Tarot! Drop in: 2/17, 3/18, 4/17, and 5/16 at Stevens Chapel, 238 Main St., VH, p.m. Free! 508-479-6321, [cuups.mv@gmail.com](mailto:cuups.mv@gmail.com).

### 2026 Bivalve Ball: Annual Spring Fundraiser

5-9 pm, Chilmark Community Center. [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).

### Magic the Gathering: Gaming Club

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

### WE DANCE : Country Line Dance Class & DJ DC ROSE

7-11 pm, PathwaysARTS at the Chilmark Tavern. 7-8pm Country Line Dance Class, led by Jill Gross. No experience necessary. DJ DC ROSE with Old School Soul, Disco & Funk. Open dance floor. Free. 508-645-9098, [tanya4pathways@gmail.com](mailto:tanya4pathways@gmail.com).

### When a Witness Recants

7:30 pm, Grange Hall, West Tisbury. A 1983 Baltimore school murder led to three teens’ wrongful imprisonment for 36 years, as Ta-Nehisi Coates examines its lasting impact. 508-560-2134, [boxoffice@circuitalts.org](mailto:boxoffice@circuitalts.org).

### Chilmark Preschool Art Opening

Chilmark Library, Preschool Art Opening Reception Friday, 4/3 @ 3PM. Exhibit open all month. 508-645-3360, [casey@chilmarkpreschool.com](mailto:casey@chilmarkpreschool.com).

### SATURDAY, APRIL 18

#### Pilates Flow with Camille Beaulize

8:30-9:45 am, Stillpoint, West Tisbury. This upbeat Pilates class blends preventative medicine, mind-over-matter focus, and joyful movement. [info@stillpointmv.org](mailto:info@stillpointmv.org).

#### 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](mailto:info@airportfitnessmv.com).

#### Spring Tree planting, Oak Bluffs Tree Stewards

9 am, Niantic Park, Oak Bluffs. Spring Tree Planting, Oak Bluffs Tree Stewards, 9 am, Niantic Park at Wamsutta Avenue, 08 08TreeStewards@gmail.com.

#### Vinyasa Power Yoga

9-10 am, Edgartown Library. Therapeutic and creative, with elements of strength building. [programs@edgartownlibrary.org](mailto: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](mailto:featherstone@featherstoneart.org).

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<b>Fri 4/17</b>	<b>THE AI DOC: OR HOW I BECAME AN APOCALOPTIMIST</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
	<b>THE GARDENER</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Sat 4/18</b>	<b>THE AI DOC: OR HOW I BECAME AN APOCALOPTIMIST</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
	<b>THE GARDENER</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Sun 4/19</b>	<b>NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE – THE AUDIENCE</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
	<b>THE GARDENER</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
	<b>THE AI DOC: OR HOW I BECAME AN APOCALOPTIMIST</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
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<b>Wed 4/22</b>	<b>THE GARDENER</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
	<b>ACE IN THE HOLE (1951)</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
	<b>FILM NOIR series with Paul Karasik</b>	
<b>Thurs 4/23</b>	<b>THE GARDENER</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
	<b>THE AI DOC: OR HOW I BECAME AN APOCALOPTIMIST</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>

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# Events

## 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, vsonnenenthal@gmail.com.

## 34th Annual Earth Day Beach Cleanup and Conservation Festival

10 am-3 pm, Martha's Vineyard Museum, Vineyard Haven. Celebrate Earth Day with the community at the annual Earth Day Beach Cleanup & Conservation Festival. 508-693-9588, lucas@vineyardconservation.org.

## Carnegie Heritage Center Opening Weekend

10 am-3 pm, the carnegie heritage center, Edgartown. Reopened Easter weekend, Friday and Saturday, 10 AM - 4 PM. Admission: \$5 (ages 12+). vineyardtrust.org/events/ 774-549-9107, thecarnegie@mvpreservation.org.

## Baby and Toddler Storytime

10:15-10:45 am, Oak Bluffs 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.

## Loving Kindness and Mindfulness Meditation: A 90-Minute Journey

10:30 am-12 pm, Stillpoint, West Tisbury. This class offers a blend of loving-kindness meditation, mindfulness practice, and shared experiences through personal reflection info@stillpointmv.org.

## Mini-Maker Craft Club

10:30 am-2 pm, Edgartown Library. A different-themed craft will be offered every week 508-627-4221, programs@edgartownlibrary.org.

## Spring Spectacular Show

11 am-4 pm, Louisa Gould Gallery, Vineyard Haven. Annual Spring Group Show: Sean Roach, Christie Scheele, Teek Eaton-Koch, Julieann Jarreau, and Paul Beebe. 508-693-7373, louisagould@gmail.com.

## Clothing Swap- FREE CLOTHES FOR ALL!

11 am-3 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Clothing Swap- FREE CLOTHES FOR ALL! 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, chilmarklibrarykids@gmail.com.

