

Date: April 6, 2017
To: Board of Selectmen
Police Chief Jonathan Klaren
From: Ebba Hierta, Library Director
Re: Parking plan for summer 2017 Wednesday evenings

Dear Selectmen and Chief,

On behalf of the Library Board of Trustees I'm writing to let you know that we have reached an agreement with the Martha's Vineyard Film Festival on a parking plan that aims to improve access to the library during evenings when the Film Festival is holding events at the Community Center.

We greatly appreciate that Chief Klaren has begun a discussion among all of the stakeholders who hold summer events at Beetlebung Corner, seeking ways to make further improvements, and we look forward to working with him on this in the coming months. But summer planning is upon us and we wanted to make sure we had something in place for this year.

We reached out to the Festival principals and have agreed to the following:

1. Whenever possible the library will begin our Wednesday lectures at 5 p.m. to reduce the congestion and jockeying for parking that occurs when we both begin at the same time.
2. The Festival will have an adult parking attendant on the library lot any time they hold events that coincide with library open hours who will prohibit anyone not going to the library from parking in our lot. The attendant will be in place at the lot entrance 30 minutes before their event begins. This generally means 5 p.m. when they hold a Children's Circus and 6 p.m. when the first event is concert and dinner service. The attendant will remain until the library closes at 7 p.m.
3. Additionally, on the days when they hold the children's Circus, the festival will make arrangements to provide additional overflow parking exclusively for library patrons somewhere near the library. In previous years they made an agreement to use the Conroy lot for this purpose and this would suffice again.
4. After library closing, Festival customers are welcome to park in the library lot.

Thank you again for your support for our efforts to best serve the needs of our town residents.

Cordially,
Ebba Hierta, Library Director