

THE VINEYARD

Local
Postal Customer

PRSR STD
ECRWSS
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
EDDM RETAIL

FREE

VINEYARD GAZETTE MEDIA GROUP | HEART OF THE VINEYARD | FEBRUARY 2019

CHECK IT OUT!

**Banjos. Board games.
Slow cookers?!
Island libraries have
the coolest stuff.**

**Meet me at the
MV Ice Arena**

**Care and comfort
from Hospice MV**

**HEART OF THE VINEYARD
2019 NONPROFIT DIRECTORY**



APRIL 6th 2019 8 AM to 12 NOON

MARTHA'S VINEYARD HOSPITAL

24th Annual Health Fair

An array of information, demonstrations, screenings and more from health and human service providers. Join us in promoting healthy lifestyles in our community.



508.693.4645 mvhospital.com/healthfair



ISLAND AESTHETICS
MARTHA'S VINEYARD

For a Natural Looking New You!



The only physician-owned and operated
Medical Aesthetic Spa on Martha's Vineyard.

Visit our website to learn about
HydraFacial Treatments | Botox/Injectables | IV Therapy & More

islandaestheticsmv.com

8 Union Street, Vineyard Haven | 774-563-5708 | info@ia-mv.com



MARTHA'S VINEYARD
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Affordable Options for Parents

**After School Program
Educational Programming
Athletics & Summer Camp**

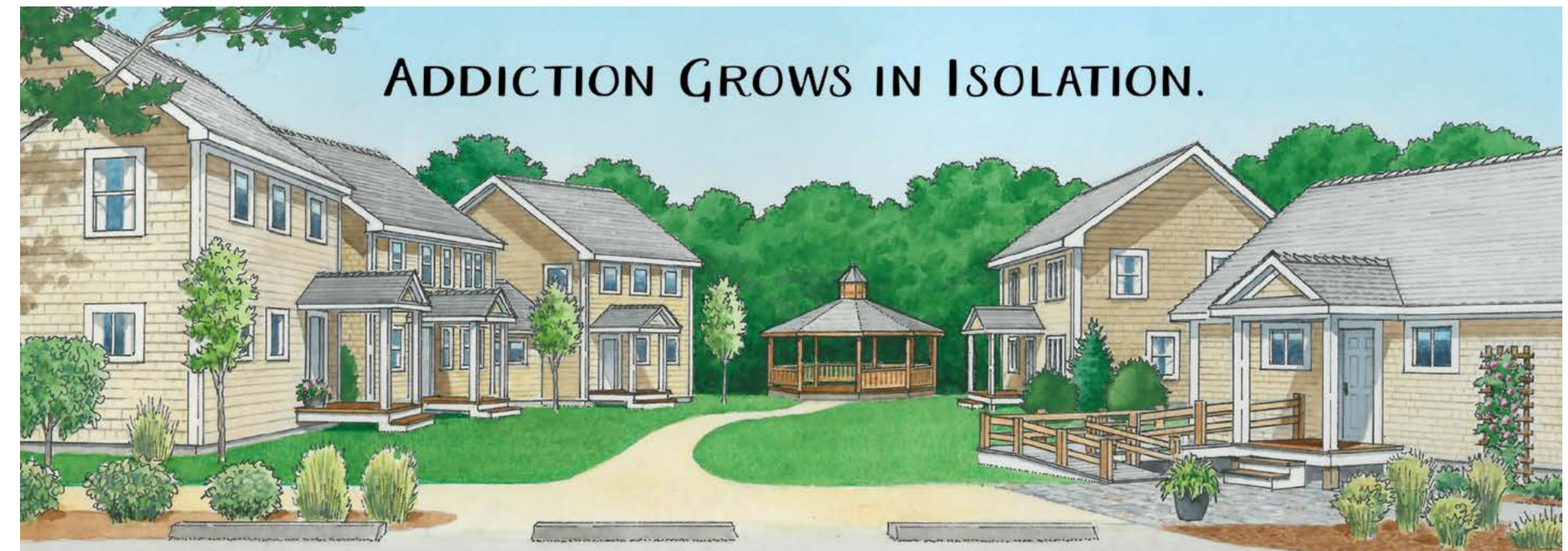
Quality Opportunities for Kids



www.mvbgclub.org
(508)627-3303



ADDICTION GROWS IN ISOLATION.

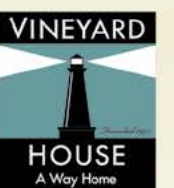


SOBER LIVING SAVES LIVES.

Vineyard House provides a supportive community for Island men and women in the early stages of recovery from substance use disorders. For Islanders who want to live a clean and sober life, our campus provides an alcohol- and drug- free environment, access to on-site 12-step meetings, and help in developing skills for healthy living.

To learn more about Vineyard House, contact us at: 508.693.8580

www.VineyardHouse.org



THE VINE

Features

13 Library Island

Six towns. Six libraries. Six personalities.

BY LANDRY HARLAN

16 Care and Comfort at No Cost

Hospice of MV never sends a bill.

BY HOLLY PRETSKY

18 When the Vineyard is (or Could Be!) Your Oyster

Instagram + twentysomethings = OysterMV.

BY LANDRY HARLAN

20 Ice Time

The MV Ice Arena, where everybody knows your name.

BY NOAH ASIMOW

From the Editor

The Best Things in Life...

My mother always said, "There's no such thing as a free lunch." "You don't get something for nothing." And, of course, "You get what you pay for." And so on. Her aphorisms are hard to shake; my head is full of them. Frankly, they annoy me, especially because they always contain a grain of truth. Oh, both-er. This idea that the concept of "free" doesn't really exist (someone always pays) is hard to digest. But I'm afraid that when it comes to the work that our 120 Island nonprofits do, it's true.

Putting together this annual special issue, I was once again impressed and inspired by all the ways that our nonprofits make life on the Vineyard more manageable—all while working tirelessly to raise funds and keep the doors open so that many of the services they provide can be passed along to us for "free" (or for less than the true cost). It reminds me to ask you to support your favorite organization, whether it's one that benefits your children, your elderly parent, a disabled neighbor or your own mental or physical health. And support doesn't just mean dollars.

In fact, giving freely of your time is one of the best things in life.

—Susie Middleton

Departments

4 Editor's Note

5 On the Rock
The Sweet Life

8 Vine and Dine

Under the Radar, Easy on the Wallet: the Y Cafè and the MVH Cafè

29 Insta Island

A Window on Winter

30 By the Numbers

From the Heart

Cover photo: Jozy Cash checks out the toys and games at the Edgartown Library. Photo by Jeanna Shepard.

23 HEART OF THE VINEYARD
2019 NONPROFIT DIRECTORY

THE VINE

EDITOR Susie Middleton

ASSOCIATE EDITOR Nicole Mercier

CONTRIBUTORS. Noah Asimow, Chris Burrell, Ray Ewing, Vivian Ewing, Landry Harlan, Louisa Hufstader, Tim Johnson, Holly Pretsky, Jeanna Shepard, Maria Thibodeau

PUBLISHER Jane Seagrave

BUSINESS MANAGER Sarah Gifford

DIRECTOR OF SALES & MARKETING Skip Finley | sales@mvgazette.com

SALES TEAM Frederica Carpenter, Gary Cook, Amy Kurth, Garrett Burt, Alyssa Lodge

ART DIRECTOR Jared Maciel

AD PRODUCTION Jane McTeigue, Jared Maciel, McKinley Sanders

Copyright 2019 by the Vineyard Gazette Media Group. No part of this publication may be reproduced without the written permission of the publisher.

To subscribe to the Vineyard Gazette, visit

vineyardgazette.com/subscribe.

Vineyard Gazette Media Group
P.O. Box 66, 34 So. Summer Street,
Edgartown, MA 02539

thevine@mvgazette.com | 508-627-4311

VINEYARD GAZETTE
MEDIA GROUP



OUR MISSION:
Martha's Vineyard Center for Living strives to improve the quality of life for those impacted by issues of aging and impairment.



Supportive Day Program
Music & Memory Cafè
Dementia Family Support Services
Dementia Caregiver Support Group
MVRHS Culinary Arts Luncheon
Emergency Food Program
55 Plus Times

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit us at

29 Breakdown Lane, Vineyard Haven

online at www.mvcenter4living.org

or call us at 508-939-9440.

The Sweet Life

CANDY CRUSH

Chocs on the Rock

Nothing beats chocolate for pleasing a sweetheart – or your own sweet tooth. And the only thing better than chocolate is Island-made chocolate. So it's good to know that just in time for Valentine's Day, Chilmark Chocolates – closed since the week before Christmas – is back with its prized confections, from Tash-moo truffles to dark chocolate Beetle-bung bars. Hours are Thursday through Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If you can't make the trip up-Island, Enchanted Chocolates in Oak Bluffs is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Almond butter crunch? MV



sea-salted caramels? Malted milk balls? Tough decisions. You can also pick up Enchanted Chocolates' candy bars (Chocolate Sand Bar, Nutty Islander, Dark Vader) at Cronig's, Le Roux, Alley's General Store and Reliable Market.

—Louisa Hufstader

SHOWTIME

Art at the Film Center

We love it when two nonprofits join forces, especially when the results are so beautiful. This month, the Martha's Vineyard Film Society is collaborating with Featherstone Center for the Arts to present artist Warren Gaines' paintings. The show of Gaines' oils and pastels will hang in the Feldman Family Art Space at the film center until Feb. 23. You can see the paintings, which feature Island scenes from Katama to Lucy Vincent, when the theater is open for movies, Wednesday through Sunday. (The painting pictured here is titled Overlooking Menemsha.)