## 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.

## Family Film Screening

1 pm, West Tisbury Library. Featuring "Flow" (rated PG). In recognition of Earth Month, this film is presented by the Green Team of the First Congregational Church of WT. 508-693-3366, wt\_mail@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! Ages 5-11. 508-693-9433, mlynch@clamsnet.org.

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## Orchid Class with Mariko and Grace

1-3 pm, Donaroma's, Edgartown. Learn watering, light and re-blooming. Simple styling tips and strategies. Each participant will receive an orchid to take home. 508-627-3036, amy@donaromas.com.

## Significant Objects Memory Collages Workshop

1-3 pm, Featherstone Center for the Arts, Oak Bluffs. Join Emily Davis and Jennifer Langhammer for an afternoon of memories and art. In this program you will make a collage based on your own reminiscence. 508-693-1850, featherstone@featherstoneart.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.

## Aquinnah Library Book Group

2:30-3:30 pm, Aquinnah Library. Join us for a discussion of What You Are Looking For Is in the Library by Michiko Aoyama. This program is free and all are welcome. 508-645-2314, gwilbur@clamsnet.org.

**Presentation: Emergency Financial Preparedness**  
3:30-4:30 pm, West Tisbury Library. presented by Jennelle Gadowski of the WT Emergency Management Department. 508-693-3366, wt\_mail@clamsnet.org.

## Guided Meditation (Somatic-Based)

3:30-5 pm, The Red House PRSC, Vineyard Haven. Healing through gentle practices designed to help process and resolve trauma. 508-693-2900, jtau@mvcommunityservices.org.

## Nuisance Bear

5 pm, Grange Hall, West Tisbury. In Churchill, Manitoba, a migrating polar bear sparks tension, as an Inuit-guided documentary questions who truly owns the wild. 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuitarts.org.

## 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. 5087-338-7750, hello@blackjoykitchen.com.

## The Christophers

7:30 pm, Grange Hall, West Tisbury. In Steven Soderbergh's sharp comedy-drama, estranged siblings hire a struggling forger to finish their late father's paintings. 585602134, boxoffice@circuitarts.org.

## Chilmark Preschool Art Opening

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## SUNDAY, APRIL 19

**"Evil Speech & Some Possible Antidotes"**  
10 am, Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard, Vineyard Haven. Please join us in person or online! uu.society.mv@gmail.com.

**"On the Edge of The Wilderness" with Rev. Vicky Hanjian**  
10 am, Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard, Vineyard Haven. Please join us on Sunday in person or online! 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.

**Mixed Media Collage Workshop**  
10 am-2 pm, Featherstone Center for the Arts, Oak Bluffs. Join us to create one-of-a-kind mixed media collages from paint, newspaper, pictures, fabrics, and photographs! 508-693-1850, featherstone@featherstoneart.org.

**Spring Spectacular Show**  
11 am-4 pm, Louisa Gould Gallery, Vineyard Haven. Annual Spring Group Show: Sean Roach, Christie Scheele, Teek Eaton-Koch, Julieann Jarreau, and Paul Beebe. 508-693-7373, louisagould@gmail.com.

**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.

**Meditating With The Body, Turning Toward The Heart**  
11:30 am-12:30 pm, Stillpoint, West Tisbury. An Exploration of Somatic Meditation, breathwork, and visualization practices, that focus on tending and listening to the heart. jenna@awakeningthewildheart.com.

**Traditional Music and**

## Experiences from Venezuela

1 pm, West Tisbury Library, West Tisbury. w/ musician Bianny Diaz. Enjoy traditional music from Venezuela & Colombia. Joined by island musicians Colin Newcomer, Eric T Johnson & Taurus Biskis. 508-693-3366, wt\_mail@clamsnet.org.

**Opera Club: Rossini's "La Donna del Lago"**  
1-4 pm, Edgartown Library. Rossini's bel canto drama of love and politics in the Scottish highlands 508-627-4221, programs@edgartownlibrary.org.

**Music Series / Matinee: MIKE BENJAMIN's Songwriters in the Round**  
3-4:30 pm, Pathways Arts at the Chilmark Tavern, Chilmark. Nashville's Bluebird cafe style, original acoustic music, with Mike Benjamin, Jodie Treloar, Chris Knott, and Allison Rose. Free to attend. 508-645-9098, tanya4pathways@gmail.com.

**Local Off-Season Dancing & Music with live music by Delanie & Johnny**  
4 pm, Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard, Vineyard Haven. Join the MV Ballroom Dancers for an afternoon of music & dancing at UUSMV's Stevens Chapel. Come to dance or just to listen. Everyone is welcome! 508-696-4211, vhp1.programs@clamsnet.org.

**Chilmark Preschool Art Opening**  
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**MONDAY, APRIL 20**  
**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.

**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.

**Spring into Nature: April Vacation Program**  
10 am-2 pm, Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary, Edgartown. Monday - Friday. A Field trip a day! Your child can spend school vacation week exploring different Island properties, learning about wildlife. 508-627-4850, felixneck@massaudubon.org.

**Spring Spectacular Show**  
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**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, lheartm@clamsnet.org.

