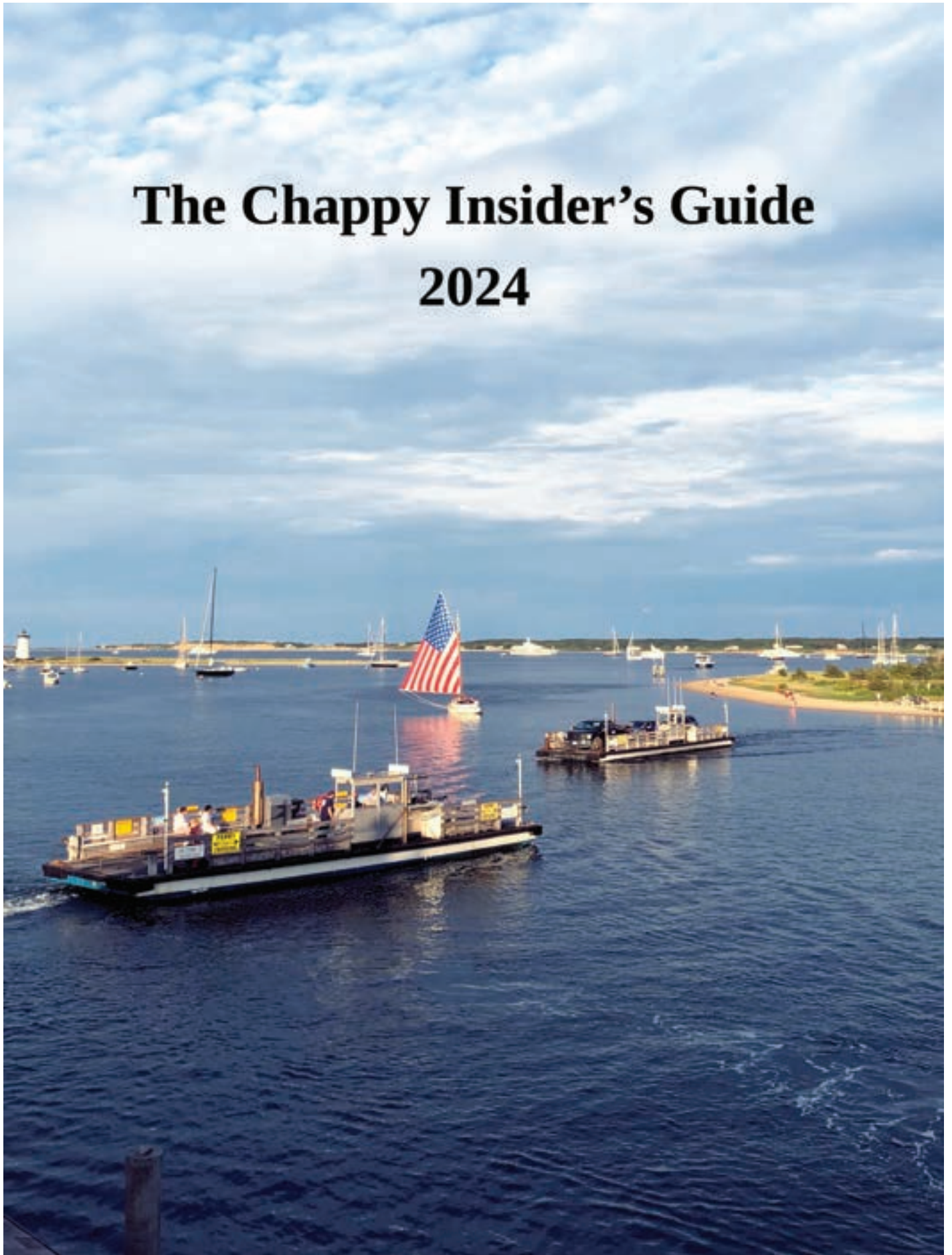


The Chappy Insider's Guide

2024



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Animal Control & Care

Kimberly Andrade, the Edgartown Animal Control Officer (508-939-1782), states:

(1) There is a leash law on Chappy. The only exception is when the dog is on his own property. Owners who allow their dogs to chase or molest deer, livestock, or fowl violate state law.

(2) To facilitate the return of your missing pet, any dog that visits Chappy for 30 days or more during the year, should get an Edgartown dog license. This is recommended even if your dog has another Massachusetts town license.

For after-hours emergency care, call 702-483-8533 for the Veterinary Triage, a video-health service, that will initially evaluate your pet. If urgent in-person care is required, the Triage will contact the Island Vet who is on call, or refer you to an off Island 24/7 Vet Emergency facility, and provide guidance about ferry arrangements. See www.urgentvetcaremv.com for more information. Alternatively call the Communication center.

Bikes

Ride with the traffic--single file. There are bike racks at many Chappy destinations such as the Point, Blackbird at Jerry's Place, the Chappaquiddick Community Center, Quamnox landing, and The Trustees properties. Air for tires is available at Mytoi on Dike Rd.

Car Rental & Livery Services

AVIS (508-548-2420)/BUDGET (508-540-1150) has offices at 276 Palmer Ave (the SSA Palmer Ave parking lot), and the MV Airport. The Palmer Avenue office is open Monday-Friday 8:30am-6pm, Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-3pm. There is a drop box for car returns after hours. The MV Airport Avis (508-693-2226) and Budget (508-693-1911) offices are open Sunday-Saturday 8am to 6pm.

ENTERPRISE has car rental offices in Falmouth and New Bedford and will meet you at the ferries. Falmouth (508-540-7784) at 55 Davis Straits is open Monday-Friday 8am-6pm, Saturday 9am-1 pm, closed Sunday. New Bedford (508-995-1132) at 430 Ashley Blvd is open Monday-Friday 8am-5:30 pm, Saturday 9am-noon, closed Sunday.