HAVEN

Co-working community

Working from home can be a lonely business, full of distractions and detours to the couch. Haven, a new co-working space at 517 State Road in Vineyard Haven, offers a community alternative where entrepreneurs and creatives can share a room and their ideas. It offers many of the amenities of home – desk space, coffee, Wi-Fi, etc. – as well as special events and programs for members, like Tuesday knit nights. Membership starts at \$200 a month, but you can also inquire about daily rates. Those interested in more information or in setting up a free trial day can reach founder Alexandra Bullen Coutts through the contact page at havenmv.com.

—Landry Harlan

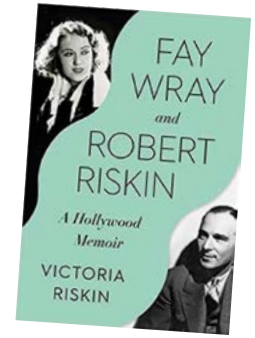


Ray Ewing

ON THE ROCK

BOOK IT

The Golden Age of Hollywood



Whether you read the book (available Feb. 29) or come to hear writer, television producer and Vineyard resident Victoria Riskin speak at the Vineyard Gazette on Feb. 12, you'll get a love story and a memorable trip back to the Golden Age of Hollywood.

Riskin's larger-than-life parents were actress Fay Wray, who rose to fame in the arms of King Kong and starred in more than 120 other films opposite Hollywood's biggest stars, and prolific screenwriter Robert Riskin, who won an Oscar for the quintessential screwball comedy, It Happened One Night.

Fay Wray and Robert Riskin: A Hollywood Memoir is the story of Riskin's

parents' fairy-tale romance and marriage that ended sadly too soon when Robert's health declined after a debilitating stroke. And it is the story of the constellation of famous people who surrounded the couple during the heyday of Hollywood.

Victoria Riskin will speak and show film clips at Tuesdays in the Newsroom: The Golden Age of Hollywood, 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 12 at the Vineyard Gazette. Visit calendar.vineyardgazette.com for more information. Look for the book at Bunch of Grapes bookstore in Vineyard Haven.





ANIMAL SHELTER
MARTHA'S VINEYARD



animalshelterofmv.org
One Pennywise Path, Edgartown, MA 02539
(508) 627-8662
Follow us on facebook

THE POWER of PARTNERSHIP

Dukes County Regional Housing Authority, IHT Partner
Barbara Hoffman, Administrative Coordinator DCRHA,
Buddy, DCRHA Mascot



Building community through developing permanently affordable homes for **year-round island residents** is IHT's mission. Thanks to the trust, dedication and generosity of our business and community partners we are creating **100 new homes and rentals** by the end of 2020.

Donate or become a partner now at ihtmv.org



FEATHERSTONE center for the arts

SAVE THE DATE!



2019 Summer Events

★ **Gallery Shows** ★
THE ART OF FLOWERS
WITH GUEST CURATOR HOLLY ALAIMO
COMMUNITY ART • CYBER ART
CONVERSATIONS IN ART • INSEPARABLE

Featherstone Flea & Fine Arts Market

9:30AM TO 2PM TUESDAYS • JUNE 25 - AUGUST 27

☪ Poetry with Billy Collins ☪
SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Photographers Salon

7PM • TUESDAYS • JULY 9 - AUGUST 6

Annual Gala
SATURDAY, JULY 20

Potters Bowl
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Anonymous Art!
AUGUST 24

Art of Chocolate Festival
OCTOBER 12&13

FOR MORE INFO, CALL 508-693-1850
OR VISIT WWW.FEATHERSTONEART.ORG

It's the Spring Semester at ACE MV and A New Year to Create New Opportunities!

ACE MV invites you to explore our fabulous line up of over 30 classes!



We offer credentialing for landscapers, contractors, and food handlers. A ONE-YEAR Business Administration Program. Computer courses on SketchUp, Excel, Wordpress, & more! Photography with Maria Thibodeau. Culinary classes including Indian Cooking, Cake Decorating, and Breads from Around the World. Brush up on your civics with "Leadership in a Democracy and My Responsibility" with Marge Harris.

The time is now! Come and explore with us!

Registration is now open! ▶ For more information, visit ACEMV.org; 508-693-9222



MARTHA'S VINEYARD SHELLFISH GROUP

Updates:

- » In 2018, we produced more seed shellfish than in 2017: 24 million scallops, 17 million quahogs and over 15 million eyed oyster larvae!
- » In 2019, we will increase our monitoring of the oyster populations in Tisbury and Edgartown Great Ponds.
- » With Tisbury Community Preservation Act funds, the dock and stairs on Weaver Lane are repaired and are now open to the public. Come see the hatchery this summer! Call (508) 693-0391 to schedule a tour (May-September).

JOIN US!

APRIL 20: SHELLFISH EXTRAVAGANZA: SILENT AUCTION, RAW BAR AND JOHNNY HOY & THE BLUEFISH Chilmark Community Center, 6pm

The Sense of Wonder Day Camp



Creative Arts ~ Environment ~ Ethnic Diversity
Local & Global Community Service ~ Fall, Winter, Spring Art Classes
Islander Discounts • Financial Aid
ages 7-12 • M thru F • 508-693-3142
senseofwondercreations.org
23 Grove Avenue in Vineyard Haven



KING'S BARBER SHOP



WALK-INS WELCOME

CALL FOR APPOINTMENT



OPEN TUESDAY - SATURDAY
10AM TO 6PM

395 STATE ROAD, VINEYARD HAVEN | (508) 338-7853



Under the Radar, Easy on the Wallet

The hospital café and the Y Café are two affordable spots for breakfast and lunch.

BY LOUISA HUFSTADER • PHOTOS BY JEANNA SHEPARD

There are few best-kept secrets when it comes to dining on Martha's Vineyard, especially in the winter. But two year-round Island eateries keep an unusually low profile: the Martha's Vineyard Hospital (MVH) café and the Y Café at the YMCA of MV.

Each weekday, from breakfast through the afternoon, both spots serve food to eat in or carry out, as well as grab-and-go pastries, sandwiches, salads and drinks. The Y Café has an espresso machine and frozen yogurt; the hospital offers hot-cooked entrées with à la carte side dishes. Each has counter service, plenty of table seating and lots of light.

These cafés don't advertise or promote their menus, and neither one has its own website or Facebook page. That's because, though both are open to the general public, their mission is to serve an existing clientele: staff and patients at the hospital, and members at the Y.

"We're feeding people all day long," said Chris Porterfield, director of food

and nutrition at Martha's Vineyard Hospital for the past 17 years. He estimates about 300 to 360 people stop by the café each weekday, with another 160 meals going out to Meals on Wheels recipients.

Seven days a week, the hospital's kitchen provides three meals a day for the acute-care patients and 60 residents of the long-term-care Windemere facility, and it feeds staffers as well. They also serve food to people receiving chemotherapy and other medications in the hospital's infusion suites. "It's important they're taken care of," Chris said.

Breakfast in the MVH café begins at 6:45 a.m. with pastries and toast, hot breakfast entrées such as waffles, pancakes and scrambled eggs with bacon, and the usual morning beverages.

"We always have fresh-made Danish and muffins," baked daily in-house, said Porterfield. Toast-it-yourself options include bagels, English muffins and breads.

After a break at 10:30 a.m., lunch service runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a sal-



Chris Porterfield, director of food and nutrition at Martha's Vineyard Hospital, notes that the hospital café prepares food for more than 500 people a day.

ad bar, soup, daily pizza, burgers, chicken sandwiches and trans-fat-free French fries. Three daily entrée specials are priced separately from their side dishes, so you can build the meal you want.

"It'll always be a beef, a poultry and a seafood or vegetarian option," Chris said.

One recent Friday the fish special was Baked Crumb Codfish for \$3.65, with sides of vegetables and parsley potatoes available at \$.85 each. With a medium-sized drink for \$.90, the full meal came to \$5.65. There's no tax, because the hos-

pital is a nonprofit.

The day's other specials were Rotisserie Spiced Chicken – \$4.25 solo, \$6.65 with mac and cheese, salad and a drink – and a choice of vegetable or pepperoni calzone at \$4.25 on its own or \$6.30 with salad, grapes and drink.

Grab-and-go sandwiches, made daily, range from \$2.50 for tuna or egg salad to \$2.95 for cold cuts and cheese.

Porterfield said many of his customers take their meals to go, including senior citizens who purchase their evening meals at the café. Other regular patrons



include construction workers and delivery drivers stopping in for a quick, affordable lunch.

Food eaten in the café is served on china plates with metal flatware to reduce waste. The lunch line shuts down at 2 p.m., but snacks and drinks are available until 3 p.m.

Jim Greene of West Tisbury and his daughter Tikopia, a college freshman home on break, stopped by the hospital for lunch one recent afternoon.

"They have a great salad bar, and the hours are nice – 11 to 2. You can come when it's not crowded," Jim said.

Polishing off a slice of pizza, Tikopia said she also likes the café's frozen yogurt, ice cream and French fries, as well

as the fact that there are always alternatives to meat.

"And it's not expensive," she added. Her father chimed in, "It's the best deal on the Island."

Chuck Cotnoir, director of Dukes County emergency management, is a regular customer at the hospital café.

"They have really good entrées, and they are somewhat predictable so you know when you can get your favorites," he said. "On Friday, you know there will be clam chowder."

The weekly menu is posted outside the café on Monday, so customers can plan ahead. The hospital café is closed to the public on weekends.



The Y Café has pre- and post-workout snacks as well as smoothies, coffee drinks, prepared salads, sandwiches, and featured hot dishes.

The Y Café is also a weekday operation, open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday.

YMCA of MV finance director Joan Chaput said a new manager is getting ready to revamp the café, which offers smoothies, coffee drinks, frozen yogurt and prepared salads and sandwiches. A hot dish like mac and cheese and a soup of the day are also featured, and the café has pre- and post-workout snacks too.

A citrus quinoa green salad with sliced chicken, packed to go, was \$8.50 on a recent visit. A "spicy Italian" on a bulky roll, a turkey club and a BLT were also \$8.50. A lowfat fruit parfait was \$5.50.