**Chilmark Candidate Forum**  
6-8 pm, Chilmark Library. The League of Women Voters of Martha's Vineyard is sponsoring a forum to meet the candidates for election in the town of Chilmark. 508-693-3791, beaphear2@gmail.com.

**Chilmark Preschool Art Opening**  
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**TUESDAY, APRIL 21**  
**Cardio and Conditioning with Alyson Parker**  
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**Kaiut Yoga**  
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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**  
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**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

**Dr. Seuss Scavenger Hunt**  
10 am-5:30 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Have fun searching for Dr. Seuss characters hidden around the Children's Room. Find all the characters and get a small prize. For kids of all ages. 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.

**Spring Spectacular Show**  
11 am-4 pm, Louisa Gould Gallery, Vineyard Haven. Annual Spring Group Show: Sean Roach, Christie Scheele, Teek Eaton-Koch, Julieann Jarreau, and Paul Beebe. 508-693-7373, louisagould@gmail.com.

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

**Free Soup & Bread Lunch**  
11:30 am-1 pm, West Tisbury Library, West Tisbury. All are welcome! The soup will be Alpha Gal friendly, vegan and gluten free. 508-693-3366, wt\_mail@clamsnet.org

**Shorebird Discovery: Tiny Birds, Big Impact**  
1-2 pm, Aquinnah Library. Join an all-ages program with Sydney Pigott at the library! Explore Martha's Vineyard beaches and learn about protecting nesting shorebirds. 508-645-2314, gwilbur@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. 508-645-3360, chil.programs@gmail.com.

**Basics of Silversmithing: Earrings or Pendant**  
3-6 pm, Featherstone Center for the Arts, Oak Bluffs. In this class you will either create your own pair of silver earrings or a necklace pendant while learning basic metal smithing skills. 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.

**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, from 3:30-4:30pm. ages 10-18, supplies provided. 508-693-3366, lheartm@clamsnet.org.

**Gnome Homes**  
3:30-4:30 pm, West Tisbury Library. Build gnome homes in the WT Library backyard. Free and open to all. Use our natural building materials or feel free to bring your own 508-693-3366, hburbridge@clamsnet.org.

**Make Your Own Charm Bracelet**  
3:30-4:30 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Make your own Lavello Link Charm Bracelet. Each bracelet will be unique with over 90 charms to choose from! For kids 6+ 508-693-9433, mlynch@clamsnet.org.

## Book Tasting Event

4-6 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Come "taste" some new books! 508-693-9433, cphelan@clamsnet.org.

## kundilini Yoga

4:30-5:30 pm, The Red House PRSC, Vineyard Haven. Kundalini guides us in reacting to the ups and downs from a more neutral headspace. 508-693-2900, jtau@mvcommunityservices.org.

## ASL Practice Group

4:45-5:45 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Want to learn ASL? Come drop in on our 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, raebomv@gmail.com.

**American Sign Language Practice Group**  
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**Growing Flowers 101 with Dalila Bennett**  
5:30-7 pm, Agricultural Hall, West Tisbury. Growing Flowers 101 with Dalila Bennett 508-693-9549, programs@mvagsoc.org.

**Open Mic Night at the Katharine Cornell Theatre!**  
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**Chilmark Preschool Art Opening**  
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## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

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**Barre Fusion with Maria McFarland**  
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**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. A fun-filled story time with 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.

**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, vhp1.programs@clamsnet.org.

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

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

## Tea Party

2-3 pm, Up Island Council on Aging, West Tisbury. Tea party 508-693-2896, coa-staff@westtisburyma.gov.

**Virtual Reality for Tweens & Teens**  
3-5 pm, West Tisbury Library. For ages 10-18. Each participant's time depends on the turn-out. lheartm@clamsnet.org. 508-693-3366.

**Drop-in Knitting Group with Cindy Bonnell**  
3-5 pm, Edgartown Library, Edgartown. All levels are welcome to bring their projects for support and inspiration. programs@edgartownlibrary.org, 508-627-4221, programs@edgartownlibrary.org.

**Kids Drawing Club**  
3-4 pm, Chilmark Library. Kids drawing club 508-645-3360, chilmarklibrarykids@gmail.com.

**The Wild World of Animals Show**  
3:30-4:30 pm, Tisbury School Gymnasium, Vineyard Haven. Free, live animal show at the Tisbury School Gymnasium. 508-693-3366, hburbridge@clamsnet.org

**Kids Crafts - Stickerpalloza**  
3:30-5 pm, EMS Building across from the Tisbury School, Vineyard Haven. Sticking stickers everywhere! EMS Building across from the Tisbury School. Sponsored by the Vineyard Haven Public Library 508-696-4211, jrpuano@clamsnet.org.

**Portuguese Language and Culture Club**  
3:30-4:30 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Join Brazilian Portuguese educator Ms. Maria, for a fun four week club. Grades 2-5. Guarantee your spot - mlynch@clamsnet.org or call 508-693-9433.

