

Chilmark Town Affairs Council



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Memo to Chilmark Select Board Chilmark Community Center Overview of Plans for Summer 2024 March 28, 2024

The Chilmark Town Affairs Council is pleased to share with the Select Board our plans for the summer of 2024. Included here are details on the Community Center programs, the Martha's Vineyard Author Series, and the Chilmark Road Race as well as updates on CTAC itself.

CTAC

CTAC officers are the following:

Chair - Suellen Lazarus (202-489-7949)

Vice Chair - Robin Rivera (917-414-2185)

Treasurer - Sara Kaufman (617-852-3459)

Secretary - Michelle O'Connor (781-910-3643)

CCC Staffing news

Susan Andrien is the Center's Executive Director (susan@chilmarkcommunitycenter.org)

Heidi Ganser is the Adult, Family & Community Program Director

Anja May will return as Playschool Director

Tad Cohn will return as Sailing Director

Other hiring is in process.

CCC Summer Plans

Registration for the children's program for the summer has now fully reopened after some glitches with our new registration platform. These have been resolved and almost all registration issues have been addressed. Most of our programs are full with waitlists that we work to clear as spots become available.

Island Residents. This summer we have instituted a separate registration system for Island Residents that ensures Island children priority access to registration and an efficient approach to receiving the Island Resident discount. Island registration is at a landmark high with island resident enrollment in all camp programs at 23% and in some programs at over 30% island residents. We are also in discussion with the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) Education Dept about a collaboration to host their camp this summer.

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Community Engagement. To prepare for the summer and gain insight and advice about CCC programming, we have virtually hosted three **Community Engagement Meetings** (one in January, February, and March). A new **Stakeholder Advisory Committee** has been formed to provide regular input on programming to the Executive Director with the committee's first meeting scheduled for April 1. Representation on this committee includes island residents, summer residents, parents and school and library representatives.

Summer Schedule

We plan to begin the summer program on Monday, July 1 and run the youth programs for seven weeks through Friday, August 16. We would like access to the Center as soon as possible after the school year ends and ideally by Monday, June 24 for staff training and set up. As always, we will obtain a camp license from the Board of Health.

Although the summer program ends on August 16, as last year, we would like to retain access to the Center through the end of August to continue to run other community programming and return the keys on Friday, August 30. Kindly let us know if this works for you.

CCC Tents: We plan to have three tents at the Center this summer as these have proven to be very useful activity space. One tent will be by the Art Shack, one by the Chilmark School for the Playschool children, and a third tent by the tennis courts/vegetable garden. The site plan is included below.

New Programming. We have also introduced the following new programs:

- Youth Leadership Program for 13-14 year olds.
- Counselor in Training program for 15 year olds.
- Preschool/Playschool Pilot program. We are partnering with the Preschool to provide a pilot program of year round enrollment in the Preschool/Playschool program for island families to ensure full time childcare coverage for families. Nine Preschool families are in this pilot program.
- Partnerships. We are working with the island representative of Cape Cod Community College to establish a field placement program for community college students at the Playschool this summer.

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Facilities

- Tennis Courts. We will open the clay courts by May 1, 2024 and we contracted with an outside firm to provide this work. We will repair the fence hole on these courts with a temporary measure and will invest in a longer term solution for the fences after the construction of the Preschool is completed. The closing of the clay courts at the end of the season will be determined by the Preschool construction project.
- Basketball Courts. We will be resurfacing the basketball court beginning in early April. We will update you on the schedule as soon as confirmed and also notify the Chilmark School about the timing of this work. This work should take about 5 days to complete.

Martha's Vineyard Author Series

The Martha's Vineyard Author Series is part of the summer programming of the Chilmark Town Affairs Council and is held every other summer. We will hold the Author Series this summer on seven evenings throughout the summer and expect that the events will be held in the CCC large hall on some Thursday and Sunday evenings. We will coordinate with the Chilmark Police Department on any evenings that will be particularly crowded and may require a police detail. For popular events, we will use the field of the Chilmark Community Center for parking.

Chilmark Road Race

The Chilmark Road Race is scheduled for Saturday, August 10 at 10:30 am. Registration packages for the race will have a pick up time of 5-7 pm. on Friday evening, August 9. The race will be limited to 1,600 runners as in previous races. In 2023, there were a total of 1391 finishers in the race. The race will obtain the required permit from Massachusetts Highway Department after signoff by the Select Board, Fire Department, and Police Department. The race will also obtain approval from the Board of Health.

Parking: The race will work and rely on the generosity of community members (private and public) to utilize areas for parking at the Community Center, Police Department field, Flander's "Pony Field," Tabor House Road lot.

Unless the Select Board has any suggested changes, overall management and set up of all activities will be the same as in past years.

CCC Tent Plan - Summer 2023

