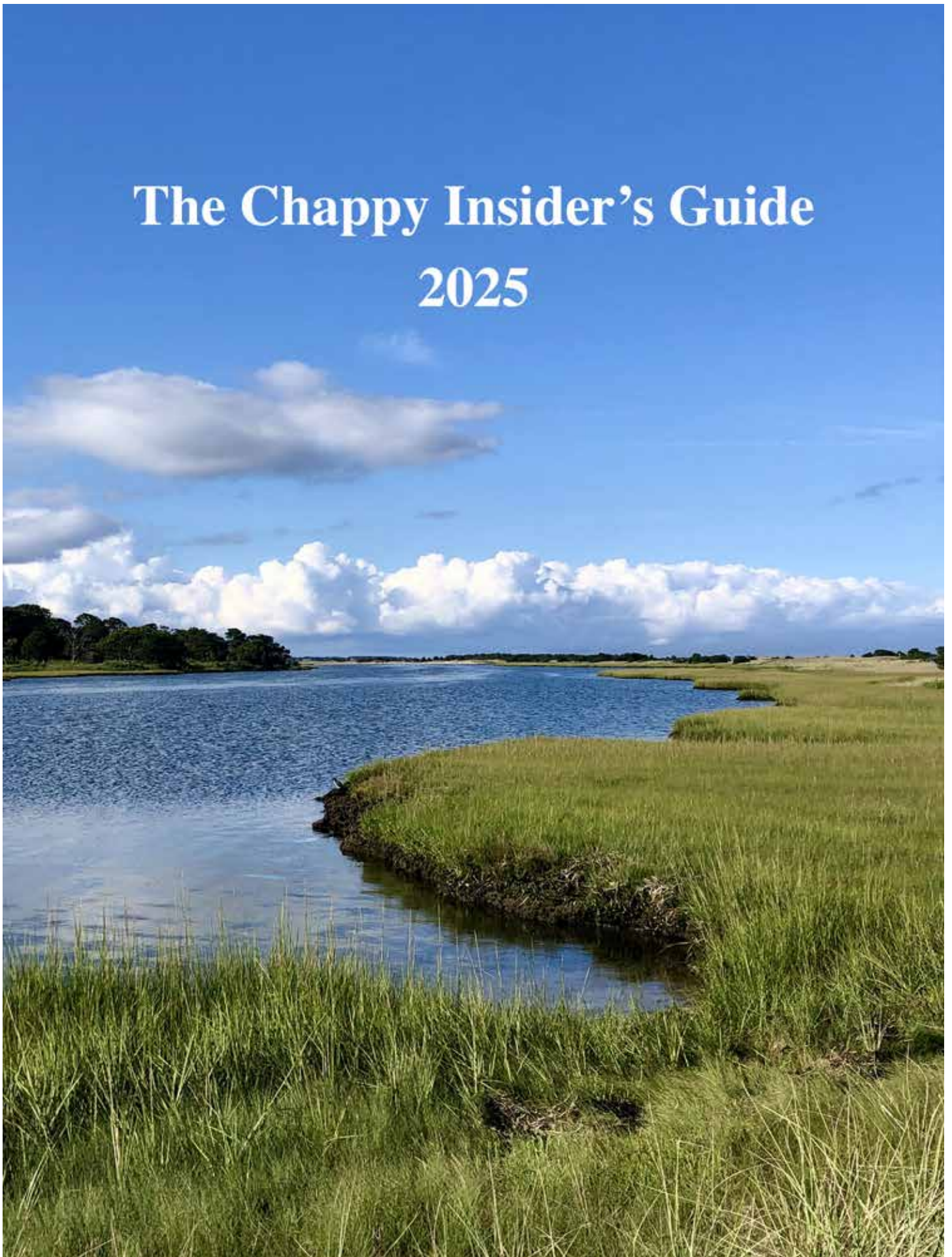


The Chappy Insider's Guide 2025



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APPENDIX OF CHAPPY SERVICE PROVIDERS AND ARTISANS

Animal Control & Care

As a reminder from Maddie LeCoq, the Edgartown Animal Control Officer (508-939-1782), there is a **leash law on Chappy**. The only exception is when the dog is on his own property. Not only is this a basic courtesy, but owners who allow their dogs to chase or molest deer, livestock, or fowl, violate state law. Secondly, to facilitate the return of your missing pet, dogs that visit Chappy for 30 days or more during the year, should get an Edgartown dog license—even if they have 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 for a \$50 fee. 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, Quammoz landing, and The Trustees properties. Air for tires is available at Mytoi on Dike Rd.