**National Poetry Month, Community Poetry Reading**  
4-5:30 pm, Chilmark Library. April is National Poetry Month come celebrate with a community poetry reading hosted by Claudia Taylor and featuring many island poets. 508-645-3360, chil.programs@gmail.com.

**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, brentbrown81@gmail.com.

**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.

**Star Party**  
7:45 pm, Tribal Admin Building, Multi-purpose Room , Aquinnah. Explore the night sky and Algonquian constellations in Aquinnah, with guidance by experts from the Cape Cod Astronomical Society! 508-645-2314, gwilbur@clamsnet.org.

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Rick Padilla, a.k.a. "Rockin' Rick," at community radio station WVVY in Tisbury.

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# Going underground

Putting the pirate in pirate radio at WVVY. **BY JOHN BATTELLE**

Every Islander knows the drill: stuck in a line of traffic, slowly navigating one of the inescapable left-turn-fueled bottlenecks that bedevil our Island. Bored and possibly annoyed, we turn to our radios, hoping for a distraction to help pass the time.

This was my plight a few years back, crawling toward Cronig's Market in Vineyard Haven in my old Jeep. Summer congestion at least affords an opportunity to explore the dial.

I gambled with the scan button, prepared to be disappointed. There must be something worth listening to. That exhausting clutch of NPR stations clinging to the bottom frequencies, rich in catastrophe and impotent complaint? Skip. The predictable treacle of corporate rock stations, the incidental banter of sports talk radio — skip and skip.

Then ... magic. The scan function settled on a tune that caught my ear.

"I am waaaaiting," an unmistakable voice pleaded. "I am waaaaiting." I couldn't quite place it, but the song had all the trappings of a Stones deep cut, replete with dulcimer, harpsichord, and Charlie Watts' signature backbeat.

"Damn right I'm waiting," I chuckled to myself, pausing the scan to hear the rest of the tune. We're all waiting at this particular corner of State Road. Curious, I grabbed my phone and launched the music-finding app Shazam, all the while edging my Jeep past Look Street and toward Cronig's.

I was right — it was the Stones, and it was a very deep cut: "I Am Waiting," the tenth tune on "Aftermath," the 11-track album that the band recorded in 1965.

I eyed my radio's dial. For the very first time, it rested on an unfamiliar frequency: 96.7 FM. No call letters, just "96.7" — prime radio real estate. Who plays deep Stones cuts in the middle of the day — on this Island?

The next tune came on, a jarring, post-punk tangle that felt vaguely familiar. Shazam told me it was "Rat Trap" by the Boston Spaceships. Not exactly a hit. Who'd ever play this song?

I decided to wait in my car, figuring a DJ would offer me some much-needed context. But the next song was a blues cut so obscure

that even Shazam couldn't find it. On and on it went — a B-side from the Beach Boys, an old Michael Hurley folk track.

For 15 minutes, no DJ came on, and no ads played, either. This station simply made no sense. It was as if some grinning trickster had hijacked the airwaves with a giant jukebox containing thousands of completely unrelated tunes.

Was there an underground radio station in the heart of our little Island?

enance, but he estimates Otto has roughly 4,000 tunes to choose from. "Certainly could be more," he adds.

Most of the music is vintage — pre-streaming, as it were. The balance of WVVY's airtime is peppered with two- to three-hour shows hosted by an eclectic group of volunteer DJs, all of whom found WVVY through word of mouth. There's "World According to Music" with Hocine, "The Rock and Roll Rick Double Hour" with Rick Padilla, "The

large band room and a private music studio used by Galvin's son — an accomplished musician who sometimes plays with the Lemonheads. A narrow spiral staircase fashioned of wood and stone, reminiscent of Gaudi's Sagrada Familia, connects each floor.

Fisher and I descended two floors to the sub-basement to find WVVY's beating heart: a 100-square-foot closet littered with the happy detritus of radio history — the home of Vineyard underground radio.

The place drips with mystery and untold stories, and as Fisher began to relate his own, a soft-spoken, gap-toothed Cheshire cat of a man appeared. His reserved demeanor and chimney-shaped woolen cap evoked a Seussian vibe. Was this the Vineyard's Once-ler? To tell his story, would he demand 15 cents, a nail, and the shell of a great-great-great-grandfather snail?

Galvin leaned against a corner of his closet-size studio. Its walls are covered with street art — posters from secret shows, hand-drawn cartoons, a hagiographic print of John Lennon strumming an acoustic guitar.

"Well, there's Jim!" Fisher exclaimed. "He'll tell you the history of this place."

First, Galvin made it clear that he didn't trust journalists: "Every time I spoke to newspapers, they misquoted me or lied." But with Fisher's encouragement, he began to tell the origin story.

The year was 2007 or 2008, he recalled; he's not one to be pinned down to specific timelines. "I was taking off from the airport one evening," he said, adding that besides contracting, he's also a licensed pilot. "And there was music on the tower frequency! I said to the tower, 'Yeah, I like the entertainment, but really ...'"

Turns out a rogue pirate radio station had set up an unlicensed antenna in the woods near the airport, and its signal was interfering with tower communications. Over his headset, the tower told Galvin they were working on getting it shut down.