Several car service companies will meet you at the Steamship ferry for travel to Logan, Providence, and beyond. For information contact White Tie Limo (www.whitetielimo.com, 508-548-1066), TKLivery (TKLivery@gmail.com, 781-293-6264), or Coastal Livery Transportation Service (www.coastallivery.com, 781-706-6865). Uber and Lift are alternative car

Cemeteries

There are no available lots at the old Jeffers Lane Cemetery (also known as the Indian Burial Ground or Hilltop Cemetery). The new cemetery across from the community center is for ashes only and there is room. For information email Bill Brine at bill.brine@gmail.com or call 508-397-5254.

Chappaquiddick Community Center (CCC)

Everyone is welcome at the Chappaquiddick Community Center for regular events such as book sales, yoga, Mahjong, table tennis, lobster rolls, and an ice cream window, and special events such as music concerts, talks, meetings, and a calendar photo contest. Open for browsing is the CCC library's collection of books by local authors, children's books and games, and books about Chappy history, flora and fauna. Coffee, tea or hot cocoa is available. There is a children's play set, tennis court, pickle ball and half-court basketball, and free wifi access on the porch 24/7. A calendar of events and activities is located at www.chappycommunitycenter.org.

The CCC is supported by contributing membership fees (\$75-\$125 per family), generous donations to the CCC Endowment Fund, or to specific operating expenses, and building rentals. The Center is an IRC Section 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation and all donations are tax deductible. Contributing members may enroll in fee-based programs for sailing and tennis lessons, and a tennis court-use membership (\$25-\$50) to access in-person sign up for court time. Online sign ups, donations and purchases are also available on the website. The CCC welcomes volunteers for various events. For more information email chappycenter@gmail.com or call Tina Humber-Floyd, Manager, (508-627-8222/ 508-274-7470). The Center is open daily 10am-3pm in July and August.

Chappaquiddick Island Association (CIA)

The Chappaquiddick Island Association (CIA) is a non-profit organization, founded in 1952, whose members are interested in Chappy issues such as the impact of climate change, open space, transportation, water quality, zoning, and utilities on the island. It has over 300 year-round and seasonal members who are kept informed through annual meetings, a Speaker's series on issues of concern, and periodic newsletters. Emails from the CIA keep members up to date with current events. Anyone may join, however only property owners may vote. Suggested family membership is \$50/yr., but any donation is accepted. Dues may be mailed to the CIA, P.O. Box 1291, Edgartown, MA 02539. For information or to download a copy of the Insider's Guide, go to <https://chappaquiddickislandassociation.org>. For membership questions contact Pete Taft, petetaftis@gmail.com, or Roger Becker rgbecker@yahoo.com (508-627-8720).

Chappaquiddick Island Association Open Space Committee--Chappy Fund

The Chappy Open Space Committee was established in 1998 to preserve and protect the rare and diverse landscape of Chappaquiddick. Its goals include expanding open spaces in partnership with Sheriffs Meadow Foundation and the MV Land Bank, maintaining and increasing Chappy's trail systems and access to shores and recreation lands, preserving and enhancing vistas, and providing education about open space. Since 1998 over 800 of Chappy's 3600 acres have been preserved through the donations of more than 350 people.

The CIA Open Space Committee works with Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, which generously serves as fiscal agent by processing all donations to the Chappy Fund. Gifts are 100% tax deductible; no overhead fee is charged to the CIA by Sheriff's Meadow. 100% of each donation goes directly

toward land or legal and closing costs. There are many gifting options. If you are interested in conservation planning or land gifts, call Cynthia Hubbard (617-365-3600) or Norma Costain Kontje (508-560-9909).

Donations of cash or stock may be made payable to Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, attn: **Chappy Fund**, and mailed to Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, attn: Chappy Fund, PO Box 1088, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568. For stock transfers or further questions, please contact Sheriff's Meadow Foundation <https://sheriffsmeadow.org>, info@sherriffsmeadow.com (508-693-5207).

Chappaquiddick Landing

This is a private multi-family ownership dock on the harbor off Manaca Hill Road. Slip rentals are occasionally available. For rentals, contact Jim DiMattia (508-939-1419). Otherwise contact the Harbor Master for mooring information.

Chappy CERT

Chappy CERT (the Chappaquiddick Community Emergency Response Team) is the newly formed community-based initiative to address emergency preparedness on Chappy. More information can be found at www.ChappyCERT.org.

Chappy Chat

Individuals with a Facebook account may join Chappy Chat, a community social media forum. The site provides useful information about Chappy community events and services. Leslie Floyd is the administrator of the site.

Chappy Ferry

The Chappy Ferry, at 53 Dock Street, Edgartown, is our lifeline to the main island. During the summer season the ferry runs continuously every day from 6:30am until midnight. During the off-season the ferry runs 6:30am-10pm, and 11pm-11:15pm. You may request an earlier ferry by speaking in person to the ferry captain before 5pm on the previous day; there is a surcharge for early ferries.

For any emergency, i.e., any circumstance requiring police, fire department, ambulance, or the hospital emergency room, call 911. The operators will communicate with everyone necessary including the ferry captain. For questions about the Ferry, call 508-627-9427. For information regarding weather delays, contact the Chappy Ferry hotline (508-627-6965).

Vehicle and passenger commuter books or single tickets are available for purchase from the ferry crew. Tickets are also available in the Edgartown kiosk with a card. During busy times the ferries need to synchronize and cannot always wait for all foot passengers. USPS, UPS, Fed Ex, school and emergency vehicles have boarding privileges and do not wait in line. The Chappy Ferry does not carry freight and may not be used as a drop off for deliveries. Ferry traffic lines may be viewed by webcam at the Chappy website www.chappyferry.com, and the Chappy Wisp site: <https://www.mvwifi.com>.

Chappy Kitchen

The Chappy Kitchen, created in 2015, is a Chappy-based, private catering service. In the 2024 season, the Kitchen will be cooking and provisioning exclusively for Chappy residents. Reach out to Katie Kidder for information at hello@thechappykitchen.com, and check out the Chappy Kitchen at www.thechappykitchen.com.