What the café's new format will be is up to the new manager, Joan said. Watch Vine & Dine for an update!

Louisa Hufstader is a freelance writer in Edgartown, Mass.

What is the Island's Best Charity Event?



YOU DECIDE.

Vote now at bit.ly/BOV-2019

Loved Ones deserve only the best

Planning ahead for a peace of mind

Chapman Cole & Gleason
 FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATION SERVICES
 Family Owned and Operated Since 1862
 56 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, Oak Bluffs • 508-693-1495
www.ccgfuneralhome.com • vineyard@ccgfuneralhome.com

Wareham • Falmouth • West Falmouth • Mashpee • Bridgewater • East Bridgewater

WE HAVE A CRISIS!

We need your help!

Rare Northern Long-eared Bats are dying during hibernation from White-Nose Syndrome, caused by a non-native fungus that is harmless to humans. We need help from homeowners and contractors to locate hibernating bats in winter so that we can help them survive, if infected. Please report any bats hibernating in damp, cool basements or crawl spaces by emailing us at info@biodiversityworksmv.org or call 800.690.0993 ext. 0

BiodiversityWorks
 wildlife research, monitoring & mentoring

VINEYARD GAZETTE

Always in style.

Subscribe at vineyardgazettestore.com
 or call 508-627-4311

Camp Jabberwocky

An island non-profit and volunteer-led summer camp serving people with special needs since 1953.

Camp Jabberwocky is serving more people than ever before. We are running more programming, working with more volunteers, and creating new, supportive, and inclusive communities. And, we just launched our first ever Capital Campaign! The goal is to renovate the Main Cabin and start an endowment for tuition. This will provide a bigger, safer, winterized space and enable us to work with more organizations so that we continue to serve more people and spread Camp Jabberwocky's mission of love and inclusion!

We want to thank the many special island organizations

for being part of our community and for believing in the mission of Camp Jabberwocky. Because of your generosity and support, we continue to welcome back campers and invite new ones who keep busy each day with excursions to the beach, archery, flying in a biplane, baseball games, rock climbing, musical theater, and so much more. These are opportunities they rarely have and look forward to all year. Campers, counselors, and the rest of our Camp Jabberwocky community have a special love for this place where "anything is possible."



Camp Jabberwocky would not be such a joyous place for more than 200 campers and their families year after year without the endless support and incredible generosity of so many island (and nearby) businesses who make generous donations each year.

Thank You!

Celtics • Cronigs Market • Steamship Authority • Cash & Carry
 Santander Bank

Tisbury Printer, Stop & Shop, Island Source, ABC Disposal Service Inc., The Edgartown Inn, Araujo Brothers, MV Vacation Rentals, Chilmark Chocolates, The Net Result, Beetle Bung Farm, Cushman Amusements, MV Sharks, Nancy's Restaurant, The Farm Institute, MV Savings Bank, The Barn Bowl & Bistro, Edgartown Police, MV Pirate Adventures, Rising Tide Therapeutic Horseback, Chilmark Writer's Workshop, Mad Max Catamaran, Flying Horses, Right Fork Diner, Biplane Rides of MV, Aloha Paddle, Trustees of the Reservation, The Toy Box, Granite Ace Hardware, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Newton-Wellesley Hospital, **Tina Sterpe Law Firm**, **SmithDuggan**, Vineyard Vines, Art Cliff Diner, Morning Glory Farm, MV Times, The Vineyard Gazette, and many more!

And to continue running annual programs, we need to be able to provide food, programming, and housing to our growing community of campers and counselors! It costs \$1,450 per camper to attend one week of our summer sessions. We currently ask campers to pay-what-they-can and rely on fundraising to cover the gap. Most campers are not able to pay the full amount and we never turn away if they are unable to pay. This is why you being part of our

community is so important.

Anything you donate or give goes directly toward our activities, materials, food, vehicles, and new summer experiences that make Camp Jabberwocky such a remarkable place for everyone involved. Thanks to the new and ongoing support and generous donations from our many family and friends, we are able to make this possible for our campers year after year! Join us!

EVENTS Come join us!
www.campjabberwocky.org/events

www.campjabberwocky.org/events
 4th of July Parade in Edgartown, July & August Session Plays
 5K Run & Fun Run in Edgartown Saturday August 17, 2019
www.runforjabberwocky.org

DONATIONS

www.campjabberwocky.org/donate
 OR Camp Jabberwocky PO Box 1357 Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

INFORMATION

www.campjabberwocky.org | www.facebook.com/campjabberwocky
 Email: info@campjabberwocky.org

CALL THE VINEYARD HEALTH CARE ACCESS PROGRAM

508-696-0020

FOR HELP WITH MASSACHUSETTS HEALTH INSURANCE

www.mvhealthcareaccess.org

114 NEW YORK AVENUE, OAK BLUFFS

The Access Program is a Certified Massachusetts Navigator Program. We can help with applications, explain insurance options, and follow up to make sure you get the coverage that you qualify for, including Health Connector programs and MassHealth.

You can also apply online at MAhealthconnector.org or call 1-877-623-6765.

Many people can apply year-round – call us to see if you qualify!



THE ACCESS PROGRAM CAN ALSO HELP WITH:

- Medicare and Medicare Part D • Prescription Assistance
- Dental Services

1999-2019

20 YEARS OF CONNECTING ISLANDERS WITH CARE



A Service of Dukes County and the Towns of Martha's Vineyard



Ray Ewing

BOSTON Med Flight

Your Life. Our mission.



Lifesaving care when you need us

Boston MedFlight is *the* 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that for over 30 years has provided expert, safe and efficient critical care medical transport to Martha's Vineyard's sickest patients. Every patient we transport is cared for by a critical care nurse and critical care paramedic, and flown by a pilot who maintains the FAA's highest level of qualification and proficiency.

To learn how you can support our nonprofit mission, visit www.bostonmedflight.org
Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram

Library Island

Six towns, six libraries, six personalities.

BY LANDRY HARLAN

Lucky us. Each of our six towns has its own library. And these aren't your everyday, run-of-the-mill libraries. They have more cool stuff to check out than you'd ever imagine—tools, musical instruments, cooking equipment, metal detectors, laptops, board games, craft kits. They have so many thoughtful programs—from concerts and live animal storytimes to mini-golf, writing workshops and glow yoga—that they function as de-facto community centers.

All that and thousands of books, too. Literally thousands. By our count, the six libraries have a total of more than 180,000 books between them.

This being winter, we're particularly grateful to our libraries for keeping the lights on, welcoming us with comfortable chairs and sometimes even a hot lunch. Whether you're seven years old or 70, if you're spending winter on the Vineyard, you owe it to yourself to check out our Island libraries. Start by turning the page to read our Island library primer.

AQUINNAH

aquinnahlibrary.org

Hours: Tues., Thurs. 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Jeanna Shepard

CHILMARK

chilmarklibrary.org

Hours: Tues., Thurs., Sat. 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wed. 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fri. 10:30 a.m. to 1:30pm



Ray Ewing

EDGARTOWN

edgartownlibrary.org

Hours: Mon., Thurs.-Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tues., Wed. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Ray Ewing

OAK BLUFFS

oakbluffslibrary.org

Hours: Tues.,Thurs. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Wed., Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Ray Ewing

VINEYARD HAVEN

vhlibrary.org

Hours: Mon., Weds., Sat. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Tues., Thurs. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fri. 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sun. 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Ray Ewing

WEST TISBURY

westtisburylibrary.org

Hours: Mon. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Tues. - Thurs. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.,
Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.



Ray Ewing

Year founded: 1901

Number of books: 7,337

Staff members: 4

Library Director (acting): Rosa Parker

Cool kids programs:

Drop-in crafts on Saturdays, after school club

Most checked-out book:

Fiction
Nine Perfect Strangers, by Liane Moriarty
Non-Fiction
Educated, by Tara Westover

Oddest check-out items:

Ice cream maker, banjos, metal detector

Winter programs:

Crafts, Bruce the Bear storytime, painting class

What makes us special:

Summer music on the deck
"During the off-season, the library winds up being a place that kids and families can come and learn something from each other or just see neighbors and friendly faces."

Aquinnah Public Library

@aquinnah_library

Year founded: 1882

Number of books: 29,458

Staff members: 6

Library Director: Ebba Hierta

Cool kids programs:

Guided makers' space during school break, hands on crafting

Most checked-out book:

Fiction
Transcription, by Kate Atkinson
Non-Fiction
Emily: The Cookbook, by Emily and Matthew Hyland

Oddest check-out items:

Birdwatching kit, stargazing kit, book bags

Winter programs:

Adult collaging, author talks, writing workshops

What makes us special:

Endowed poetry collection
"Our mission is to make this a place where everyone who walks through the door thinks that there's something for them here."

Chilmark Free Public Library

@chilmark_library

Year founded: 1904

Number of books: 36,500

Staff members: 12

Library Director: Lisa Sherman

Cool kids programs:

Art club, board game night, book groups

Most checked-out book:

Fiction
Nine Perfect Strangers, by Liane Moriarty
Non-Fiction
Becoming, by Michelle Obama

Oddest check-out items:

Slow cooker, guitars, ukeleles

Winter programs:

Guitar workshops, slow cooking class, winter film series "Into the Heart of Art"

What makes us special:

Kids programs (ex. Animal Storytime)
"We're not school, we're not home, we're this fun in-between world where kids can explore who they are and explore their literary and artistic endeavors."

Edgartown Public Library

@edgartownlibrary

Year founded: 1906

Number of books: 37,858

Staff members: 15

Library Director: Allyson Malik

Cool kids programs:

Teen writing group, cookie decorating workshop

Most checked-out book:

Fiction
Milkman, by Anna Burns
Non-Fiction
Becoming, by Michelle Obama

Oddest check-out items:

Seasonal Affective Disorder lamps, Internet hotspots, 100 board games

Winter programs:

Indoor mini-golf, tai chi, Afro-Cuban dancing

What makes us special:

3D Printer
"This library feels like it could be your own home. We try to maintain that living room."

