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**MVCMA**

# APRIL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY | APRIL 13TH, 2023



Hi Campgrounders!

April has been off to a busy start with lots of things happening around the Campground. We're finishing the office renovations and fixing up the Tab House units in preparation for rentals. Also, we are wrapping up the 2023 lease process and putting the finishing touches on our new MVCMA website which will be live in a few weeks.

Here are some sneak peeks of the office renovations!

As always, keep sending us your feedback as it's been helpful for me in terms of learning the ins and outs of this job. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions, comments, and concerns.

See you all so soon.

Kelly Feirtag  
General Manager



## Tenant Rental Registration

**Reminder!** If you've decided to rent your cottage during your 6 allotted weeks this season, please remember that **all tenants and guests must be pre registered** at least 10 days in advance of their stay. They will need to check in

at the office to receive their welcome packet as well. Please refer to the Rental Checklist [here](#) to make sure that you are in compliance with all MVCMA rental rules so that we can all enjoy a peaceful and fun season.

[Click here to register your tenants](#)

## UPDATES

### **2023 Leases**

We'll be mailing out all fully executed copies of anyone who signed by hardcopy in the next few weeks. If you signed electronically, DocuSign should have sent a digital copy right back to your email address after you paid and I signed. Feel free to reach out if you can't find it and we'll get it right to you.

### **Tent Talk**

Tent Talks are back! **Thursday Tent Talks** will return for the 2023 season and we're looking to feature a variety of speakers. Is there a topic you'd like to see included? Please send your ideas and suggestions to Maureen McDonald ([mmcdonald@mvcma.org](mailto:mmcdonald@mvcma.org)) and Wendy Haskell ([whaskell@mvcma.org](mailto:whaskell@mvcma.org)).

We look forward to announcing the topics and speakers before the season begins as we plan for our summer together!



### **Calling All Docents!**

Are you looking for ways to volunteer around the Campground? We're looking for some Campgrounders to **volunteer as docents** as part of our successful, laid back, and fun walking tour program.

Scheduling is flexible and you can do as many (or as little) hours as you'd like. For more information, contact Terry McCarthy at [mvdockside@gmail.com](mailto:mvdockside@gmail.com).

### **MVCMA and Tourists**

As much as sharing the Campground with visitors is an essential and wonderful part of our community, I know it can at times add stress for leaseholders and our neighbors. We're planning to update our **Campground visitors signage** on the green boards around the property with clear "instructions" on what is allowed while touring (i.e. "Individual cottages are privately owned. Please respect their privacy. Entering porches is not allowed.")

We will also be contacting the **tour bus companies** and reminding them of these policies, as well. If there is anything else you'd like the office or our visitors to know, please reach out to us!

**ARC PSA**

Thinking about installing new windows or a dormer on your cottage?

This or any other change to the exterior of your cottage (other than paint color) requires approval from ARC (Architectural Review Committee) and possibly B&G (Building & Grounds). Before you spend time and money on an architect or contractor, you are invited to contact ARC to talk it through. That window in disrepair might be historic and repairable. For detailed information, [here](#) is a link to the current **Preservation and Construction Handbook**. Feel free to reach out to the office and we'll forward your email/request along to the committee and they'll take it from there!

2023 PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Songwriters for Island Elder Housing!

to benefit affordable housing for the island's  
elderly and disabled

**Friday, June 30th, 7:30PM - Tabernacle Stage**

The MVCMA is excited and honored to welcome  
this incredible event. Performances by :

**Ben Taylor - Chadwick Stokes - John Forté  
Rose Guerin - Isaac Taylor- Lexie Roth  
Kate Taylor - Jemima James - Willy Mason**

With special guest **Geraldine Brooks!**

*Tickets available for purchase below.*



Purchase tickets for the above event [HERE](#).

Reminder! The MVCMA Board of Directors has scheduled a series of small group engagement sessions during April, which cottage owners are invited to participate in if you haven't yet. The purpose of these meetings is to share information, listen to ideas and answer questions. There are two meetings left (this Sunday and next Sunday).

If you received this email and know of any Campgrounders who may be offline, can you help spread the message so they can attend an in-person meeting if they're



interested? We don't want anyone to miss out!

Most meetings will be held virtually on Zoom with one more available in person (April 23rd). Please complete the google form by clicking [here](#) or call the office at 508-693-0525 ext. 10 to sign up for one of the one hour conversations. You can also stop by the office to sign up in person.

## In Memory

### **Shirley San Soucie** 1933 - 2023

Shirley San Soucie, a beloved mother, grandmother, and cherished friend, passed away peacefully on April 5, 2023, at the age of 90. Born on March 29, 1933, in Maplewood, NJ, USA, Shirley was known for her friendly, compassionate, and helpful personality.



As a child, Shirley spent her summers on Martha's Vineyard in a gingerbread cottage from the 1800's. This tradition continued for many generations, bringing her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren for many years. After graduating from high school, Shirley went to LaSelle University where she majored in Nutrition and worked as a Dietitian at New England Baptist Hospital in Boston, Ma.

Her delicious baked goods brought joy to the hearts of many, including working at the Black Dog Bakery on Martha's Vineyard and selling her goods at the local flea market. This helped her form lasting connections with friends and neighbors.

Later in life, Shirley lived on Martha's Vineyard year round being a private care taker. Her friendly nature and genuine compassion touched the lives of countless individuals. She was always eager to lend a helping hand to those in need and brighten the day of anyone around her.

Her family will hold a memorial service and celebration of her life in July.

You can see her full obituary below.

[Shirley's Obituary](#)



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