Chappy Point to Point Road Race

June 2024 marked the 6th annual Chappy Point to Point Road Race, a 5 mile run from the waters of Wasque Point to the ferry at Chappy Point. Race proceeds are administered by the MV Community Foundation and have been directed toward the Edgartown Village Market, solar panels for the Community Center, a wetu exhibit at Wasque, and other worthwhile projects on Chappy. For more information about this annual race, contact Rick Schifter at rschifter@tpg.com or [Chappy Point to Point \(runsignup.com\)](http://Chappy Point to Point (runsignup.com)).

The Chappy Store--Blackbird at Jerry's Place

Starting on June 27th, the Blackbird Cafe will operate the general store, with convenience grocery items and dry goods, as well as its Blackbird Cafe food truck, at 219 Chappaquiddick Road. Luke and Katie Kenney, experienced coffee shop owners with four Blackbird Cafe locations in MA (including 19 North Water Street, Edgartown) are the proprietors. The food truck and store will be open from 8am-3pm Thursday through Monday. Hopefully, if a second cook comes on board, the food truck will then operate daily.

The store will provide drinks for your cooler, Italian ice, milk, cheese, bacon, and other limited grocery items as well as Chappy and beach items. The food truck will offer coffee (hot and iced), muffins and pastries from the Edgartown shop, breakfast sandwiches, bagels, lunch wraps, lobster rolls, and more. It is important to note that the food truck will **not** accept "walk up" orders at the food truck window. Order online in advance at www.myblackbirdcafe.com, or, if you don't mind the wait – see a staff member, inside the store, to place your food truck order.

Blackbird offerings will be updated on their website the www.myblackbirdcafe.com (under the Edgartown link). For email: cafeblackbird@gmail.com. The best phone numbers for the store are the answering service number (978)272-1175 or the catering line (978)263-7722.

Code Red and Emergency Notifications

Edgartown is part of a county-wide emergency notification system called Code Red. You must register to be notified by your local emergency response team in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts. Examples include: evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices, and missing child reports. Log into www.dukescounty.org. The Town of Edgartown also uses a text notification system for sending out urgent notices. To sign up, Text the word Edgartown to 877-550-8627.

Deer

The 2024 hunting season for deer on Martha's Vineyard (Wildlife Management Zone 13) is as follows: Bow hunting 10/7-11/30; shotgun 12/2-12/14; primitive firearms 12/16-12/31. Certain hiking trails are closed during hunting season. Hunting begins 1/2 hour before sunrise and ends 1/2 hour after sunset. There is no hunting on Sunday. Complete information can be found at www.dukescounty.org or www.mass.gov under fishing and hunting. To report violations, call the MA Environmental Police (800-632-8075). See 2024 Fishing and Hunting [download \(mass.gov\)](#)

Deer are especially fond of tulips, lilies and apples. Some deer-resistant plants include daffodils, daisies, barberry, boxwood, lavender, poppies, thyme, and broom.

Driver's Licenses and Vehicle Registration

New residents may obtain a driver's license and vehicle registration at the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles at 11 A Street in the VTA building at the Airport Business Park. Safety and emissions inspections are required for registration and thereafter on a yearly basis. Customers are strongly advised to schedule appointments online. ([Martha's Vineyard RMV Service Center | Mass.gov](#)).

The Department of Homeland Security has extended the Real ID full enforcement date to May 7, 2025. Drivers wanting a Real ID license must renew in person. A Real ID License includes a small star in the upper right corner indicating compliance with federal rules, making it acceptable for federal identification. Drivers aren't required to obtain a Real ID, but if they don't, the standard license will no longer be a valid form of identification for boarding a flight within the US, or entering restricted areas in a federal building. Instead, a passport or other federal identification may be utilized.

Edgartown Village Market

Launched in 2023, the Edgartown Village Market is an open-air farmers and makers market making the island's goods and produce more accessible to downtown Edgartown and Chappy residents during the Vineyard's busiest months. Starting June 18-August 27, the market is held on Tuesdays, 10 am - 2 pm, at the Dr. Daniel Fisher House Garden, lower lawn. The Edgartown Village Market is a joint venture among the Vineyard Preservation Trust, Edgartown Board of Trade, and Grace and Zach Pinerio, who are members of the retail and artisan communities, respectively. Several entities all share a goal to enhance Edgartown's downtown by creating a unique market.

Emergency

Dial **911** for all police, fire, or medical emergencies (the staff at the communication center will notify the ferry by radio). For non-emergencies or to reach the communications center dial **508-693-1212**. There are a number of defibrillators, and epi-pens at the Chappy Fire Station. All

firefighters are CPR trained to the level of first responder. A person with a possible, head, neck or back injury should **not** be moved.

All residences are required by Town bylaws to display street numbers at least 3 inches high. If the home cannot be seen from the road, then the street number should be displayed on a post at the entrance to the driveway. At night, if possible, put on the front door lights and your car flashers to assist the emergency team in locating your home. The Fire Department requires clearance of 12 feet high by 12 feet wide on driveways for ambulance and firetruck access.

Ferry Service

The following are the major ferry services for the Vineyard:

Chappy Ferry (www.chappyferry.com) 508-627-9427 (hotline:508-627-6965)..year-round passenger & vehicle service from Dock Street in Edgartown to Chappaquiddick.

Falmouth Edgartown Ferry (www.falmouthedgartownferry.com) 508-548-9400. Seasonal passenger service aboard the Pied Piper from Falmouth Harbor –278 Scranton Ave. to Memorial Wharf in Edgartown. Parking is valet service at the Falmouth ferry terminal.

Hy-Line Cruises (www.hylinecruises.com) 800-492-8082...seasonal passenger ferry service between Hyannis and Oak Bluffs, and Nantucket and Oak Bluffs. Discounts are available to full time residents.