"That was the last of it," Galvin said. The interference disappeared, and Galvin forgot about it. But sometime later, a friend called and asked for a favor. He and a few buddies had started a pirate radio station, and they'd recently been shut down by the FCC. They needed a new home. Did Galvin have any room in his building?



Like nearly everything worthwhile on the Vineyard, I found the person responsible for the station — call letters WVVY — through word of mouth. He was a longtime Island contractor named Jim Galvin, a musician friend told me after I related my first contact with the station. But Galvin was reluctant to speak, and through intermediaries he pointed me to Richard Fisher, a former stockbroker and passionate music aficionado who moved to the Island years ago and now serves on the WVVY board.

A Long Island native weaned on vinyl and FM radio, Fisher told me that indeed, most of the station's airtime is filled by an automated jukebox computer system affectionately named "Otto DJ." Otto was set up around the time the station launched in 2008, and it's run continuously ever since. Fisher isn't sure how many songs are on the computer's hard drive, nor is he certain of their prov-

GG Spot" with Gimili Galvin, Jim's daughter. Fisher himself hosts the "Electro Lounge," a three-hour show on Friday nights that features cutting-edge techno and house music. "I put in 15 hours each week to make that show," he tells me. "It's a labor of love."

After our initial conversation, Fisher said he'd put in a good word to Galvin, and we agreed to meet at the station a few days later. I asked if Galvin might be there. "Hard to say," Fisher replied. You never know with Jim.

WVVY's headquarters is nestled in the sub-basement of a funky "multipurpose" building at the end of a quarter-mile-long dirt track off State Road in Vineyard Haven. Fisher told me that Galvin built the place himself. Besides the station, the structure houses both yoga and art studios, as well as a dojo and an atelier space where, I'm told by a reliable source, countless hangovers have been nursed. There's also a

Recalling his experience with the airport tower, Galvin told his friend — an Islander by the name of Bob Lee, now deceased — that he could set up in his sub-basement, but on two conditions. First, Galvin was going to be on the board of the new station, so he could keep tabs on the operation. And second, “We were going to do everything right.” No more run-ins with air traffic control.

Lee told Galvin that when they shut him down, the FCC mentioned a relatively new set of licenses called “Low Power FM Radio,” designed to encourage small-scale, noncommercial voices on the airwaves. The signal would be line-of-sight and travel no more than 10 miles, at best, but it was legit. To apply, they’d have to set up a proper nonprofit and find a way to scrape together enough donations to get the equipment they’d need. They applied for a license, got approved, and with that, the pirates went legit. WVVY was born.

The longest continuously running DJ on WVVY almost missed his shot to get on the air. Enrique (“Rick”) Padilla’s signature show on Wednesday evenings is an homage to legendary American DJ Wolfman Jack, but Padilla, a Cuban-American musician born in Miami, also brings the manic ener-

***It was as if some grinning trickster had hijacked the airwaves with a giant jukebox containing thousands of completely unrelated tunes.***

gy of Andrés Cantor, the famous Argentinian soccer announcer. His show mixes nearly every genre of rock, from classic Doors tunes to new music from bands like the Hives.

Padilla, 59, followed an Army buddy to the Island nearly 40 years ago. He established a painting business, where he met Bob Lee back when Lee was still running the pirate station. Lee invited him to host a show, and Padilla was on his way to his first ever gig as a pirate DJ when the station was summarily shut down. He followed Lee to WVVY, and has been on the airwaves ever since.

“I bring an iPod, bags of CDs, and my computer,” Padilla says. The equipment fails on the regular, he adds, which seems part of the WVVY charm. “Sometimes the signal is low, sometimes the CD player is broken,” he says cheerfully. “I gotta go with the flow.”

WVVY’s nonprofit arm runs on a “sub-five-figure” budget, Galvin tells me. DJs are encouraged to toss a sawbuck into a donation box to cover electricity costs. When I ask Galvin if he’d like more donations, his eyes light up. He’s got bills to pay, and everyone at the station would love to upgrade the equipment, buy a recorder so shows could be rebroadcast, and modernize the website. WVVY pays royalties to ASCAP “when we have the money,” Galvin says. The station doesn’t have the technology to keep formal records of what songs they play, nor do they have much of an idea of how many people are listening. Any fees paid are at best an estimate. The place feels a bit like an anarchic collective, and one gets the sense Galvin likes it that way.

That doesn’t mean the folks behind WVVY don’t encourage donations. The station is planning a spring fundraising drive, and Galvin makes a point of reminding me to get the station’s address right, should the paper be inclined to print it so folks can mail in checks: P.O. Box 1989, Tisbury, MA, 02568. The easiest way to give is found on the website: wvvy.org.

The best part of WVVY, Padilla and others assert, is the freedom it provides. DJs can play whatever they want, and say whatever they want, as long as it doesn’t veer into politics, curse words, or negativity. “The only rule I have,” says Galvin, is “whatever you say on the radio, it’s got to be positive.”

