

# The Chappy Insider's Guide

## 2022



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“*Quammox Tranquility*”  
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## **Animal Control**

There is a leash law on Chappy, dogs may be off-leash on private property. If your pet is missing, please contact Kimberly Andrade, the Edgartown Animal Control Officer (508-939-1782). Assistant Animal Control Officers are Kathryn Kennedy and Maddie LeCoq. To report a stray dog, or another wildlife emergency, call the MV Emergency Communications Center (508-693-1212).

## **Bikes**

Ride with the traffic--single file. There are bike racks at many Chappy destinations such as the Point, Jerry's Place the general store, the Chappaquiddick Community Center, Quammox landing and The Trustees properties. There is air for tires at Mytoi on Dike Rd.

## **Car Rental & Livery Services**

AVIS (508-548-2420)/BUDGET (508-540-1150) at 276 Palmer Ave (the SSA Palmer Ave parking lot). Rental agencies open Monday-Friday 8:30am-6pm, Saturday-Sunday 8:30am-3pm. There is a drop box for car returns after hours.

ENTERPRISE has car rental offices in Falmouth and New Bedford and will meet you at the ferries. Falmouth (508-540-7784) at 55 Davis Straits open Monday-Friday 8am-5pm, Saturday 9am-noon, closed Sunday. New Bedford (508-995-1132) at 430 Ashley Blvd open Monday-Friday 8am-5pm, Saturday 9am-noon, closed Sunday.

There are several livery service companies that will meet you at a ferry to travel to Logan, Providence and other destinations. You'll find listings online or for further information contact White Tie Limo ([www.whitetielimo.com](http://www.whitetielimo.com), 508-548-1066), TKLivery ([TKLivery@gmail.com](mailto:TKLivery@gmail.com), 781-293-6264) or Coastal Livery Transportation Service ([www.coastallivery.com](http://www.coastallivery.com), 781-706-6865).

## **Cemeteries**

There are no available lots at the old Jeffers Lane Cemetery (also known as Indian Burial Ground or Hilltop Cemetery). The new cemetery across from the community center is for ashes only and there is room. For information email Bill Brine at [bill.brine@gmail.com](mailto:bill.brine@gmail.com), (508-397-5254).

## **Chappaquiddick Community Center (CCC)**

Everyone is welcome at the Chappaquiddick Community Center for regular events such as book sales, yoga, Mahjong, table tennis, lobster rolls, and an ice cream window, and special events such as music concerts, talks, meetings, and a calendar photo contest. Open for browsing is the CCC library's collection of books by local authors, children's books and games, and books about Chappy history, flora and fauna. Coffee, tea or hot cocoa is available. There is a children's play set, tennis court, pickle ball and half-court basketball, and free wifi access on the porch 24/7. A calendar of events and activities is located at [www.chappycommunitycenter.org](http://www.chappycommunitycenter.org).

The CCC is supported by contributing membership fees (\$75-\$125 per family), generous donations to the CCC Endowment Fund, or to specific operating expenses,

and building rentals. The Center is an IRC Section 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation and all donations are tax deductible. Contributing members may enroll in fee-based programs for sailing and tennis lessons, and a tennis court-use membership (\$25-\$50) to access in-person sign up for court time. Online sign ups, donations and purchases are also available on the website. The CCC welcomes volunteers for various events. For more information email [chappycenter@gmail.com](mailto:chappycenter@gmail.com) or call Tina Humber-Floyd, Coordinator, (508-627-8222/ 508-274-7470). The Center is open daily 10am-3pm in July and August.

### **Chappaquiddick Island Association (CIA)**

The Chappaquiddick Island Association (CIA) is a non-profit organization, founded in 1952, whose members are interested in Chappy issues such as the impact of climate change, open space, transportation, water quality, zoning, and utilities on the island. It has over 300 year-round and seasonal members who are kept informed through annual meetings, a Speaker's series on issues of concern, and periodic newsletters. Emails from the CIA keep members up to date with current events. Anyone may join, however only property owners may vote. Suggested family membership is \$50/yr., but any donation is accepted. For more information check <https://chappaquiddickislandassociation.org>. For membership questions contact Jim Boyer, [jamesboyerjr@gmail.com](mailto:jamesboyerjr@gmail.com) or Roger Becker [rjbecker@yahoo.com](mailto:rjbecker@yahoo.com) (508-627-8720). Dues may be mailed to the CIA, P.O. Box 1291, Edgartown, MA 02539.

### **Chappaquiddick Island Association Open Space Committee--Chappy Fund**

The Chappaquiddick Island Association Open Space Committee was established to preserve and protect the rare and diverse landscape of Chappaquiddick. Their goals include expanding open spaces in partnership with other conservation organizations, maintaining and increasing Chappy's trail systems and access to shores and recreation lands, preserving and enhancing vistas, and providing education about the open spaces. Since 1998 more than 500 of Chappy's 3600 acres have been preserved through the donations of more than 300 people.