Island Queen (<https://islandqueen.com>) 508-548-4800.... seasonal passenger ferry from 75 Falmouth Heights Road, Falmouth to Oak Bluffs.

Patriot Party Boats (www.patriotpartyboats.com), year-round passenger and freight service from Falmouth Harbor, 227 Clinton Ave., Falmouth to Oak Bluffs. (800-734-0088) or (508-548-2626). Online tickets for the ferry, Falmouth parking, and fishing trips are now available and strongly suggested. The Patriot boat does not run on federal holidays. If you missed your SSA ferry, the Patriot Boat has a 24 hour water taxi service. Call 508-548-2626.

Seastreak/Martha's Vineyard Ferry (<https://seastreak.com>)800-262-8743...one hour passenger ferry from the State Pier in New Bedford to Oak Bluffs. Seastreak will be operating seasonally between NYC and the Vineyard from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day.

The Steamship Authority (www.steamshipauthority.com) Call 508-693-9130 or 508-477-8600. Year-round vehicle transport from Woods Hole. Passenger discount books and senior discounts are available. The SSA also offers "Preferred Space" for vehicles whose owners have submitted the required information and have been approved for "Preferred Status" which is renewable each year. Excursion rates and Blue Line standby features are available for full time residents.

Vineyard Fast Ferry (<https://www.vineyardfastferry.com>) (401-295-4040) seasonal passenger ferry from 1347 Roger Williams Way, North Kingstown, RI to Oak Bluffs. Shuttle connections are offered to the Providence Airport and the Amtrak station.

Fish Delivery

Edgartown Seafood hopes to begin once a day delivery to the Chappy Ferry for July and August depending on staffing. Contact them directly for more information. (508 627-3791)

Fishing

Recreational anglers fishing in the marine waters of Massachusetts must possess a Saltwater Fishing Permit, which cost \$10 for residents and non-residents. No permit is needed for those who are: under 16 years of age, fishing on permitted for-hire vessels, or disabled as defined in M.G.L.c.19c, regardless of age. Individuals 60 and older must obtain a permit, but the permit is free. For more information or to purchase a permit visit www.mass.gov/marinefisheries or call 617-626-1520.

Golf

The Royal and Ancient Chappaquiddick Links at <https://royalchappy.com> is a beautiful 9 hole golf course on North Neck Rd. Memberships and day passes are available. Call Brad Woodger at 508-524-9250 or e-mail royalchappaquiddick@gmail.com for more information.

Land Bank

The Martha's Vineyard Land Bank maintains many beautiful properties and hiking trails on Chappy that are open to the public daily from sunrise to sundown except during hunting season. Land Bank maps are available online at www.mvlandbank.com. Get the TrailsMV app, the official guide to all public trails.

Library

Throughout the year, the Edgartown Library offers a variety of programs for both adults and children. Library cards are free to all Massachusetts residents and Island property owners. Out-of-state visitors pay a one-time fee of \$10 for a library card. The Edgartown Library's nearly 40,000 books, magazines, videos, DVDs, audiobooks, and CDs are only the tip of the iceberg. Through the CLAMS network of 38 member libraries (including all Island libraries), more than 1.5 million additional items are available to Edgartown library patrons, and can easily be searched and requested online.

The library provides faxing and copying services, has computers available for public use, and free wi-fi throughout the building. Island libraries go beyond book-lending, and allow checkouts for mobile hotspots, Chromebooks, DVD players, musical instruments, puzzles, and more! For additional information including hours, children's services, the use of study rooms, getting a library card, or item requests and renewals, call 508 627-4221, or visit their website at <https://www.edgartownlibrary.org>.

Mail & Shipping

US MAIL. Your mailbox should have your name and address clearly marked on the right side. Mail is being sorted out of Vineyard Haven (508- 693-2818). Please advise the Vineyard Haven Post Office when you arrive. When you are leaving, fill out a forwarding notice, even if you do not expect additional mail. This will enable our carrier to be as accurate as possible. Please contact the Vineyard Haven office before putting up a new mailbox, or, if you have additional questions.

Certified mail, express mail, and undelivered packages will be held however, at the Edgartown Post Office for pickup --after 4 pm the day of notice. The Edgartown post office window is open Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm, and Saturday 10 am-1 pm. There is a US Postbox next to the Chappy Ferry slip at the Point with a 10:30 am pickup. For mail forwarding information refer to www.usps.com for details.

UPS delivers packages directly to the house, or alternatively to the UPS container near the Chappy Store. The container will stay in place for the foreseeable future, will not be locked at night, and will be accessible 24/7.

Most properties are accessible for the UPS driver with the exception of the last two at the end of North Neck Road, and Cape Pogue beyond Dike Bridge. If your property is inaccessible for any reason, contact the main UPS office, open daily between 7:30 and 6pm, at 508-693-7023. The drivers will not deal with locked gates, but rather leave these deliveries in the container. Note UPS has a store at 455 State Road, Vineyard Haven (508 696-0600), open Monday- Friday 7:30-6pm, and Saturday 8:30-2pm.

FEDEX delivers to your door or leaves a slip.

The MAILROOM in Edgartown, at 243 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, handles packing, shipping, printing and business service needs including UPS and FEDEX. For more information email micromac@gmail.com or call 508-939-1387.

Medical

The Martha's Vineyard Hospital (508-693-0410) is located at 1 Hospital Road in Oak Bluffs. The Hospital's emergency room is open at all times and provides care to all persons, all ages, without regard to health insurance status. For emergencies call 911. For additional information check www.mvhospital.org.

Island Health Care, is located at 245 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road in the Stop & Shop Pharmacy building. The office is open Monday -Wednesday from 8 am to 8 pm, and Thursday - Saturday from 8am to 4pm, but closed for lunch daily 12-1p. Appointments are needed, call 508-939-9358. <https://www.ihimv.org>

Vineyard Medical Care has a Walk-In Medical Center on 364 State Road, Vineyard Haven, (across from Cronigs) and is open from 8 am—4pm Monday through Friday. New patients are welcome. Call 508-693-4400 for

an appointment. See www.vineyardmedicalcare.com for more information. On-site laboratory testing is available.