So the next time you’re stuck in traffic, hoping for a miracle on your radio dial, give WVVY, 96.7, a shot. You never know what might be playing, but one thing’s certain: It won’t be boring, and it won’t be a downer. The world could use a bit more of that kind of energy these days. **MVT**

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Richard Fisher.

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Cuing up the next CD.



Community radio station WVVY in Tisbury: Richard Fisher, left, and Rick Padilla, a.k.a. “Rockin’ Rick.”

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## Routines shift with YMCA renovation underway

BY CHARLOTTE CRAMER AND DIVYA RANDOLPH

At many times during a typical day, the YMCA (“the Y”) is filled with student laughter and chatter as they head to the gym or pool, spend time in the teen center, or enjoy food from Aquila, a native-owned cafe located within the building. Those pastimes came mostly to a halt at the end of March, when the YMCA closed for renovations and expansion — shifting some of their workout equipment and classes over to the adjacent ice arena.

The renovation will result in a much larger facility that will include areas for sports practices, new dance studios, a wellness floor, and more. Even as they await these exciting changes, many Martha's Vineyard Region-

al High School (MVRHS) students are adjusting to not having full access to the YMCA during their open campuses and after school.

Guidance counselor Nell Coogan, who also serves on the YMCA board, emphasized the importance of getting students involved in decisionmaking about the facility. “I do hope in the future we can find a way for more student voices. We used to have student board members, but it's so hard for young people to make it to meetings. We are trying to figure out other ways to make sure the YMCA hears from its student community members, and can actively work with them to be sure the YMCA is making itself accessible in all the right ways for our students,” she said.

Junior Addison McDonough has been going to the Y since her freshman year. “[The YMCA] helped me start my gym journey and better myself by eating healthier, gaining more muscle in my body, and overall supporting my well-being,” she said.

Parts of the YMCA, including the pool, are slated to reopen by June 1. In the meantime, those with memberships can head across the parking lot to the ice arena in order to sweat. Although many students are grateful for this option, others choose not to go because of how it compares with the YMCA space.

Junior Madelyn Huffam appreciated the separate areas in the original gym, and looks forward to using the new spaces once the Y



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The Martha's Vineyard Ice Arena serves as a temporary gym for members of the YMCA.

reopens. “The Green Room [a separate area of the gym where classes are often held] was kind of where I felt the most safe, because I don't love working out in front of a lot of people. I liked being able to go in there and do glute workouts or ab workouts with friends,” she said.

Madelyn also enjoyed other aspects of the YMCA, including the café. “I really miss Aquila, as it was a big

part of my day. I would go there probably every single afternoon to get a protein shake or something. Its closing has impacted my healthy eating,” she said.

The YMCA staff also includes many MVRHS students, who work as lifeguards, camp counselors, and more. Sophomore Nora Duncheva works as a swim instructor, teaching lessons to kids ages 6 to 12. “I really enjoy my job. I like being

able to connect with the kids. Teaching kids how to swim makes me feel like a good person,” she said.

While the pool is closed due to renovations, Nora is being paid a quarter of what she made in the month prior to the closure. Still, she says she feels secure about her future at the Y. She said, “When the pool opens back up, I will be maintaining a steady position there as an employee.” **HSV**

## Open campus fosters independence among seniors

BY MARIA BARROS

At Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS), open campus is a period in the school day when seniors are free to leave the school building and use the time as they choose.

It has become a senior rite of passage built on small routines and everyday traditions, with students reporting they are feeling a newfound sense of independence and motivation in their efforts to keep the privilege during their final year in high school.

Open campus started in the fall of 2018 as the result of collaboration between student government, who advocated for the senior privilege, and school administrators who ultimately approved it.

Senior Maeve Cook-Martin uses the time to get ahead on schoolwork. “Usually, during my open campus block, sometimes I like to go to the library to get some work done because I can use it as a study hall, or I can go home and have some free time, or even go somewhere and get food for myself and sit down and do some work,” she said.

Some seniors also see open campus as a good time for socializing and taking a break from schoolwork. Senior Grady Stalgren uses his time away from school to catch up with friends and relax. “I usually hang out with my girlfriend, Katie, and we just go take a walk on the beach, or we go on a nice little hike, or we eat somewhere, or sometimes we

just sit in the car and listen to music,” he said.

For senior Isla Solon, going to Edgartown Meat and Fish with friends has become a habit. “It's very close, and we started going there because we liked the food and the drinks, and then it just kind of became almost like a little tradition, like a routine. We basically go there at least three times a week,” she said.

Rodrigo Honorato is responsible for managing students' open campuses, and explained how punctuality is key. “Students need to get here on time, by morning meeting, so they don't lose their open campus.”

He added, “It's preparing [seniors] to become adults. So if you're late to work, you're probably going to get



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Senior Nate Larkin hands his student ID to Guinevere Cramer, an administrative support professional, as he checks out for open campus.

yelled at or even fired, right? So it's very important that we start teaching them to have accountability and to be responsible in coming to school on time so that they're able to keep their open campus privileges.”

Students agree that open campus has made them more capable of managing their time with responsibility.