The CIA Open Space Committee works with the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, a Sec. 501(c)(3) organization, which accepts donations for a Chappy Fund, and with Martha's Vineyard Land Bank, to share costs of land parcels and accept donations of money, land or permanent conservation restriction. There are many gifting options. If you are interested in conservation or land gifts, call Cynthia Hubbard (617-365-3600) or Norma Costain Kontje (508-560-9909). Donations may be made payable to "The Sheriff's Meadow Foundation " with attn: Chappy Fund in the memo line. Mail donations to Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, attn: Chappy Fund, P.O. Box 1088, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568. Please contact Sheriff's Meadow Foundation <https://sheriffsmeadow.org>, [info@sherriffsmeadow.com](mailto:info@sherriffsmeadow.com) (508-693-5207) for stock transfers or further questions. Gifts are 100% tax deductible; no overhead fee is charged to the CIA by Sheriff's Meadow for accounting; and donations go directly toward land or legal and closing costs.

### **Chappaquiddick Landing**

This is a private multi-family ownership dock on the harbor off Manaca Hill Road. Slip rentals are occasionally available. For rentals, contact Jim DiMattia (508-939-1419). Otherwise contact the Harbor Master for mooring information.

### **Chappy Chat**

Individuals with a Facebook account may join Chappy Chat, a community social media forum. The site provides useful information about Chappy community events and services. Leslie Floyd is the administrator of the site.

### **Chappy Ferry**

The Chappy Ferry is our lifeline to the main island. During the summer season the ferry runs continuously every day from 6:30am until midnight. During the off-season the ferry runs 6:30am-10pm, and 11pm-11:15pm. You may request an earlier ferry by speaking in person to the ferry captain before 5pm on the previous day; there is a surcharge for early ferries.

For any emergency, i.e., any circumstance requiring police, fire department, ambulance, or the hospital emergency room, call 911. The operators will communicate with everyone necessary including the ferry captain. For information regarding weather or maintenance delays, contact the Chappy Ferry hotline (508-627-6965).

Vehicle and passenger commuter books or single tickets are available for purchase from the ferry crew. Tickets are also available in the Edgartown kiosk with a card. During busy times the ferries need to synchronize and cannot always wait for all foot passengers. USPS, UPS, Fed Ex, school and emergency vehicles have boarding privileges and do not wait in line. The Chappy Ferry does not carry freight and may not be used as a drop off for deliveries. Ferry traffic lines may be viewed by webcam at the Chappy website [www.chappyferry.com](http://www.chappyferry.com), and the Chappy Wisp site: <https://www.mvwifi.com>.

### **Chappy Kitchen**

The Chappy Kitchen, created in 2015, is a Chappy-based, private catering service. It is operating with a new model for the 2022 season. Reach out directly to Katie Kidder for information [katie@thechappykitchen.com](mailto:katie@thechappykitchen.com). Check out the Chappy Kitchen at [www.thechappykitchen.com](http://www.thechappykitchen.com).

### **Chappy Point to Point Road Race**

June 2022 marked the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Chappy Point to Point road race, a 5 mile run from the waters of Wasque Point to the ferry at Chappy Point. Race proceeds are administered by the MV Community Foundation and have been directed for solar panels for the Community Center, a wetu exhibit at Wasque, and other worthwhile projects on Chappy. For more information about this annual race, contact Rick Schifter [rschifter@tpg.com](mailto:rschifter@tpg.com), or Chappy Point to Point ([runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com)).

### **The Chappy Store--Blackbird at Jerry's Place**

Blackbird Cafe will operate the general store, with convenience grocery items and dry goods, as well as its Blackbird Cafe food truck to begin the 2022 season. Luke and Katie Kenney, experienced coffee shop owners with three Blackbird Cafe locations in MA, are the new proprietors. It will open late June with plans to operate through September 2022. Blackbird offerings will be updated on their website [www.myblackbirdcafe.com](http://www.myblackbirdcafe.com), email: [cafeblackbird@gmail.com](mailto:cafeblackbird@gmail.com). Blackbird at Jerry's Place, 219 Chappaquiddick Rd (508-627-9535).

### **Code Red**

Edgartown is part of a county-wide emergency notification system called Code Red. This system is more encompassing than the former texting system, since it includes landlines, cell phones and email. To participate homeowners need to log into [www.dukescounty.org](http://www.dukescounty.org) and find the line for citizen's action center to sign up.

### **Deer**

The 2022 hunting season for deer on Martha's Vineyard (Wildlife Management Zone 13) is as follows: Bow hunting 10/13-11/26; shotgun 11/28-12/10; primitive firearms 12/12-12/31. Certain hiking trails are closed during hunting season. Hunting begins 1/2 hour before sunrise and ends 1/2 hour after sunset. There is no hunting on Sunday. Complete information can be found at [www.dukescounty.org](http://www.dukescounty.org) or [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov) under fishing and hunting. To report violations, call the MA Environmental Police (800-632-8075).

Deer are especially fond of tulips, lilies and apples. Some deer-resistant plants include daffodils, daisies, barberry, boxwood, lavender, poppies, thyme, and broom.

### **Driver's Licenses and Vehicle Registration**

New residents may obtain a driver's license and vehicle registration at the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles at 11 A Street in the VTA building at the Airport Business Park. Safety and emissions inspections are required for registration and thereafter on a yearly basis. Customers are strongly advised to schedule appointments online. ([Martha's Vineyard RMV Service Center | Mass.gov](http://Martha's Vineyard RMV Service Center | Mass.gov)).

