



**Don't forget the CIA Annual Meeting Sat, July 22, 9-11AM, Community Center!**

### Tackling Ticks

Thanks in part to the leadership of **Alan Feldman** and others on the CIA's Environmental Committee, Chappy is now the site a **long-term research project** involving the University of Massachusetts and the State to assess the tick and deer population on Chappaquiddick. The goal: tick mitigation. As a result, Chappy's trails will be studied for tick population and type during the entire month of June.

In addition, plans are in the works to put **"tick warning" signs** at the head of each trail on the island, and the committee will once again issue its simple, **one-page leaflet** on how to deal with ticks. "The mild winter and wet spring appear to have allowed for an abundance of ticks on Chappy," Alan says. "So *please use* caution when outside. Wear protective clothing, use repellent on exposed skin, and shower and check for ticks when you're back inside." (Throwing your clothes in the dryer can also help kill the ticks.) And yes, **free permethrin socks** will be available again this year at the CCC!

### Creating the First Chappy Community Emergency Response Team

Dozens of Chappy residents have pitched in countless hours to begin creating the first Chappaquiddick Community Emergency Response Team, or **CCERT**. The goal of CCERT is to organize and strengthen our community's response to storms and other emergencies by dividing Chappy into "neighborhoods," assigning "captains" to be principal contacts during times of trouble.

Five **"workstream" committees** have been hard at work over the past year: (1) Neighborhoods and captains, (2) captains' communications, (3) in-home/house publications and material, (4) sheltering at the CCC and firehouse, and (5) database development (working toward what may be the first island-wide database of residents, houses and structures). There will be several public meetings on the CCERT at the CCC this summer; stay tuned.

### Maintaining Our Beaches

Throughout the year, the CIA and its members have been engaged in ongoing efforts to help Wasque, Pogue and the Mary Harris Francis beaches remain open and be managed to their full potential. **Severall Litchfield Road-area residents** worked with the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation to maintain access to the Harris beach; **Megan Landeck** represented the CIA in last fall's consensus-building exercise run by the TTOR; and **Ted and Connie Roosevelt**, along with **Rachel Self**, are focusing on generating solid data about Cape Pogue that will guide decision makers in maintaining that crucial barrier beach. **Chuck Hoopes** is representing the CIA in this effort.

### Open Space Committee Continues to "Connect" Chappy

CIA Open Space Committee Chair **Cynthia Hubbard** writes: "The Chappy Open Space Committee continues its mission to raise monies for land acquisition for conservation, habitat preservation and trails

for all to enjoy. This past year the opportunity became available to purchase the **Ames property**. While this small parcel is basically an area of woods, it is surrounded by other Sheriff's Meadow properties and connects the Slater trail (off the main road coming up from Litchfield Rd.) and the entire trail system starting from the Community Center and Brine's pond. So strategic is this property that both Sheriff's Meadow and Land Bank worked together to invest in its conservation. A wonderful project and one we can be proud of conserving. We hope you will continue to contribute to the Open Space Committee so that we are prepared when other important properties become available."

### Welcome Committee Continues to Extend a Warm "Hello"

Move to Chappy and you're likely to be greeted by a tote bag stuffed with valuable items and information, thanks to the **CIA's Welcome Committee, chaired by Ted Hubbard**. Items include important CIA publications (see below), information on CCERT (see above), and various maps of trails on the island. This year, the committee will also distribute **Edwina Rissland's** book of Chappaquiddick photography, and **Don McLagan's** book of Chappy poetry. Thanks to both these long-time Chappaquiddickers for their contribution.

### This and That

- The CIA once again sponsored the **Chappaquiddick Point to Point race**; thanks to Rick Schifter for organizing this important event, held this year on Sunday, June 25.
- We'll also sponsor and fund two summer CPR classes that will make our CCERT team even stronger. Thanks to **Megan Landeck** and **Laura Pla** for their hard work here.
- **Publications available through the CIA** include *Climate Effects on Chappaquiddick* (second edition), the *Chappy Insider's Guide* (a valuable "how to" for living on Chappy), the *Chappy-Based Services Directory* (the only listing of service providers who live on Chappy), and the *CIA Membership Directory* (perhaps the most comprehensive listing of who's living on the island, and where - including offseason).
- **John Dropick**, chair of the **Water Resources Committee** writes, "A great way to protect the quality of your drinking water is by disposing of chemicals, oils, paints etc. at the household hazardous waste pickups held at the Refuse District site several times each year."
- We've also been issuing **regular alerts through our email database**, about accidents, service outages, road closures, ferry developments, and police target practice times.

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