“I think it's a good thing to give people longer breaks

between classes because it helps with time management,” Isla said. “If you're late coming back from open campus, you then get it taken away for the week. There are consequences, and I just feel like you get really good at making sure you get back to school on time.”

Through managing the freedom of open campus, students can learn independence and take ownership of

how they choose to use their time. “Productiveness can be a wide range of me going to the gym, taking a walk, getting food for myself and nourishing my body, or getting work done — I feel like it ranges,” Maeve said.

For students without access to a car, the experience becomes more limited. Grady said he plans his open campus around friends who can drive. “I usually have a bunch of friends in my open campus. I tried to set it up that way, so I could find someone leaving the building and just ask them if they want to go do something. So I've never really been left here without a ride,” he said.

Grady feels the impact of this compromise has been positive all around. “I've gained a lot of responsibility. It's nice that I feel that I can leave the building, and the school trusts me enough to leave. It's so nice to reset and take a break from school for a minute, and then come back and be able to keep working hard,” he said. **HSV**

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Recreationist painter Margot Datz enjoyed seeing her latest work installed at the Flying Horses.

# RIDING BACKWARD IN TIME

Margot Datz reimagines the Flying Horses' decorative panels. **BY ABBY REMER**

PHOTOS: DENA PORTER

The Flying Horses carousel has always held a special place in the hearts of countless children — and many adults. It was with great glee that riders and onlookers alike flocked to the carousel on opening day, April 4. They were greeted with a treat: Artist Margot Datz has just finished an 11-year project that transports us back to the late 1800s, with her delightful recreations of the decorative panels that now grace the carousel.

Built in 1876 by Charles Dare of New York Carousel Manufacturing, the Flying Horses is the nation's oldest operating platform carousel. The Vineyard Preservation Trust acquired the property in 1986 to prevent it from being dismantled and sold piecemeal to antique collectors.

Datz has been hard at work since 2015, recreating the original slim, rectangular spreader boards and small upper and large lower panels, many of which had been lost or altered in the past 150 years. Throughout its history, different owners have changed the carousel's panels. From the late 1940s to the 1960s, they featured a Howdy Doody cowboy theme. In the 1970s, the style reflected the Age of Aquarius, inspired by the Broadway show "Hair" and the 1967 hit song "Up, Up and Away." When the trust took ownership, it decided to return to the original 1876 design intent, and hired Datz.

The artist's connection to the carousel began when her children were born here in the 1980s: "Of course, the Flying Horses was one of the delights of the summer season for all of us. There was always this kind of mystery to me about why there were these blank panels. It was like looking at a smile with missing teeth. There were these gaps, but at that time, my work was residential ... It was in the 21st century that my work shifted from mostly residential to mainly public. Step by step, I was privileged to create public works for the Island. My association with the Preservation Trust allowed me to apply my skills to the Flying Horses and the Old Whaling Church."

With support from the Katherine Goodman Foundation, overseen by Timmy Goodman, Datz began recreating the original Dare panels. She emphasizes, "I'm not a restorationist working with the original pieces. I'm a recreationist, and start from scratch." She studied surviving fragments, the single panel restored by West Lake Conservators, archival references, and comparable works from the period for inspiration. The goal was not a modern reinterpretation, but a faithful visual recreation of the carousel's original aesthetic.

Datz's process was meticulous, starting with building the stretchers for her canvases the same way the original panels had been constructed, using hundreds of small copper tacks instead of a staple gun to hold them in place.



For the large panels, she first painted the bold linear design surrounding the oval. She then addressed the vignettes: "No matter how hard we tried, we couldn't locate the original six out of the eight. So the challenge was to recreate historically appropriate images." Datz noted that the subject matter of the existing pieces recalled the Hudson River School paintings, with their romantic, idealized portrayal of the American landscape: "But I needed to find a more folksy style, similar to itinerant artists." She discovered Thomas Chambers, who worked in the Hudson River School genre with a folklike flair.

Chambers often worked with maritime subjects, and water appears throughout the vignettes, including a boat sailing in a harbor, a garden pond, a winding river, a gushing waterfall, and a frigate on the open sea. Even in the mountain scene with the stag, we can see water off in the distance.

Datz says, "One of the questions I faced *Continued on B15*"



Continued from B14 was whether to paint the panels with their original vividness or with a faded palette. I made a decision based on when they were restoring the Sistine Chapel. All different restoration crews were called in from around the world to do a sample restoration to show their individual techniques, before the final choice was made." It turned out that all the teams, except for a Japanese one, chose to make it look aged and rather monochromatic. It was the Japanese team that won. Their sample restored it to its original, very colorful state.

Datz adds, "I tried to imagine that we hold on to these panels for the next 100 years. I want them to have structural and archival integrity, and to be something

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**-LAURA PLA**

that could afford to fade. They'll get old in their own sweet time. Meanwhile, we have something that has historical context for the next part of the carousel's history."