Car Rental & Livery Services

AVIS (508-548-2420) and BUDGET (508-540-1150) have offices at the Steamship Authority Palmer Ave. 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 services.

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)

The Chappaquiddick Community Center welcomes everyone and offers a variety of activities, including yoga, mahjong, table tennis, lobster rolls, ice cream, music concerts, an annual golf tournament, lectures, and a calendar photo contest. The CCC library features a collection of books and games for both adults and children, along with literature on Chappaquiddick's history, flora, and fauna. It's also a perfect spot for those seeking a quiet place to work or relax with a book. Coffee, tea, water, and snacks are available.

For outdoor activities, the center includes a children's playset, a tennis court, pickleball facilities, half-court basketball, and free Wi-Fi access on the porch 24/7. A calendar of events and activities can be found at www.chappycommunitycenter.org.

The CCC is supported through membership fees (\$75 - \$150 per family), generous donations to the CCC Endowment Fund, or for specific operating expenses, and building rentals. As an IRC Section 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, all donations are tax-deductible. Contributing members can enroll in fee-based programs for tennis lessons and may purchase a tennis court-use membership for \$50 to reserve court time. Online sign-ups, donations, and purchases are available on the website.

The CCC welcomes volunteers. For more information, please email chappyccenter@gmail.com or call Tina Humber-Floyd, the Manager, at (508)-627-8222 or (774) 310-1348. The Center is open Monday through Friday 10am to 3pm during 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. In partnership with the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation and the MV Land Bank, preeminent Vineyard land conservation organizations, the goals of the Open Space Committee include expanding protected open space and wildlife habitat, adding to Chappy's trail system, increasing access to shoreline and recreational land, preserving and

enhancing vistas, and providing education to residents about the benefits of conserving family land. Since 1998 over 800 of Chappy's 3600 acres have been preserved through the generous donations of more than 450 people and organizations.

The CIA Open Space Committee works with Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, an IRC 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 3000, PMB 3162, West Tisbury, MA 02575. For stock transfers or further questions, please contact Sheriff's Meadow Foundation <https://sheriffsmeadow.org>, info@sheriffsmeadow.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). The Landing can also be used by Chappy residents for small boat launchings. The Harbor Master should be contacted 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, town, 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>.

The Chappy Kitchen

The Chappy Kitchen, created in 2015, is a Chappy-based, private catering service. In the 2025 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 2025 marked the 7th 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, this year, have been directed toward the operational costs of Chappy Connect, a transportation service for Chappy seniors. In prior years, race proceeds have been utilized to help fund solar panels for the Community Center, the Edgartown Village Market, 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://ChappyPointToPoint(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 every day.

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. Orders are placed with the cashier in the Chappy store, or may be place online in advance at www.myblackbirdcafe.com. Blackbird offerings will also be updated on their website, under the Chappaquiddick/food truck 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. Please allow 24 hours for a return call.

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 2025 hunting season for deer on Martha's Vineyard (Wildlife Management Zone 13) is as follows: Archery 10/6-11/29; shotgun 12/1-12/13; primitive firearms 12/15-12/31. There is one Youth Deer Hunt day scheduled for 9/27. 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. To report violations, call the MA Environmental Police (800-632-8075). For more information check websites [Fishing and Hunting \(mass.gov\)](http://Fishing and Hunting (mass.gov)) and <https://massfishhunt.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).

Effective May 7, 2025, individuals will need a Real ID License to board domestic flights, or to enter certain federal buildings. 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. Without a Real ID license, other identification documents such as a passport or a military ID are acceptable.

Edgartown Village Market

Launched in 2023, the Edgartown Village Market is an open-air farmers and craftsmen market, making the island's goods and produce more accessible to downtown Edgartown and Chappy residents during the Vineyard's busiest months. Starting June 17, 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. The shared goal of this collaboration is 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). Download their free app. Tickets for the ferry, Falmouth parking, and fishing trips are 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 seasonal passenger ferry from the State Pier in New Bedford to Oak Bluffs from May 14-Oct 13, 2025. During the summer season, the Seastreak will operate between

NYC and the Vineyard, on select dates. Check their website for specific information.

The Steamship Authority (www.steamshipauthority.com) Call 508-693-9130 or 508-477-8600. Year-round vehicle transport from Woods Hole. Passenger, student, and senior discounts are available. The SSA offers "Preferred Space" for vehicles whose owners have submitted the required information and have been approved for "Preferred Status". Additionally, excursion rates are available for full time residents—also upon submission of documentation. In 2025 due to construction at Woods Hole, there generally is no standby. The exception is the limited "Blue Line Standby program" for Preferred and Excursion customers only..