For drivers' licenses, proof of US citizenship or proof of lawful presence, social security number, and proof of Massachusetts residency are required. The RMV provides detailed information about the documentation requirements.

The Department of Homeland Security has extended the Real ID full enforcement date to May 3, 2023. Drivers wanting a Real ID license must renew in person. A Real ID License includes a small star in the upper right corner indicating compliance with federal rules, making it acceptable for federal identification. Drivers aren't required to obtain a Real ID, but if they don't, the standard license will no longer be a valid form of identification for boarding a flight within the US, or entering restricted areas in a federal building. Instead, a passport or other federal identification may be utilized.

## **Emergency**

Dial **911** for all police, fire, or medical emergencies (the staff at the communication center will notify the ferry by radio). For non-emergencies or to reach the communications center dial **508-693-1212**. There are a number of defibrillators, and epi-pens on at the Chappy Fire Station. All firefighters are CPR trained to the level of first responder.

A person with a possible, head, neck or back injury should not be moved. If you put the person in an automobile, the EMTs will use valuable time extricating the patient from the car, just as if it were an automobile accident.

All residences are required by Town bylaws to display street numbers at least 3 inches high. If the home cannot be seen from the road, then the street number should be displayed on a post at the entrance to the driveway. It also helps to have the house number on the house. At night, if possible, put on the front door lights and your car flashers to assist the emergency team in locating your home. The Fire Department requires clearance of 12 feet high by 12 feet wide on driveways for ambulance and firetruck access.

## **Ferry Service**

The following are the major ferry services for the Vineyard:

Chappy Ferry ([www.chappyferry.com](http://www.chappyferry.com)) 508-627-9427 ( hotline:508-627-6965)..year-round passenger & vehicle service from Dock Street in Edgartown to Chappaquiddick.

Falmouth Edgartown Ferry ([www.falmouthedgartownferry.com](http://www.falmouthedgartownferry.com)) 508-548-9400.seasonal passenger service aboard the Pied Piper from Falmouth Harbor –278 Scranton Ave. to Memorial Wharf in Edgartown. Parking is valet service at the Falmouth ferry terminal.

Hy-Line Cruises ([www.hylinecruises.com](http://www.hylinecruises.com)) 800-492-8082...seasonal passenger ferry service between Hyannis and Oak Bluffs, and Nantucket and Oak Bluffs. Discounts are available to full time residents.

Island Queen (<https://islandqueen.com>) 508-548-4800.... seasonal passenger ferry from 75 Falmouth Heights Road, Falmouth to Oak Bluffs.

Patriot Party Boats ([www.patriotpartyboats.com](http://www.patriotpartyboats.com)), year-round passenger and freight service from Falmouth Harbor, 227 Clinton Ave., Falmouth to Oak Bluffs. (800-734-0088) or (508-548-2626). The Patriot boat does not run on federal holidays. If you missed your ferry, the Patriot Boat has a 24 hour water taxi service. Call 508-548-2626. Additionally the Patriot Boat provides free shuttle service to Walmart, the Christmas Tree Shop, and other Falmouth stores.

Seastreak/Martha's Vineyard Ferry (<https://seastreak.com>)800-262-8743...one hour passenger ferry from the State Pier in New Bedford to Oak Bluffs. Seastreak also



offers a summer weekend service from Highlands, NJ, and E.35<sup>th</sup> St., NYC to Oak Bluffs.

The Steamship Authority ([www.steamshipauthority.com](http://www.steamshipauthority.com)) Call 508-693-9130 or 508-477-8600. Year-round vehicle transport from Woods Hole. Passenger discount books and senior discounts are available. The SSA also offers "Preferred Space" for autos whose owners have submitted vehicle registration and driver licenses and have been approved for "Preferred Status" which is renewable each year. Excursion rates and Blue Line standby features are available for full time residents.

Vineyard Fast Ferry (<https://www.vineyardfastferry.com>) (401-295-4040) seasonal passenger ferry from 1347 Roger Williams Way, North Kingstown, RI to Oak Bluffs. Shuttle connections are offered to the Providence Airport and the Amtrak station.

### **Fish Delivery**

Edgartown Seafood hopes to begin delivery to the Chappy Ferry the end of June or early July depending on staffing. Contact them directly for more information. 508 627-3791.

### **Fishing**

Recreational anglers fishing in the marine waters of Massachusetts must possess a Saltwater Fishing Permit. The cost is \$10 for residents and non-residents. No permit is needed for those who are: under 16 years of age, fishing on permitted for-hire vessels, or disabled as defined in M.G.L.c.19c, regardless of age. Individuals 60 and older must obtain a permit, but the permit is free. For more information or to purchase a permit visit [www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries) or call 866-703-1925.