Oak Bluffs Public Library

@illuminateob

Year founded: 1909

Number of books: 35,275

Staff members: 7

Library Director: Amy Ryan

Cool kids programs:

Mini Comic-Con, cupcake decorating competition, glow yoga

Most checked-out book:

Fiction
Kingdom of the Blind: A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel, by Louise Penny
Non-Fiction
Becoming, by Michelle Obama

Oddest check-out items:

Metal stamping kit, gummy bear mold

Winter programs:

MFA textile department curator, WHOI speakers

What makes us special:

Large print collection
"We have a real commitment to adult programming. We really focus on having a good core collection of the classics and more contemporary classics."

Vineyard Haven Public Library

@vhlibrary

Year founded: 1892

Number of books: 39,000

Staff members: 15

Library Director: Beth Kramer

Cool kids programs:

Music programs, Bruce the Bear, storytimes, crafts

Most checked-out book:

Fiction
A Rule Against Murder, by Louise Penny
Non-Fiction
Becoming, by Michelle Obama

Oddest check-out items:

Mandolin, keyboard, hotspots, external disc drive, Roku, Kindles

Winter programs:

Lapsit storytime, quarterly death cafés, flower arranging, art classes

What makes us special:

Dancing/music
"We're a library that's very interested in exploring the outdoors to see what nature is all about; we're interested in what's outside as well as what's inside."

West Tisbury Free Public Library

@wtpubliclibrary



Care and Comfort at No Cost

Whether for end-of-life care or bereavement counseling, Hospice of Martha's Vineyard never charges a patient or family for their services.

BY HOLLY PRETSKY • PHOTOS BY JEANNA SHEPARD

Ask a Hospice employee about dying, and you'd be hard-pressed not to find comfort. It's not that they belittle or euphemize; in fact it's their thoughtful frankness that brings solace. Hospice of Martha's Vineyard clinical director Chantale Patterson's voice was full of kindness when she talked about her work on a recent afternoon in Vineyard Haven.

She said most people don't know what it looks like when someone is dying, and part of her role is to prepare families and patients and help them understand what can happen in the end: loss of consciousness, withdrawing into oneself, labored breathing, agitation.

"We labor to come into this world, and we often labor to go out," she said. "The body has to go through the process."

Founded in 1981, Hospice of Martha's Vineyard provides patient visits at home with whatever level of regularity needed. Six staff nurses provide palliative and

medical care and serve as liaisons with other medical providers. Hospice also provides spiritual and emotional support and guidance to those who are dying and to their families. Family members can continue to access grief services for up to thirteen months after a loved one has died.

Debbie Phillips of West Tisbury lost her husband, Rob Berkley, in December. Rob was a healthy, vibrant 59-year-old man who held onto his tenacity as his health declined, she said.

"He was a super dynamic guy, and kind of in control of everything until he got gastric cancer."

At first, the couple believed there was a chance Rob could overcome the cancer with aggressive chemotherapy, but when a surgery in Boston revealed more cancer, they returned to the Island and contacted Hospice of Martha's Vineyard. Chantale visited Debbie and Rob regularly from June to December to of-

fer medical support. Hospice also coordinated and communicated with Rob's caregivers at the hospital, and Debbie and Rob both received grief counseling.

Sitting at her kitchen counter with Rob's final project, a book of bird photography, Debbie remembered a moment with Chantale a week before her husband's death. Chantale took Rob's hand. He had already lived longer than any doctors thought he would.

"She said, 'We see you struggling. No one has ever fought this hard to live, but you have no reserves. And Rob, in the end, nature wins. Nature always wins,'" Debbie recalled. "Which was the most perfect thing to say to him because he, above all else, respected nature."

Hospice of Martha's Vineyard executive director Thomas Hallahan said the organization has a profound role in the Island community, helping a growing number of Islanders as they do the work of dying, and supporting families as they

prepare to let them go.

"It's a lot to walk people through this journey," he said. "And it's a privilege supporting families."

"You're invited into people's homes at an extremely intimate time of their life, and with the goal of bringing quality to their days," Chantale said.

Twice a month, the staff of Hospice of Martha's Vineyard gather for a team meeting. But before they get down to the logistics of patient care, they light a candle. One member of the staff reads a poem or prayer of her choice. Then they name and talk about the patients they have recently lost: when and how

"We don't bill anybody for anything," Thomas said. "We don't have a billing office."

the person died, how the family is coping, what more is needed for those left behind. The chaplain, Rabbi Lori Shaller, gives a brief talk about the person's life and their spirit, and the staff honors their memory with a moment of silence before the candle is extinguished.

Thomas said many of the people Hospice of Martha's Vineyard nurses and volunteers care for are already friends and acquaintances. This regular ritual is a moment when staff can say goodbye together.

"My goal is to meet the patient wherever they're at," Chantale said. "My mantra is always, this is their journey."

"It's really a solemn respectful space for those we have cared for and who have left this world," he said. "For our employees, it's important we acknowledge their grief and their wellbeing...we're really taking care of neighbors. It's neighbors helping neighbors, and that's the beautiful part and also the challenging part."

Hospice of Martha's Vineyard is the only Hospice provider on the Island—and one of just a few across the country—that does not charge for any services and is not paid for through Medicare. A \$2.5 million endowment from the late Washington Post publisher Katharine Graham helps to make that model possible, along with annual fundraising events like Handmade from the Heart and the Reflections of Peace Christmas Concert at the Old Whaling Church in Edgartown (see "Hearts for Hospice" at right). The rest of the organization's \$700,000 in annual operating expenses are covered by grants and private donations.

"We don't bill anybody for anything," Thomas said. "We don't have a billing office."

The Hospice of Martha's Vineyard model gives patients and families the freedom to make their own choices about care without worrying about what is covered by insurance during what is already a difficult and chaotic time. For example, patients with a terminal diagnosis who are expected to live longer than six months can still access services, and so can patients who are trying experimental treatments.

"We don't have any of those stipulations," Thomas said. "All decisions are up to the family. That's the reason we

choose not to be Medicare certified."

"My goal is to meet the patient wherever they're at," Chantale said. "My mantra is always, this is their journey."

Thomas said with a growing population of elders on the Island, the organization has seen a significant uptick in demand in the last two years, and they are now regularly serving more than thirty patients at any given time. With that growth, the organization is looking for more space and another full time nurse. Thomas said they plan to launch a capital campaign this year to grow to a size that can sustain the incoming patient numbers.

"We need to raise up to \$10 million to help grow our endowment, with a couple million dollars from that going towards the purchase and development of a new space," he said.

The existing condominium, located in the Tisbury Marketplace, has one meeting room, one private counseling room, a nurse's station, a small reception area, and Thomas's office space. With six nurses, a chaplain, a psychologist and two licensed independent social workers, and patients, volunteers and families passing through, things are often cramped.

"We need two to two and a half times the space we have now," Thomas said, adding that more room is needed for private calls, places to grieve privately, and for more bereavement counseling sessions, among other things.

"We know the numbers are going to continue to increase," he said.

Reflecting on her experience with her husband's death, Debbie Phillips repeated words of gratitude for the organization again and again. She said Rob, an executive coach and writer with a passion for the outdoors, did not expect to die at 59. Debbie, herself a successful life coach and mentor, was also taken by surprise. Used to empowering and guiding others, she found herself suddenly on the receiving end when she called Hospice of Martha's Vineyard. She remembered one moment when she visited the Hospice of Martha's Vineyard offices and was given a giant holiday poinsettia.

"I had this awareness of, oh, we're patients. We can accept this gift. And it was kind of this epiphany of learning to accept things," she said. "Like this is where I am right now. I can accept help. So I think I learned that from them. I was able to do that because of them."

Holly Pretsky is a reporter for the Vineyard Gazette.



Ray Ewing

HEARTS FOR HOSPICE

Hospice of Martha's Vineyard depends on private donors and annual fundraisers to cover operating expenses. If you would like to learn how to support Hospice of Martha's Vineyard, visit hospiceofmv.org/donations or call 508-693-0189. Or you can participate in one of the following fundraising events Hospice of Martha's Vineyard will hold in 2019.

Remembrance Luncheon – Sunday, May 5

Oak Bluffs Road Race – Sunday, May 26

Summer Soiree – Monday, August 12

Hospice Golf Tournament – Sunday, September 15

Handmade from the Heart – Saturday, December 7

Reflections of Peace Christmas Concert – December 11



OPPOSITE PAGE: Hospice of Martha's Vineyard executive director Thomas Hallahan plans to begin a capital campaign that will include funds for a bigger space. **ABOVE:** Clinical director Chantale Patterson considers it a privilege to help families through their journeys.

When the Vineyard is (or Could Be!) Your Oyster

If you're twenty-something and trying to make the most of the long Island winter, take out your phone, jump on Instagram and search for @OysterMV.