Newspapers

The Martha's Vineyard Times www.mvtimes.com and the Vineyard Gazette www.vineyardgazette.com are both subscription newspapers. An updated list of restaurants and businesses that are seasonally open, can be found at <https://vineyardgazette.com/business-directory>.

Non-Emergency Issues

Call Dukes County communications center 508-693-1212 for non-emergencies. The Police non-emergency number is 508-627-4343

Norton Point Beach

Norton Point Beach, an isthmus running between South Beach and Wasque, is owned by Dukes County, and managed by the Edgartown Parks department. OSV permits may be purchased on the Town website. www.edgartown-ma.us. At times beach access may be restricted due to the nesting of endangered shorebirds. For the latest conditions, text "beach" to 877-550-8627.

Parking at the Point

Pay attention to the signs or you risk a ticket.

Paved lot--4 hours parking. Unpaved (stone)lot--24 hours: Vehicles unremoved for longer than 24 hours will be ticketed as an overtime violation.

On the Outer Harbor side of Chappaquiddick Road, (right side as you drive toward Town), parking is allowed along the road--up to the exit of the stone parking lot. Note all 4 wheels must be off the pavement to avoid ticketing and your car must be facing the ferry. This shoulder of the road extends to the Beach Club and will accommodate overflow parking most of the time. Pay attention to the signs. Vehicles parked in the green area between the road and the gravel lot could be ticketed at any time as there is no parking allowed along this area. Note the "No Parking at Anytime" signs.

On the Inner Harbor side of Chappaquiddick Road (right side as you drive off the ferry), no parking is allowed on the green space between the road and the ferry waiting line area between 7am and 7 pm. Parking is allowed on the green space after 7pm and along the pavement after the ferry cutout. Your car must be facing away from the ferry with all 4 wheels off the pavement. New signs are pending. When beyond the expected ferry line overflow, parking on the shoulder on the Inner Harbor side of the road up to Manaca Hill Road, is allowed and recommended. New signs delineating the end of the ferry overflow line and the available shoulder are pending.

Parking is allowed in the Dark Woods Parking Lot at the triangle (behind Edgartown Pizza) for up to 72 hours. If it is necessary to leave your car for a longer period, call the non-emergency police number (508-627-4343). The Police Department will normally grant any reasonable request. Any vehicle left in this lot over 72 hours

without prior permission may be considered abandoned and towed. Businesses can receive a permit for long term parking in this lot by calling the Selectmen's Office.

Phone Service

The number for Verizon repairs and services is 800-837-4966 www.verizon.com/repair. The number for Comcast repairs and services is 800-934-6489.

The Board of Trade publishes a small directory, called the Island Book, which is available at certain banks and libraries. The Island Book has many residential and most business listings, as well as useful Island information. However Comcast numbers are not included.

Public Access and Small Boat Launching

Quammox Road and Wasque Road are public rights of way to the water. The Land Bank has acquired beach frontage and acreage at the end of Quammox, and has cleared a parking area and provided a turnaround for boat launching. Prams and small sailboats left on the Quammox beach need a permit from the Land Bank (508) 627-7141. There are also places to launch canoes, rowboats, and kayaks at Dike Bridge, Cove Meadow off Jeffers Lane, and the Gardner property at the Point. Any boat that is on a mooring or haul-out is under the jurisdiction of the Harbormaster (508-627-4746).

Please note that beach property adjacent to the public access property is privately owned. Ownership rights in waterfront property extend to the mean low water mark. The public has the right to cross this land for fishing and fowling purposes when carrying the appropriate gear. This law is unique to MA and Maine.

Recycling Center and Refuse Transfer Center

The MV Refuse Disposal District is located at 750 Edgartown West Tisbury Rd., on the left hand side, before the airport, and after Barnes Road. The entrance is easy to miss. Residents may purchase books of 10 coupons, or a punch card, for \$50. Each coupon is good for a 32 gallon bag or barrel. Charges for truckloads of trash and garbage are by weight. A \$35 recycling permit must be purchased with proof of residency. (There is a senior discount for residents.) A permit must be shown for recycling which is otherwise free. Recyclables include: Plastic, glass, cans, bagged or tied newspapers, magazines, office paper and cardboard. No pizza boxes. The center is open every day except Monday. Hours are 8 am to 3:30 pm, although the scale closes at 3 pm. On Sundays the center closes at 2 pm; the scale closes at 1:30 pm. (508-627-4501) www.mvrefusedistrict.com

Household hazardous waste disposal dates are July 20, and October 19, 2024 from 9 until noon. Latex paint is not accepted. When feasible, the CIA arranges for a Chappy pickup. Check the bulletin boards.

Septic Systems

The Island is fragile and Chappy does not have a sewer system. Septic systems are utilized, and must dispose of waste water and treat it so it's suitable to return to the ground. Do not place non-biodegradable objects, grease, or strong chemicals down your sink or toilet. Use low or no-phosphate dishwasher detergent. Septic tanks should be inspected by a licensed professional and pumped out periodically. For additional information see [Buying or Selling Property with a Septic System | Mass.gov](#).

Shellfish License

A license is required to gather shellfish. Licenses may be obtained at the Town Hall. A family permit for residents is \$50/yr: non-residents pay \$250/yr. The license is free for senior residents 60 and older. A weekly permit for non-residents is available for \$50. The rules and regulations are on the permit. Text "shellfish" to 877-550-8627 for the latest information.

While shell fishing, all family license holders must: have a permit, a shellfish measuring gauge, and picture identification. A family permit may not be used to fish more than once a week, and the maximum yield per week is 1/2 bushel of shellfish. The bay scallop limit is 1 bushel/wk. Bay scallops can only be harvested from October-March.

