

## Cape Cod News

### **The Water is Good....**

In a recent report released by the Barnstable County Department of Health and the Environment along with local public health departments, the results of the tests conducted on the water quality of more than 235 marine beaches and 118 freshwater ponds, showed “exceptional water quality for beaches on Cape Cod.”

### **If You Drive On The Cape You Should Know....**

The Mass Highway Department reported the number of accidents on the Cape between the year 1999 and 2001 (most recent data available).

Sagamore Rotary	297
Bourne Bridge/Rte. 25	145
Bourne Bridge/MacAuthur Blvd.	137
Route 134 Dennis/Route 6	99
Hyannis Airport Rotary	94
Otis Air Fore Rotary	89
Mashpee Rotary	75
Route 132 Hyannis/Route 6	69
Bourne Rotary/Cranberry Hwy.	66
Willow Street Yarmouth/Rte. 6	43

### **The Cost of Homeowners Insurance....We Need Some Relief**

A local group has formed to help Cape consumers with the rising costs of homeowners insurance. The *Citizens for Homeowners Insurance Reform* has been organized by Eastham resident, Paula Aschettino after finding the insurance industry’s practice on the Cape “unacceptable”. For more information on this grass-roots organization, or if you would like to get involved, Paula’s email address is [paschettin@aol.com](mailto:paschettin@aol.com). They meet the first Sunday of every month at her home in Eastham.

### **The Original Christmas Tree Shop Is Closing**

Located on scenic Route 6A in Yarmouthport, the first store established in 1971 will close this winter. The reason? “Cumbersome layout and small size,” the owner of the chain since 2003, Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. reasoned. Charles and Doreen Bilezikian sold the chain in 2003. The Bilezikian’s still own the real estate property, and reported that the building’s use in the future is “unclear” at this time.