### **Golf**

The Royal and Ancient Chappaquiddick Links at [www.royalchappy.com](http://www.royalchappy.com) is a beautiful 9 hole golf course on North Neck Rd. Memberships and day passes are available. Call Brad Woodger at 508-627-2729 or e-mail [royalchappy9@gmail.com](mailto:royalchappy9@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Land Bank**

The Martha's Vineyard Land Bank maintains many beautiful properties and hiking trails on Chappy that are open to the public daily from sunrise to sundown except during hunting season. Land Bank maps are available online at [www.mvlandbank.com](http://www.mvlandbank.com).

### **Library**

Throughout the year, the Edgartown Library offers a variety of programs for both adults and children. Library cards are free to all Massachusetts residents and Island property owners. Out-of-state visitors pay a one-time fee of \$10 for a library card. The Edgartown Library's nearly 40,000 books, magazines, videos, DVDS, audiobooks, and CDs are only the tip of the iceberg. Through the CLAMS network of 38 member libraries (including all Island libraries), more than 1.5 million additional items are available to Edgartown library patrons, and can easily be searched and

requested online. Access to any library in the US is available as well; inquire with the front desk for assistance.

The library has public computers available for use as well as free wi-fi throughout the building. Mobile hotspots and Chromebooks are also available for checkout. For additional information including current library hours, information about children's services, the use of study rooms, getting a library card, or item requests and renewals, call 508 627-4221 or visit their website at <https://www.edgartownlibrary.org>.

### **Mail & Shipping**

**US Mail.** Your mailbox should have your name and address clearly marked on the right side. Mail is being sorted out of Vineyard Haven (508- 693-2818). Please advise the Vineyard Haven Post Office when you arrive. When you are leaving, fill out a forwarding notice, even if you do not expect additional mail. This will enable our carrier, Brenda, to be as accurate as possible. Please contact the Vineyard Haven office before putting up a new mailbox, and, if you have additional questions.

Certified mail, express mail, and undelivered packages will be held however, at the Edgartown Post Office for pickup --after 4 pm the day of notice. The Edgartown post office window is open Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm, and Saturday 10 am-1 pm. There is a US Postbox next to the Chappy Ferry slip at the Point with a 10:30 am pickup.

For mail forwarding information refer to [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) for details.

**UPS** is now delivering packages directly to the house. Other delivery options include delivery to the UPS container or pick up at the UPS office in Vineyard Haven. You should contact UPS if you would like either of these alternative deliveries. The container will stay in place for the foreseeable future, will not be locked at night, and will be accessible 24/7.

Most properties are accessible for the UPS driver with the exception of the last two at the end of North Neck Road, and Cape Pogue beyond Dike Bridge. If your property is inaccessible for any reason, contact UPS. The drivers will not deal with locked gates, and in such cases they will leave these deliveries in the container. The telephone number for UPS Vineyard Haven is 508-693-7023. The office is open from 2:00 to 6:00 daily. You can visit them at the office on Carrol's Way behind the Cash and Carry.

**FEDEX** delivers to your door or leaves a slip.

The Mailroom in Edgartown handles packing, shipping, printing and business service needs including UPS and FEDEX. [micromac@gmail.com](mailto:micromac@gmail.com) ( 508 939-1387)

### **Medical**

The Martha's Vineyard Hospital (508-693-0410) is located at 1 Hospital Road in

Oak Bluffs. The Hospital's emergency room is open at all times and provides care to all persons, all ages, without regard to health insurance status. For emergencies call 911. For additional information check [www.mvhospital.org](http://www.mvhospital.org)

Island Health Care, is located at 245 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road in the Stop & Shop Pharmacy building. The office is open Monday -Wednesday from 8 am to 8 pm, and Thursday - Saturday from 8am to 4pm, but closed for lunch daily 12-1p. Please call for an appointment at 508-939-9358. <https://www.ihimv.org>

Vineyard Medical Care has a Walk-In Medical Center on 364 State Road, Vineyard Haven, (across from Cronigs) and is open from 8 am—4:30pm Monday through Friday. New patients welcome. Call 508-693-4400 for an appointment. Same day often available. [www.vineyardmedicalcare.com](http://www.vineyardmedicalcare.com) for more information. On-site laboratory testing is available.

### **Newspapers**

The Martha's Vineyard Times [www.mvtimes.com](http://www.mvtimes.com) and the Vineyard Gazette [www.vineyardgazette.com](http://www.vineyardgazette.com) are both subscription newspapers.

### **Non-Emergency Issues**

Dukes County communications center 508-693-1212 for non-emergencies. The Police non-emergency number is 508-627-4343.

### **Parking at the Point**

Pay attention to the signs or you risk a ticket. Paved lot--4 hours parking. Unpaved (stone)lot--24 hours. A car will be towed after 24 hours.

On the Outer Harbor side of Chappaquiddick Road, (right side as you drive toward Town), parking is allowed along the road--up to the exit of the stone parking lot. Note all 4 wheels must be off the pavement to avoid ticketing and your car must be facing the ferry. This area is limited. Pay attention to the signs.

On the Inner Harbor side of Chappaquiddick Road (right side as you drive off the ferry), no parking is allowed between 7am and 7 pm from the Point to the cut-out for the ferry line. Parking is allowed on the green space after 7pm and along the pavement after the ferry cutout and your car must be facing away from the ferry with all 4 wheels off the pavement. Please pay close attention to the signage posted in these areas.