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

Fish Delivery

Edgartown Seafood hopes to begin once a day delivery to the Chappy Ferry mid-June through 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 (<https://royalchappy.com>) is a beautiful 9 hole golf course at 36 North Neck Rd. Memberships and day passes are available. Call Brad Woodger at 508-627-2729, or e-mail royalchappaquiddick@gmail.com for more information.

Land Bank

The Martha's Vineyard Land Bank, located at 40 Meeting House Way, 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, Christine, to be as accurate as possible. Please contact the Vineyard Haven office before putting up a new mailbox, or, if you have additional questions.

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 (508-939-8567), located at 245 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road in the Stop & Shop Pharmacy building, provides medical and dental services. The IHC medical office is open Monday -Thursday from 8 am to 8 pm, and Friday & Saturday from 8am to 4pm, but closed for lunch daily 12-1p. Closed Sunday. Appointments are needed. The IHC dental center is open Mon – Fri 8am to 4:30p.

Vineyard Medical Care (508-693-4400) is a medical center on 364 State Road, Vineyard Haven (across from Cronigs), and is open 8am-4pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and on Wednesday from 8am to 8pm. Based on availability, same day or next day appointments are possible. On-site laboratory testing is generally available.

Vineyard Medical Care is not an urgent care clinic and does not have on-site imaging or x-ray capabilities. Pediatric services are limited and clients are advised to check with the front office on the availability of an appointment for your child. See www.mvmed.org for more information.

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 unmoved 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

For Verizon repairs and services(www.verizon.com/repair) call 800-837-4966. For Comcast/Xfinity repairs and services call 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 phone 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 (May 15-Nov 1) 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 19, and October 18, 2025 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 online at www.edgartown-ma.us, or in person at the Town Hall on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from noon to 4pm using cash or check only. 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 only be used 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 for the Chappy Fund are administered by Sheriff's Meadow free of charge, and enable donors to receive a charitable tax deduction. 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 <https://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 seasonally Wednesday-Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. The farm stand is stocked with flowers and vegetables grown by Slip Away Farm with additions from other Island farms, including lamb and chicken from Marshall Farm as well as basic kitchen and pantry supplies. Slip Away Farm also offers full-service event floral design work featuring flowers grown in the Slip Away fields and greenhouses. Please visit their website www.slipawayfarm.com for more information and booking.

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 MV Tick Program offers yard surveys for all residents. Contact Patrick Roden-Reynolds, public health biologist for the Inter-island Public Health Collaborative at myticks@gmail.com or at (540-216-9618). Additional information can be obtained at <https://islandspublichealth.com>.

Permethrin treated clothing is recommended for outdoor activities. Insectshield.com offers a 15% discount when entering "MARTHASAV2025 " at checkout. Additionally, several Island businesses offer tick and mosquito spraying. 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/or 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: Alex Morrison, Margaret Serpa, and Arthur Smadbeck
Town Administrator: James Hagerty (508-627-6180)
Admin. Asst. to Selectboard: Kristy Rose (508-627-6180)
Police Chief: Chris Dolby (508-627-4343)
Fire Chief: Alex Schaeffer (508-627-5167)
Harbor Master: Gary Kovack (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

Bus schedules and route information can be obtained at the Visitor Center on Church Street and at www.vineyardtransit.com. Thanks to the Massachusetts Fair Share Funding, all bus ridership is FREE through September 30, 2025. Although bus fares after September 30th have not been set, day and multiday passes will be available for purchase at the Steamship Authority terminals, the Edgartown Visitor Center, the VTA main office at 11A Street in the Airport Business Park, as well as from your smartphone. Additionally, persons with disabilities, seniors (65+), and students will be eligible for substantial discounts.

Most Edgartown buses originate at Church Street except for #11, which runs between the Triangle and the bench at Mayhew Lane. 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; Spencer Cain, Island Steward; and, Malcolm Watson, Beach Operations Lead 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.

The Chappaquiddick Advisory Committee of The Trustees of Reservations, chaired by Bob Mason, is a volunteer body that supports the organization's mission of

stewardship and conservation on Chappaquiddick. The Committee provides insights into property management and local community interests and concerns, assists in the selection of the Foster Silva scholarship recipients, and participates in events and public outreach efforts.

