



# JUNE 2026 NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

## ***A message from the President – Marilyn Dearborn***

Hope you have been able to finally get out and enjoy our lovely Cape Cod weather even if that awful yellow pollen is still covering everything.

Thanks to all of you who came to the Ice Cream Social (pictures below). Delicious sundaes were enjoyed by youngsters and oldsters alike! A special thank you to those who volunteered their time to make this another successful event.

June is a month of celebrations – weddings, graduations, **Flag Day** on June 14th, **Juneteenth** on June 19th and the **first day of summer** on June 21st. We also cannot forget those all-important men in our lives on **Father's Day**. A special thank you to our fathers, husbands, sons who are now fathers themselves, stepfathers, fathers-in-law, grandfathers, great grandfathers or those who have been like a father to us. Thanks to all of you for the important part you have played in our lives. Hope you all have a great day!

Given that many of you would like to enjoy time on the beach by yourself (or with special company), we are taking a “hiatus” from offering events or trips until after Labor Day! The Sea Captains' Thrift Shop, however, will be open Monday – Saturday so bring those summer guests in for some real bargains; they'll thank you! Hope you all have a wonderful Cape Cod summer!



**...before it got too crowded at the Ice Cream Social!**





## Sea Captains' Thrift Shop

66 Harwich Road ~ 508.896.8180

Donna P. Bowie, Manager

Open Monday-Saturday  
10AM-4PM  
Cash or Local Check only

**June is just beachy!** And Sea Captains' Thrift is ready for those summer times ahead: coolers, umbrella stakes, beach toys, drink containers, folding beach chairs with cases, plastic dishes, glasses, trays, pitchers, etc. for the patio or deck.

Our clothing options are plentiful, and the top brands are ready for your selection. Shorts, golf/polo shorts, bathing suits, baseball caps, and sandals are out for men. Bathing suits, beach cover-ups, shorts, capris, short sleeve & sleeveless cottons, straw hats, dresses and sandals (flips) are ready for the ladies.

Our bookshelves are bursting with beach reads and more challenging tomes, as well. Pick up a couple of puzzles for those occasional rainy days or some yarn for a summer project.

As we welcome our returning summer residents and vacationers alike, we anticipate busy days ahead. Additional volunteers are needed to handle the expected visitor volume this summer. Do you have just 3 hours per week to join our staff in air-conditioned comfort at Sea Captains'? No previous retail experience needed; just a willingness to help your community, as you meet people from near and far. Volunteer packets are available at the front counter.

**There are Seniors and there are seniors.** June 5 will see an exemplary senior, **Alyssa Hutchinson**, graduate with the Class of 2026. Alyssa has been a student volunteer at Sea Captains' on many Saturdays, as she fulfilled the 20 hours of community service mandated by the National Honors Society of which she was a member. Alyssa has given us over 100 hours of her time and talent. She was always on time, never left early and responded to all requests for help without hesitation and with enthusiasm and attention to detail. We will miss her assistance throughout the coming year; but wish her well, as she begins her college journey at Wake Forest University at Winston-Salem, NC. A very bright future is on the horizon for "our" **Alyssa!**



### Got a Funny Pet Story You'd Like to Share? How about this one?

"Our dog loved to steal socks [in fact, most dogs love to steal socks, play tug-of-war or just hide them]. One day, the dog was trying to steal my husband's socks, right from his feet, so my husband took them off and sat on them. Defeated, our dog went upstairs.

Minutes pass, and he starts howling mournfully. We figured he was stuck on the bed or something. My husband went upstairs to rescue the dog. Suddenly, chaos erupts. I hear the sound of a 55 lb dog jumping from the bed and hitting the floor. I hear four paws and two human feet scrambling around the room. Then, the sound of a dog tearing down the stairs. He appeared, running as fast as he could through the room, to the couch, and grabbed the socks from where they had been hidden. My husband showed up, hilariously defeated."

Want to read more funny animal stories? Go to the source below for a few more chuckles.

Source: [https://www.buzzfeed.com/jake\\_farrington/funny-animal-stories-reddit](https://www.buzzfeed.com/jake_farrington/funny-animal-stories-reddit)

# NEWS FLASH

## Have You Visited Sea Captains' Thrift Lately?

You should consider doing so and doing it quickly. Sea Captains' Thrift was the recipient of 8 bags of new or barely used summer women's wear recently.

Our racks are filled with colorful summer tops, both short and ¾ length sleeves of all colors, including those traditional summertime navy blues, blacks and whites. There are also plenty of capris, mainly in khaki and white to go with all those tops. All items were either Land's End, LL Bean, Talbots, Karen Scott or J Jill and more. Wow!

Need some matching polo or golf shirts for your "team?" We've got multiples in blue and white. Wouldn't the group look smart?

Add to that, brand new shoes, hats, and cute summer dresses. While our donor will remain anonymous, we thank her for her generosity (she'll know who she is when she reads this newsletter).



## It's Summertime in Brewster!

Sit back. Relax. Read a good book. Put your toes in the sand and in the water, too! Plan a picnic for your friends down at the park. Take a ride or a walk on the miles of Rail Trail that run through our town. Clean your windows after pollen season ... oops, where did that come from! Ahem! Enjoy a show at Cape Rep. Attend a band concert at Drummer Boy on a Sunday evening. Play some bocce or pickleball. Have lots of cookouts now that the weather is great! Make your secret recipe potato salad!

**Membership Update:** We're nearly halfway through the year and compared to last year, we're slightly ahead in memberships. Thank you to everyone who has committed their yearly \$15 to the support of activities for other Brewster seniors.

Know someone who should be a member? Ask them to contact Kathy MacDonald ([khelenmack@comcast.net](mailto:khelenmack@comcast.net)) or any board member listed below for more information about the benefits.

### Some Upcoming Events

- ✚ Lobster Roll Cruise
- ✚ A Taste of Crosby Mansion 5th Anniv.
- ✚ Holiday Concert
- ✚ Holiday Luncheon
- ✚ Happy New Year Again!

### Current 2026 Board of Directors

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Open monthly meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday at 9:30 AM, Brewster Bible Alliance Church, Rte. 6A.  
Contact Marilyn Dearborn, President (508-385-2881) for more info.

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Need to get in touch with the Council on Aging? Simply call 508-896-2737

*The Friends of Brewster Seniors is a 501c3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to support, promote and enrich Brewster's senior residents and the Brewster COA through annual participant support, donations & fundraising. The Friends welcome you to become involved with our many activities and events. After all...*

***Everyone and Anyone Anywhere Can & Should be a Friend to Brewster Seniors!***

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