Parking is allowed in the Dark Woods Parking Lot at the triangle (near the Post Office) for up to 72 hours. If it is necessary to leave your car for a longer period, call the non-emergency police number (508-627-4343). The Police Department will normally grant any reasonable request. Any vehicle left in this lot over 72 hours without prior permission may be considered abandoned and towed. Businesses can receive a permit for long term parking in this lot by calling the Selectmen's Office.

### **Phone Service**

The number for Verizon repairs and services is 800-837-4966 [www.verizon.com/repair](http://www.verizon.com/repair). The number for Comcast repairs and services is 800-934-6489.

Verizon publishes an annual phone book available online at [www.verizon.com/whitepages](http://www.verizon.com/whitepages), and also delivered by mail. (Note Comcast telephone listings are not included.) More complete listings are in the small phone book called the Island Book, which is available at certain banks. Additional Martha's Vineyard information is found in the green pages of the Island Book.

### **Public Access and Small Boat Launching**

Quammox Road and Wasque Road are public rights of way to the water. The Land Bank has acquired beach frontage and acreage at the end of Quammox, and has cleared a parking area and provided a turnaround for boat launching. Prams and small sailboats left on the Quammox beach need a permit from the Land Bank (508) 627-7141. There are also places to launch canoes, rowboats, and kayaks at Dike Bridge, Cove Meadow off Jeffers Lane, and the Gardner property at the Point. Any boat that is on a mooring or haul-out is under the jurisdiction of the Harbormaster (508-627-4746).

Please note that beach property adjacent to the public access property is privately owned. Ownership rights in waterfront property extend to the mean low water mark. The public has the right to cross this land for fishing and fowling purposes when carrying the appropriate gear. This law is unique to MA and Maine.

### **Recycling Center and Refuse Transfer Center**

The MV Refuse Disposal District is located at 750 Edgartown West Tisbury Rd., on the left hand side, before the airport, and after Barnes Road. The entrance is easy to miss. Residents may purchase books of 10 coupons for \$50. Each coupon is good for a 32 gallon bag or barrel. Charges for truckloads of trash and garbage are by weight. A \$35 recycling permit must be purchased with proof of residency. (There is a senior discount for residents.) A permit must be shown for recycling which is otherwise free. Recyclables include: Plastic, glass, cans, bagged or tied newspapers, magazines, office paper and cardboard. No pizza boxes. The center is open every day except Monday. Hours are ordinarily 8 am to 3:30 pm, although the scale closes at 3 pm. However on Sunday the center closes early at 2 pm and the scale closes at 1:30 pm. (Tel. 508-627-4501). [www.mvrefusedistrict.com](http://www.mvrefusedistrict.com)

Household hazardous waste disposal dates are July 16, and October 15, 2022 from 9 until noon. Latex paint is not accepted. When feasible, the CIA arranges for a Chappy pickup. Check the bulletin boards.

### **Septic Systems**

A conventional septic system typically consists of the septic tank, a distribution box, and the soil absorption area (leach field or a leaching pit depending on the year built-Title V). The system must dispose of waste water and treat it so it's suitable to return to the ground. Do not place non-biodegradable objects, grease, or strong chemicals down your sink or toilet. Use low or no-phosphate dishwasher detergent. The septic tank should be inspected by a licensed professional and pumped out periodically. For additional information see [Buying or Selling Property with a Septic System | Mass.gov](#).

If you have trouble locating your septic system and your house was built after the mid-80's, the Board of Health (508-627-6120) may be able to assist you. When you sell your house, inspection of the septic system must be conducted as part of the purchase and sale agreement. All realtors are aware of this, and the Board of Health can advise you.

### **Shellfish License**

A license is required to gather shellfish. Licenses may be obtained at the Town Hall. A family permit for residents is \$50/yr: non-residents pay \$250/yr. The license is free for senior residents 60 and older. A weekly permit for non-residents is available for \$50. The rules and regulations are on the permit.

While shell fishing, all family license holders must: have a permit, a shellfish measuring gauge, and picture identification. A family permit may not be used to fish more than once a week, and the maximum yield per week is 1/2 bushel of shellfish. The bay scallop limit is 1 bushel/wk. Bay scallops can only be harvested from October-March.

### **Sheriff's Meadow Foundation**

Sheriff's Meadow is a nonprofit conservation group that owns land on Martha's Vineyard. Gifts to the Chappy Fund are administered by Sheriff's Meadow. For all trails on Chappy and Martha's Vineyard, download the TrailsMV app. It is a wonderful addition to your hiking/walking/biking adventures! For more information visit [www.SheriffsMeadow.org](http://www.SheriffsMeadow.org).

### **Slip Away Farm**

Located across the street from the Community Center, Slip Away Farm provides locally grown organic vegetables and beautiful flowers. In July and August, the Slip Away farm stand, Chappaquiddick's original one-room schoolhouse, is open Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. The roadside stand, often stocked with flowers, is open during the week with availability. Annually the Farm offers shares in a Community Supported Agriculture program. Please email Lily Walter at [slipawayfarm@gmail.com](mailto:slipawayfarm@gmail.com) with any questions. More information can be found at [www.slipawayfarm.com](http://www.slipawayfarm.com) or on [instagram@slipawayfarm](https://www.instagram.com/slipawayfarm).