Visitors to TTOR properties should check the beach status prior to arrival. TTOR posts beach updates on social media (www.facebook.com/trusteesmv). For real time beach conditions, text "ttorbeachalertsosv" 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 comes from one underground aquifer. Conservation benefits everyone on Chappy. In dry periods we should be especially careful to conserve water. Edgartown regulates the application of lawn fertilizer. https://www.edgartown-ma.us/departments/health/-fsiteid-1/-folder-366#!/#docfold_471_512_157_366 Additional information can be found at <https://www.edgartown-ma.us/departments/health>.

The Wampanoag Environmental Laboratory in Aquinnah, (508-645-9265), provides comprehensive testing of water samples. Bottles for testing, and specific information about sample collection can be obtained from the Edgartown Board of Health. Please contact the Board of Health at 508-627-6120 for further 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 guide to Chappy-based professionals, services and craftspeople.
May 2025 ~ Additions, corrections, and suggestions welcomed at any time.
Contact us at cia.org2010@yahoo.com

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<p>Blake Allison 617.838.3942 blakeallisonarch@gmail.com <i>Architectural consultant</i> <i>Energy efficiency & renewable energy</i></p> <p>Joanne Gosser SYNERGY MV LFilley@SynergyMV.com <i>Full-Service Architecture & Interior Design Services</i></p>	<p>Sydney Pigott 508.493.8747 sydneypigott01@gmail.com <i>Baby sitter • Pet sitter</i></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> ABR®, CRS®, SRS, RSPS, PSA 508.221.4643 31 North Summer Street, Edgartown leslie@portfoliopropertiesmv.com www.portfoliopropertiesmv.com</p> <p>James DiMattia 508.939.1419 <i>General Caretaking</i></p> <p>Bob Fountain 508.627.8644 RobertHFountain@gmail.com <i>Caretaking</i></p>	<p>Timothy Penicaud Chappaquiddick Caretaking Company 508.693.3088 chappaquiddickcaretaking@gmail.com <i>Caretaking • Property Management</i> <i>Clerk of Works services • Fully insured</i></p> <p>Karen Lento Gazarian 508.627.9663 karenlentogazarian@gmail.com <i>Property manager • Short term rental manager</i> <i>Construction supervisor license CS-034643</i> <i>Home improvement contractor license 160155</i> <i>Real estate salesperson license 9070288</i></p> <p>Zach Pinerio 914.263.8571 zachpinerio@gmail.com</p> <p>Tom Osborn 508.939.0661 work.chappytom@gmail.com <i>Caretaking • Property Management</i></p>

CARPENTRY ~ CONSTRUCTION ~ CONTRACTING SERVICES**Janic Grabowski**

508.889.7116

*Carpentry • Home maintenance**Home builder • Renovations**Not licensed but small electrical & plumbing jobs***Stephan Pond**

Chappaquiddick Construction

chappaquiddickconstruction@gmail.com*Windows/doors/kitchens/bathrooms/decks/sheds**Some remodeling***Tom Osborn**

508.939.0661

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508.560.0953

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Aeolus Home Craft

401.595.4816

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featuring our flowers & vegetables, Island meat &
various dry goods • Full floral design • DIY
buckets for weddings + events • Floral classes
Summer Flower CSA share • Summer events***Marshall Farm Meat-Works**

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Lamb, poultry & vegetables

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LANDSCAPING ~ GARDENING ~ RELATED SERVICES

<p>Chris Cardello Chappy Lawn Care 801.471.3248 Ccardello5050@gmail.com <i>Mowing • Brush cutting • Landscaping</i> <i>Spring/fall cleanups • Lawn Renovations</i> <i>Aerating • De-thatching • Overseeding</i></p>	<p>Niusmar Da Silva Chappy Care 508.560.7046 niulara@hotmail.com <i>Landscaping • Tree services</i> <i>Power washing driveways & walkways</i> <i>Carpentry • Painting</i></p>
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<p>Donna Kelly 508.627.2719 dkmv@hotmail.com <i>Landscaping & gardening services</i></p>	<p>Tom Osborn 508.939.0661 tom@chappytom.com <i>Driveway installation, repair, grading</i> <i>Tree removal, chipping, stump grinding • Mowing,</i> <i>brush cutting, view trimming • Spring/fall cleanups</i> <i>Hauling gravel, soil, dump runs • Snow removal</i> <i>Trenching & excavation</i></p>
POTTERY ~ ARTISTIC ~ WOODWORKING SERVICES	
<p>Marshall Farm Wood-Works 199 Chappaquiddick Road www.marshallfarmwoodworks.com collins@marshallfarmwoodworks.com <i>Custom furniture design & build</i> <i>Shop visit by appointment</i></p> <p>Zach Pinerio Chappaquiddick Wood Company 210 Chappaquiddick Road • 914.263.8571 chappaquiddickwoodcompany.com ChappaquiddickWoodCompany@gmail.com <i>Wood products made from island hardwood trees Firewood</i></p>	<p>Dan Parker Jason Drive Pottery 508.560.0953 dpparker@yahoo.com <i>Handmade pottery • Functional stoneware</i> <i>Custom orders welcome</i></p> <p>Elizabeth Whelan 508.560.0083 erwhelan@gmail.com www.elizabeth-whelan.com <i>Commissioned Portraits and Paintings</i></p>
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Chappaquiddick Ferry Information