BY LANDRY HARLAN • PHOTOS BY RAY EWING

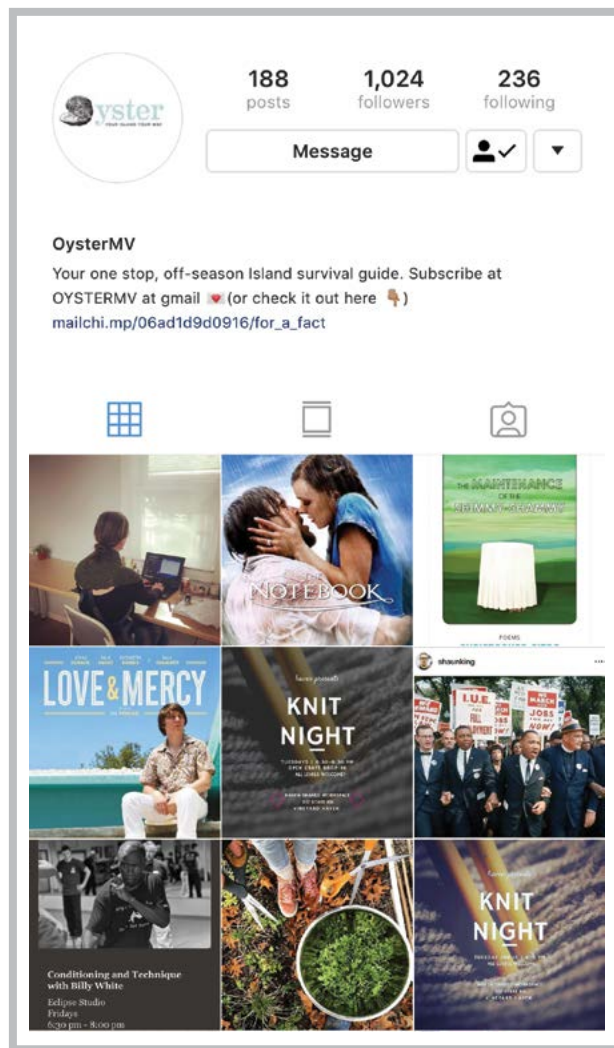
It seems fitting that OysterMV launched on Instagram. The account surfaced last winter, with posts appearing a few times a week highlighting upcoming community events that ranged from yoga classes to tarot card readings. What distinguished it from other Vineyard calendars, though, were special discounts for “Oysters,” defined as that rarest generation of Island residents — twenty-somethings.

“Living on the Island can be really intimidating to young people, especially people who didn’t grow up here,” said Alexandra Bullen Coutts, an Island writer and community organizer who started the OysterMV program – and its Instagram page. “I wanted to look into ways to dispel that a little bit and make it more welcoming.”

Alex said the idea for OysterMV came to her a couple of years ago when she started thinking about her own experience living year-round on the Island in her twenties. She remembered that during the long off-season it was often difficult to find engaging activities where she could escape the winter isolation and meet other young people.

“It’s quiet, you don’t have a lot going on, and people really get into their bubbles,” she said. “There aren’t a lot of opportunities for people to connect.”

Already involved in the work of several Island nonprofits, Alex approached them with her new idea. Why not create off-season community programming for young adults? The response was overwhelming.



“I was really surprised by how receptive people were to it and how supportive the Island community has been,” she said, adding that she’s received support from organizations like Martha’s Vineyard Community Services, the YMCA and The Trustees of Reservations.

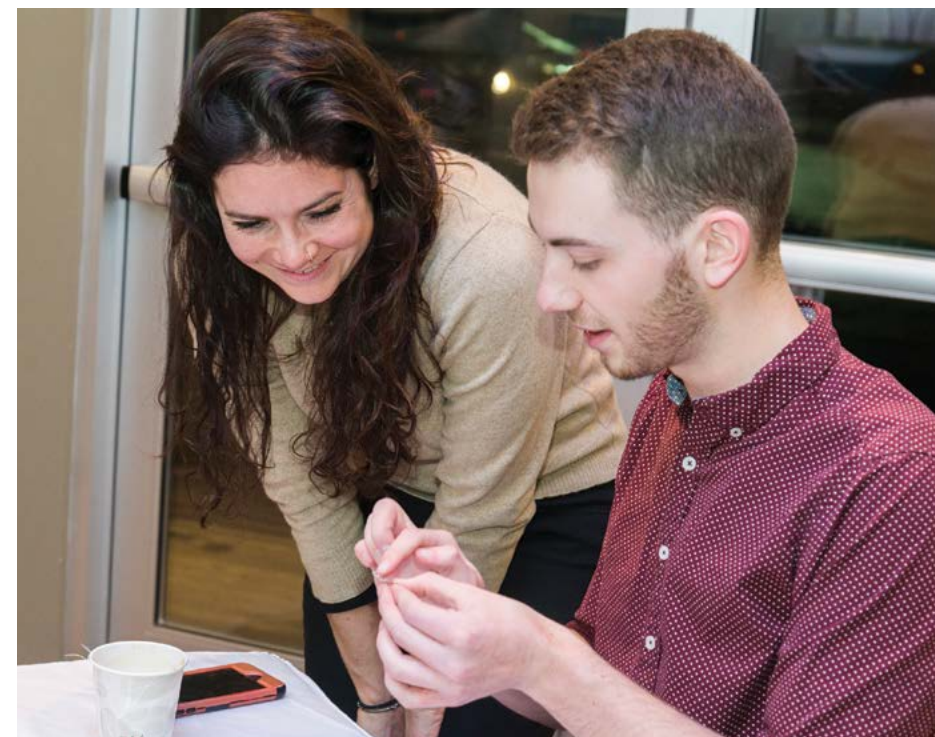
Wanting to avoid a formal name that would scare young people off, Alex said the word “oyster” quickly came to mind.

“I just wanted it to be a fun word. Everyone loves oysters, we live on an Island, and the world is, in fact, your oyster,” she said.

Over the past year, OysterMV has hosted dozens of events across the Island, indoors and out. There’s been an oversand drive at Cape Poge in search of snowy owls, screenings of classic 1990s movies at the film center, and several crafting evenings led by young Island artists.

Walker Roman is one of them, and also a member of the OysterMV advisory board that helps brainstorm ideas for future events. At a January OysterMV event this year, Walker taught a group how to drop spin with animal fiber, what he called a “pre-Renaissance” way of spinning yarn. He said he was hooked after his first OysterMV event, a showing of *The Royal Tenenbaums*, where he ran into friends he hadn’t seen in years.

“OysterMV creates this third place that’s not work and not home, but a social place that frankly, is affordable,” Walker said. “I can’t go out for dinner with friends



OPPOSITE PAGE: Walker Roman taught peers to drop spin at an OysterMV event at the film center in January. **THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:** Elysha Joy of Elysha Joy Metals with Jason Danielson; Connor Bell; Elysha with OysterMV’s Alex Bullen Coutts.



every time I want to be sociable. Having a resource like OysterMV provides that. It’s a meeting ground for people that wouldn’t necessarily meet up in some other location.”

Though Walker was born on the Island and grew up here, he said he understands full well the struggle of creating a close-knit group of friends during the winter. He added that thanks to OysterMV he’s made new friends and even started working his schedule around events.

“Regardless of age, finding new groups of people is difficult,” he said. “People have their routines and their habits and go to their places and you just don’t cross paths with folks. I’ve met people of my age group at Oyster who I wouldn’t have met otherwise. That’s a rarity.”

Angela Sison, an Island designer who runs the boutique Conrado in Vineyard

Haven, said she immediately felt the isolation of the off-season when she moved to the Island three years ago.

“My first winter was definitely difficult,” she said. “I felt lonely because I yearned for that feeling of living where you can go somewhere and meet people your own age.”

Like many of her fellow Oysters, Angela found Alex’s posts on Instagram and decided to step outside of her comfort zone to get involved. As a bonus, OysterMV events have also provided her with a chance to connect with other young Island entrepreneurs and to show off her line of sustainable women’s clothing. She set up shop for the first time in December at a holiday pop-up event held at the film center.

It was refreshing to see peers in her age group, she said. “It was nice to see people you might not have run into in

awhile; I’m hoping that opportunity will encourage some of my friends to go who haven’t been yet.”

Getting the word out about events has been the biggest challenge so far, Alex reported. That, and convincing people to leave Netflix and their couches for just one night a week. Still, she said, each event has drawn more people than the last and she’s already planning a series of activities for the coming months, including cooking classes and mending/stitching workshops.

Alex added that in the future she wants OysterMV to be a resource for young people looking for jobs and housing. Currently, in a bright and informative email newsletter sent out every Thursday, Alex lists relevant career opportunities on Island (in addition to weekend activities), a feature she said she would like to expand in a future website. (Find the newsletter

link in their Instagram bio.)

“I think this population is deserving of a little extra support in this way given inherent obstacles that come with deciding to build a life here,” she said.

In the meantime, Alex said her goal is to grow participation at events and work with her advisory committee to expand OysterMV’s offerings. She said she’s already encouraged by the enthusiastic response from young Islanders just one year in, and she’s optimistic that it can become a Vineyard mainstay.

“I would love to pass the torch on to people passionate about bringing people together,” she said. “I’m hopeful it will catch on and people will feel it’s worth continuing.”

Landry Harlan is a reporter for the Vineyard Gazette.



Ice Time

It may be cold outside (and inside, too), but the MV Ice Arena is a warm and friendly place helping Islanders get through the long winter.

BY NOAH ASIMOW • PHOTOS BY JEANNA SHEPARD

It's February on the Vineyard. Coffee shops are shuttered. Scallops cost \$35 a pound. And the tumbleweeds on Circuit avenue dance to the Ritz's wispy winter riffs. In other words, it's the off season.

Just don't tell that to the MV Ice Arena.

While the rest of Martha's Vineyard hunkers down, the coldest indoor facility on the Island ironically becomes one of the best places to stay warm – if not for the temperature, than for the camaraderie.

"It's a very tight-knit community," program coordinator Matt Hasenfuss said. "Everybody knows each other. That's the arena."

By the time February rolls around, youth hockey, which services Island children from ages six through 14, is in full swing. Figure skaters are spinning their axels. Public skates look more like Central Park before Christmas than Martha's Vineyard after it. And the high school

teams pack the rink's bleachers with standing-room only crowds.

"When we have high school games, as they say, it's the best two hours of live entertainment you're going to find on the Island," said long-time rink employee and Zamboni maestro Mike Hathaway. "This place is three deep on the glass. It's so fun."