**Speed Limit--** 25 MPH is the posted speed limit.

### **Swimming**

Free swimming beaches are located at the Ferry Point and Katama Bay. Katama Bay can be accessed from Wasque Avenue, Quammoz, or by boat. East Beach and Wasque, managed by the Trustees of Reservation (TTOR), provide access for a fee. Generally East Beach (across from Dike Bridge) has gentler waves and less surf than Wasque.

Norton Point Beach (Atlantic coast beach starting at the eastern end of Katama Beach and ending at Chappy) is also managed by the TTOR. To drive on Norton Point Beach, you must have a four-wheel drive vehicle along with a TTOR Over sand Vehicle Permit. Check the Beach Access hotline 508-627-8390 for restrictions for vehicle access. Visitors must depart the property by 10pm unless they are actively fishing. The TTOR beaches are generally patrolled throughout the day until midnight

No lifeguards are on duty, and swimmers must be cautious. If you are caught in a rip current, and are being pulled out to sea, do not panic and do not swim against the current. Rather, swim parallel to the shore until you are out of the current. Rip currents are rarely more than thirty feet wide. For emergencies call 911.

### **Ticks**

Deer ticks, lone star ticks, and dog ticks are present on Martha's Vineyard and are transmitters of disease. The Martha's Vineyard Tick Borne Illness Prevention Initiative offers yard surveys for all residents. Contact <https://www.mvboh.com>, or Dick Johnson at [MVticks@gmail.com](mailto:MVticks@gmail.com) for additional information. Permethrin treated clothing is recommended for outdoor activities. Additionally, tick and mosquito spraying is offered by several Island businesses. All the MV medical facilities are very attentive to tick bites. Prompt treatment for tick bites is recommended. The MV Hospital, open 24 hours, and the Vineyard Medical Care walk-in center (508-693-4400) on State Road afford quick service.

### **Town Officials**

Edgartown ([www.edgartown-ma.us](http://www.edgartown-ma.us)) is served by many dedicated civil servants:

Selectboard:	Michael Donaroma, Margaret Serpa, and Arthur Smadbeck
Town Administrator:	James Hagerty (508-627-6180)
Admin. Asst. to Selectboard:	Kristy Rose (508-627-6180)
Police Chief:	Bruce McNamee (508-627-4343)
Fire Chief:	Alex Schaeffer (508-627-5167)
Harbor Master:	Charles Blair, Jr. (508-627-4746)

### **Trails**

Chappaquiddick is blessed with miles of beautiful hiking trails. A free app, TrailsMV, is now available for your cell phones, and uses GPS to guide you through the woods and fields of the Island. Trail maps are also available from the various land

conservation organizations, i.e., the Land Bank [www.mvlandbank.com](http://www.mvlandbank.com), [www.sheriffsmeadow.org](http://www.sheriffsmeadow.org), and [www.ttor.org](http://www.ttor.org).

### **Transit Authority**

Over the winter, inductive bus chargers have been installed on Church Street in front of the Visitor Center. Schedules and route information can be obtained at the Visitor Center and at [www.vineyardtransit.com](http://www.vineyardtransit.com). Buses do not have cash. Exact fare is strongly suggested on buses. One way fares are \$2.00 per town peak-season (\$1.25 off-season) including the town of origin. Change is given in the form of stored value cards for future use. Most Edgartown buses originate at Church Street except for #11, which is free and runs between the Triangle and the bench at Mayhew Lane. Travel within Edgartown on other buses as far as the triangle is also free.

New for 2022, 1 Day, 3 Day, 7 Day, 31 Day, 100 Day and 365 Day travel passes can be purchased from a smartphone at [app.vineyardtransit.com](http://app.vineyardtransit.com). These digital passes will permit contactless boarding. Physical passes (1 Day, 3 Day, 7 Day travel) can be purchased on the bus, at the Steamship Authority Terminals, or the VTA main office at 11 A Street in the Airport Business Park. The 31-day and annual passes can only be purchased at the Visitor Center, or the VTA main office.

Persons with disabilities and senior citizens (65+) receive a substantial discount on all tickets. Annual passes are available for Island seniors for \$40 if purchased through the Councils on Aging. Island students (age 7-17) may purchase annual passes for \$50 at their schools. Children (age 6 and under) ride free when accompanied by an adult. Non-island senior and youth passes are \$75.

A free app, TransLoc Rider, (Martha's Vineyard is the selection) shows the real-time location and arrival times of your bus.

### **Trustees of Reservations(TTOR)**

The Trustees of Reservations is a non-profit Massachusetts conservation organization that owns East Beach, most of Wasque and Cape Pogue, and Mytoi, a Japanese-style garden in an open pine forest. Norton Point Beach, the sandy isthmus running between South Beach and Wasque, is owned by Dukes County but managed by the Trustees. Membership in The Trustees allows access to all their properties in Massachusetts. Nonmembers pay admission fees to the beaches.