Sheriff's Meadow Foundation

Sheriff's Meadow is a nonprofit conservation group that owns land on Martha's Vineyard. Gifts to the Chappy Fund are administered by Sheriff's Meadow. For all trails on Chappy and Martha's Vineyard, download the TrailsMV app. It is a wonderful addition to your hiking/walking/biking adventures! For more information visit www.SheriffsMeadow.org.

Slip Away Farm

Located across the street from the Community Center, the Slip Away farm stand, Chappaquiddick's original one-room schoolhouse, is open Wednesday-Saturday from 10 am to 5pm. Lily Walter reports that the Farm grows their own veggies and flowers for the stand, with occasional additions from other Island farms. The farm stand also provides basic kitchen & pantry items, Flat Point Farm soaps and lotions, and Marshall Farm lamb and chicken in the freezer.

Slip Away's Flower Share Program is full for the season but mixed bouquets and straight-cut bunches are available regularly on the farm stand. Please email Lily at slipwayfarm@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list for next year's share sign-ups, private floral classes, DIY event flower buckets, as well as event floral design work.

Outside the chicken coop are 2 large bins for composting. Kitchen scraps are welcome, however the compostable bags available in the produce section at the Stop and Shop are not. For more information visit www.slipawayfarm.com.

Speed Limit-- 25 MPH is the posted speed limit.

Swimming

Free swimming beaches are located at the Ferry Point, Katama Bay, and East Beach. Katama Bay can be accessed from Wasque Avenue, Quammox, or by boat. East Beach (across from Dike Bridge) generally has gentle waves. Swimming at Wasque, which is managed by the Trustees of Reservation, requires great caution, and membership and parking fees are charged.

Norton Point Beach (Atlantic coast beach starting at the eastern end of Katama Beach and ending at Chappy), and other Edgartown beaches are managed by the Edgartown Parks Department, have lifeguards, and free public swimming. Text "beach" to 877-550-8627 for the latest updates.

No lifeguards are on duty on Chappy. Swimmers must be cautious. If you are caught in a rip current, and pulled out to sea, do not panic and do not swim against the current. Rather, swim parallel to the shore until you are out of the current. Rip currents are rarely more than thirty feet wide. For emergencies call 911.

Ticks

Deer ticks, lone star ticks, and dog ticks are present on Martha's Vineyard and are transmitters of disease. The Martha's Vineyard Tick Borne Illness Prevention Initiative offers yard surveys for all residents. Contact <https://www.mvboh.com>, or Patrick Roden-Reynolds, health biologist at Island Health Care (508-939-9358), and head of the Island Tick-Borne Disease project, for additional information. Permethrin treated clothing is recommended for outdoor activities. Additionally, tick and mosquito spraying is offered by several Island businesses. All the MV medical facilities are very attentive to tick bites. Prompt treatment for tick bites is recommended. The MV Hospital, open 24 hours, and a same day appointment at the Vineyard Medical Care (508-693-4400) on State Road can afford quick service.

Town Officials

Edgartown (www.edgartown-ma.us) is served by many dedicated civil servants:

Selectboard:	Michael Donaroma, Margaret Serpa, and Arthur Smadbeck
Town Administrator:	James Hagerty (508-627-6180)
Admin. Asst. to Selectboard:	Kristy Rose (508-627-6180)
Police Chief:	Bruce McNamee (508-627-4343)
Fire Chief:	Alex Schaeffer (508-627-5167)
Harbor Master:	Charles Blair, Jr. (508-627-4746)

Trails

Chappaquiddick is blessed with miles of beautiful hiking trails. A free app, TrailsMV, is now available for your cell phones, and uses GPS to guide you through the woods and fields of the Island. Trail maps are also available from the various land conservation organizations, i.e., the Land Bank www.mvlandbank.com, www.sheriffsmeadow.org, and www.ttor.org.

Transit Authority

Schedules and route information can be obtained at the Visitor Center on Church Street and at www.vineyardtransit.com. Buses do not have cash. Exact fare is strongly suggested on buses. One way fares are \$2.00 per town peak-season (\$1.25 off-season) including the town of origin. Change is given in the form of stored value cards for future use. Most Edgartown buses originate at Church Street except for #11, which is free and runs between the Triangle and the bench at Mayhew Lane. Travel within Edgartown on other buses as far as the triangle is also free.

One Day, 3 Day, 7 Day, 31 Day, 100 Day and 365 Day travel passes can be purchased from a smartphone. These digital passes will permit contactless boarding. Physical passes (1 Day, 3 Day, 7 Day travel) can be purchased on the bus, at the Steamship Authority Terminals, or the VTA main office at 11 A Street in the Airport Business Park. The 31-day and annual passes can only be purchased at the Visitor Center, or the VTA main office.

Persons with disabilities and senior citizens (65+) receive a substantial discount on all tickets. Annual passes are available for Island seniors for \$40 if purchased through the Councils on Aging. Island students (age 7-17) may purchase annual passes for \$50 at their schools. Children (age 6 and under) ride free when accompanied by an adult. Non-island senior and youth passes are \$75.

A free app, TransLoc Rider, (Martha's Vineyard is the selection) shows the real-time location and arrival times of your bus.

The Trustees of Reservations(TTOR)

The Trustees of Reservations is a non-profit Massachusetts conservation organization that manages Leland Beach and the FARM Institute, and owns many beautiful and pristine properties on Martha's Vineyard, such as Wasque, Cape Pogue Wildlife Refuge, the Japanese-inspired garden Mytoi, as well as Menemsha Hills, the Brickyard, and Long Point Wildlife Refuge. Membership in The Trustees allows free or discounted access to all their properties in Massachusetts.

