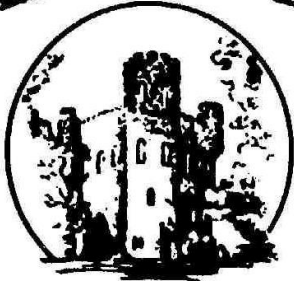


CASTLE PARK



The Banner

Spring 2023

Summer Happenings at the Castle Library

The Library Committee has four events planned for 2023, all at the Castle. Two are in July. Two are in August. All are on Tuesdays except for the Annual Book and Brownie Sale, which remains on the Saturday of the Annual Meeting. Look for updates on the printed Social Calendar, the website calendar, the Castle Park Facebook page, and look for our sign at the Old Post Office for event reminders. This year's events are:

- 📖 Scott Hibbard will discuss "Religion, Politics and Reflections on the War on Terror" based on a book he has published and one in the works. - Tuesday, July 11 at 7:30 pm, at the Castle.
- 📖 Roberta Rubin will lead a discussion on our 2023 Summer Book Pick "The Pioneers" by David McCullough. Read the book about the settling of the Northwest Territory. Find out where your ancestors were living at the beginning of our nation and join the discussion. - Tuesday, July 25 at 4:00 pm, at the Castle.
- 📖 The Wizard of Oz Show and Share followed by the Emerald City Supper - Tuesday, August 8 at the Castle - Bring your Oz memorabilia and stories to the Show and Share at 5:00 pm. The Emerald City Supper follows at 6:00 pm. Bring an 'emerald green' side dish or dessert and your favorite beverage to the Supper. A chicken main course will be supplied. Dressing up is optional but encouraged! Sign up in advance for the Supper.
- 📖 Annual Used Book and Brownie Sale to support the Castle Park Library - Saturday, August 19 at the Castle. Sale is on the day of the Annual Meeting. Sale times to be posted later.

Contributions: The Library Committee appreciates any books in good condition, puzzles and games you might contribute to the Library to be shared on our shelves or at the Annual Sale. We have a great collection of fiction and non-fiction for adults, young readers and children as well as games and puzzles. Please think of us when you pack to come to Castle Park!

The Library Committee welcomes Judy Kernahan as our new Board Liaison and we thank her for her enthusiasm and assistance. The Committee also thanks Ruth Allison for her service and vision as our past Committee Chair and we are happy that she remains on our Committee.

~ Stephanie Whitbeck, Library Committee Chair



Don't forget about the Book Exchange on July 26. The Castle Library is the perfect place to donate the books after they have made the rounds!

CASTLE PARKERS DOING OUR BIT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE ~ What's Up in 2023: Greetings Castle Parkers. This summer, we are entering year two of our efforts to help us all work towards a greener world. You do this at home during the year, and we have provided ways for you to continue this in Castle Park. Please reach out to any committee member if you have questions about these efforts: Gil Judson, Betsy Clarke, Carol Amburgey, Haley Ireland, Meggie Kernahan, Scott Fuller, and Sally Kelly.

Recycling: We will provide you with an updated flyer showing what Republic Services accepts in our blue recycling bins each week. This flyer will be included in your 2023 cottage directory packet distributed at the Memorial Day general meeting. As usual, if you can't attend that meeting, you can pick up your packet near the door of the meeting room. We have a large contribution of recycling each week and hope to make that 100% this year to keep as much out of the trash landfill as possible.



Look for notices on the C.P. website for other recycling opportunities like a “foam bin” for your Amazon packaging.

We hope to have a few more recycling bins placed around The Park for cans and plastic bottles. Please be mindful that no food items should be thrown in the bins.

Hazardous Waste Collection Day for Laketown Township: Saturday, June 3, from 8:00-11:30 am at Republic Services Westshore Recycling, 4368 60th Street. You will need a voucher which may be picked up at the Republic Services of Holland office before the collection date. You will need a valid ID and a current account with Republic Services. Maximum 200 lbs. of material. Questions, call 616/494-0561.

Sustainable Products at Castle Dinners: Haley Ireland and Meggie Kernahan are working with Jeannie to find recyclable plates and cutlery for our outside Castle dinners instead of single-use plastic. We will also be promoting the idea that people may want to bring their own cottage ware (glasses, plates, cutlery) to the dinners. We encourage efforts of the Social Committee to explore more meatless choices at the dinners. A composting container will be available for food scraps.

Renewable Energy: Scott Fuller will be gathering information this summer on the feasibility of installing solar panels on the Castle roof and/or swimming pool building. He also is looking into the idea of putting an electric car charging station(s) near the Castle.

Speaker session in July: We hope to offer a Speaker Night in July with some experts (both Castle Parkers and outside) on topics of native gardening, solar and battery storage, and composting. Perhaps, screen an environmental movie in the Castle.

We are a busy team and hope that if we all work together, we can make a difference. Every contribution moves us closer to a better world for the present and our children's future. Please contact any of us with your ideas and questions.