The MV Ice Arena is a nonprofit organization founded in 1974 and established six years later as an outdoor skating rink. In 1992, local businesses and generous donors teamed up to help the arena complete a capital improvement plan to enclose the rink and provide year-round skating for Islanders. Ever since, nearly two generations of Vineyard children have had the chance to grow up with the privilege of ice time, regardless of the season.

"My goal about this place is the kids," Mike said. "It's really what's kept me



Zamboni maestro Mike Hathaway has been smoothing ice on the rink for 20 years.

coming here every year. Watching them grow. Seeing their attitudes, seeing their smiles, and watching their performance, and seeing how they accelerate from nothing to high school players and beyond."

Mike has been smoothing ice and stretching smiles at the rink for upwards of 20 years. He's a beloved figure, instantly recognizable to hockey players and figure skaters alike. Even though he's got a demanding day job as the assistant Edgartown harbormaster, Mike can't stay away from the rink. It's the community that keeps bringing him back.

"I had a kid the other day who's all grown up come in and say, 'Mike, you're still here?' And I said, 'Where else am I going to go?'"

Mike's son grew up on the Vineyard ice, and now he has a four-year-old grandson who looks poised to do the same.

"Once he gets the knack of it, I'm not going to be able to get him out of here," Mike said. "A lot of kids are like that. They just come, and they don't leave. It's like a teen center. They say, 'Let's meet at the rink.'"

The ice arena isn't only for youngsters. Along with youth hockey, the rink holds multiple levels of open skates and two adult leagues, ranging from the formidable competition in the John Gibson Memorial Hockey League to the less formidable, but equally sweaty Sunday morning "never-too-lates."

In the summer, the rink hosts a tournament called the East Coast Classic,

"A lot of kids are like that. They just come, and they don't leave. It's like a teen center. They say, 'Let's meet at the rink.'"

bringing top-level players from college programs all over the country for a three-day event on the Island.

This past summer, participants ranged from NHL center Adam Gaudette to former rink employee and regional high-school goalie Nick Kent to current rink employee Garri Saganenko.

"To be able to have something like this on the Island, it's a great thing," said Matt, a former Bridgewater State hockey player himself. "If some of those kids didn't have hockey, who knows where they'd be."

As program coordinator for the rink, Matt has the ever-difficult job of coordinating ice time between "major user groups," like youth hockey and figure skating, and everyone else. And by everyone else, he means literally everyone else.

Every year, The Yard – a Chilmark dance center – co-hosts an event on the rink with ice dancers from a group called Le Patin Libre. The rink also plays host to public skates, birthday parties, holiday parties, and, just last month, a wedding.

"We're trying to broaden our horizons," Mike said.

Part of that broadening comes literally, as the rink recently merged with its neighbor, the YMCA of MV. Although the merger is mainly administrative, it gives the rink the financial security to continue its hockey, figure-skating, and public skating programs long into the future.

It's not always smooth skating to keep the rink afloat and ice a-frozen, but there's nowhere the employees of the MV Ice Arena would rather be.

"The biggest excitement for me is that I get to call a hockey rink my office," Matt said. "Not walking into a cubicle. Not trudging into Boston. I get to be here."

Noah Asimow is a reporter for the Vineyard Gazette.



Program coordinator Matt Hasenfuss (top) has to balance ice time between ice hockey, figure skating, free skating and special events like the dance group Le Patin Libre (above).

Maria Thibodeau

ISLAND FRESH
Pizza & Subs

Pizza
Subs
Burgers
Calzones
Quesadillas
Paninis
Wraps
Salads
And More!

\$3.00 off any specialty pizza with this coupon

CALL AHEAD FOR FAST TAKEOUT
508-338-2764

View our full menu online islandfreshpizza.com

395 State Rd, Vineyard Haven | Open daily 11 am to 9:30 pm

**CAN'T SLEEP?
FEELING ANXIOUS?
ACHES AND PAINS?**

NOW OFFERING
PROFESSIONAL GRADE CBD PRODUCTS

FROM FARM TO PHARMACY | FREE CONSULTATIONS AVAILABLE AT

CONROY APOTHECARY

WEST TISBURY • 508.693.7070 • 459 STATE ROAD | OAK BLUFFS • 508.696.0700 • 82 PENNACOOK AVE

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD
BODHI PATH
BUDDHIST CENTERS**

JOIN US AT ANY OF OUR MEDITATION SESSIONS, DHARMA TEACHINGS AND RETREATS.

WEEKLY MEDITATION SCHEDULE
Sundays 10-11 a.m.
Tuesdays & Thursdays 6-7 p.m.

All are welcome!

21 Laurand Drive, West Tisbury | www.bodhipath.org/marthasvineyard

NIGHT LIFE. DAY LIFE. YOUR LIFE.

ISLAND TIME

Our picks for the week ahead on Martha's Vineyard

SUBSCRIBE FREE!
vineyardgazette.com/newsletter



The Martha's Vineyard Museum moves to its new home at the old marine hospital in Vineyard Haven this March.

Tim Johnson

2019 ISLAND NONPROFIT DIRECTORY

THE HEART OF THE VINEYARD

Martha's Vineyard is home to more than 100 nonprofit organizations that are dedicated to the arts, community services, health services, conservation efforts, education, housing and recreation. Many organizations depend on volunteers and community support to make the Island a better place to live.

only the name of the organization and contact information. To view the expanded listings, with a description of each nonprofit, see the online directory. To add or amend a nonprofit to the directory, email thevine@mvgazette.com.

Each year the Vine updates the Island Nonprofit Directory, both in print and online at vineyardgazette.com/island-nonprofit-directory. For 2019, the print list contains

We hope this resource, which we call The Heart of the Vineyard, will inspire you to learn more about our Island nonprofits and to volunteer or support the programming of one or more.

the Y **STRONGER TOGETHER** **YMCA**

As a charitable nonprofit, we are on a relentless quest to make our Island community stronger. Thanks to our generous donors, volunteers, staff and participants, **together** we now impact **more than:**

3,000 kids through Child Care, Swim Lessons, Swim Teams, Hockey & Figure Skating Programs, Summer Camps & Teen Center

13,000 people of all ages and abilities, from infants to seniors, through wellness activities, skating, swim, Financial Assistance & Community Outreach

YMCA OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Swartz Family Facility | Noepe Aquatics Center | Home of Alex's Place | Martha's Vineyard Ice Arena
www.ymcamv.org 508 696 7171



A good ride at Misty Meadows Equine Learning Center.

Maria Thibodeau



Listening for the ocean at Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary.

Tim Johnson



Enjoying a photography show at the Francine Kelly Gallery in Featherstone's Art Barn

Wayne Smith

ARTS

AFRICAN ARTISTS' COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

508-693-4059
aacdpafrika.org

AQUINNAH CULTURAL CENTER INC.

508-645-7900
wampanoagtribe.net

ARTS AND SOCIETY

508-696-0539
artsandsociety.org

FEATHERSTONE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

508-693-1850
featherstoneart.org

FRIENDS OF MVYRADIO (88.7)

508-693-5000
friendsofmvyradio.org

ISLAND COMMUNITY CHORUS

islandcommunitychorus.com

ISLAND THEATRE WORKSHOP

508-737-8550; 508-627-2456
itwmv.org

MARTHA'S VINEYARD ART ASSOCIATION

marthasvineyardartassociation.org

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

508-696-8055
mvmcs.org

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CHILDREN'S CHORUS

607-590-1161
marthasvineyardchildrenschorus.com

MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMUNITY RADIO INC. (WVY 96.7)

508-693-9379
wvy.org

MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMUNITY TELEVISION (MVTV)

508-696-9760
mvtv.org

MARTHA'S VINEYARD FILM SOCIETY

508-696-9369
mvfilmsociety.com

THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD FILM FESTIVAL

508-645-9599
tmvff.org

MARTHA'S VINEYARD PLAYHOUSE

508-696-6300
mvplayhouse.org

MARTHA'S VINEYARD THEATER FOUNDATION

508-310-7837
mvtheaterfoundation.org

PATHWAYSARTS/PATHWAYS PROJECTS INSTITUTES LTD.

508-645-9098
pathwaysmv.org

PHYLLIS VECCHIA CREATIVE DRAMA

508-696-8738

RHYTHM OF LIFE

508-627-3786
rhythmoflifeinc.org

VINEYARD ARTS PROJECT

508-413-2104
vineyardarts.org

VINEYARD HAVEN BAND, INC.