Darci Schofield, the Islands Director, is assisted by: Joseph McLaughlin, Chappaquiddick Beach Operations and Stewardship Manager; Molly Peach Mayhew, the Islands Education Manager; Shea Fee, Coastal Ecologist; and Spencer Cain, Island Steward. Approximately 25 seasonal rangers, shorebird technicians, and gatehouse staff are working on Chappy to ensure smooth operations and safe, enjoyable experiences on the beaches.

Visitors should check the beach status prior to arrival. TTOR posts beach updates on social media (www.facebook.com/trusteesmv). Information can also be obtained at www.facebook.com/#chappybeachupdate, through a hotline (508-627-8390), or an instagram account: @thetrusteesmv. For text alerts: Text ttrbeachalertsosv to 888-313-1761. The TTOR website is www.thetrustees.org.

It is particularly important that visitors observe all shorebird signs. Nesting shorebirds and their chicks are protected by state and federal law. Dogs should be leashed at all times. All trash should be carried out.

For emergencies, call 911. For all other matters, call Joseph McLaughlin (302-966-6864), and if unavailable, call Darci Schofield (508-693-2736). Information can also be obtained at the main TTOR office in Vineyard Haven (508-693-7662).

Over-sand car travel on TTOR property requires a year round OSV permit. Concurrent with obtaining your permit online at [Martha's Vineyard OSV Permits - The Trustees of Reservations](#), the Trustees provide an OSV Training Video, and OSV Driving Guide. The Trustees inspect vehicles for required tools, i.e., shovel, full spare tire, jack, tire pressure gage, board, and tow rope. Adherence to the rules and regulations ensures a safe and enjoyable visit. Violations may result in permit suspension and/or revocation.

The Trustees can provide assistance for vehicles stuck in the sand at the beach. Please alert a ranger, or call the Dukes County Communications Center at 508-693-1212. A liability waiver is required prior to winching, and the Trustees will charge fees ranging from \$100 to \$300.

Water

All homes on Chappy have well water that essentially comes from one underground aquifer. Conservation benefits everyone on Chappy. In dry periods we should be especially careful to conserve water. Edgartown restricts the application of lawn fertilizer. Detailed information can be found at www.mvboh.com. The Wampanoag Tribe Water Testing Laboratory provides comprehensive testing of water samples. Bottles for testing can be obtained from the Edgartown Board of Health, or the Dukes County Offices near the Airport. The Edgartown Board of Health will assist you with collecting your water sample and transporting it to a laboratory. Please contact the Board of Health at 508-627-6120 for specific information.

Weather Related Emergencies

Occasionally summer and winter storms can cause power outages on Chappaquiddick. Every household should have emergency supplies which include candles or battery-operated lights, a battery operated radio, emergency water supply for drinking and toilets, and if the house does not have an emergency generator, a camping stove or grill. Safety is paramount and generators should not be used indoors, and grills should not be used on wooden decks.

With few exceptions, when power is out, the landline phones are out. For emergency, calls can be made to 911. Non-emergency calls can be made to 508-693-1212. Additionally the Chappy Fire Station has an emergency call box outside the station. Open it up and push the button. When possible, the Chappy Fire Station will be open and available for respite during severe emergencies.

Potable water is available from the pump at the Chappy Fire Station. A bathtub filled with water before a storm will provide a good supply to refill toilet tanks. Helpful websites include www.redcross.org and www.nhc.noaa.gov.

Homeowners should go to www.dukescounty.org and register for the county emergency notification system (Code Red). This notification system extends to landlines, cell phones, and emails.

At this time Edgartown continues to maintain a texting emergency notification system. Text the word "Edgartown" to 877-550-8627.

Websites & Webcams

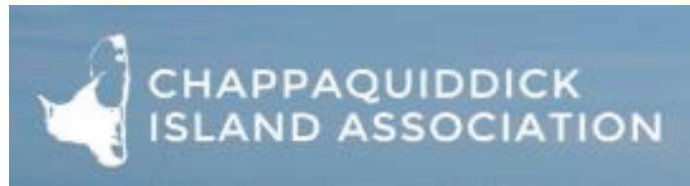
The following is a list of useful websites:

CCC	www.chappycommunitycenter.org
CIA	www.chappaquiddickislandassociation.org
Chappy Ferry	www.chappyferry.com
Edgartown Fire Dept.	www.edgartownfiredepartment.com
Edgartown Harbormaster	www.edgartownharbor.com
Edgartown Police	www.edgartownpolice.org
Edgartown Landfill	www.mvrefusedistrict.com
Edgartown Library	www.edgartownlibrary.org

Web cams, that provide viewings of the Chappy ferry line at the point and Daggett Street, are found at www.chappyferry.com, and www.mvwifi.com.

WiFi

Free WiFi service is available at the CCC, and at the Edgartown Library. Comcast, Verizon, and Chappy Wisp (www.mvwifi.com) are paid subscription services.



The Chappy Services Directory

A handy 2024 guide to Chappy-based professionals, services and craftspeople. Email cia.org2010@yahoo.com for additions, suggestions, and corrections.

ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES	BABY ~ PET SITTING SERVICES
<p>Blake Allison 617 838 3942 blakeallisonarch@gmail.com Architectural consultant Energy efficiency and renewable energy</p>	<p>Sydney Pigott 508 493 8747 sydneypigott01@gmail.com Baby sitter Pet sitter</p>
CARETAKING ~ PROPERTY MANAGEMENT ~ REAL ESTATE SERVICES	
<p>Michele Casavant <i>Principal Broker of Record</i> Vineyard Village Realty 42 Enos Avenue, Chappy 413 250 9090 atty.mmc@gmail.com</p> <p>Leslie Floyd, Realtor® <i>Principal Broker/Owner</i> <i>ABR®, CRS®, SRS, RSPS, PSA</i> 508 221 4643 leslie@portfoliopropertiesmv.com www.portfoliopropertiesmv.com</p>	<p>James DiMattia 508 939 1419 General caretaking</p> <p>Bob Fountain 508 627 8644 RobertHFountain@gmail.com Caretaking</p> <p>Karen Lento Gazarian 508 627 9663 karenlentogazarian@gmail.com Property manager Short term rental manager Construction supervisor license CS-034643 Home improvement contr. license 160155 Real estate salesperson license 9070288</p>

