

Memo to Chilmark Select Board
Chilmark Community Center
Overview of Plans for Summer 2023
March 31, 2023

The Chilmark Town Affairs Council is pleased to share with you our plans for the summer of 2023. Included here are details on the Community Center programs, the Martha's Vineyard Book Festival and the Chilmark Road Race as well as updates on CTAC itself.

CTAC

At CTAC's Board meeting in February, there was a change in the Vice Chair position. Other officers remain the same. CTAC officers are now as follows:

Chair - Suellen Lazarus (202-489-7949)

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

Treasurer - Sara Kaufman (617-852-3459)

Asst. Treasurer - Jennifer Prakash (805-444-0409)

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

CCC Staffing news

We are in the search process for a new Executive Director and also a Youth Program Director, among other positions.

We believe we are very close to confirming a new Youth Tennis Director.

CCC Summer Plans

Registration for the children's program for the summer is now open and some of the programs are full with waitlists. We plan to begin the summer program on Monday, July 3 and run the children's programs for seven weeks through Friday, August 18. We would like access to the Center as soon as possible after the school year ends and ideally by Monday, June 26 for staff training and set up. We will obtain a camp license from the Board of Health.

Although the summer program ends on August 18, 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, September 1. Kindly let us know if this works for you. We will keep you updated on plans for this summer including when we hire a new Executive Director.

Anja May will again be running the Playschool at the Chilmark School. We know that the HVAC work is ongoing during the summer and we will work with the GC to accommodate their needs so the work can get done. With 50 children, we understand that we will have access to two classrooms for the Playschool. We will also need sufficient restrooms, based on Board of Health guidance, for this number of young children.

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 SSHack, one by the Chilmark School for

use by the Playschool, and we would add a third tent by the tennis courts/vegetable garden. The site plan is included below.

New Program: Surf Camp

On a pilot basis for two weeks (July 10 and July 17), we would like to offer a Surf Camp this summer. It would be a small gathering of instructors and up to 12 children (ages 9 and up) focused on surfing, ocean safety, and teaching fundamental skills including reading ocean conditions, paddling on surfboards and lifesaving techniques. The program will be equipped with current first aid and lifesaving equipment. All water staff are required to have a current CPR certification. Miles Brucculeri, who would run the program, has been teaching swimming, water safety and surfing for 25 years. He has worked as a lifeguard at both public beaches and private clubs. He is a certified Water Safety Instructor and has developed a program with a state licensed children's day camp that includes swimming and ocean safety. He is also a member of the Southampton Volunteer Ocean Rescue. As with all of our programs, we will carry full insurance coverage for this program.

We request access to Squibnocket Beach from 9-12 during the period that the program is running. The program will be limited to 12 students who will be dropped off at Squibnocket at 9am and picked up at noon each day. Access to the parking lot circle will be needed at noon for pickup. Instructors who drive to the beach and park in the lot would have their own Squibnocket Beach stickers. If the pilot program proves to be successful we would look to extend it.

Martha's Vineyard Book Festival

The Martha's Vineyard Book Festival is part of the summer programming of the Chilmark Town Affairs Council and is held every other summer. In 2023, we are planning to hold the festival on Saturday and Sunday, August 5 – 6 with an opening event on Friday evening, August 4. We expect to have approximately 20-25 authors. Saturday and Sunday programming will be free.

Our plan is to hold the speaking events in three large tents on the grounds of the Chilmark Community Center, with smaller tents for author book signings and book sales. The Vineyard Gazette will be a sponsor and Bunch of Grapes Bookstore will handle all of the book sales.

Parking: We will again develop a comprehensive plan to limit the impact of the festival on the town, as follows:

- Hire a police detail outside of the CCC and at Beetlebung Corner to facilitate traffic management.
- Station guards at the library during their open hours to ensure that only their patrons park in their lot.
- Secure all available parking near the CCC including Chilmark Community Church, The Yard, Chilmark School, Beetlebung Farm, Martha's Vineyard Bank, Town Hall (after hours), the "pony field" on Menemsha Crossroads, and the Dump Lot on Tabor House Road. Use volunteers/hire staff to manage these lots consistent with the requirements of the facility owners. Allow handicapped and elderly to park near or at the Chilmark Community Center.

- Provide clear printed instructions and clear signage about parking to all guests.

Chilmark Road Race

The Chilmark Road Race is scheduled for Saturday, August 12 at 10:30 am.

The race will be limited to 1,600 runners as in previous races. In 2022, there were a total of 1,389 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 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