508-645-3458

THE YARD

508-645-9662
dancetheyard.org

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

AMERICAN LEGION POST 257 & POST 186

508-693-9257; 508-627-8673

ANGELS HELPING ANIMALS WORLDWIDE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD

508-274-2604
angelshelpinganimalsmv.org

ANIMAL SHELTER OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD

508-627-8662
animalshelterofmv.org

THE COTTAGERS INC.

thecottagersincmv.org

DUKES COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE

508-693-6887

THE EDEY FOUNDATION

508-693-3791

FRIENDS OF OAK BLUFFS

friendsofoakbluffs.org

HOLY GHOST ASSOCIATION OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD

508-693-9875
holyghostassociation.com

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CAMP MEETING ASSOCIATION

508-693-0525
mvmca.org

MARTHA'S VINEYARD NONPROFIT COLLABORATIVE

508-645-3690
mvnonprofits.org

MARTHA'S VINEYARD FISH FARM FOR HAITI PROJECT

508-645-2710
fishfarmhaiti.org

MARTHA'S VINEYARD HEBREW CENTER

508-693-0745
mvhc.us

MARTHA'S VINEYARD MEDIATION PROGRAM

508-693-2999
mvmediation.org

MARTHA'S VINEYARD VISION FELLOWSHIP

508-693-1057
vineyardvision.org

MEDIA VOICES FOR CHILDREN

508-693-0752
mediavoicesforchildren.org

MVYOUTH

mvyouth.com

NAACP OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD

508-696-5785
marthasvineyardnaACP.org

PAWS OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD

508-221-1337

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FOR MARTHA'S VINEYARD

508-338-4665
endowmv.org

ROTARY CLUB OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD

mvrotary.com

THE TURKEYLAND COVE FOUNDATION

turkeylandcovefoundation.org

VFW POST 9261

508-693-9261
myvfw.org/ma/post9261

VINEYARD TRUST

508-627-4440
vineyardtrust.org

CONSERVATION & ENVIRONMENT

BIODIVERSITYWORKS

800-690-0993
biodiversityworksmv.org

THE GREENHOUSE OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD

508-693-2019
mvgreenhouse.org

FELIX NECK WILDLIFE SANCTUARY OF MASS AUDUBON

508-627-4850
massaudubon.org/felixneck

THE FRIENDS OF THE M.F. CORRELLUS STATE FOREST

endowmv.org/friends-of-the-m-f-correllus-state-forest/

FRIENDS OF SENGEKONTACKET

Sengekontacket.org

GREAT POND FOUNDATION

508-627-7222
greatpondfoundation.org

ISLAND GROWN INITIATIVE

508-687-9062
igimv.org

LAGOON POND ASSOCIATION

508-335-2564
lagoonpondassoc.org

MARINE AND PALEOBIOLOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

508-693-3122
mprinstitute.org

MARTHA'S VINEYARD FISHERMEN'S PRESERVATION TRUST

508-687-0344
mvfishermenspreservationtrust.org



The Carnegie, owned by the Vineyard Trust, transformed into a visitor's center and exhibit space in 2018.

Ray Ewing



A walk around Polly Hill Arboretum includes a stop at the Far Barn. .

Tim Johnson

THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD GARDEN CLUB

marthasvineyardgardenclub.org

MARTHA'S VINEYARD SHELLFISH GROUP INC.

508-693-0391
mvshellfishgroup.org

THE POLLY HILL ARBORETUM

508-693-9426
pollyhillarboretum.org

SHERIFF'S MEADOW FOUNDATION

508-693-5207
sheriffsmeadow.org

TISBURY WATERWAYS INC.

774-563-5616
tisburywaterways.org

THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS

508-693-7662
thetrustees.org

VINEYARD CONSERVATION SOCIETY

508-693-9588
vineyardconservation.org

VINEYARD OPEN LAND FOUNDATION

508-693-3280
vineyardopenlandfoundation.org

VINEYARD POWER COOPERATIVE INC.

508-693-3002
vineyardpower.com

EDUCATION

ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD (ACE MV)

508-693-9222
acemv.org

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE TRAIL OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD

508-693-4361
mvafricanamericanheritagetrail.org

THE FARM INSTITUTE (TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS)

508-627-7007
thetrustees.org/tfi

MARTHA'S VINEYARD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

508-693-9549
marthasvineyardagriculturalsociety.org

MARTHA'S VINEYARD MUSEUM

508-627-4441
mvmuseum.org

MARTHA'S VINEYARD YOUTH LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

508-627-2122
mvyli.org

SASSAFRAS EARTH EDUCATION

508-645-2008
sassafrasmy.org

SENSE OF WONDER CREATIONS

508-693-3142
senseofwondercreations.org

WEST TISBURY LIBRARY FOUNDATION

508-693-1551
wtlibraryfoundation.org

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

AMERICAN RED CROSS: THE CAPE, ISLANDS AND SOUTHEAST MASSACHUSETTS

508-775-1540
redcross.org/ma/hyannis

ANGEL FLIGHT NE

800-549-9980; 978-794-6868
angelflightne.org

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS

508-771-5150
BBBSCCI.org

BOSTON MEDFLIGHT

781-863-2213
bostonmedflight.org

CAMP JABBERWOCKY

508-693-2339; 508-560-8450
campjabberwocky.org

ELDER SERVICES OF CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS

508-394-4630; 508-693-4393
www.escci.org

FAMILY PLANNING OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD

508-693-1208
healthimperatives.org

HOSPICE OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD

508-693-0189
hospiceofmv.org

ISLAND AUTISM GROUP

508-693-2568
islandautism.org

ISLAND FOOD PANTRY

508-693-4764
islandfoodpantry.org

LYME CENTER OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD

508-560-1893
mvlymecenter.org

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CANCER SUPPORT GROUP INC.

508-627-7958
mvcancersupport.org

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CENTER FOR LIVING

508-939-9440
mvcenter4living.org

MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMUNITY SERVICES

508-693-7900
mvcommunityservices.com

MARTHA'S VINEYARD HOSPITAL

508-693-0410
mvhospital.com

MV SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION

508-364-9644
socialjusticemv.org

MARTHA'S VINEYARD YOUTH TASK FORCE

508-696-5304
mvyouthtaskforce.org

NATIONAL WIDOWERS' ORGANIZATION

1-800-309-3658
nationalwidowers.org

RED STOCKING FUND

508-776-6050

SEVEN HILLS FOUNDATION

508-693-7917; 774.634.4009
sevenhills.org

VINEYARD BIRTH COLLECTIVE

vineyardbirthcollective.org

VINEYARD HEALTH CARE ACCESS / VINEYARD SMILES

508-696-0020
mvhealthcareaccess.org

VINEYARD COMMITTEE ON HUNGER

hungercommittee.org

VINEYARD HOUSE INC.

508-693-8580
vineyardhouse.org

VINEYARD VILLAGE AT HOME

508-693-3038
vineyardvillage.org

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF CAPE COD

508-957-7400
vnacapecod.org

WINDEMERE NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER

508-696-6465
windemeremv.org

YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND

508-693-7733
bfmlegal.com/new-page-3

HOUSING

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD

508-939-4573
habitatmv.org

ISLAND ELDERLY HOUSING

508-693-7557
iehm.org

ISLAND HOUSING TRUST

508-693-1117
ihtmv.org

RECREATION

CHAPPAQUIDDICK COMMUNITY CENTER

508-627-8222
chappycommunitycenter.org



Martha's Vineyard Little League takes off in Oak Bluffs every spring. Maria Thibodeau

CHILMARK COMMUNITY CENTER

508-645-9484
chilmarkcommunitycenter.org

HOSTELLING INTERNATIONAL MARTHA'S VINEYARD

508-693-2665
hiusa.org/massachusetts/vineyard-haven/marthas-vineyard

MARTHA'S VINEYARD ICE ARENA

508-693-5329
mvarena.com

MARTHA'S VINEYARD BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

508-627-3303
mvbgclub.org

MISTY MEADOWS EQUINE LEARNING CENTER

508-338-7198
mvhorsecenter.com

MARTHA'S VINEYARD FIGURE SKATING CLUB

774-521-9870
mvfsc.org

MARTHA'S VINEYARD LITTLE LEAGUE

mvlittleleague.org

MARTHA'S VINEYARD SKATE PARK ASSOCIATION

mvskatepark.org

MARTHA'S VINEYARD YOUTH HOCKEY

508-687-2120
mvyouthhockey.org

MARTHA'S VINEYARD UNITED SOCCER

mvunited.org

MARTHA'S VINEYARD ROD AND GUN CLUB

508-627-3537
Mvrodandgun.org

SAIL MARTHA'S VINEYARD

508-696-7644
sailmv.org

VINEYARD FAMILY TENNIS

508-693-7762
vineyardfamilytennis.org

VINEYARD BASEBALL, INC.

508-989-8154
vineyardbaseball.com

YMCA OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD

508-696-7171
ymcamv.org

Martha's Vineyard Magazine

Get an insider's look at the Island you love with portraits and profiles of Vineyarders and visitors, crisp writing, in-depth research, and stunning photos of the Island's natural beauty.



Subscribe at vineyardgazettestore.com
mvmagazine.com | (508) 627-4311



BITE on the GO

86 Beach Rd
 Vineyard Haven, MA
 508-684-8257

info@biteonthego.com
www.biteonthego.com

7 days a week
 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.
 Yes, we cater!

SWEET BITES

32 Beach St
 Vineyard Haven, MA
 508-684-8585

info@sweetbitesmv.com
www.sweetbitesmv.com

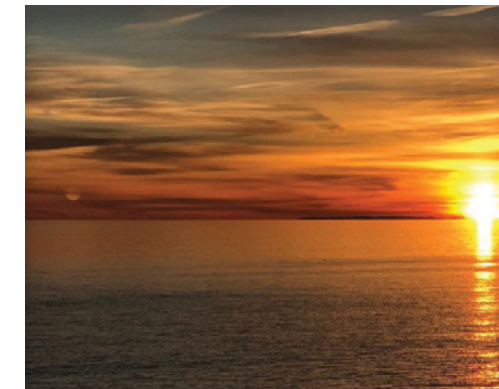


Need something sweet for your sweetheart? Sweet Bites can help you make this Valentine's Day extra special. We have gift baskets, cookies, cakes, truffles and more.



@tmillervineyard

TINA MILLER
 QUANSOO



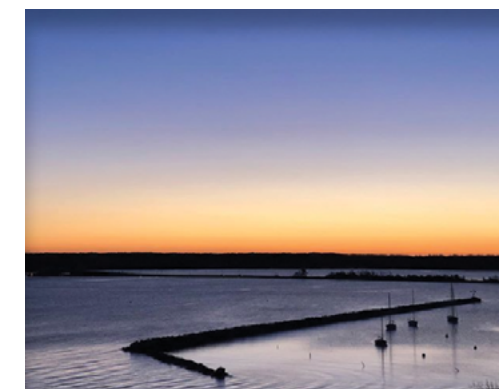
@dolandurkee

LIZ DURKEE
 OAK BLUFFS



@timmjaws

TIMOTHY C. JOHNSON
 EAST CHOP



@jared_maciel

JARED MACIEL
 VINEYARD HAVEN HARBOR

Window on Winter

We've been lucky. The polar vortex has just dipped its big toe into the Vineyard, unlike the Midwest where it has stomped all over the place, leaving frostbite and broken pipes in its wake.