Composting

Concerned about global warming? The Sustainability Committee suggests you sign up for the Food Scrap Collection Program this summer.

Last summer ten cottages joined in a pilot Food Scrap Collection program. The collection bins were located outside the kitchen door of the Castle, and cottagers rented 5-gallon buckets to hold food scraps during the week, then dropped them into the collection bins. Eighth Day Farm in Holland picked up the bins and replaced them with clean bins weekly. Eighth Day Farm then processed the food scraps, and the resulting compost was used to fuel their vegetable production.

The pilot was a success – and the Sustainability Committee hopes to double participation this coming summer. For a mere \$25/month (suggested donation to cover transportation & labor costs), each participating cottage can rent a 5-gallon bucket with compostable liners. You can drop off food scraps in the collection bin(s) at the Castle as often as you wish/need. You can join for 1-3 months – we hope to start the program the beginning of June and run through Labor Day.

Interested in participating? Questions? Contact Betsy Clarke, betsy.clarke18@gmail.com, 847-894-4206

Social Gatherings at Castle Park

"Out with the old and in with the new," as the saying goes...however, Castle Park should never lose sight of time old traditions. The summer will once again be filled with traditional events, while also creating new magical and memorable gatherings for young and old and everyone in-between. Keeping in tradition with a wonderful social gathering, the Burger Broils will continue but with a new name - Castle Cookouts! Several Friday evenings will be filled with new menus and traditional fare, but the conversations will always remain! To open the summer, the Informational Meeting will be held over Memorial Day weekend, followed by drinks in the Old Timer's Room. Play Class will begin its fun on June 26 and the celebration of the Fourth of July will be held on July 1 with Flag Raising, Field Day, and a dance. The official Flag Raising will of course be honored on July 4 with the first ever Castle Park 5K Fun Run/Walk. Anyone and everyone can participate, whether you want to see who can be the fastest or anyone who would just like to enjoy a walk with friends and family.

Same time, same place, same BAND! Come and enjoy the time old tradition of Saturday evening dances, but be ready to do the two-step in cowboy boots! Pull out your country western vibes for July 22. We will keep the dancing going the following weekend with Rock the Park! To bring back a time-honored tradition, Dinner in the Castle will be served

August 11. Find a date (or come solo) and enjoy a dinner of Italian cuisine in the Castle. Play Class will celebrate their last day of the summer separately the same evening. No need to worry about child care; you can enjoy a "romantic" dinner without the kids. Please note, this year the Annual Meeting will be held on the third Saturday of August. Concluding the summer will be the Labor Day Feast with our traditional end of the summer dance.

The Tennis committee has put together the traditional events, with a new exciting Breakfast at "Wimbledon." Come wearing traditional Wimbledon whites and partake in strawberries and cream with mimosas, all while watching tennis in round robin format. In addition to the traditional tournaments, a new event scheduled in August will be a "Century" tournament in which each team will need players - men, women, or mixed with the combined ages of 100! The Library committee has also added a few new events, one of which includes a Wizard of Oz Showcase and Potluck. Just follow the yellow brick road to the Castle!

If you would like more information on any of the events - new and old, please be on the lookout for flyers throughout the park this summer and on the website. If you have any questions, please contact the social director Jeanne Kane at castleparkfun@gmail.com.

Castle Park Merchandise

The Social Committee is excited to announce that the Castle Park Swag store is returning this summer with an expanded line up of items! Look for an email announcement soon and the store is expected to open in early May and close after Memorial Day weekend. All orders will be fulfilled during the month of June and can be shipped to your home or your cottage.



Winter Adventures

The Wendins joined the Judsons for skiing out in Big Sky, MT



Nancy & Dick Shepard enjoyed a Kauai kind of day with Amy Blossom and her husband, Brad.

The Wendins' North American Safari

By Squeeze Wendin

Rob and I set off on a ski safari around North America and bumped into a few CP few friends. We started with Nick Judson in Salt Lake City who was skiing with his buddies. Robbie joined him for a day of epic powder skiing. Then on to Jackson for more powder and delicious dinner hosted by Erika and Max Jannotta. A bluebird days skiing in Big Sky with Tinks and Gill. Jack Marshall and Sasha joined us for more epic skiing in Sun Valley. Elinor Jannotta and Ross were also in town on our last day. So great to see everyone.



Martha Dahlman and Julie Wade joined Mary Bosch during a California winter get-away (and still had to wear winter clothes!)



Anne Stebbins Abueva paid Gina Jannotta a visit out in CA! Looking good!



Martha Dahlman came across the Easter Bunny sitting on a front porch in Richmond during an Easter Day parade. She later realized, through social media, his connection to Castle Park! Any guesses? Turn to page 7.



Members of the Baird family gathered in Tennessee to celebrate Karin's 80th birthday!



At the end of February of this year, we (Greg and Tara Kester family) had the pleasure of visiting Phil and Mary Bosch at their beautiful home in Fallbrook, CA. We lived in North County San Diego up until a few years ago, and it turns out that our home was under 20 minutes away from them—but we didn't meet until we moved to Castle Park! Such a small world!