Darci Schofield is the newly hired Islands Program Director overseeing the Island operations on Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. Dan Karparis, the Down Island Steward, is managing beach operations and stewardship on Chappaquiddick and Norton Point. Eli Ptaszynski is the Up-Island Steward. Shea Fee is the Trustees' ecologist overseeing the shorebird protection program. There are nearly 23 rangers and gatehouse attendants at Chappy and Norton Beach properties working to ensure smooth operations and safe, enjoyable experiences on the beaches. For beach emergencies, please call 508-627-7689. For tours to Cape Pogue, and other information call 508-627-3599.

TTOR posts weekly beach updates on social media ([www.facebook.com/trusteesmv](http://www.facebook.com/trusteesmv)) and also has a beach access hotline (508-627-8390). Visitors should check on the beach status prior to arrival. The TTOR website is [www.the trustees.org](http://www.the trustees.org).

Over-sand car travel requires an over-sand permit year round. Please see The Trustees OSV Driving Guide, available at permit pick up and online at <https://thetrustees.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Beach-Driving-Guide.v.4.7.22.pdf>. Adherence to the rules and regulations ensures a safe and enjoyable visit for everyone and violations may result in permit suspension and/or revocation. See **Winching** for further information. It is particularly important that visitors observe all shorebird signs. Nesting shorebirds and their chicks are protected by state and federal law. Dogs should be leashed at all times. All trash should be carried out.

Visitors must depart the property by 10pm unless they are actively fishing.

### **Water**

All homes on Chappy have well water that essentially comes from one underground aquifer. Conservation benefits everyone on Chappy. In dry periods we should be especially careful to conserve water. Edgartown restricts the application of lawn fertilizer. Detailed information can be found at [www.mvboh.com](http://www.mvboh.com). The Wampanoag Tribe Water Testing Laboratory provides comprehensive testing of water samples. Bottles for testing can be obtained from the Edgartown Board of Health, or the Dukes County Offices near the Airport. The Edgartown Board of Health will assist you with collecting your water sample and transporting it to a laboratory. Please contact the Board of Health at 508-627-6120 for specific information.

### **Weather Related Emergencies**

Occasionally summer and winter storms can cause power outages on Chappaquiddick. Every household should have emergency supplies which include candles or battery operated lights, a battery operated radio, emergency water supply for drinking and toilets, and if the house does not have an emergency generator, a camping stove or grill. Safety is paramount and generators should not be used indoors, and grills should not be used on wooden decks.

With few exceptions, when power is out, the landline phones are out. For emergency, calls can be made to 911. Non-emergency calls can be made to 508-693-1212. Additionally the Chappy Fire Station has an emergency call box outside the station. Open it up and push the button. When possible, the Chappy Fire Station will be open and available for respite during severe emergencies.

Potable water is available from the pump at the Chappy Fire Station. A bathtub filled with water before a storm will provide a good supply to refill toilet tanks. Helpful websites include [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) and [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov).

Homeowners should go to [www.dukescounty.org](http://www.dukescounty.org) and register for the county emergency notification system (Code Red). This notification system extends to landlines, cell phones, and emails.



At this time Edgartown continues to maintain a texting emergency notification system. Text the word "Edgartown" to 877-550-8627.

### **Websites & Webcams**

The following is a list of useful websites:

CCC	<a href="http://www.chappycommunitycenter.org">www.chappycommunitycenter.org</a>
CIA	<a href="http://www.chappaquiddickislandassociation.org">www.chappaquiddickislandassociation.org</a>
Chappy Ferry	<a href="http://www.chappyferry.com">www.chappyferry.com</a>
Edgartown Fire Dept.	<a href="http://www.edgartownfiredepartment.com">www.edgartownfiredepartment.com</a>
Edgartown Harbormaster	<a href="http://www.edgartownharbor.com">www.edgartownharbor.com</a>
Edgartown Police	<a href="http://www.edgartownpolice.org">www.edgartownpolice.org</a>
Edgartown Landfill	<a href="http://www.mvrefusedistrict.com">www.mvrefusedistrict.com</a>
Edgartown Library	<a href="http://www.edgartownlibrary.org">www.edgartownlibrary.org</a>

Web cams, that provide viewings of the Chappy ferry line at the point and Daggett Street, are found at [www.chappyferry.com](http://www.chappyferry.com), and [www.mvwifi.com](http://www.mvwifi.com).

### **WiFi**

Free WiFi service is available at the CCC, and at the Edgartown Library. Comcast, Verizon, and Chappy Wisp ([www.mvwifi.com](http://www.mvwifi.com)) are paid subscription services.

### **Winching**

Over-sand vehicle permits are required by the Trustees. If your tire pressure is more than 15psi, you WILL get stuck. It is imperative to lower your tire pressure when accessing the beach. There are air pumps at Mytoi. For help when stuck in the sand on Cape Pogue, Wasque, or Norton Point, during daytime (8am-4:30pm) call the Mytoi Gate House (508-627-3599). For winching help after hours, call the Dukes County Communications Center at 508-693-1212. Winch services may incur additional fees.

The beaches are generally patrolled throughout the day until midnight. However, portions of the beach may be temporarily closed to driving because of changing beach conditions and/or shorebird nesting activity.