Here, it's been cold enough for pond skating, cold enough for icy surf and fantastic frozen dock-drippings (the opposite of sand castle drippings). But not so cold that we can't take the dogs and our cameras and head to the beach at sunrise, at sunset or on a Sunday afternoon. The bracing solitude is refreshing in a way. At least it is now. Ask us how we feel when March rolls around and warm days are still a dream.

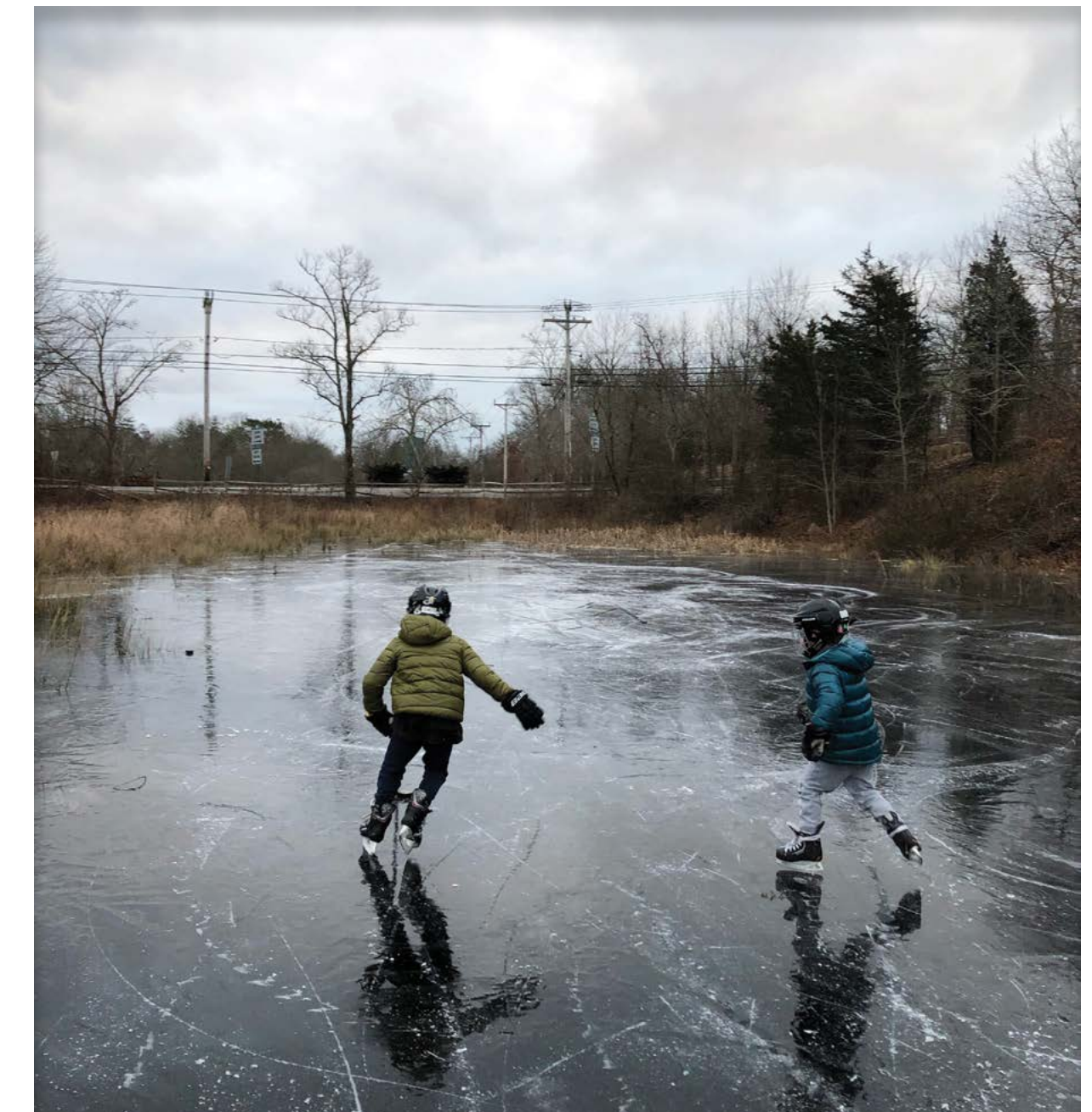
Vortex// /'vɔːrteks//

1. (Noun) A mass of whirling fluid or air, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind
2. Something that should go back to where it came from

Synonyms: Whirlwind, whirlpool, gyre, maelstrom, eddy, swirl

Tag your photos:

#theVineMV #vineyardgazette @vineyardgazette or email thevine@mvgazette.com



@ncwaldman

NICK WALDMAN
 WHITING'S POND

1 of 3

Island residents utilize MVCS programs or services.

MVCS SUPPORTS OUR COMMUNITY

www.mvcommunityservices.org

MVCS

We are here for you for life.

Learn more about what we offer, who we impact, and our commitment to the community by visiting our new website at www.mvcommunityservices.org

MVCommunityServices

MVCommServices

MVCommunityServices

From the Heart

BY NICOLE GRACE MERCIER
ILLUSTRATIONS BY
CHRIS BURRELL

**4
MILLION**



NEW UNION. Two years and a \$4 million capital campaign to renovate the ice rink later, the YMCA and Martha's Vineyard Ice Arena merged as one non-profit on the last day of 2018.

BIG BIRTHDAY. An Edgartown family donated a Steinway grand piano to Featherstone Center for the Arts this past winter. In honor of the instrument's 100th birthday, the arts organization threw a holiday concert to celebrate.



**100th
Birthday**

BY THE NUMBERS

**\$100,000
DONATED**



LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE GIRLS. As of January 1, the Martha's Vineyard Women's Association has ceased operation. But, in an effort to continue their mission, the nonprofit donated some \$100,000 to ACE MV to help support women and girls seeking continued education.

GOOD DEEDS. During a volunteer orientation session for the Island's winter shelters, over 70 people showed up wanting to help out. This bodes well for the program, which will need nearly 360 volunteer shifts filled over a three-month period.

**360 Shifts
3 Months**



**WHEN YOU BUY OR SELL, WE DONATE.
10% OF OUR COMMISSION GOES TO YOUR
FAVORITE ISLAND CHARITY**



2nd Chance Animal Shelter



MV Boys and Girls Club



Island Housing Trust



Island Food Pantry



Hospice of Martha's Vineyard



Island Housing Trust



Island Grown Initiative



Martha's Vineyard Community Services



Sheriff's Meadow Foundation



West Tisbury School



Vineyard House



Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School

"CALL US TODAY AND LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER!"

Phil Cordella » Lucinda Buehler Schweikert » Ency Fokos » Wendy Swolinzky
Jim Wallen » Jessie Holtham » Serena Ward » Jared Bicknell
Jim Feiner, Principal



Since 2015, we've donated nearly \$75,000 to 26 local non-profits through the Feiner Real Estate Client's Choice Program. www.mvre.com | 508-645-2658

The Permanent Endowment: Honoring the Past • Funding the Present • Investing in the Future

- ACE MV
- All Island Art Show
- American Cancer Society, Cape & Islands
- American Red Cross, MV Chapter
- Animal Shelter of Martha's Vineyard
- Aquinnah Cultural Center
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of MV
- BiodiversityWorks
- Creative Living Award
- Edgartown Beautification Fund
- Felix Neck Sanctuary / Mass. Audubon
- Felix Neck Wildlife Trust
- Friends of Oak Bluffs
- Healthy Aging MV
- Hospice of MV
- Houses of Grace
- Institute for Non-Profit Practice
- Island Elderly Housing
- Island Food Pantry
- Island Grown Initiative



In the past 36 years, we have provided over \$3.9 million in support to more than 205 Island non-profits. We salute all of those working to strengthen the Vineyard and proudly present our grant awardees for 2018.

- Island Theatre Workshop
- Island Tick Bourne Illness Prevention Fund • Islanders Write
- Job's Neck Pond Fund • MV Agricultural Society • MV Book Festival
- MV Boys & Girls Club • MV Cancer Support Group
- MV Cerebral Palsy Camp Jabberwocky • MV Chamber Music Society
- MV Children's Chorus • MV Community Services • MV Film Festival
- MV Fishermen's Preservation Trust • MV Hospital • MV Hospital Art Fund
- MV Institute of Creative Writing • MV Meditation Program • MV Museum
- MV Network for Homeless Prevention • MV Public Schools Mini Grants

- MVY Radio
- NAACP
- NAMI of Cape Cod & the Islands
- Red Stocking Fund
- Roberta Kirn/The Rhythm of Life
- Sail MV
- Sassafras Earth Education
- Save the Gay Head Lighthouse
- Sheriff's Meadow Foundation
- The Cottagers
- The Field Fund
- Vineyard Conservation Society
- Vineyard Haven Band
- Vineyard Haven Public Library
- Vineyard House
- Vineyard Independence Partnership
- Vineyard Youth Tennis
- Windemere Nursing & Rehabilitation
- The Yard
- Zeitz Stained Glass Window Project

Also, in the past 36 years we have awarded over \$3.1 million in scholarships!



Middletown Village, 4c Cournoyer Road, West Tisbury www.endomv.org (508) 338-4665
Emily Bramhall, Executive Director ebamhall@endomv.org

Introducing *YOUR* new
Martha's Vineyard Museum

Opening Soon!

**Become A Member:
www.mvmuseum.org/membership.php**

**Engrave A Brick:
www.mvmuseum.org/brick.php**

**151 Lagoon Pond Road, Vineyard Haven
508.627.4441 • www.mvmuseum.org**