Jean Van Zeebroeck and Steve Nobel visiting one of the many historic architectural marvels in Belgium



The annual Castle Park South reunion in Vero...just to make everyone else jealous.



A Carpenter-Fuller mother daughter weekend turned into a CP reunion with the Malin-Richardson clan at the Guggenheim in NYC.

New Assistant Tennis Pro

We're pleased to announce Weston Taylor will be joining Aaron Boersma as our assistant tennis pro for summer '23.

Some background on Weston:

- He's a 2020 graduate of Spring Lake H.S. and currently pursuing a double major in civil engineering and professional tennis management at Hope College.
- He is the current boys JV tennis coach at Holland H.S. and assistant varsity coach.
- An eagle scout, his favorite player is Roger Federer.
- Weston shared the following quote. "Confidence shared is better than confidence only in yourself." - Coach K.
- "It shows if you believe in yourself and have others around to support you, you can really do anything." – Weston
- We expect the pros to be in residence at C.P. on Monday, July 3. Please join the tennis committee in welcoming Weston to Castle Park for summer '23!

In Memoriam

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families who have recently lost loved ones.

Paulette Carr

December 20, 2022

Christina Nix Saar

October 18, 2022

Scott Macfarland "Mac" Lennox

April 8, 2023

New Arrivals

We welcome the next group of Castle Parkers!

Willow Rae Graber

September 21, 2022

Sarah (Amburgey) & David Graber

Mark "Adin" Fuller V

November 20, 2022

Mac & El Fuller

Emily Malin Nymark

November 28, 2022

Lizzy (Malin) & Hank Nymark

Milton Wyatt Boersma

March 15, 2023

Aaron & Hannah Beth Boersma

Opal Marion Muzzy

December 9, 2022

Philip and Laurie Muzzy



After working working closely with the Architectural Committee, the Vaheys successfully installed a new septic system in their front yard. Stop by for a tour.



Opal Marion Muzzy will have lots of friends to play with at Castle Park.

Welcome back, Castle Parkers! I hope you burst into a wide smile and feel the joy of a new season when you return to our community for summer, 2023.

Depending on the timing of your return, you may still see evidence of ongoing repair work to the Castle. We're doing necessary repairs at this time, and it will come as no surprise that in the process of doing so we uncovered other potential challenges behind the walls. Maybe a few mysteries as well, but no Jimmy Hoffa. I hope you will all plan to attend the annual Informational Meeting over Memorial Day weekend, when there'll be an update.

We'll also offer updates at the Informational Meeting about the potential transfer of the Bambrough Property from the Carter Brown Fund to the Association, and the planned repair of the crumbled wall along Audubon. The wall is on the Whitbeck's property, and they have worked diligently over the winter to obtain the necessary governmental approvals to move the repair forward. Those approvals came recently and the work will be done over a couple of days in June. While the Board will not customarily agree to allow projects outside the construction season, we believe this project is in the interests of all Castle Parkers and so we have agreed to allow it to be done as early in the week of June 26 as possible.

I hope to see you all at the Informational Meeting, and in the meantime if you have questions, feel free to contact me or your favorite Board member.

Beverly, on behalf of your Board



Adin Fuller will make his Castle Park debut at his uncle's wedding in June!



Congrats to the Kernahans on their big win at the Castle Park paddle tournament!



The action on the paddle tennis court has significantly increased during recent years for those who are able to take advantage of the winter weather.

The Easter Bunny on page 4 is Chip Perkins, who reports that he was even more popular as Santa Claus!



This fun group gathered for fun outdoor activities during Thanksgiving weekend

Bonus Pictures! The following wouldn't fit on the US Mail version of the Banner....so here you go!



These cute CP friends met for the first time in Colorado this winter. Faye Drabkin, Asher Moshenskiy, and Sarah Drabkin.



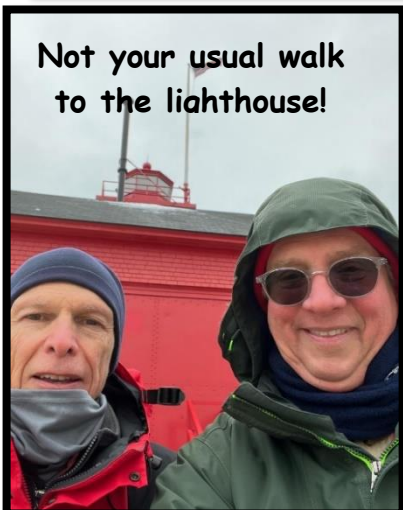
Newlyweds Peyton & Michelle Carr relocated to Colorado and are enjoying ski country!



The Fords, Greggs, and Palmers enjoy some traditional croquet in Hillsborough, FL



The large, beautiful beach awaits!



Not your usual walk to the lighthouse!



Rudy Vedovell made a great showing at the Michigan Masters State Swim Meet. Click [HERE](#) for the Holland Sentinel article about his feats!