Today, a new generation of Flying Horses riders is making memories amid Datz's splendid, historically authentic recreations. Datz says, "I love how the trust has been so invested in preserving these treasures. To be a part of it all has been a blast."

Laura Pla, educator and exhibition coordinator for the trust, says, "Margot Datz has done something truly remarkable, recreating the long-lost decorative panels and spreader boards of the Flying Horses. I think everyone at the Vineyard Preservation Trust would agree that it has been a true privilege to work alongside such a dedicated and extraordinary artist. Seeing the carousel once again full of color and life, especially in its 150th year, is a powerful reminder of what thoughtful preservation can achieve." **MVT**



1. "The Constitution and the Guerriere" by Thomas Chambers, whose aesthetic guided Datz's work on the panels. 2. John Anderson showed an original Flying Horses panel, along with a version that Margot Datz newly created. 3. You can see so many of the panels Margot Datz created for the Flying Horses carousel from above. 4. One of the many panels Margot Datz recreated for the Flying Horses carousel. Margot recreated this image of soldiers aboard a frigate. 5. The Flying Horses carousel is open on the weekends during the spring. 6. Datz's waterfall panel. 7. Datz recreated this image of stag on a hillside.



Wild Side

BY MATT PELIKAN



Not just another pretty tree.

# The ecological power of the red maple

Trees, all trees, are wonderful things. But from my insectocentric viewpoint, the red maple, *Acer rubrum*, stands out as particularly admirable.

And now is the season to best appreciate the ecological power of this plant.

While said to be able to grow to 120 feet or more under ideal conditions, red maple is more often encountered as a small to medium-size tree. Its alternative common name, swamp maple, gives a clue to the habitat preference of this tree; it does well in soils that are soggy for at least part of the year. Such soils, dominated by this tree, add up to a prominent natural community type called, aptly, red maple swamp. But if the competition from other species is not too intense, red maples grow just fine in drier settings, if the soil is reasonably fertile and mildly acidic.

Red maple leaves have the classic, lobed maple shape (think of the Canadian national flag), and tend to be a bit smaller than the leaves on most of our other maple species. The bark of young trees, especially, is grayish and often rather smooth, growing browner and rougher as red maples pass into old age. The root

system of this tree is spreading but shallow, making red maples vulnerable to wind throw if they are growing in an exposed setting; in windy places like the Vineyard, I expect that red maples that manage to grow above 60 feet or so in height do so only because they are lucky in their location.

The red maple is at its most obvious in early fall. It is one of the earliest of our region's deciduous trees to begin developing its autumn colors, and it is also one of the prettiest. Red maple leaves senesce to a broad range of intense colors, integrating from a bright yellow all the way to the deep red of a robust Burgundy wine. Given the frequent ability of this tree to dominate large areas of suitable habitat, red maples produce some of the best foliage displays the Eastern U.S. has to offer.

This tree is not as flamboyant in the spring, but it's still easy to spot, especially early in the season, when few other trees have begun to flower. Red maple flowers, which typically begin to open in late March on the Vineyard, are deep red and plentiful on a healthy tree. By mid-April or so, the buds will all have opened into perfect little flowers, each sporting a prominent crown of tall stamens. A blooming



Cellophane bee (*Colletes inaequalis*) foraging on red maple flowers.

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The gorgeous leaves of red maples.

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red maple often stands out, subtly but unmissably, among the bare sticks of its later-blooming neighbors.

It is this flowering stage of the plant that, to my mind at least, gives it its greatest value. As implau-

sible as it may sound, early spring is the season of activity for a surprising number of native bees and flies,

challenged by but adapted to handling the vagaries of our marine climate at this time of year. Among native plant species, few are blooming in late March and early April to feed these insects or provide them with pollen to provision their nests. But red maple — plentiful, widely distributed, and covered with pollen-rich flowers dripping with nectar — stands ready to help.

On a warm, sunny, early April day, it's worth finding a red maple in full bloom and looking up into its canopy with a pair of binoculars. Odds are good that you'll spot an aura of insects darting from flower to flower, foraging on this valuable resource.

It's a source of some frustration to me, loving as I do both bees and flies, to watch so much activity taking place too high for me to get close to. Given the difficulty of studying insects in tree canopies, even many naturalists don't fully appreciate the value of red maple as a resource for pollinators. But make no mistake, this tree species is an essential early spring resource for a host of insects.

Given their adaptability, fast growth, generally reasonable size, colorful blooms, and stunning fall foliage, it is no surprise that the red maple is popular as an ornamental. Scores of cultivars have been bred, though I suspect that in many settings, the native wild form would probably do just fine in cultivation. You can see the *Acer rubrum* deployed as a landscaping plant, or perhaps a landscaping plant used in part because of its ecological value, at many sites around the Island.

Down-Island Cronig's has a row between the parking lot and State Road; at the Oak Bluffs fire station, a similar line of red maples effectively delineates the property while providing a punch of color and structural grandeur. These and similar examples are, to my naturalist's mind, strokes of inspired brilliance in landscape design: shapely, attractive trees well-suited to their locations and offering substantial benefits to wildlife. **MVP**



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