chappyferry.com | 508-627-9427

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

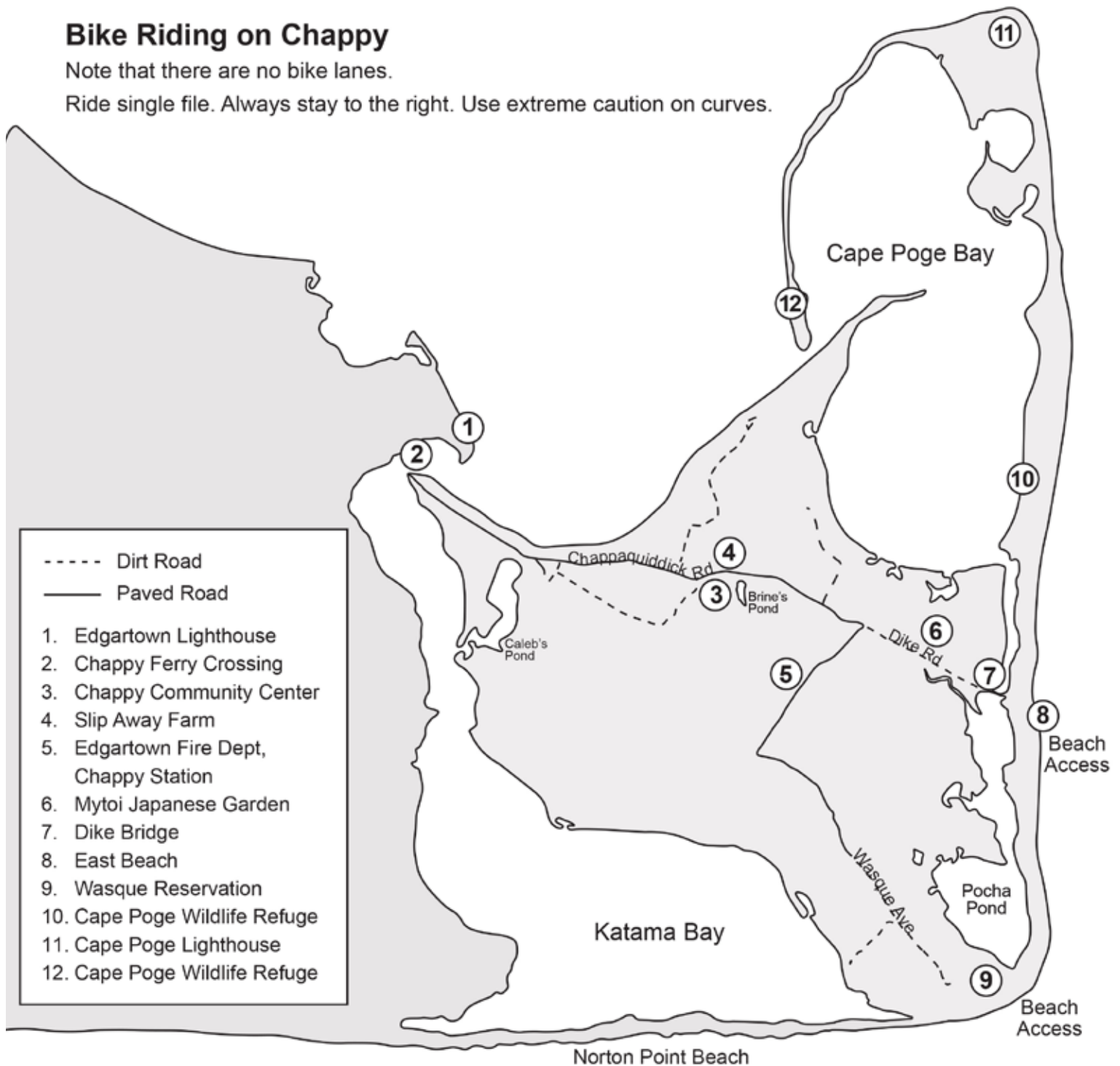
Driving on Chappy

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.



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. Caleds 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.