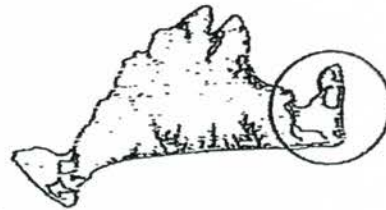
The Insider's Guide is a work-in-progress by the C.I.A. Welcoming Committee. For any questions or suggestions, please call any member of the committee: Dorothy Dropick (508-627-5705), Cornelia Hurst(508-627-4774), or Katie Ryan(508-627-1364).

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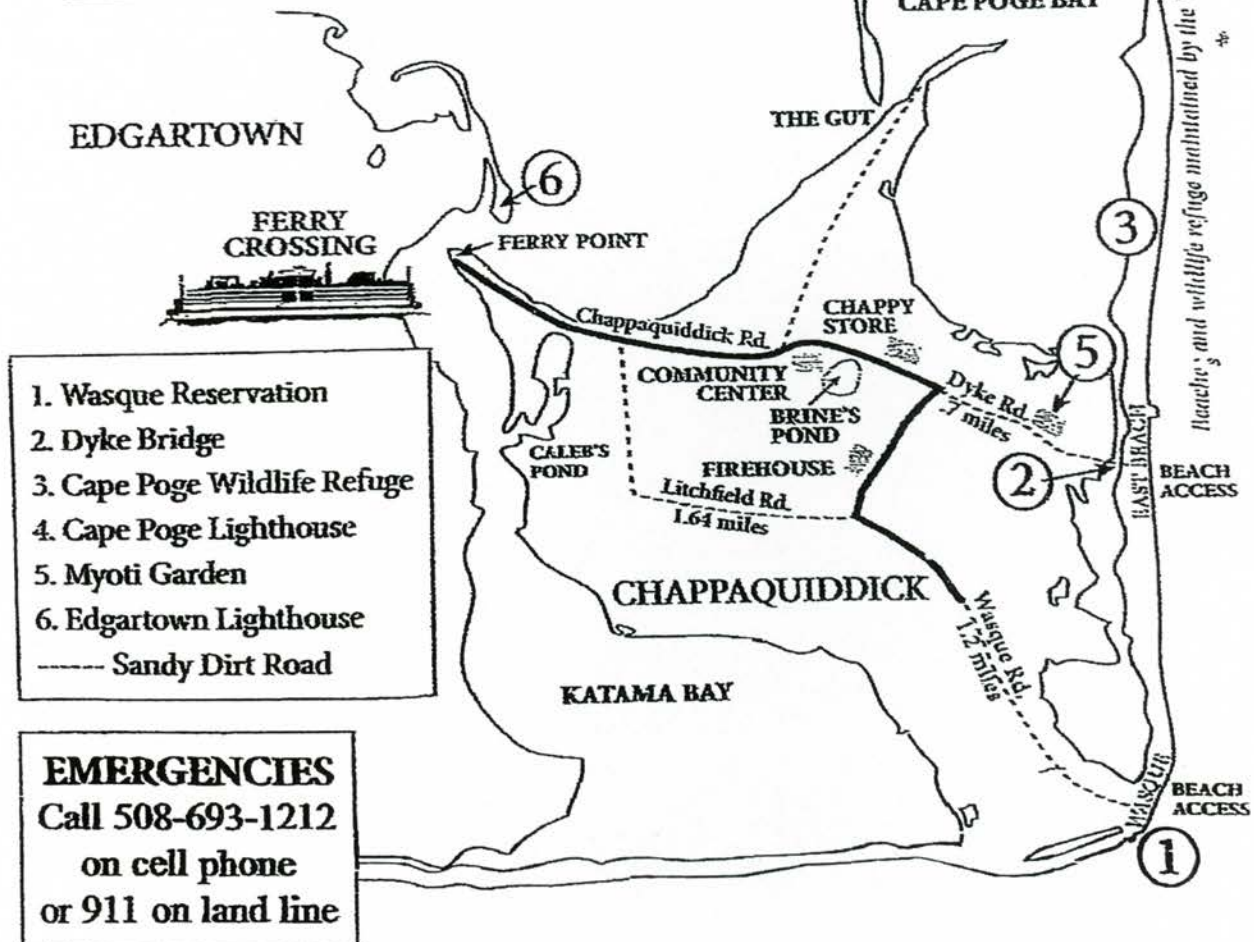
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**ON THE FERRY:** Engine off / in park  
**SET BRAKE**  
 Passengers sit down / hold on



CARS	BIKES
25 mph	Stay right
No passing	Extreme caution at curves
Extreme caution at curves	Remember that when the sun is shining on car windshields drivers can't see you
Pass bikes slowly	
No passing bikes on curves	
3.5 miles from Ferry Point to East Beach	
5 miles from Ferry Point to Wasque	



1. Wasque Reservation
  2. Dyke Bridge
  3. Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge
  4. Cape Poge Lighthouse
  5. Myoti Garden
  6. Edgartown Lighthouse
- Sandy Dirt Road

**EMERGENCIES**  
 Call 508-693-1212  
 on cell phone  
 or 911 on land line