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Chappaquiddick Caretaking Company
508 693 3088
chappaquiddickcaretaking@gmail.com
Caretaking
Property management
Clerk of works services
Fully insured

Everett Whorton
508 776 7208
Caretaker

CARPENTRY~ CONSTRUCTION

Janic Grabowski
508 939 9056
Home builder
Renovations
Carpentry
Home maintenance
Not licensed but will do small electrical and plumbing jobs

Stephan Pond
Chappaquiddick Construction
chappaquiddickconstruction@gmail.com
Windows/doors/kitchens/bathrooms/decks/sheds
Some remodeling

Dan Parker
508 560 0953
dpkparker@yahoo.com
Homebuilder
Small repairs to new construction

Zephyr Villard-Pichierri
Aeolus Home Craft
401 595 4816
z.aeolus80@gmail.com
Carpenter/home builder/boat builder
A single source for all complex and simple home repairs
Gardens, outdoor showers, and decks
Licensed, insured

COMPUTER ~ IT SERVICES

Kevin Cody
978 656 1206
KcodyJr@gmail.com
Remote I.T. professional
Provider of company servers
Help solving computer problems at your Chappy home
Home network design

Woody Filley
508 627 7881
chappycable@gmail.com
Computer services

CATERING ~ FOOD SERVICES

Lily Walter

Slip Away Farm
199 Chappaquiddick Road
slipawayfarm@gmail.com
Flowers and vegetables at seasonal farm stand open Wed-Sat. Full floral design work and DIY buckets for weddings & events, private and public floral classes, and summer Flower CSA shares. Check www.slipawayfarm.com

Marshall Farm Meat-Works

199 Chappaquiddick Road
Lamb, poultry and vegetables
Stocked alongside Slip Away flowers, veggies in farm stand

HOME CLEANING SERVICES

Rita Medeiros

781 709 6322

LANDSCAPING ~ GARDENING ~ RELATED SERVICES

Chris Cardello

Chappy Lawn Care
Ccardello5050@gmail.com
801-471-3248
Mowing
Brush cutting
Landscaping
Spring/fall cleanups
Lawn Renovations
Aerating/de-thatching/overseeding

Donna Kelly

508 627 2719
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Landscaping and gardening services

Niusmar Da Silva

Chappy Care
508 560 7046
niulara@hotmail.com
Landscaping
Tree services
Carpentry/painting
Power washing
Driveways
Walkways

Tom Osborn

508 939 0661
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Caretaking and property management
Licensed contractor
Driveway installation, repair, grading
Snow removal
Tree removal, chipping
Basic home repair, maintenance
See more at chappytom.com

POTTERY ~ WOODWORKING SERVICES

Marshall Farm Wood-Works
199 Chappaquiddick Road
www.marshallfarmwoodworks.com
Custom furniture design and build
Shop visit by appointment

Zach Pinerio
Chappaquiddick Wood Company
210 Chappaquiddick Road
914 263 8571
chappaquiddickwoodcompany.com
Wood products made from island hardwood
trees
Firewood

Dan Parker
Jason Drive Pottery
508 560 0953
dpkparker@yahoo.com
Hand made pottery
Functional stoneware
Custom orders welcome

SEPTIC ~ EXCAVATION ~ RELATED SERVICES

Erik Gilley
Island Unlimited LLC
774 268 9330
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Excavating
Septic
Water/electric trenching
Stump removal
Bobcat work
Tree chipping, trimming or removal
Brush cutting
Material hauling, dumpsters/dump runs

Kevin Peters and Son
Acme Septic
Kevin 508 889 7488
Nick 508 889 2618
NP444@gmail.com
Septic installation, upgrades and pumping
Utility trenching
Excavation
Poured concrete foundations
All site work, field mowing,
Tree clearing, stumping, chipping, splitting
Trucking, gravel runs, dump runs

YOUR CHAPPY STORM LIFELINE & COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

NOW AT
www.ChappyCERT.org

Are you ready for the next big storm on Chappy? Like any island, Chappaquiddick is vulnerable to storms, sometimes severe. The impacts of a nor'easter or hurricane may last hours or days. There may be flooding, downed wires and trees, and power outages—meaning no pumped water or electric heat... no landlines, cell phones, no internet. Coast Guard storm regulations could suspend ferry services. Cales Pond could overflow nearby Chappy Road, blocking ferry access. All would mean limited access to food, medications, and even emergency services. YIKES!!!

The good news is that Chappy CERT is here to help. Visit our new website today to find out what to plan for in advance—and what you can do as a storm is approaching. It includes basic, potentially life-saving information important for everyone on Chappy—residents and guests alike—including: Storm prep, safety tips, emergency supply lists, Massachusetts government alerts, local radio stations for storm updates and evacuation alerts, plus links to a storm tide pathways map, The Woods Hole Homeowner's Handbook to Prepare for Coastal Hazards, and more.



For storm prep & emergency info on Chappy visit

www.ChappyCERT.org

Chappy CERT is the Chappaquiddick Community Emergency Response Team, a neighbor-to-neighbor, community-based response to the needs for Emergency Preparedness on Chappy. Our goal is for every household to be properly equipped to shelter in place, and for residents and guests to know what to do in an emergency and/or evacuation.

Chappaquiddick Ferry Information

chappyferry.com | 508-627-9427

While on the ferry: Passengers must be seated. Cars must be in park with engines off.

Driving on Chappy

Speed limit 25 mph. No passing cars. Use extreme caution on curves. Pass bikes slowly.

Bike Riding on Chappy

Note that there are no bike lanes.

Ride single file. Always stay to the right. Use extreme caution on curves.

